

## News Notes on Atterbury

(Released by Post Public Relations Office, Camp Atterbury.)

Camp Atterbury, May 18 (Special) — Family reunions involving servicemen are difficult to arrange in wartime, and particularly so on an international basis—but one sergeant of the 106th Division knows that it can be done despite great restrictions on communication and travel.

With his wife and child in Panama, Sgt. Jack Abbott of the 106th Division band believed that he was separated for the duration—until he contacted the divisional Red Cross staff for assistance.

After the exchange of some 13 telegrams and three cablegrams between Camp Atterbury, Washington, D. C., Camden, N. J., and the Canal zone, arrangements finally were completed and the sergeant is now on furlough to meet his wife in New Orleans and escort her to her home in Jersey.

Arrangements involving clearing with State department officials and transmittal of funds for the trip of his wife and child took more than three weeks to complete, but all is now settled.

Arrangements for this international reunion were handled by George Phillips of the divisional Red Cross staff.

**LOANS AT \$44,597.**

If you're one of those people interested in facts and figures, you will be interested in knowing that servicemen at Camp Atterbury have outstanding loans with the Red Cross totalling \$44,597.85. But loan cases involve only 11 percent of the cases handled each month. Red Cross loans money only for emergencies and not for regular furloughs or other needs for money that can be anticipated before hand.

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# ATTERBURY SET TO PLAY HOST

## Plans Completed for Session of Hoosier State Press Group.

Plans have been completed at Camp Atterbury for the visit Friday afternoon and Saturday of Hoosier editors, publishers and executives who will hold their annual spring conference at the Hoosier Army camp.

The camp public relations office stated that a packed program awaits the visitors.

Arriving shortly after noon the newspapermen will be registered and assigned housing. At 2:30 p. m., Col. Melton M. Modisette, post commander, will open the conference with an address of welcome. An informal discussion of daily and weekly newspaper problems will follow, with R. A. Brodhecker, president of the Hoosier State Press association, presiding.

Following the meeting, they will witness a retreat parade review of the Army Service Forces units and then tour camp by truck.

**General to Speak.**

There will be a dinner at 7 p. m. Short talks will be given by Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones, commanding general of the 106th Division; Colonel Modisette; Col. H. L. Conner, commanding officer of Wakeman General hospital, and Mark Ferree, director of the Hoosier State Press association. Wray E. Fleming, association general

counsel, will preside.

At 8:15 p. m. a soldier entertainment program will be presented at Service Club No. 2. The night's program will end with a visit to the infiltration course. The male visitors will be quartered with the 1584th Service Unit, while the women guests will spend the night with the WACS.

Saturday morning the newspapermen will answer reveille call at 6 a. m. and eat breakfast with the 1584th's men. The morning will be spent observing the regular scheduled training of the 106th Division in the field, which will include the firing of weapons by the infantry and the artillery, bridge construction by the engineers, ration breakdown in the field, and the operation of a medical clearing station.

Lunch will be eaten with the division and the conference will be concluded with an early afternoon tour of Wakeman General hospital.

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## Civilians to Pick 6 Candidates for Carnival Queen

CAMP ATTERBURY, May 12—Civilian personnel were to vote today and Saturday to choose from among their fellow workers a queen who will reign at Camp Atterbury's two-day Spring Carnival, June 3-4 at Service Club No. 2.

Six candidates will be selected—one from each of the following civilian units on the post: Engineers, Hospital, Ordnance and Combined Maintenance, Quartermaster, and Laundry. The sixth will be picked to represent the Signal Office, Finance and Transportation.

The two-day carnival promises to be "the event" of the season. The club will be appropriately decorated for the occasion. Booths, cabarets, floor shows, dances, side shows, entertainment and refreshments will be offered. Liberty Belles and Cadettes from Indianapolis, numbering

more than 500, will be on hand to take charge of the amusement area. The carnival will be open from 1700 to 2300.

Arrangements are in charge of the hostesses of Service Club No. 2. Co-operating are the 106th Division, 1560th WAC Section, 3547th Service Unit, 8th Detachment Special Troops, 2nd Army, 1560th Service Unit, the 1537th and 1584th Service Units.

Robert Hoggard has resigned as a clerk at the Turney shoe store after being employed there for the past year.

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# **HAND SURGERY WORK IS SHOWN**

## **Eight Installations Represented at Wakeman Conference.**

Camp Atterbury, Dec. 27 (Special) — Demonstration of latest trends in operating procedure highlighted a 3-day conference on reconstructive hand surgery held last week at Wakeman General and Convalescent hospital, with leading Fifth Service command Army medical officers in attendance.

Handling the instruments was Dr. Stirling Bunnell of San Francisco, civilian consultant on reconstructive hand surgery to the Secretary of War. Described by Army officials as the leader in his specialty in the United States, Dr. Bunnell conducted the conference as the last in a series throughout Army hospitals in the country. He just recently accepted his appointment.

Similar conferences, ordered by the War department to stimulate interest in hand surgery throughout Army hospitals with a view of increasing the present number of successful dispositions of cases, were conducted in the First, Second and Third Service commands. Army surgeons from Billings, Ashford, Nichols and Crile General hospitals at Indianapolis, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Louisville, Ky., and Cleveland, Ohio, respectively; Camp Campbell, Ky., and Fort Knox, Ky., station hospitals, and Fifth Service Command headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, were in attendance.

Declaring he was tremendously impressed by surgical work done at Wakeman, Dr. Bunnell especially mentioned plastics, neurosurgery and orthopedics. A Friday night dinner honoring Dr. Bunnell concluded the conference. Col. Haskett L. Conner, commanding officer at Wakeman; Lt. Col. Caleb S. Stone, chief of surgical service, Wakeman; Col. Arthur Redland, assistant Service Command surgeon, and Col. Claude Beck, surgical consultant, both of Fifth Service command, were among speakers.

## 1944\_12\_27\_Hand Surgery is shown at Wakeman

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## SEVEN RANGERS WITH CAMP UNIT

### Vets of Commando Raids Are Members of 1585th at Atterbury.

Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21 (Special)—The 1585th Service Unit numbers among its personnel, seven veterans of the Army's fightingest outfit, the Rangers. The seven participated in the commando raids in both Africa and Europe but say very little about their experiences.

The Rangers here were Tech. Sgts. William Barnes, Robert C. Keberdle and Michael Kerecman, Staff Sgt. Lawrence Troxell, Tech., 4, Walter Powell and Techs., 5, Edward Dunn and Charles Grant.

These seven much-decorated veterans and 192 others like them are all that are left out of the original outfit that once numbered 2,000. Their comrades were either killed, captured by the enemy or wounded.

The Rangers fought in more actions, with heavier casualties, than any other Army outfit; they were the first U. S. footsoldiers to fight in both Africa and Europe.

All seven of the Rangers in the Separation Center's service unit are modest to a fault. As Sgt. Barnes puts it, "Thousands of other American soldiers are entitled to just as much praise and glory as the Rangers; we just happen to have been in the spotlight."

Like all Rangers, these seven men have almost a trunkful of decorations although they seldom wear them. Two of them Powell and Grant—have two Purple hearts. Grant was on the Dieppe raid; Barnes was at Anzio. Some of the veterans even have Russian, British and French medals.

It is impossible to get any of these taciturn, battle-hardened sol-

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Under watchful eyes of the Coast intended setting up a weather s preceding capture of the enemy tra

diers to talk about individual feats, but they do take great pride in the fact that the lessons learned by the Rangers in 15 vicious battles are being passed on to every soldier in our Army, saving countless thousands of lives on battlefronts all over the world.

### FINDS \$255 IN SHOE.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 21 (UP)—When his last wouldn't fit the man's shoe he was about to repair, cobbler Stephen DiGiorgio reached into the toe of the shoe—and drew out a wad of bills amounting to \$255. The old haw-

## 1944\_12\_21\_Seven Rangers in 1585th

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# FREEMAN 44-J TO GRADUATE

Members of Freeman field aviation class 44-J will receive wings at graduation exercises to be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning in the post theater, with Brig Gen. William D. Old, veteran of the Burma campaign, as principal speaker.

The graduation ceremonies were moved up from Dec. 28 to Dec. 23 so that members of the class may be home in time for the Christmas holidays.

General Old, who has more than 90 combat missions to his credit, is commanding general of the First Troop Carrier command with headquarters at Stout field,

Indianapolis. He returned last June from the China-Burma-India theater, where he was commander of the Provisional Troop Carrier command.

## THIRD WAR FOR WORKER,

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 21 (IP)—Frank Miller, 85, who watched the boys march home from the Civil war and has been employed in the Bausch & Lomb Optical company plant through three wars, is that firm's candidate for the city's oldest war worker. A native of LeRoy, N. Y., Miller made wagon axles before he was employed by the optical firm in 1896. His 48-year-old employment record shows no tardiness and few absences from his work as polisher maker and lens blocker.

1944\_12\_21\_Freeman Class 44-J to graduate

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# Atterbury Furnaces Take 500 Tons of Coal Daily

Cold weather means hitting the coal pile in an Army camp the same as it does in civilian Columbus and on cold days, such as those experienced this week, more than 500 tons of coal are used daily to heat Camp Atterbury's buildings.

Wakeman General hospital alone will use over a carload of approximately 50 tons of stoker coal every day during the cold season.

Atterbury's Post Engineers staff began thinking about their coal problem in the summer and arranged for more than half the post's coal supply in July and August. The post, including Wakeman hospital, is expected to use nearly 70,000 tons during the next 365 days.

## 14,552 Tons Last December.

Taking coal consumption at Atterbury as a barometer of the local weather, December is the coldest month, a total of 14,552 tons of coal being required to heat Atterbury buildings during December last year.

The egg or lump coal used in most post buildings, except Wakeman hospital and the laundry, comes largely from Indiana mines.

Statisticians of the Camp Crier, Atterbury newspaper, have figured that if all the coal used at Atter-

bury in a year were brought in at one time it would require a string of approximately 1,400 railroad coal cars. However, in practice only about half the total amount is stockpiled at any one time. At present about 36,000 tons are on hand.

This week, according to the Crier, 17 civilian employees were kept busy filling, weighing and delivering coal orders at the yard, in addition to soldier drivers who haul fuel for their own units in rush periods. Leslie Asher of Nineveh is foreman at the camp coal yard.

## BRITISH ONLY TWO MILES FROM FAENZA

Rome, Dec. 16. (AP)—British and Polish troops renewed the attack southwest of Faenza today and gained a foothold on the ridge running between Celle and Pideura, Allied headquarters announced.

Celle is less than two miles west of Faenza and below the Bologna-Rimini highway.

Canadian forces north of the highway tangled with the Nazis in fierce fighting and extended their newly won bridgehead across the Naviglio canal to 3,000 yards.

1944\_12\_16\_Atterbury furnaces take 500 tons of coal a day

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## HELICOPTERS TO LEAVE SEYMOUR

School Is Transferred to  
Chanute Field; Ships Land  
at Crawfordsville.

The helicopter pilot training program is being transferred from Freeman field at Seymour to Chanute field at Rantoul, Ill., according to announcement by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman field.

The announcement stated the transfer would become effective within the next few days and would move the jurisdiction of the helicopter pilot training program from the East Flying Training command to the Eastern Technical Training command, which has headquarters at St. Louis, Mo.

The town of Crawfordsville had a surprise Saturday noon when 11 helicopters en route from Freeman field to Chanute field landed for refueling and inspection after circling over the town. The landing was made in a 40-acre field at the northeast edge of the city. It is presumed that the flight Saturday was part of the movement of the helicopter program from Freeman field to Chanute field.

Announcement that an Army helicopter school had been established at Freeman field was made by the War department Sept. 6. It was the first school of its type in the United States Army Air Forces. Maj. John J. Sanduski served as director of training for the school at Freeman.

## 1944\_12\_13\_Helicopter School leaves Freeman for Chanute Field

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# SCHWARTZKOPF KILLED, FIELDS DIES OF WOUNDS

Don M. Wright Missing in Action With Army in Germany.

JOHN GUTHRIE PRISONER

Held by Nazis After Being Unreported Since August 7.

Local casualties reported this week include:

Lt. Joseph Bernard Schwartzkopf, 38, of 115 Franklin street, killed Nov. 23 in the Pacific.

Pfc. Donald Fields, Route 7, died of wounds Nov. 11 in France.

Pfc. Donald M. Wright, 38, of 212 Caldwell drive, missing Nov. 8 in Germany.

Pfc. John C. Guthrie, 20, of St. Louis Crossing, prisoner of the Germans after first reported missing since Aug. 7 in France.

Joseph B. Schwartzkopf Killed.

Navy Lt. Joseph Bernard Schwartzkopf, 38-year-old aviation gunners officer, was killed Thursday—Thanksgiving day—in service of his country," according to a telegram received from the Navy department Friday night by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Schwartzkopf, 819 Franklin street.

Lieutenant Schwartzkopf, a member of the Navy for three years, and widely-known here, had been stationed in the Marshall islands, but recently the parents received word that he might be moved. He also had written that he hoped to be home on a leave at Christmas. He had been overseas since August, 1943, serving in the Gilbert islands before being stationed in the Marshall.

No Details Given.

The Navy department telegram did not reveal Lieutenant Schwartzkopf's position, nor give any other detail of his death. It stated, however, that further information would be relayed to the parents as soon as it was received by the Navy department in Washington.

It was indicated the burial probably would be made in the locality where death occurred.

Lieutenant Schwartzkopf, a graduate of Columbus high school in 1932 and Indiana university in 1936, was born in Columbus and was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Schwartzkopf.

He was employed by Nohlt-Sparks Industries, Inc. here before receiving a commission as ensign in the Naval Reserve in November, 1941. Following his officer training he was stationed in Washington, D. C., and then transferred to an ordnance plant at Indianapolis. From there he was transferred to a plant at Brooklyn, N. Y., and later returned to Indianapolis, where he served with the Navy at the Lucas-Havard company plant. He was stationed in Florida and at Minneapolis before going overseas. He received a promotion to rank of full lieutenant last spring.

Was Honor Student.

Lieutenant Schwartzkopf was a member of the Presbyterian church and was among the best known members of his high school graduating class, belonging to most of the high school organizations. He was an honor roll student and at Indiana university received membership in Phi Eta Kappa, national scholastic honorary society. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity at Indiana and also held memberships in Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Phi Eta Sigma, Kappa Kappa Psi and Blue Key honorary groups. He received an A. B. degree in chemistry at the university in 1936 and the following year received his M. A. degree. He also was a member of the Columbus high school and Indiana university bands.

Eager to Go Across.

Pfc. Donald Fields, 23, died of wounds Nov. 11 in France, according to a War department telegram received Monday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fields of Route 7, near Ottaville. He had been serving with an infantry regiment of the 80th Division in

General Patton's Third army.

A brother, Pfc. Charles Fields, 23, was last reported serving with the Army ground force in Belgium.

Donald Fields was employed at Camp Atterbury when inducted July 24, 1942, at Indianapolis with a Bartholomew county draft. He was trained at Camp Beff, Tex., and at other camps in the United States before being sent overseas. He was home on embarkation furlough last July, then went to England in August. After a short time there, he was transferred to France and went into action with the Third army.

Relatives said he was eager to go overseas and was upset when his brother, Charles, beat him across by a week or so. They said he wrote often and in good spirits but never told what he was doing. His sister-in-law, wife of Charles, had a furlough on Friday, was ten the first of the month.

Pfc. Fields attended the second Ireland grade school and Columbus high school.

Surviving besides the parents and brother in Belgium are another, Kenneth, at home; four sisters, Anna Ray and Mary Margaret Fields, at home; Mrs. William Sullivan, Route 4, and Mrs. Marion Thompson, Petersburg, Va.

Donald M. Wright Missing.

Pfc. Donald M. Wright, 38, has been listed as missing in action on the Western front since Nov. 8, according to word received Sunday night from the War department by his wife, Mrs. Mary Margaret Wright, 2123 Caldwell drive, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wright of Jonesville.

The War department telegram stated that he was missing in Germany. He was serving as an infantryman with the First army and was known to be in Belgium. The date on which he was listed as missing in action coincides with the fighting around Aachen and in the Hurtgen forest, France and Belgium. Wright had been serving temporarily as a sergeant following the wounding of his unit's sergeant. The sergeant recently returned to the unit and Wright assumed his former rank.

Former Cummins Employee.

The last letter received from Wright was written Oct. 25 and he was permitted to disclose at that time the battles in which he had taken part. He had been in action since the first of August.

A former employee of Cummins Engine company, he entered service here last Jan. 14 and left for start of training on Feb. 4. He was home on leave on his 20th birthday June 16 and went overseas immediately after reporting back to his unit. In his last letter he wrote that he had been in a rest camp.

He is a brother of Mrs. A. P. Loeitz, Jr., and Ben Wright, both of this city. Other brothers, and sisters include Mrs. Walter Walmer and Kenneth Wright at Jonesville, Mrs. Ruth King of Indianapolis, Jack Wright of Terre Haute and Edwin Wright of California.

John Guthrie Prisoner.

Pfc. John C. Guthrie, 20, formerly listed as missing in action in France since Aug. 7, is a prisoner of the Germans, according to a form card received from him Friday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Guthrie of St. Louis Crossing.

The card was signed by Private Guthrie on Aug. 24 and was relayed to his parents after being received by the adjutant general's office in Washington.

Guthrie is the ninth Bartholomew county service man to be removed from the missing list after being found to be a prisoner of an enemy country. He brings to 15 the number now held prisoner.

Not at Permanent Camp.

The printed form card which was received from Guthrie via the War department was signed in his handwriting and read as follows: "I have been taken prisoner by the German troops. I am in good health and feel quite well. From our present place I shall be sent to another camp during the following days, the address of which

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# Schwartzkopf KIA-Fields DOW

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# **SCHWARTZKOPF KILLED, FIELDS DIES OF WOUNDS**

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will be remitted to you likewise.  
"Please note that only at that place shall I be allowed to receive any mail from your side and on the other hand to write letters of my own."

The card was sent from a German prisoner of war "camp of passage," for troops being moved to a permanent camp.

## **With 30th Division.**

The local soldier was listed as missing in action in France in a telegram from the War department received by his parents on Sept. 2. The last previous word that they had received from him was a letter written on Aug. 1.

Guthrie formerly was employed on the Phil Mohr farm and started service in September, 1943.

Upon arriving overseas he was assigned to the 30th Infantry division and is believed to have been serving with that division when he was captured. The 30th division was the second division to train at Camp Atterbury.

Pfc. Earl Harden, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harden, south of Nashville, who was seriously wounded Sept. 18 in France, died on Oct. 21, according to a War department message received by his parents.

Private Harden was inducted into the Army on July 6, 1942, and received practically all of his infantry training at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Early in the summer he was home on furlough before being sent to England. Shortly after arriving there he was sent into France and on Oct. 6 his family was informed that he had been seriously wounded.

He and two other Nashville men, Sgt. Warren L. Fleetwood and Pfc. Chester Roberts remained together after their induction until they were wounded in France. Sergeant Fleetwood was slightly wounded Sept. 17 and Private Roberts on Sept. 19.

## **Marietta Marine Dies.**

Staff Sgt. Coyle G. Campbell, 28, died Nov. 20 in the Pacific theater of operations, according to word received Sunday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Campbell, south of Marietta in Shelby county.

No details were contained in the message. The parents had received a letter dated Oct. 28 which made no mention of illness.

Sergeant Campbell enlisted in the Marine corps in May, 1942, and had been overseas as an air force ground mechanic since February, 1943.

He was a graduate of Mt. Auburn high school.

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## MOTOR POOL UNIT AT CAMP

Camp Atterbury, Nov. 27 (Special).—The 1512th Service unit, Fifth Service Command Motor pool, is the newest addition to the Atterbury family. Commanded by Capt. Farris D. Burton, the unit was located at Fort Benjamin Harrison until it moved here.

The 1512th is unique, since it is the only unit of its kind in the Fifth Service command. Composed of drivers and mechanics, the organization distributes vehicles throughout this command and frequently to installations in another.

When a unit goes on maneuvers it has all of its vehicles replaced by those in a motor pool for the duration of the maneuver period, and the 1512th Service unit does all the exchanging. This is one of its many functions.

In operation, an order is received from Fifth Service Command headquarters. Then convoys of drivers are picked from an already prepared roster. These convoys are made up of a convoy commander, a route leader, and a salvage leader, who are soldiers, and the remainder being civilian personnel.

In the shops is a full staff of inspectors and mechanics, who continuously process vehicles for re-issue. These men make vehicles ready for use, and also maintain and store them.

## 1944\_11\_29\_Motor Pool arrives at Camp - 1512th Service Unit

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## MORE CAMP WORKERS LISTED

Other new civilian employes announced at Camp Atterbury last week included:

Wakeman Hospital—India V. Tracy, Audrey J. Pate, Lura A. King, Della Coffman, Rose A. Davenport, Eva S. Smietana, Lucille L. Walker, Iva L. Oliver, Mildred J. Minnix, Waldean H. Meek, Ida P. Girton, Marilyn J. Clark, Maxine K. Boyd.

Combined Maintenance—Dennis Collins, John H. Eaton, Richard C. Williams, John W. Blackledge.

Ordnance—Horace W. Lockridge.  
Post Engineers—Roy N. Ping, Evert J. Beaman, Doralee J. Emerick.

Regional Repair Shop—Mae R. Stader.

Separation Center—Etta Silverstein, Doris G. Jacobs.

Reception Center—Dorothy J. Schmuhl.

Finance—Laura W. Lego, Edra L. Geiger.

Postal Locator—Esther D. Sribnick.

1944\_11\_29\_More civilian workers

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## MILLIKEN IS CORPS CHIEF

It has been revealed that Maj. Gen. John J. Millikin, who was stationed at Camp Atterbury with the 83rd Infantry division for a short time in 1942, is now commander of the Third Corps, U. S. Army, in France.

An Associated Press picture of General Millikin appeared in Wednesday's issue of The Indianapolis Star, showing General Millikin in a jeep being pulled through flood waters in a street of Pont-a-Mousson, France.

General Millikin arrived at Camp Atterbury in July, 1942, with an advance cadre around which was formed the re-activated 83rd Division. General Millikin was transferred from Atterbury in August, 1942, a few days before the formal ceremonies for re-activation of the 83rd. He was transferred to Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he took over command of the 33rd Infantry division.

1944\_11\_29\_Gen Milliken now Commander of 3rd Corps

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## FREEMAN FIELD MAPS BIRTHDAY

**Second Anniversary of Base  
at Seymour to Be Ob-  
served Friday.**

Freeman Field, Nov. 27 (Special)  
—Celebration of the second anniversary of Freeman field will be observed Friday with the civilian and military personnel of the field participating in the ceremony.

Beginning at 4:30 p. m., a formal retreat will be held on the parade grounds in the cadet area to which civilian employes and visitors will be special guests. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, will take the retreat and will speak briefly, commending both the civilian and military members of the command for their work and cooperation in making Freeman field one of the outstanding installations in the AAF Training command.

In the evening, festivities will be held in the post gymnasium and in the Section F recreation hall. A U. S. O. show, "Just for the Ride," will be presented in the post gymnasium, beginning at 8 o'clock, and will be followed by dancing. The same show will be staged in the Section F recreation hall at 9:30 o'clock and will be followed by dancing. Refreshments will be served at both places.

A giant birthday cake will be made by Cpl. Morris Simon of Section A. The cake he prepared for the occasion last year was a miniature relief map of the field.

A feature at the dances will be the sale of War bonds. Booths will be established and personnel wishing to buy bonds may get immediate delivery.

## 1944\_11\_29\_Freeman celebrates 2nd birthday

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## COLONEL WATT IS INSPECTOR

Camp Atterbury, Nov. 25 (Special)—Lt. Col. Jewell K. Watt assumed the duties of post inspector this week. He formerly was inspector of the 106th Division here.

Colonel Watt, whose Army experience dates back to June, 1921, when he joined the National guard at Topeka, Kan., was a member of a cavalry unit of which Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, was an instructor for four years.

He has served with the 30th and 35th Divisions and formerly was assigned to Fourth Army Headquarters Civil Affairs division, which was engaged in the removal of Japanese from the West coast.

In June, 1943, Colonel Watt was transferred to the 106th Division as inspector general, and came to Atterbury with the division. He was injured in an obstacle course accident last spring and was a patient at Wakeman before his assignment here as post inspector.

In civilian life, Colonel Watt was vice-principal of the Coffeyville (Kan.) high school. He holds a B. S. and an M. S. degree from Kansas Agricultural college and completed a year and a half of graduate work in educational administration and political science at the University of Kansas. He is married and lives in Franklin.

1944\_11\_29\_Col Watt is Post Inspector. Formerly of 106th

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# BRITISH WOMAN SEES WAKEMAN

Camp Atterbury, Nov. 24 (Special)—Lt. Col. Albertine L. Winner, Royal Army Medical corps and senior woman doctor of the British War office, visited Wakeman General and Convalescent hospital on a liaison trip inspecting the medical arrangements of American women's services.

Capt. Ann D. Neal, executive officer of the WAC Technicians' school, reported that Colonel Winner was "impressed with the facilities of the technicians' school and Wakeman." Captain Neal said that Colonel Winner declared the British women had met almost the same difficulties and found the answers in almost the same way in their women's services. There is no equivalent for the WAC Technicians' school in England.

1944\_11\_29\_British woman Lt Col visits Wakeman

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## Bill Springer Recalls 'Date' With Carol Landis

The eyes of the Navy were upon him at the Florida islands in the Solomons a few months ago, and for reason enough.

The reference is to William E. Springer of Elizabethtown, a signalman, second class, whose experiences have been many since joining the Navy two years ago.

The story of the incident which made Springer the envy of all the members of the crew of his destroyer had its beginning two years ago when he was visiting his mother, Mrs. H. J. Norton at San Louis Obispo, Calif. They were staying at the guest house at the army camp where Mrs. Norton's husband was stationed.

Springer was a civilian at that time when Carol Landis, the movie star, visited the camp on a War bond tour. She also stayed at the guest house and Bill made her acquaintance. That night at a military dance he cut in on a colonel who was dancing with her.

### Renews Acquaintance.

Eighteen months later Bill's ship was anchored off the Florida Islands and the crew was ashore for the performance of a Hollywood show featuring Miss Landis, Jack Benny and other touring film and radio celebrities.

The crowd was so large and the S.P.'s (shore police) so numerous there was little chance of Bill getting Miss Landis' attention. So he sent her a note. It went something like this. "Remember the civilian who cut in on the colonel dancing with you at San Louis Obispo? Well, I'm in the Navy now. Bill Springer."

Miss Landis sent a reply, inviting Bill back stage after the show. Naturally, he accepted. After renewing the acquaintance, Miss Landis invited Bill to accompany her and the rest of the troupe to the pier, where a launch was waiting. Hundreds of sailors held back by S.P.'s lined the walk for a final glimpse of the flicker stars as Signalman Springer walked by with Miss Landis holding his arm and wearing his sailor cap.

That's how the Elizabethtown boy became the envy of the members of his crew.

### In Four Major Battles.

Signalman Springer was in four major engagements before returning to the States from the South Pacific. He was at Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian and engagements in

the Marshalls and Carolines.

"We were shot at several places but at Palau, that was the worst," he said. "Three Jap planes strafed our ship, making five runs before they were through." Springer asserted that several crewmen were killed and that a gunner stationed within three feet of him received five slugs in his body from Jap guns.

He told of seeing a Jap submarine sunk off Tarawa. The tin fish was located and depth charges dropped. When it surfaced it was between two destroyers, both of which unloaded their guns on it.

"Only one member of the crew was alive when the craft submerged," he said. "One of the destroyers sent a boat out to pick him up. About this time one of our planes came over. The pilot had heard the radio conversation between ships concerning the sub and wanted to get in on the kill. He came over, mistook the rescue boat for the conning tower of the sub, and dropped his bombs. Luckily they missed the target."

### On '50-Yard Line.'

During battle as at other times, Springer's station is on the signal bridge where the view during the fireworks is as good as a seat on the 50-yard line at a football game. "Up there you can see about everything that's going on," he said.

During lulls it is not uncommon for the signalmen of two ships nearby to carry on informal and unofficial conversations. That's how he happened to run across a Bartholomew county acquaintance in the South Pacific. In one of those conversations to pass the time away Springer, using his flags, asked the signalman on a nearby destroyer if he had any Indiana boys aboard. He signaled back that they had a fireman from Columbus, Ind. One flag led to another, and finally Springer was carrying on a conversation with the Columbus sailor who happened to be Robert Middendorf. The signalman and his flags on Middendorf's ship served as his mouthpiece in the conversation.

Springer and his wife were to leave Sunday for West coast. They have been here for several days visiting his mother and Dr. Norton, his grandmother in Elizabethtown, and other local relatives. His father, Joseph W. Springer, now resides in Indianapolis.

## 1944\_11\_29\_Bill Springer, E-town recalls date with actress Carol Landis

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## Arnholt's New Testament Stops Hunk of Nazi Shell

May Have Saved Life of Local Member of 30 Division Wounded at St. Lo.

A New Testament which he carried in his left breast pocket quite likely saved the life of Pfc. Edwin H. Arnholt, 31-year-old mortar gunner, who is home on leave from Billings General hospital, Indianapolis, after being wounded July 25 while serving with the 30th Infantry division in France.

Four days after he was wounded by fragments of a bursting Nazi tank shell, Arnholt discovered that a fragment approximately a half-inch square had struck one end of the New Testament and buried itself inside after ripping through two inches of the pages.

One of three service sons of Mr. and Mrs. August Arnholt, east of Columbus, Arnholt was one of four or five Bartholomew county soldiers who went into action in France with the 30th Division after receiving part of their training at Camp Atterbury.

**Bombed by Mistake.**  
On July 25 in the battle of St. Lo, Arnholt and other members of the division were among American troops which underwent the mistake bombing by their own bombers.

"We could see the bombs falling," said Arnholt. "The ground jumped up and down and almost shook you to pieces. Ernie Pyle described it just like it was. He told it lots better than I could."

"I thought if I could come through that I'd get through everything. But I was wrong. About a half hour later I was wounded."

Moving forward after the bombardment, Arnholt was starting across a ditch.

"It must have been a 75 or 88 as I could hear it coming and threw myself to the ground," he said.

**Ammunition Starts Burning.**  
The shell struck on the bank and exploded, showering Arnholt with fragments. His worst wounds were above the left ankle and in the left hip. He also sustained a bad wound in the right leg. The shell knocked out two other men nearby, one of them an ammunition carrier.

Arnholt said the ammunition started to burn and he managed to get over and pull it off the wounded man. The other soldier was still.

"Then I got scared for fear the German tank would fire again and tried to crawl to a nearby hole, but I couldn't make it," he added. "A little later two men from my company practically dragged me to an aid station. From there I was taken in a jeep, rigged up with stretchers, to an evacuation hospital."

He was in France for 12 days and was then flown to England by hospital plane. He returned to the United States two weeks ago and was sent to Billings hospital for treatment. He will report back there Saturday.

**Praises Blood Plasma.**  
Arnholt praised the use of blood plasma and also the work of the medics, particularly the aid men who work with the advance troops. Recalling that Ernie Pyle had taken the stand that these men should draw combat pay, Arnholt

declared that Ernie again was right.

The local soldier, serving in Company I of the 119th Regiment, arrived in France shortly after D-day and in the first few days of fighting his company commander was wounded. In a hospital in England, Arnholt looked up from bed and saw his company commander standing there. He was under treatment in the same hospital.

Arnholt said that many of the enemy forces, particularly those recruited from the satellite nations, surrendered when the odds turned against them, but that "when you ran up against the SS troops you knew it was a fight to the finish."

## MAN FINED FOR STARTING FIRE

Blame Is Placed for Blaze Which Burned Over 1,200 Acres.

Sam McCord, a resident of Wayne township, was fined \$5 and costs in the court of Archie McEwen, justice of the peace, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the state laws.

McCord admitted that he started a brush fire on his own land on Oct. 31, which spread to several hundred acres of land in Wayne township.

It is a violation of the state fire law to permit a fire on farmland to spread to the property of others.

McCord told R. Z. Lutes, state fire warden, that a fire along a fence row on his own property got out of control. It spread to the adjoining lands owned by Frank Mowrey, George Thompson, Orville Thompson, Clarence Spurgin and several others.

Before the blaze was finally extinguished by rain, it burned over an estimated 1,200 acres of woodlands in the southern part of the county.

The fire burned for three or four days, but buildings in the neighborhood were saved. Fire fighters used backfire in combatting the flames. Fire equipment from Camp Atterbury, East Columbus and Columbus was also used.

McCoy is the second person in the county arrested this fall for violating the fire laws.

## 'CYCLE DRUNK' CASE IS HEARD

Trial of Roy Rich Opens Before Jury in Local Court.

Roy L. Rich of 1510 Pearl street, charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, was tried before a jury Tuesday in Bartholomew county circuit court.

1944\_11\_29\_Arnholts bible stops German shell

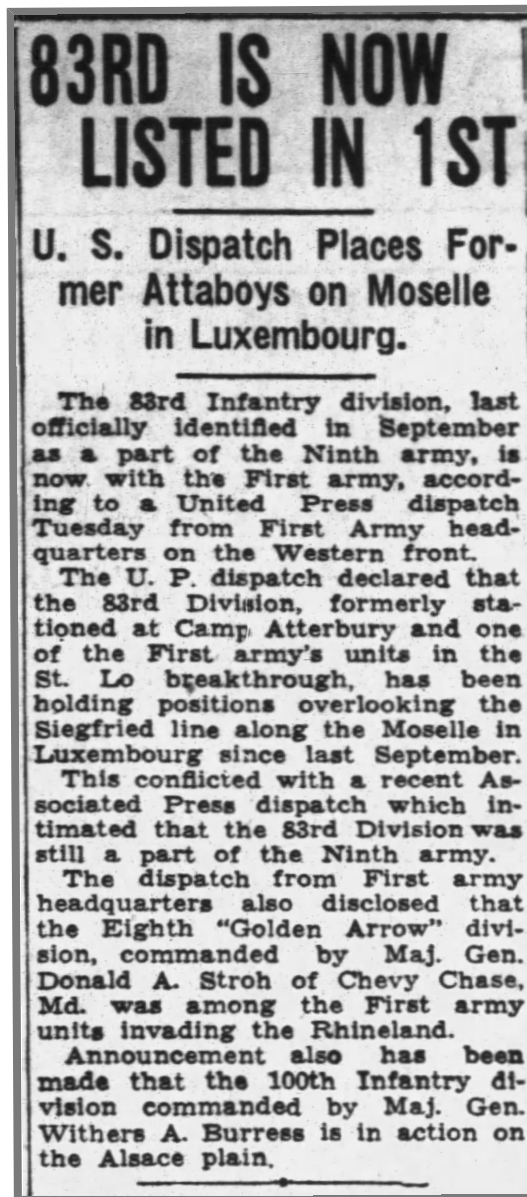
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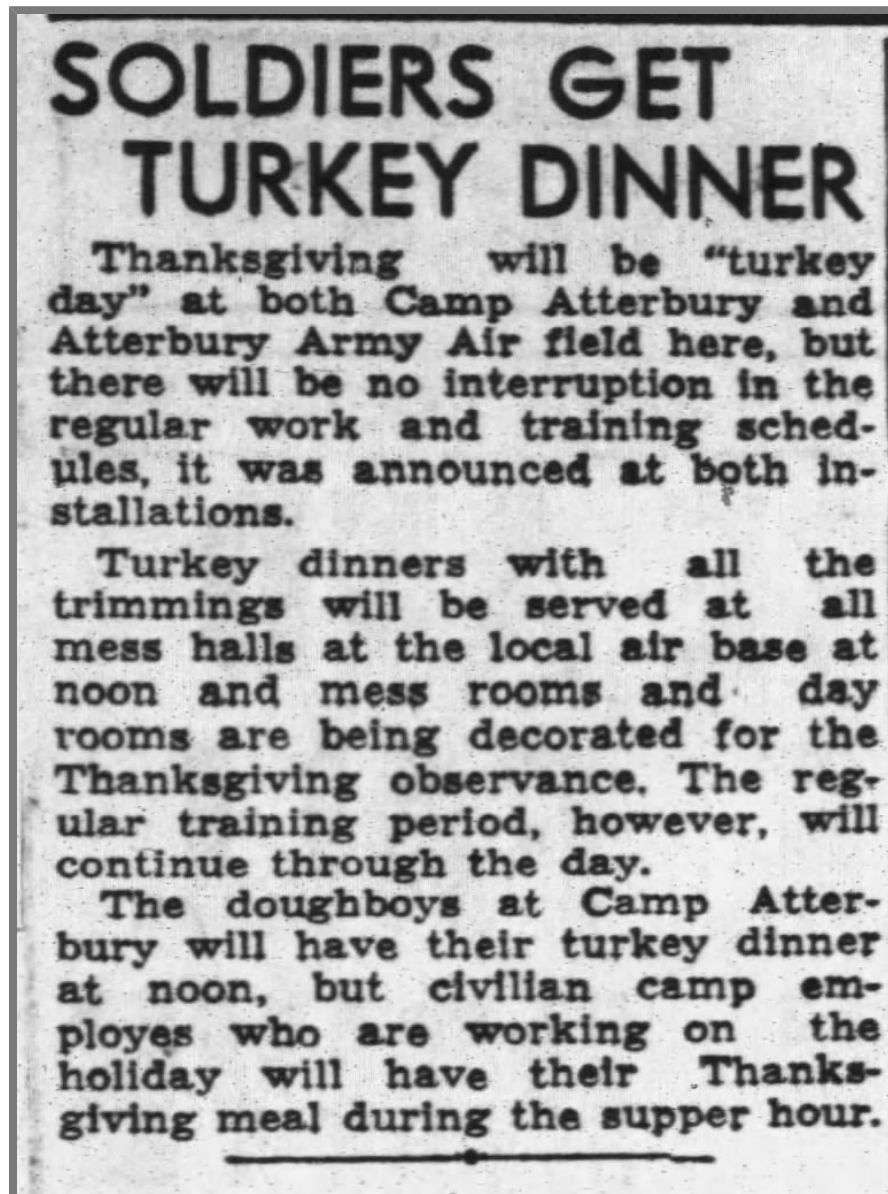
1944\_11\_29\_83rd now in 1st Army at Siegfried Line

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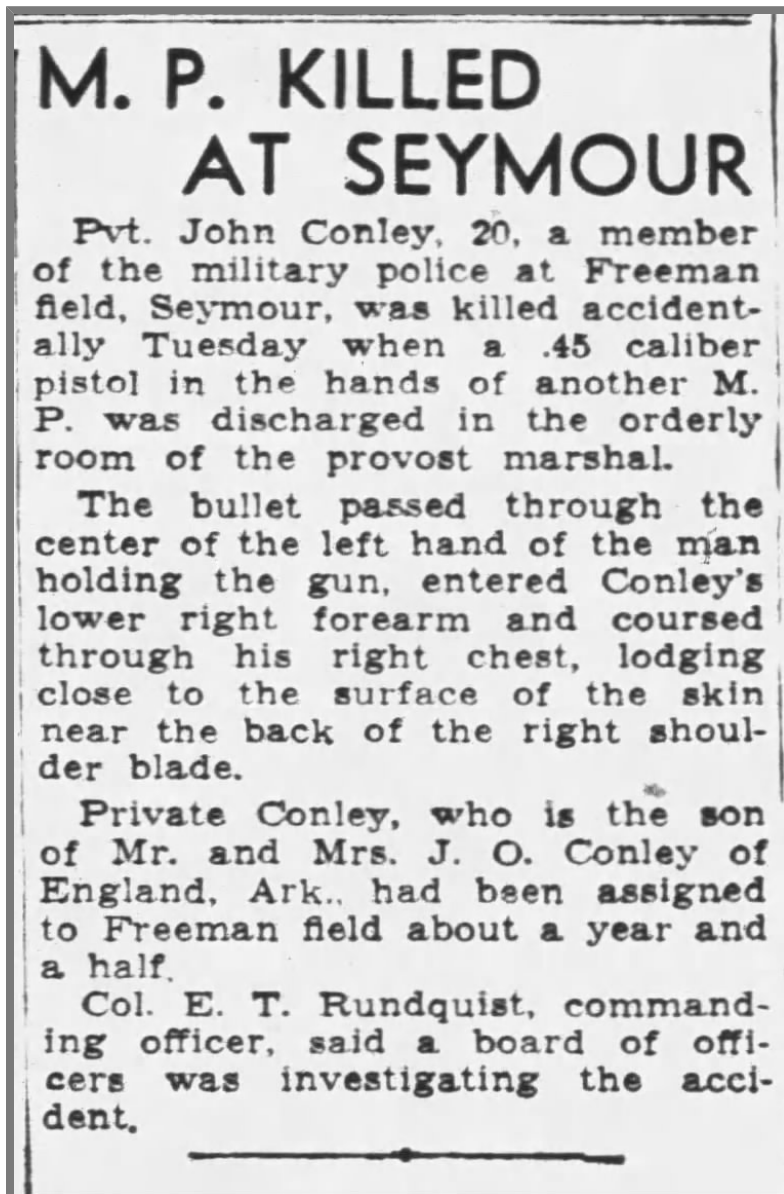


1944\_11\_22\_Soldier get turkey dinner

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1944\_11\_22\_MP at Freeman Field killed by accidentally firing of pistol

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## On Army Hour

Plans have been completed for Wakeman General hospital at Camp Atterbury to be "on the air" Sunday afternoon as part of the "Army Hour" program at 2:30 o'clock.

Wakeman patients are taking part in the Fifth Service command's program, "Hi Yanks."

The Wakeman part of the program was transcribed at the hospital Nov. 10 for broadcast on the Army Hour program.

Patients taking part include Staff Sgt. Joseph R. Stein, Staff Sgt. David Miller, Sgt. John V. Garvey, Sgt. Chester Wilson, Pfc. Norman Hedges and Pvt. John J. Fogarty. Stein holds the Silver star for his hand-to-hand combat and for his skill in eliminating a Nazi machine gun nest. He saw action in Africa, Tunisia, Sicily and France.

1944\_11\_18\_Wakeman to be on the air with "Hi Yanks"

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## 17TH AIR CLASS WILL GRADUATE

Members of Freeman field's 17th class of aviation cadets, Class 44-I, will receive their silver wings at graduation exercises to be held at 11 o'clock Monday morning in the theater building at the field, near Seymour.

A section of the class sent to Harlingen Army Air field, Texas, for co-pilot training in October, also will be graduated Monday. Personnel from Freeman field left there Thursday for Texas to prepare the records of the men and to conduct the exercises.

The ceremony at Freeman field will be the first there since Sept. 8, when Class 44-H was graduated. In October the length of the flying training program was extended five weeks.

Speaker for the Freeman graduation will be Capt. Donald J. McGibbon, an overseas veteran who participated in 61 missions in the South Pacific. His home is in Detroit, Mich.

1944\_11\_18\_Freeman class 44-I to receive silver wings

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# 3,000 VETS PER MONTH HANDLED

Reassigned Through Atterbury Reception Station, Now Separate Unit.

More than 3,000 war veterans a month are now being reassigned through the Camp Atterbury Reception station, which was recently shifted to an independent camp organization.

Organization of the station as a separate unit resulted from increased activities. It has been designated as the 1558th Service unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Donovan McGee. The unit was formerly a section of the 1534th Service unit, which now comprises only the Reception center for new inductees.

The Reception station is Atterbury's "melting pot," with every type of Army insignia showing up from every overseas point. Soldiers from all war theaters and lands—Iran, China, India, France, England, Italy, Africa, Alaska, Russia, etc.—stop at Atterbury briefly before going home on a well-deserved rest.

## Handles Three Types.

The station handles three types of G.I.'s—rotation returnees, temporary duty men and battle casualties. Rotation returnees and temporary duty men arrive at Atterbury direct from overseas.

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1944\_11\_18\_3000 Vets per month at Reception Station

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## FIELD HOSPITAL AT ATTERBURY

The 85th Field hospital arrived at Camp Atterbury this week for advanced training. The unit is commanded by Maj. Ray G. Ikins.

Activated in September, the hospital is made up of experienced technicians and corporals, many of whom have seen service overseas. Members received their training at the medical training center at Camp Ellis and all surgical, dental, laboratory, X-ray and medical technicians have graduated from specialized service schools.

The hospital is a complete mobile medical installation—a hospital on wheels. It is divided into three units, each complete in itself with staff and equipment to handle 100 bed patients. Combined, the units can care for 400 patients.

Major Ikins, a graduate of Indiana university, was a surgeon at Lafayette, Ind., before receiving a commission in August, 1942.

### 1944\_11\_18\_85th Field Hospital arrives

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## Veteran of 83rd Battles In France Is Discharged

From a brand new selectee at Camp Atterbury in August, 1942, to France in June, 1944, and then back to Atterbury in September as a patient at Wakeman General hospital and heading home to Vincennes on a 21-day furlough—

That has been part of the Army history of Tech., third grade, William Bickers of Vincennes, a member of the 83rd Infantry division, who stopped here Saturday morning with Mrs. Bickers for a "coke" before going home on his furlough.

Bickers, an aid man with the 331st Infantry regiment of the 83rd division, was wounded July 21 at St. Lo. He suffered concussion and shell fragment wounds when a shell struck within a few feet of his head.

"I didn't know anything for three days," Bickers said.

The doughboy explained that he first arrived at Camp Atterbury on Aug. 3, 1942, fresh from the reception center, and took his place in the 83rd Division which was then being formed. He went into action with the division near Carantan, France, fought across the Normandy hedgerows and then was wounded at St. Lo.

Bickers was full of praise for

the use of blood plasma. As an aid man he saw it being used time and again on the battlefield.

"It looks like muddy water, but what it does is almost a miracle," Bickers declared. He told of one soldier brought to his aid station, apparently dead. Although it was believed the plasma would have little effect, the wounded soldier was given the blood.

"Believe it or not," said Bickers, "by the time he left the aid station he was smoking a cigaret."

### Hedgerows Bad Stuff.

The hedgerows of Normandy were every bit as bad as they have been described back here, according to Bickers.

"If we could ever see more than 100 yards ahead of us, we were lucky. We just had to fight row by row, never knowing what would be behind the next one."

Bickers is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bickers of Vincennes. He is believed to be the first man from the 83rd division to return to Columbus after being wounded in Normandy. Bickers said that there is also at Wakeman a lieutenant who joined the 83rd division while it was stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., after leaving Atterbury.

1944\_11\_15\_Vet of 83rd battles discharged - William Bickers

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# 66 WACS END MEDIC COURSE

The first formal graduation of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians school (WAC) was held at the Wakeman General and Convalescent hospital at Camp Atterbury recently.

The class consisted of 66 WACS who have completed surgical, medical or dental technician courses. The technicians are now assigned to hospitals throughout the United States. Three classes of students have completed courses at the school, but this was the first time that formal graduation exercises were held.

1944\_11\_15\_66 WACs complete Medic Course at Wakeman

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# 17 EMPLOYEES ON CAMP LIST

Employment of 17 more civilians at Camp Atterbury was announced last week. They are:

Combined Maintenance — James A. Haycroft, Jakie Thacker, William E. Voris, Kenneth C. Mobley.

Quartermaster—Richard K. Byrd, Alberta M. Nentrup, Ralph W. Campbell.

Post Engineers—Harper Hooten, Harlan L. Rice, Arvel L. Arnett, James W. Johnson, George W. Nalley.

Wakeman—John Higdon.

Separation Center—Ethel M. Jeffries, Annabelle Scott, Geneva J. Walton.

Civilian Personnel—Mary I. Calvert.

1944\_11\_15\_17 more civilian employees

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# **KLINEYOUNG BABY BURIED**

Burial services for Clayton Perry Klineyoung, stillborn son of Sgt. and Mrs. Harold C. Klineyoung, were held this afternoon at North Vernon with the Rev. Dillard of that city in charge.

The child was one of twin sons born to Sergeant and Mrs. Klineyoung at the county hospital Tuesday. The other baby, Christopher Tyler, is reported to be getting along satisfactorily.

The babies, weighing six and one-half pounds each, were delivered by Caesarian operation.

Sergeant Klineyoung, who was formerly stationed at Camp Atterbury with the 83rd Division, is in a hospital in London, England, recovering from wounds suffered in the Normandy invasion. Mrs. Klineyoung was formerly Miss Doris Perry of this city.

1944\_11\_08\_83rd div twin baby dies


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***Hospital Honors  
Hoosier-Educated  
Medical Officer***



**COL. FRANK B. WAKEMAN**

Activated here on April 5, Wakeman General and Convalescent Hospital is named in honor of the late Col. Frank B. Wakeman, Hoosier-educated doctor-pharmacist-writer-instructor. Born in New York in 1896, Col. Wakeman received degrees from both Valparaiso and Indiana Universities.

At the time of his death in March, 1944, Col. Wakeman was serving as chief of the Training Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.

## 1944\_11\_07\_Wakeman Hospital honors Hoosier education officer

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## EMPLOYMENT AID PROGRAM

### Atterbury Separation Center Will Assist Returning Vets

CAMP ATTERBURY, Nov. 7.—A program designed to speed the re-employment of discharged soldiers is now in operation in the Atterbury Separation Center with representatives of business and industry coming here to learn about the Army's discharge policy and settle their individual problems.

First Indiana firm to take advantage of this service was the Perfect Circle Co., which operates four plants in the state. F. E. Ashinger, veterans employment manager for all PC plants with headquarters in Hagerstown, spent an entire day here this week at the separation center studying its operation.

The counseling service for industrial officials includes approximately the same information given a soldier on discharge. Since many industries have set up their own veterans section, the Army has invited Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio industries to send their representatives here to consult with Lt. Col. Frank W. Forsyther, Selective Service liaison officer from Washington, D. C., and Maj. Herbert Whitcomb, chief Counseling Branch.

This program of re-employment and orientation is designed to help firms place their discharged veterans in suitable positions. Special emphasis is placed on aiding the soldier with physical handicaps and offering counseling on his rights upon return to civilian life.

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The government recognizes that men being let out of the Army will return to home communities and jobs where conditions have changed since donning the khaki. To aid in this adjustment, the counseling service provides the soldier information on employment opportunities. Since many Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio firms have thousands of employees in the service, the Army seeks to aid business and industry, preparing for the day when the trickle of discharges becomes a stream.

## 1944\_11\_07\_Camp sets up Separation Center

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## FARM OUTLOOK IS FAVORABLE

Over-All Picture for Production in County Reported Good.

Bartholomew county farmers are rapidly nearing the end of the 1944 crop season and, in spite of labor shortages, the over-all farm production picture compares favorably with 1943, A. V. Keesling, county agricultural agent, declared today.

The 1944 wheat crop topped last year, soybeans were about equal to 1943 and the 1944 corn crop appears to be slightly under last year. The county agent pointed out that the mid-summer drouth, although reducing yields of early sweet corn, did not affect late crops nearly as much as had been feared.

Corn shucking is well under way, aided by the recent fair weather, and most of the soybean combining has been completed. Most wheat also is sown, but rain is badly needed.

**40-50 Bushel Average.**  
Mr. Keesling said that according to the reports now being received from county farmers, the county's 1944 corn yield should average between 40 and 50 bushels to the acre. This is higher than had been expected because of the drouth. Mr. Keesling pointed out that a number of fields were "burned up" in the driest sections, but that in many fields where serious damage had been expected the corn was turning out near average.

The county soybean yield is expected to average between 15 and 18 bushels to the acre, the various fields running as low as 3 bushels to as high as 35 bushels. The soybean yield was probably the biggest of the summer's farm surprises. After the drouth left soybean fields wilted, a number of farmers plowed under part of their beans as it did not appear that they would be worth harvesting. But this fall when they harvested the rest of the fields they found in some cases that the beans ran as high as 15 bushels to the acre. Now they are wondering how many beans they plowed under.

**Farm Hands Still Needed.**  
Although the crop season is nearing a close, Mr. Keesling reported that there is still a demand for farm workers and that his office has requests for at least a dozen hired men. There also is immediate need for a dairyman to live on a farm. Mr. Keesling said that good wages are being offered for this job. Some corn huskers also are needed.

Fewer pumpkins were grown in Bartholomew county this year than in 1943, but the yield has been good. Biggest problem of the pumpkin growers, however, is that of marketing. Pumpkins are not being received at the Morgan Packing company plant here and most pumpkins from this area are being taken to the Brownstown

## F. B. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Hawcreek Township Farm bureau met Thursday evening at the high school building with F. G. Waddle, president, in charge.

Moving pictures were shown by Forrest Marr and group singing was led by Mrs. Frank Plessinger with Miss Carol Conner at the piano. Scripture was read by Morris McKinney and prayer offered by Walter Weinland.

Five dollars was voted to the War fund.

A program given by the school consisted of an accordion solo by Helen Riddle, song by fifth grade, several songs by high school girls' Glee club, instrumental trio by Syblee Wiley, Martha Gilliland and Betty Keller, vocal trio, Sue Wasson, Martha Gilliland and Betty Keller, report of achievement of Girls' 4-H club of Hartsville by Norma Wasson, who also sang a solo, duet by Martha and Mary Kissling and achievements of Boys' 4-H club of Hartsville by Franklin Marlin.

A report of the district meeting held at Rushville was given by Mrs. Clarence McKinney and election of officers was held. Walter Weinland was elected president; Morris McKinney, vice-president; Mrs. Walter Weinland, lady director; Mrs. Morris McKinney, secretary, Frank Fishel, treasurer; Mrs. Howard Stewart, pianist, and Mrs. Lloyd Brougher, song leader.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Carter, Mrs. Casper McNealy, Mrs. William Cathers and Mrs. Raymond Hergenrader.

## HOPE NEWS

Wesleyan Mission society held an all-day meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. Glen Mackey on Washington street with eight members present. Guests were the Rev. Thomas Lauderbaugh of North Vernon; Miss Estell Murphy and Mrs. Joe Booher and daughter of Columbus; the Rev. C. M. Hewitt, Freeman Bruner, Jesse Hook, Mary Evelyn Clark, Junior, Eugene and Norma Trisler and Billie Joe Mackey.

At noon a covered-dish luncheon was served cafeteria style and in the afternoon the meeting was in charge of Mrs. C. M. Hewitt. Group singing was followed by devotions in charge of Mrs. Dee Wasson and missionary readings were given by Mrs. Archie Burton, Mrs. Jesse Hook, Mrs. Freeman Bruner, Mrs. Wasson, Mrs. James Trisler and Mrs. Mackey.

It was decided to make bandages for overseas hospitals and to

plant of the Morgan company, which has been running day and night on the pumpkin pack.

German prisoners of war from Camp Atterbury are being used to assist in the pumpkin pack at Brownstown. Two shifts of 20 each were being used the first of this week. The Brownstown cannery also has been receiving tomatoes.

# 1944\_11\_04\_Germn POWs help at Morgan Packing Co

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## 23 MORE AT CAMP LISTED

Twenty-three new civilian employees at Camp Atterbury were announced last week. They are:

Wakeman — Janet M. Brown, Phyllis P. Teichman, Letty J. Roegge, Alberta C. Allison, Beulah M. Hill, Lida I. Smith, Gertrude M. Gross.

Surgeon—Esther M. Strauss.

Combined maintenance—Carl S. Talkington, Lloyd N. Snider, Emmett J. Morgan.

Post engineers — Lawrence B. Taylor, Donald A. Jeffers, Jesse W. Morgan, Edward L. Critzer, Henry Wade, Nathan Bryant.

Reception center—Susan D. Parish, Violet Robbins.

Ordinance—Alexander K. Smith.

1584th Service unit—Mary F. Fox.

Finance—Ruth J. Wilson.

Repair shop—Grethel M. Brown.

Quartermaster—Wilma G. Scholtz.

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## SCHWEIGERT IS NOW IMPROVED

Member of 83rd Is in English Hospital—Two on Casualty List.

Sgt. Lester Schweigert, whose wife resided here while he was stationed at Camp Atterbury and who was wounded seriously July 18 in France, is greatly improved, according to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Homer Follis of Sherwood, Mich., former local residents.

Sergeant Schweigert is now in a hospital in England. He was wounded while serving with the 83rd Infantry division and 10 days before receiving the wound was promoted from private first class to sergeant.

He and Mrs. Schweigert resided with Mr. and Mrs. Follis here while he was at Atterbury. Mrs. Schweigert is now with her parents at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

### Two Listed as Killed.

Two more Bartholomew county soldiers, both killed in action in the European area, were on a War department casualty list released Monday for nation-wide publication.

They were Pvt. Delmar F. Green, brother of Mrs. Edna C. Ackenback of Route 7, and Pfc. Donald L. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Moore of Route 8.

Word of the death of Private Green was received by local relatives in August. He was killed July 28 in France while serving with the 30th Infantry division.

Word of the death of Private Moore was received by his parents in September. He was killed in action in France Aug. 18.

Mrs. Thelma Manning of Seymour has received the Purple heart recently awarded her husband, Pvt. Leo V. Manning, who is a brother of Raymond Manning and Mrs. Deryl Eddy of this city.

Private Manning, who was wounded in action in France on Aug. 11, is under treatment in a hospital in England.

1944\_10\_25\_Schweigert is improved. 83rd Div

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## INDEX KEEPS TAB ON CAMP ITEMS

**Safety Pins to Tents Are  
Checked on Cards for Lo-  
cation in Warehouses.**

Camp Atterbury, Oct. 27 (Special)—Whether it is a safety pin or a tent, a look in the card index will locate the item in one of the warehouses of Post Quartermaster. Operating around the clock, the warehouses receive the issue all Q.M. equipage requisitioned for Atterbury or any of the satellite stations attached to this camp, including those in Indiana and Kentucky.

Working under the supervision of Lt. Col. J. C. Frame, post quartermaster, is Capt. O. E. Dinnis, warehouse officer, who directs the activities and operations of 18 huge warehouses, plus temporary storage buildings located throughout the post.

The Storage and Supply department actually is the "middleman" of the Quartermaster setup here. The Receiving section keeps the records of all incoming and outgoing shipments. Every item received is indexed and sent to the proper warehouse until issued. To get an item out of the warehouse requires a property issue slip from the requisitioning agency or unit.

Every item, whether that safety pin or tent, has a record at Atterbury. Keeping up that record is a staff of clerical employees who hear those gripes of "more red tape" or "just some more paper work somebody thought up during a nightmare." But to Storage and Supply this paperwork serves as the means of filling every need with the least possible delay.

Captain Dinnis and Atterbury's Q.M. warehouses started operations here together. One of the "early settlers" here, he reported June 10, 1942—just a couple of days before the first warehouse was completed.

## 1944\_10\_25\_Index on equipment kept at Camp

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# 15 MORE AT CAMP LISTED

Fifteen new civilian employees were listed at Camp Atterbury this week. They are:

Ordinance—Raymond G. Selch, Omar H. Frazier, Walter A. Cobb, Eleanor J. Wagner.

Quartermaster—Carolyn J. McCoy, Cecil J. Vandivier.

Combined maintenance—William H. McKinney, Tommie McElroy, Frank Adams.

Postal Locator—Betty M. Mason, Margaret E. Waddell.

Finance—Lorene L. Eberhart.

Post Engineers — William B. Bryant.

Wakeman—Alice M. Peterson.

C & E Shop—Eulalah B. Richards.

1944\_10\_25\_Fifteen new civilian employees at Camp

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**VIEWS ON THE NEWS.**

To those looking ahead, the future of Camp Atterbury and the air base is a matter of more than ordinary interest because what is done with those establishments will affect the community in important ways, possibly for a good many years. Consequently, the announcement that disciplinary barracks are to be established at Fort Harrison raises the question what effect that change will have on Atterbury. Apparently it is only a temporary expedient to take care of the wartime overflow of military prisoners, but it is not at all certain that it will not have a permanent influence on the relations between the fort at Indianapolis and the camp near here.

The announcement said that the disciplinary barracks at Harrison will have a capacity of approximately 2,000 prisoners to be transferred from overcrowded Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and a readjustment center for the rehabilitation of prisoners for return to active duty after serving sentences. These will be men who have been court-martialed for infractions of Army regulations. While prisoners, they will be given maintenance work "and other work commensurate with their ability," and will receive training designed to rent them for army service. They will be quartered in the barracks formerly used by reception center before it was moved to Atterbury.

Some people here have felt from the time Camp Atterbury was projected that there was a good chance it would be a permanent installation taking over some of the functions which have been performed by Fort Harrison in the past. This theory has been tentatively supported by events. That is, some of the functions have been shifted from the fort to the camp, although there is no assurance as yet that they will not be shifted back when the pressure of war-time and of the early post-war period is removed.

As for the air base, the question is whether it is to be maintained as an Army installation after the war or made available for civilian aviation. There has been no intimation which course will be followed beyond the fact that the field has never been used to capacity so far and is hardly likely to be so used in the remaining months of the war. Two possibilities exist. One is that the field's future has already been determined by the War department. The other is that decision is awaiting the time when post-war military policies are drawn up. It is a decision which will be important to Columbus in the days when something has to be done about a civil airfield.

## 1944\_09\_29\_Future of Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Army Air Field

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# 3 PRE-AVIATION CADETS CRASH RENTED PLANE

Freeman Field Soldiers Hurt  
After Renting Ship at  
Franklin Airport.

ARE TAKEN TO WAKEMAN

Owner Says Crack-up Came  
When Fliers Tried Spec-  
tacular Landing.

Three pre-aviation cadets from Freeman field, Seymour, all off duty, were injured at 6:30 o'clock Sunday night when the civilian airplane which they had rented at the Franklin flying field crashed near the field.

The three were taken to Wakeman General hospital at Camp Atterbury where they were identified today as Calvin F. Orwig, 23, of Phillipsburg, Pa., who was the most seriously injured; Gabriel Sinclair, 26, of Charlotte, N. C., and Paul Stahlman, 25, of Bridgefield, Pa., who was reported piloting the plane.

The Franklin Evening Star reported that it had been informed Orwig had suffered a brain injury and was in a critical condition. Injuries of others were listed as St. Clair, fractured left leg and back injury, and Stahlman, fractured ankle, cuts and back injury.

**Make "Spectacular" Landing.**  
The three soldiers had driven to the Franklin flying field, southwest of Franklin, and rented a cabin cruiser from Hubert Mullendore, on whose farm the flying field is located.

Mr. Mullendore said that the three had been up in the plane 10 or 15 minutes and apparently were attempting to make what he called "a spectacular landing" when the plane crashed. Mr. Mullendore said that the three brought the rented plane in close to the ground and were making banks in violation of good flying practices.

The plane crashed in a field north of the flying area, striking on the left wing and engine, although it did not turn over.

The injured men were taken to Wakeman hospital in two Army ambulances and an ambulance from Franklin.

Mr. Mullendore estimated damage to the airplane at \$1,500.

1944\_09\_18\_Three Freeman Pre-Aviation cadets crash rented plane

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## PVT. SACHLEBEN IS IN BELGIUM

Pvt. J. Leonard Sachleben, formerly stationed at Camp Atterbury with the 30th Infantry division, is now in Belgium, according to a letter received from him today by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sachleben of north of Columbus.

Sachleben was formerly in France, having arrived there on or soon after D-day.

He wrote that it looked like he might be home for Christmas and that it was "awfully cold." He added that the troops were well fixed for winter, with plenty of clothing and plenty of food.

His letter was written from Belgium Sept. 6.

1944\_09\_18\_Pvt Sachleben 30th Div in Belgium

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**Mrs. Philip Peacock and infant son, Philip Keith, were moved Saturday to the home of her sister, Mrs. Howard Reastor, from Wakeman hospital at Camp Atterbury where the child was born recently.**

1944\_09\_18\_Philip Keith Peacock born at Wakeman

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## Soldier Hurt By Truck Mirror

Pvt. Haston E. Strickland of the 424th Infantry, 106th Division at Camp Atterbury, was seriously injured about 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in an unusual accident which occurred on Road 31, about three miles north of Columbus.

Strickland was struck in the face by the rear view mirror on the right side of a northbound truck.

At the time of the accident he was thought to have suffered a skull fracture and eye injuries.

He was taken to Wakeman General hospital at Atterbury.

A report from the hospital this afternoon described his condition as critical.

Private Strickland and a companion, Pvt. Earl W. Clark, were hiking from Columbus to Atterbury at the time of the accident, according to information given state police who investigated.

The truck was driven by Arnold Dillon of Thawville, Ill.

Police said Strickland was ap-

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1944\_09\_18\_106th soldier struck in face by rearview mirror

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# SOLDIER IS HURT BY TRUCK MIRROR

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parently standing too close to the highway and the mirror which extended from the side of the vehicle struck him in the face.

Clark was not injured.

The truck driver continued on his trip after the investigation.

1944\_09\_18\_106th soldier struck by mirror - Continued

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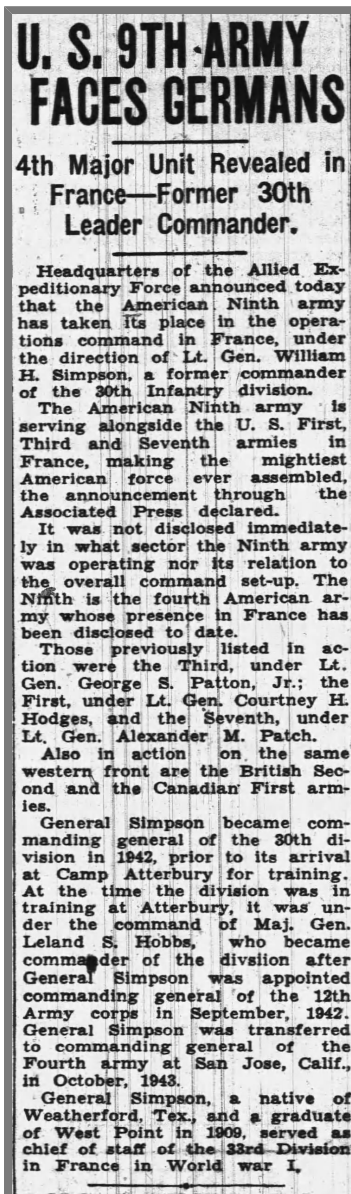
# 1944\_09\_18\_83rd captures 20,000 Germans

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## 1944\_09\_13\_Gen Simpson commands US 9th Army in fight against Germans

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# 83RD DIVISION TOOK ST. MALO. IS DISCLOSURE

## Secrecy Lifted from Outfit Which Trained at Camp Aterbury.

### ITS EXPLOITS ARE TOLD

#### Bottled Up 12,000 Enemy— Fredendall Wins Bronze Star.

The 83rd Infantry division, "Camp Aterbury's own," took part in the invasion fighting and captured St. Malo and its fortress "Citadel" in bitter fighting on the invasion coast. It was revealed here officially for the first time today with receipt of a copy of the Stars and Stripes magazine.

The Stars and Stripes issue of Aug. 25 was received by Mrs. Lucetta Carr Greth of 231 Jones street, and was sent by her husband, Tech. Sgt. Norman J. Greth of the 83rd Division Signal company.

Stars and Stripes reported that the 83rd Division had now been taken off the "secret list," with official announcement that they were fighting in France. The German radio previously had reported that the 83rd Division was in the French invasion, but this report had not been confirmed by the Allied command.

**Families Here Know.**

However, the families of men in the division who are residing here had known that the division was in action in France, although they did not know in what sector the division was fighting.

The 83rd was the first division to train at Camp Aterbury and was formally re-activated there as a World War II division at open house ceremonies held Aug. 15, 1942. Later part of the division went to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., while the rest of the men trained in California. The 83rd sailed from New York and until its arrival in France trained in Wales.

Part of the Stars and Stripes story of the 83rd Division announcement follows:

"Arriving on the continent from the rocky, rainy mountains of Wales, the 83rd landed five near Carentan and later assisted in the drive east of Paris.

**Bottles Up 12,000 Nazis.**

"Transferred to the Brittany peninsula, the 83rd launched the hard punching drive on St. Malo and Dinard, bottling up 12,000 Germans in one of the most heavily fortified areas of France.

"The division's P. W. (Prisoner of War) camps included remnants of Hitler's paratrooper divisions, SS troops, members of port security battalions, Luftwaffe ground crews and anti-air personnel from ships in the harbor, fighting as infantry, Russians, Poles and Italian customs men.

"At St. Malo's citadel the 83rd captured Col. Von Aulock, who stated during a truce, 'I am a German soldier and German soldiers do not surrender.'

"During the 83rd's operations in Brittany and Normandy it has been credited with 13,364 prisoners, of which 864 cleared through medical channels."

**Fredendall Gets Medal.**

It also has been learned here that Lt. Col. Lloyd R. Fredendall, Jr., a battalion commander with the 83rd Division, whose wife and two sons reside at 802 Twenty-fifth street, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in the taking of St. Malo.

The award was made by the division commander at a decoration ceremony.

Colonel Fredendall, formerly stationed with the 83rd Infantry division at Camp Aterbury, is a son of Lt. Gen. L. R. Fredendall, commanding general of the Second army, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. General Fredendall recently was at Camp Aterbury, where he inspected the 106th Infantry division, a unit of the Second Army.

Colonel Fredendall is the father of a 3-month-old son whom he has never seen. The son, Robert Lincoln, was born at Vicksburg General hospital. His other son, Lt. Lloyd R. Fredendall, III, the family moved here when Colonel Fredendall was assigned to the 83rd Division at Aterbury.

# 1944\_09\_13\_83rd Div takes St. Malo

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## MENTION FOUR FROM COUNTY IN WAR NEWS

**Lieut. Doane, Sgt. Briggs  
Awarded Medals—Adams  
Ends Training—Rou-  
tier Back On Duty**

Four of Johnson county's representatives in the armed services are listed in the news of the day from the fighting fronts and training camps.

The Air Medal has been presented to Lieut. Mildred M. Doane, of the Army Nurses Corps.

The presidential unit citation has been awarded to Sgt. Robert W. Briggs.

Lieut. Carl Adams has completed a course of study at an air service base in England.

Pfc. George Routier has returned to duty following a 30-day furlough spent with his parents.

### **Air Medal Awarded**

Lt. Mildred Doane, air evacuation nurse stationed in New Guinea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Doane, of near Franklin, is among a group of ten Hoosiers receiving Army combat awards. An oak leaf cluster was added to her air medal award. Lt. Doane, who enlisted as an Army nurse in January, 1943, was office nurse for Dr. W. L. Porteus here.

### **Briggs Gets Citation.**

Sgt. Robert V. Briggs, of Bargersville, is a member of an Eighth Fighter Command P-47 Thunderbolt group, which has been awarded the presidential unit citation "for exceptional aggressiveness, outstanding performance of duty and extraordinary heroism in action."

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Briggs, of near Bargersville, he is in charge of the message and mail section for his squadron.

Official announcement of the award entitles all personnel to wear the unit citation ribbon of blue with a gold border over the right pocket.

The group accomplished its missions in "conflict necessitating hazardous journeys over water and enemy-occupied territory far beyond

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## 1944\_09\_08\_Four from Johnson County gets medals

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## Mention Four From County in War News

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the normal range of fighter aircraft."

Since beginning combat operations in April, 1943, this fighter group has destroyed approximately 550 German planes in the air, plus 50 more on the ground. It is the highest scoring P-47 Thunderbolt outfit in the European Theater of Operations.

### Whiteland Officer Studies.

Second Lieut. Carl R. Adams, husband of Mrs. Doris Adams, of Whiteland, has recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the United States and combat soldiering against the enemy in France.

An air service command station in England, Lieut. Adams attended a series of lectures given by veterans of the command which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat zone.

His next station will be one from which America's planes cover the liberation of occupied Europe. Before entering the Army Air Forces, he was employed as a chemical worker by the Monsanto Chemical Company in East St. Louis, Mo.

### Marine Vet Back To Duty

Marine Pfc. George W. Routier, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Routier, Franklin, R. R. 5, has returned to duty following a 30-day furlough with his parents.

A member of the First Marine Division, Routier fought in the battles of Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and was stationed on other Pacific islands. He holds the presidential unit citation.

A graduate of Morgantown high school, Pfc. Routier enlisted in the Marine Corps in January, 1942, and received his basic training at Parris Island, S. C. He now is a member of the Marine detachment in Boston, Mass.

## 1944\_09\_08\_Four from Johnson County - Continued

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## KING ST. USO EVENTS LISTED

Three events are on the weekend program at the King Street USO, it was announced today by Henry Bynum, director.

A dance is being staged Friday evening with the Medics from Camp Atterbury furnishing the music. Soldiers from the 477th Bomber Group at the Camp Atterbury Air Base will attend. Cadettes will be on duty from Franklin, Shelbyville and Indianapolis.

Miscellaneous dancing and entertainment is scheduled at the USO on Saturday night.

The weekly movie show will be staged Sunday night, presenting the popular film, The Howards of Virginia.

1944\_09\_08\_Events at King St. USO listed. Features 477th Bomber group

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# CAP AIR ARMY TO MANEUVER

**Planes and Personnel Will  
Bivouac at Freeman,  
Fly Missions.**

An "invasion air force" of 125 planes will take part in maneuvers Saturday and Sunday, centering on Freeman field, Seymour, as a highlight of the Civil Air patrol's fall campaign to enlist 17-year-old youths as air cadet reserves.

The CAP planes and approximately 1,200 patrol members who will take part in the maneuvers will bivouac at Freeman field. It will be presumed in the war game that Kentucky forces invading Indiana wish to capture Indianapolis. The Indiana air force will carry out simulated bombing of bridges over the Ohio river at Madison and at Louisville, Ky., carry on reconnaissance flights along the river, send up fighter and bomber flights and patrol north and south roads east and west of Seymour.

Top flight CAP and Army officials will witness the maneuvers, including Gen. Robert W. Harper, headquarters officer of the Army Air Forces. Col. Welton M. Modisette, commanding officer of Camp Atterbury, also has been invited to take part as an observer, along with commanding officers of other Army installations in this area.

1944\_09\_08\_CAP planes at Freeman

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# BULGARS FREE WAR PRISONERS

**Leaders Announce Dissolu-  
tion of National Assembly,  
Ban Nazi Bodies.**

London, Sept. 8. (AP)—The Bulgarian government, trying to set its house in order and make peace with the Allies, announced today the dissolution of the National Assembly, banned all organizations having Nazi or Fascist tendencies and ordered the release of all Allied war prisoners.

The measures were announced in an official Sofia broadcast, which explained the dissolution of the assembly by declaring that it was "constituted against the will of the Bulgarian people and supported a false policy."

A Sofia broadcast reported by the Federal Communications commission also announced that the Bulgarian army's chief of staff, Gen. Philipov, had been "relieved of his duties" and replaced by Gen. Yantchulev.)

1944\_09\_08\_Bulgarian government releases all Allied POWs

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## WILSON D. BILLS DECLARED DEAD

Edinburg, Sept. 1.—Tech Sgt. Wilson Dale Bills, 26, reported missing in action since July 28, 1943, has been declared officially dead.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bills of Needham, former residents of the Pisgah community now a part of Camp Atterbury.

He was lost on his first mission over Europe as co-pilot of a B-17 bomber.

He graduated from Edinburg school and helped his father on their farm until he went to Indianapolis, where he was employed as lineman with the Indianapolis Power and Light company. There he married Miss Elizabeth Lind. She, a daughter, Susan Dale, eight months old, and the parents survive.

The last letter received from Bills was dated July 27, 1943, the day before he was apparently killed in which he stated, "We are getting ready for action."

A memorial service will be held at the First Mt. Pleasant Baptist church Sunday afternoon for Pvt. John Marion Flake, reported killed in France and son of Mrs. Edith Flake of Franklin.

1944\_09\_06\_Wilson Bills KIA

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## Two More from Atterbury Killed.

Edinburg, Sept. 6. — Two more former Atterbury soldiers who made their home in Edinburg for several months have been killed in France and one has been reported missing.

All three, including Staff Sgt. Vernon Hass, Corporal Marginov and Staff Sgt. Nelson Anderson made their home with Mr. and Mrs. John Lutes. The two former men were killed July 25 and 26, according to word received from their wives. Anderson, who is reported missing, has a 5-month-old daughter born in Lincoln, Nebr., where Mrs. Anderson went to be with her relatives. Mrs. Hass also lives in Lincoln and Mrs. Marginov resides in Detroit.

1944\_09\_06\_Two more from Camp Atterbury KIA

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# PLANS LAID FOR OBSERVANCE OF EUROPE'S V-DAY

## Local Stores and Tavern Plan to Close Upon Word of German Surrender.

### RESTRAINT IS URGED

#### Organized Celebration Is Sought With Minimum Loss of War Effort.

Plans for a thankful but restrained observance of V-day in Europe, the day when Germany surrenders leaving Japan as the final obstacle on the road to peace, are being advanced in Columbus and it was announced today that local stores and taverns are slated to close immediately upon announcement that war in Europe has ended.

At the same time it was stated by Stephen M. Baker, new executive vice-president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, that preliminary plans are being made for an organized, community-wide observance of V-day.

**Keep Up Production.**

"The combined cooperation of all individuals and organizations in the community is desired to support a central committee in making definite plans for observance of V-day in Europe with a maximum celebration and a minimum of loss to our continuation of the war effort," Mr. Baker said.

"We must not overlook the fact that V-day in Europe will not mean the termination of the war—and not until the Allies are in Tokyo can we really celebrate the actual end of the war," he added.

"We must keep our production on the home front up to peak capacity."

Mr. Baker also stressed the need for well-organized observance of V-day, whether it comes in the near future or several months hence, in order to safeguard life and property in the community.

**Stores to Close.**

The Columbus Merchants association announced that it will follow the policies adopted by the National Dry Goods association and that when the end of the European war is announced, all stores shall close immediately. If the announcement comes before noon, the stores will close for the remainder of that day and will re-open on the following day. If the announcement comes after noon, the stores will remain closed the following day.

The association, in its announcement, expressed the opinion that any celebration should be restrained, "considering the fact that the fight is only half won."

Door cards to be displayed on V-day showing that stores are closed are now being distributed.

**Taverns to Close.**

Taverns over the state have been asked to cooperate in the V-day closing. The request was relayed to cities by Indiana state police, and local authorities reported today that Columbus tavern operators have agreed to close their establishments. If the announcement of the end of the war in Europe comes in the day-time or early night, taverns will close for the remainder of the day or night. If the announcement comes between midnight and 6 a. m., taverns will remain closed that day.

The request that taverns in Indiana close on V-day was made to help prevent wild demonstrations which might retard the war effort, which then will be concentrated on the battle against Tokyo.

**Religious Observance Urged.**

William E. Brown, commander of the Indiana American Legion, has called upon Indiana Legionnaires and families to support ministers of churches, regardless of denominations, in plans for religious services to commemorate surrender, or defeat of Nazi Germany, whether it comes in a week or in a year.

Commander Brown asked Legion posts in 120 communities of the state to take the lead in observance of the surrender but to do all within their power to see that the war effort does not suffer from a prolonged celebration.

Neighboring towns also are making arrangements for their observance of V-day in Europe and Shelbyville has announced a complete schedule of V-day events. Stores in a number of the towns also have announced that they will be closed on V-day.

# 1944\_09\_06\_Plan for observance of Europe VE Day

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## Helicopter School at Freeman Is Disclosed

Freeman Field, Sept. 6 (Special) —The first U. S. Army Air forces helicopter training school has been established at Freeman field, Seymour, according to an announcement made today by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field.

Freeman field, which is also used as a 2-engine advanced pilot training school, is one of the fields of the A.A.F. Training command and is a part of the Eastern Flying Training command, commanded by Maj. Gen. William O. Butler.

Recently two officers of the helicopter section at Freeman, Maj. John J. Sanduski of Omaha, Nebr., director of helicopter training, and Lt. Norbert T. Guttenberger of Chicago, helicopter instructor, made aviation history when they flew two R4-B type Sikorsky helicopters 725 miles on the longest formation flight ever made by rotary-type planes in the United States. The flight was from Bridgeport, Conn., home of the Sikorsky plant, to Freeman field.

### Train at Sikorsky Plant.

On the trip they set new cross-country helicopter speed records, despite the fact they encountered strong head winds and crossed the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania.

Personnel of the helicopter section are the officer instructors, who are rated pilots, and the mechanics, who are enlisted men.

Both the officers and the enlisted men received their training at the Sikorsky plant and at Freeman field.

Freeman field was named for the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman, a native of Winamac, Ind., who lost his life when his "flying laboratory" crashed in Nevada in 1941. He won fame for his pioneer aviation work in Alaska and his "mercy flights." In 1939 he flew Red Cross supplies to relieve earthquake sufferers in Chile, and earlier participated in the flight across the Kaiwi channel to the leper colony at Molokai in the Pacific to remove the remains of the founder of the colony, Father Damien.

Although other reasons governed establishment of the helicopter section at Freeman field, it was a fitting choice since the helicopter has proved itself to be a "mercy plane." A helicopter from the Coast guard air station at Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y., dropped out of gale-whipped skies last winter to rescue a 15-year-old boy marooned on a sandbar.

In another emergency assignment, a Coast guard helicopter carried blood plasma to the survivors of the U.S.S. Turner explosion in New York harbor.

Recently it was announced by the Southwest Asia headquarters at Kandy, Ceylon, that helicopters were used in the airborne invasion of Burma by American units.

1944\_09\_06\_Helicopter School at Freeman is disclosed

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Lillian Lorraine is the name chosen by Maj. and Mrs. Matthew R. J. Giuffre for a 7-pound, 2-ounce daughter born last week at Wakeman General hospital, Camp Atterbury. Major and Mrs. Giuffre and son, Leonard, 2 years old, have resided at 602 California street since the 106th Division moved to Atterbury early last April. Major Giuffre is a member of the general staff of the division.

1944\_09\_06\_Giuffre baby born at Wakeman

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**FLIER, CAPTIVE  
IN ROMANIA FOR  
YEAR, IS FREED**

**Clark Fitzpatrick Is Among  
U. S. Airmen Flown to  
Italy.**

**LOST ON PLOESTI RAID**

**Three Attaboys Who For-  
merly Resided Here Are  
Listed as Wounded.**

A local airman, held prisoner in Romania, since August, 1943, when his plane was shot down presumably in the first Allied air raid on the Ploesti oil fields, was among American airmen evacuated by air to Italy last week after internment in Romania, it was revealed today in an Associated Press dispatch from Rome.

He is Staff Sgt. Clark S. Fitzpatrick, former employee of Nob-Hit-Spark company. His wife and two children are now residing with relatives near Scipio. The family resided at 435 Ross street in East Columbus prior to his entering the Army Air Force as a volunteer Oct. 10, 1942.

Release of the American airmen came after capitulation of Romania, and Fitzpatrick becomes the first Columbus soldier to be reported released after capture by an enemy power.

**Decorated for Raid.**

He was first listed as missing in action late in August of 1943. The following month, Mrs. Fitzpatrick received word through the International Red Cross that her husband had been wounded and interned in Romania after taking part in the big raid on the Ploesti oil fields as waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

Last November the War department announced that Fitzpatrick was one of 38 Indiana men and officers who were being awarded decorations for taking part in the Ploesti raid.

The award to Fitzpatrick—the Distinguished Flying Cross—was presented to Mrs. Fitzpatrick last Dec. 27 by officers from Atterbury Army Air field, here.

Sergeant Fitzpatrick is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fitzpatrick of near Scipio.

Fitzpatrick apparently is slated for return to the United States as Rep. Louis Ludlow stated Tuesday in Washington, after conferring with the War department in behalf of Indiana men being freed in Romania, that all of the 1,100 Americans who were prisoners in Romania and recently freed are to be furloughed and returned to the United States. Eventually all of these will be examined physically and processed to determine where they best will fit into the service in the future.

**3 Attaboys Wounded.**

Three more soldiers formerly stationed at Camp Atterbury and former residents here have been reported wounded in France.

Capt. H. M. Duhe, medical officer formerly with the 8th Infantry division at Atterbury, is now in a hospital in England suffering from injuries in both arms. Captain and Mrs. Duhe were here for about a year and resided at the Glenn W. Thompson home, 1750 Lafayette avenue. Captain Duhe was transferred from the 8th Division after leaving Atterbury.

Mrs. Duhe and a daughter, born after he went overseas, are residing at New Orleans, the family home.

**Sergeant Willey Wounded.**

Mrs. Francis E. Willey has written Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Clevenger of 820 Cottage avenue that her husband, Staff Sergeant Willey, serving with the 30th Division, was seriously wounded July 11 in France and was now in a hospital in England.

Sergeant and Mrs. Willey had resided at the Clevenger home while he was stationed at Atterbury, and she was employed by Reliance Manufacturing company and at the White House depart-

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# 1944\_09\_06\_Flyer released in Romania for a year

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# FLIER, CAPTIVE IN ROMANIA FOR YEAR, IS FREED

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ment store. Mrs. Willey is with her parents at Windfall, N. C.

Pfc. Howard Foster, another member of the 30th Division, is in a hospital in England suffering from shell shock after taking part in the battle of France. He and Mrs. Foster resided at the Charles Thomas home, 1119 Central avenue, while he was at Atterbury. Mrs. Foster, who was employed by Reliance company and at the Elite Beauty shop here, is now at Dayton, Ohio.

1944\_09\_06\_Flyer released - Continued

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**PEEPER PLANE**—The plane from Camp Atterbury, which about we had a piece Wednesday of its landing in a farm field south of Indianapolis, was identified Thursday by the Atterbury public relations office as one of the Piper Cub planes of the 106th Division artillery....These little planes observe artillery fire along with other liaison duties....The ship Wednesday made a forced landing, without damage, because of engine trouble....Another Cub, piloted by Lt. Edward Rodwarny, division air officer, went to the rescue....landed in the same field ....and after the engine trouble was fixed, both planes took off.

1944\_09\_01\_106th Peeper plane lands in field

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## U. S. Grants Additional Funds for Day Nursery

Approval of additional federal funds for continuation of the Columbus Day Nursery program through June 30, 1945, was announced today in telegrams received by The Evening Republican from Rep. Earl Wilson and Sen. Raymond E. Willis.

The additional federal aid appropriation through the Federal Works agency totals \$3,167, according to the announcement received today.

The local nursery program was granted \$9,845 in federal funds last October for operation of the nursery facilities, now located at Fourteenth and California streets. These funds were provided for operation of two nurseries and as only one has been in operation here the actual funds used totalled approximately \$6,000, Mrs. Murray McKee, president of the Day Nursery association, said today.

### To Run to June 30.

The new grant is to provide for operation of the nursery from Aug. 31, 1944, through June 30, 1945, a 10-month period. The funds are administered by the Columbus school city. As originally set up last year when the first grant was approved, the federal funds were to be matched by local funds. This program was universal throughout the nation, but was discontinued and the federal funds were given without the provision that they be matched by local contributions.

As less money was raised locally last year than had been planned in the budget, more than half of the \$9,845 granted for operation of two nurseries, was used, Mrs. McKee explained.

### 38 Children Enrolled.

Approval of the \$3,167 for the

next 10-month period assures continued successful operation of the nursery, Mrs. McKee said.

The nursery now has an enrollment of 38 youngsters, within two of the peak reached last spring. The children are of pre-school age, ranging from two to six years old. Today's attendance at the nursery was 23, with ten of the enrollees absent because their parents are on vacations or because of illness.

The nursery operates from 8:30 a. m. to 5:45 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. Earl Bear. Others on the nursery staff include Mrs. Mary Fentress, Mrs. Laura Lankenau, Mrs. Elizabeth Satterfield and Mrs. Martha Green, assistants, all wives of Camp Atterbury soldiers; Mrs. Jean Robinson, trained nurse; Mrs. May Hutson, cook, and Mrs. Alice Buzzard, assistant. Mrs. Robinson, whose husband is also stationed at Camp Atterbury, is at the nursery each morning. Some of the other staff members are also at the nursery only part of each day.

Mrs. McKee said a number of requests are being received from working parents of school-age children, but that the nursery program cannot accommodate the older children. Twelve of the children now enrolled in the nursery will enter school this fall and parents of most of them have been unable to find anyone to keep the children after school hours and on Saturdays.

Because of the threat that failure to find persons to care for the older children may result in the mother quitting her job, Mrs. McKee asked that any persons who could care for a school-age child after school hours until the parents return from work call the

1944\_08\_30\_US Grants funds for day nursery at Camp

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# SOLDIER SHOW PARLEY IS HELD

## Special Services Officers Study Entertainment of G. I.'s.

Camp Atterbury, Aug. 31.—With what amounted to more than an 8-hour show, the Special Service division, Army Service forces, held a soldier show conference recently.

The purpose of the conference was to show unit Special service officers and men the easiest and most effective means of presenting soldier entertainment.

As each subject was brought up the officers, who make up the traveling unit, gave demonstrations of both the right and wrong way to do things. It all amounted to an excellent show. By demonstrating the correct method the officers were able to present an entertaining show, and by demonstrating the wrong method they achieved a lot of comedy.

High point of the demonstration was Lt. Dink Freeman teaching a chorus of six G.I.'s a dance routine. The men were dressed in what might be called "something similar to a ballet costume."

### Many Subjects Touched.

Some of the subjects touched on by the officers were the objectives and basic organization of special service, fundamentals of directing, scenery and lighting, costumes and make-up, soldier music, dance directing, radio shows, quiz shows and minstrel shows.

In showing how to get a radio program together, it was brought out that the show needn't be broadcast over the air. It can be done simply over a public address system for a group of men. This is especially effective in overseas areas where blackouts are enforced. The men sit outside in the dark while the performers are reading their parts in a well-black-out tent or building.

Other advantages of this type entertainment are that little or no rehearsal is required, since the performers read their parts and because no costumes are needed.

It was pointed out during the demonstration that even though this type of hurriedly-thrown-together entertainment might look "corny" to people used to good movies, plays and professional actors, it looks mighty good to men cut off from the rest of the world in the midst of battle.

"The importance of Special service can't be emphasized enough, especially overseas, where high morale is one of the most important factors in winning victories," the demonstrators pointed out.

## 1944\_08\_30\_Soldier show parley is held

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# Piano Needed At Atterbury

SOS has been sent out from the Camp Atterbury Red Cross for a piano to be used Thursday afternoon for a program in the Wakeman General hospital. The present piano is out of commission and the need for another one is urgent. Any one having a piano to give to the hospital may call the Johnson County Red Cross chapter here at 250.

The piano will be used exclusively for the hospital patients and will be kept in the auditorium for use there and will also be trucked to the wards for special programs.

1944\_08\_30\_Piano needed at Wakeman Hospital

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## NEW PENNANTS ARE RECEIVED

### Two Noblitt-Sparks Plants Get Army-Navy 'Continuation' Award.

New Army-Navy "E" pennants for two local plants of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., were received here Monday from the War department. These flags, sometimes referred to as "white star awards" or "continuation pennants," are identical to those originally received by four of the plants of the local company last January except that they bear a white star, indicating "continued and determined effort and patriotism."

The new pennants have been awarded to the Radio and Reel plants of Noblitt-Sparks and were expected to be flown from the company's flagpoles for the first time today.

Officials of the company have been advised that other Columbus plants of the local concern are now being considered by the Army Board for Production award and that determinations will be made shortly. The fact that the type of products manufactured in the Radio and Reel plants has not changed during the period since the Army-Navy "E" awards first were made permitted a more speedy determination than in the other plants where the products now being made are not the same as were being made at the time the original pennants were awarded, it was explained.

**Employees to Get Pins.**

In addition to the new flags bearing a white star, employees of the Radio and Reel plants who did not receive the Army-Navy "E" pins last January and who were employees of Noblitt-Sparks on July 22, the date of the newest awards, will receive the lapel pins, it was announced through the War department.

In a letter to employees dated July 22, and posted on the bulletin boards of the local plants of Noblitt-Sparks soon afterwards, Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war said:

"I am pleased to inform you that you have won for the second time the Army-Navy Production Award for meritorious services on the production front.

"You have continued to maintain the high standard which you set for yourselves and which won you distinction more than six months ago. You may well be proud of your achievement.

"The White Star, which the renewal adds to your Army-Navy Production Award flag, is the symbol of appreciation from our Armed Forces for your continued and determined effort and patriotism."

## 1944\_08\_30\_New Pennants received by Noblitt-Sparks

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## COLORED BOMB UNIT TO TRAIN AT AIR FIELD

Lt. Col. Pattison, New Commanding Officer, Arrives to Take Charge.

ADVANCE DETAIL HERE

Local Field Is Transferred to First Air Force as Training Site.

Transfer of Atterbury Army Air Field to the First Air Force for use at present as a training site for a bombardment unit composed of colored fliers and ground crews, was announced officially Friday by Lt. Col. John B. Pattison, Jr., who has arrived here as new commanding officer of the local base.

An advance detail along with a number of officers serving with the new base unit already have arrived here and the flying personnel, including officers and enlisted men, is expected within the near future, Colonel Pattison said.

The base unit, which will handle the field's administration and ground activities, will be composed of soldiers serving in the same capacity here as the station complement troops do at Camp Atterbury.

**Plenty of Activity.**

Although Colonel Pattison's announcement did not reveal the extent of the program being set up here, it is highly probable that the new program will bring the greatest aerial activity to the local base since its activation. Because of inactivity at the field in recent weeks much re-organization and re-opening of facilities must be done and this work is now under way.

The number of men to be stationed at the field also has not been revealed because of security reasons, but it is believed that the field will be filled to capacity.

As a base of the First Air Force, which has headquarters at Mitchell Field, New York, the local field will work in conjunction with Godman Field, Fort Knox, Ky., and Col. Robert H. Selway, Jr., commanding officer at Godman field, has visited here the past few days in effecting the shift in the field's status.

Atterbury Army Air field was first under the Third Air Force, was shifted to the First Air Force for a short time and was then transferred to the Troop Carrier Command to meet changing needs in the Air Force program.

**West Point Grad.**

Colonel Pattison, 51-year-old graduate of West Point, succeeds Capt. George B. Ober as commanding officer of the Atterbury field. Captain Ober, a veteran flier of World war I, originally came to the local base with the Sub-Depot unit.

Colonel Pattison formerly served as deputy commander at Godman field. Following graduation from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1933, he completed flying school and saw service in the Canal Zone and at several airfields in the United States before arriving at Godman field. He attended Command and General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in 1943. He is married and his wife at present is residing at Fort Knox. Colonel Pattison's home is in Chicago.

# 1944\_08\_30\_Colored Bomb Unit to train at Atterbury Air Field

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# BUFFALOES

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## 92nd Division of Negro Troops Reported in Italy.

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**The 92nd Division has arrived in Italy, according to a radio broadcast heard here Monday.**

**Elements of the 92nd or "Buffalo" division of negro troops were trained at Camp Atterbury at the same time other elements were in training at other camps in the United States.**

**A broadcast from radio station WKRC, Cincinnati, at noon reported that Lt. Mark W. Clark had made a talk welcoming the 92nd Division of colored troops to Italy.**

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1944\_08\_30\_92nd Troops arrive in Italy

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### Wounded Landed at Air Base Rushed to Hospital



Placed above is a wounded man being taken from a C-47 transport plane at Atterbury Army Air field north of Columbus. The plane has just arrived from Mitchell Field, New York, and its patients are being taken to Wakeman General hospital at Columbus. The plane is being loaded with the wounded man and his belongings. The plane is being loaded with the wounded man and his belongings. The plane is being loaded with the wounded man and his belongings.

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### Wounded Man Back in States

Phil Chapman, Hurt on Saipan, Arrives at West Coast Hospital.

Mr. Philip Chapman, Marine, who was wounded on Saipan, arrived on the West coast, according to a telegram received here this morning by his mother, Mrs. Louise Chapman, 1008 Chestnut street.

It was the first word from Chapman since he had received a fatal notice July 18 that he had been wounded in action. The telegram, however, was received the following day, and Chapman, who was wounded June 15 on Saipan, the telegram said that the present status of Chapman was not known as to had been evacuated for treatment.

Letter, Write Come Together.

The letter came almost at the same time as the telegram from Chapman's husband, Captain J. H. Chapman, who was killed in action along with his wife, Mrs. Chapman, who was killed in action along with her husband. The letter, however, was received the following day, and Chapman, who was wounded June 15 on Saipan, the telegram said that the present status of Chapman was not known as to had been evacuated for treatment.

### Writes From Prison Camp

The first direct word from Staff Sgt. John H. Stinson, who was taken prisoner May 12 after parachuting in a rubber boat, was received by his family and friends in the form of two postcards sent by the family and friends. The cards were sent from a Swiss hotel, and the family and friends were informed that Stinson was in good health and was being treated by the Germans. The family and friends were informed that Stinson was in good health and was being treated by the Germans.

### Pvt. Stoner Is Improving


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### Lost and Found

The baby buggy stolen last week on Third street has been recovered. The baby buggy was found on Third street, and the family and friends were informed that the baby was in good health and was being treated by the Germans. The family and friends were informed that the baby was in good health and was being treated by the Germans.

# 1944\_08\_29\_Wounded land at Atterbury Air Base and whisked to Wakeman Hospital.

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# CUBS KNOCKED FROM TOURNEY

The 106th Division Cubs from Camp Atterbury were eliminated from the national semi-pro baseball tournament at Wichita, Kans., losing to the Camp Livingston, La., nine, 5 to 2, Thursday night.

It was the second tourney loss of the Cubs and eliminated them from championship play. Ed Albosta pitched 3-hit ball for the Camp Livingston soldiers, who rallied in the last two innings for the verdict. Each team in the tourney must be defeated twice before being eliminated. The Cubs had previously won two games and lost one.

1944\_08\_26\_Cubs knocked out of tourney

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## NEED MANY WORKERS FOR CAMP PROGRAM

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also helpers, are needed to process the hundreds of army vehicles being overhauled and reconditioned for overseas service. Every available vehicle is urgently needed and since requirements for overseas service are much more stringent than for domestic duty, it is the job of the maintenance shops to bring these vehicles up to combat specifications.

The establishment of a large personnel center at Atterbury was recently announced. This will include a reception center for new selectees, a reception station for returned overseas men, who, under the army's rotation policy, are received for reassignment, a special training unit and a separation center. The latter will increase in importance and work as men are discharged from service in this area.

Throughout all departments of the post, there are numerous openings for typists, stenographers, and clerks, as well as for general labor, such as warehousing, etc.

## 1944\_08\_24\_Many Workers - Continued

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# Many Workers Needed in New Atterbury Program

Camp Atterbury, Aug. 24 (Special)—A critical shortage of civilian employees has developed at Camp Atterbury, due to its recent rapid expansion and its many increased activities. These changes and additions emphasize the importance of the huge installation.

To assist in meeting this increased need for civilian employees, O. E. Bacon, representative of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, will be at the U. S. Employment Service office, 430 Third street, Columbus, on Friday and Saturday, to interview eligible persons. Applicants for employment must not be engaged at present in essential war industry.

## Get War Patients.

The greatly expanded Wakeman General hospital has many openings for civilians, including typists, stenographers, clerks and attendants. Battlefield casualties are being speeded to the hospital in air transport planes and special trains. To furnish necessary facilities, new construction, additions and alterations will be started immediately to the already huge hospital, amounting to an estimated \$400,000. It is a permanent installation and will require employees to handle the work necessitated by the thousands of bed patients and those who are receiving convalescent reconditioning.

The present clothing and equipment shops are being enlarged to serve as a regional installation. They will require a large number

## \$400,000 Project

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Several new buildings will be constructed, a number of barracks buildings converted into hospital buildings, new floorings installed in present structures, passage-ways remodeled, and such additional work as may be necessary to convert the hospital into a permanent installation.

The hospital has already undergone extensive alterations and now can accommodate over 2,000 bed patients. A convalescent reconditioning center for patients has been established, capable of caring for 3,000 men.

of tailors, seamstresses, power machinery operators and other workers. Clothing and material repaired in these shops will be sent to Quartermaster Depots for reuse. Senior and junior mechanics,

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1944+08\_24\_Many civilian workers needed at the Camp

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# CAMP SOLDIER ELECTROCUTED

Camp Atterbury, Aug. 24 (Special)—Pvt. Edward J. Fischer, age 22, of the 589th Field Artillery battalion, 106th Division, was killed shortly before midnight Monday night when he was electrocuted while in the bivouac area in the south end of the reservation.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jennie Fischer, 206 Freeman avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

1944\_08\_24\_Camp soldier electrocuted

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1944\_08\_24\_\$400,000 project to expand Wakeman

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The promotion of Maj. Roy T. Marshall, chief of the Non-Divisional Dental Clinic, to lieutenant colonel was announced Monday by Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander. Col. Marshall is one of the "early settlers" here, having opened the first dental clinic in September, 1942.

His Army service dates back to the first World War. In 1917 he joined the American Expeditionary Force and served as regimental dental surgeon in France for 11 months. Upon returning to civilian life, he resumed his practice in Columbus, Ind., retaining his commission in the Dental Corps Reserve. In July, 1942, he was recalled to active duty and after serving two months at Ft. Knox, Ky., the dental officer reported here.

Col. Marshall has a son, Lt. Roy T. Marshall, Jr., flying with an AAF squadron in England, and makes his home with his wife and daughter in Columbus.

## 1944\_08\_21 Major Marshall promoted. Opened first dental clinic at Atterbury

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# WILL EXPAND WAKEMAN HOSPITAL FACILITIES

Congressman Louis Ludlow today confirmed reports which have been persistent here for several days that the government has asked for bids for a program of enlarging Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury, and that it would be a permanent installation.

"The War Department is planning to change Wakeman Hospital from a station hospital to a permanent general hospital at a cost of around \$300,000 by extensive conversion of existing buildings and building a high masonry smoke-stack," the congressman wired The Star Friday. "Only one or two new buildings will be erected."

The War Department also announced today the posthumous award of the Legion of Merit to the late Col. Frank S. Wakeman of the Medical Corps, former director of the training division in the office of the surgeon general.

Wakeman Hospital at Camp Atterbury was named in memory of Col. Wakeman, a native of New York, who received his pharmaceutical and medical education at Valparaiso and Indiana Universities.

The award was in recognition of his services in planning, organizing and executing expanded training activities for officers and enlisted men of the medical department prior to and following the entrance of the United States into the war.

Col. Wakeman served as director of the training division until his death last March while attending a conference of officers at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

His widow, Mrs. Margaret K. Wakeman, now lives at Valparaiso.

## 1944\_08\_18\_Wakeman will expand to General Hospital

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## PLANES AND TRAINS BRING BATTLE CASUALTIES TO WAKEMAN HOSPITAL



It wasn't many days ago that this trio saw action in France. Today they are in Wakeman General Hospital well on their way to recovery from battle wounds. Left to right are Pvt. James Digaetano, Pvt. Alfred Springfield, and Pvt. John Nero. The doughboys were flown to Atterbury Air Field recently and were in their wards in less than an hour's time.—(Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

CAMP ATTERBURY, August 18—Giant C-47 air transport planes and special Medical Department hospital trains are speeding war casualties from all theaters of operation to Wakeman General Hospital, it has been announced by Col. Haskett L. Conner, commanding officer.

The arrival of casualties here is marked by efficient and clock-work organization. Recently a three-car train was unloaded in 17 minutes, with the first man entering Wakeman before the last man was unloaded from the hospital car. Planes arriving at Atterbury Army Air Field, 12 miles distant, are unloaded by specially trained litter bearers,

with the casualties resting in their wards in less than an hour's time.

### Best Care Possible

Commenting on the handling of new arrivals, Col. Conner declared:

"I want the patients to get the very best care and attention it is humanly possible to give them. They are getting it, too. They are entitled to it, and it should reassure the families of servicemen to know that everything that medicine and science can do will be done at Wakeman."

The 5,000-patient Wakeman medical center is now in operation.  
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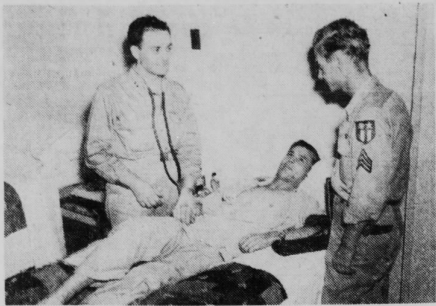
## 1944\_08\_18\_Planes and Trains bring wounded to Wakeman

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Three theaters of operations are represented in this scene taken in Ward 8B of Wakeman General Hospital. The doctor is Capt. M. J. Menza, who was returned to this country from New Guinea; the patient is Sgt. Beacher Wolfe who was flown to Atterbury from Italy, and the ward master is Sgt. Earl H. Tucker, who still proudly wears his China-Burma insignia.—(Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

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## Planes and Trains Bring Casualties

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fulfilling the program announced  
by the War Department in April,  
Col. Conner stated. This includes  
the establishment of a convalescent  
reconditioning center for patients  
in the latter stages of convalescence.  
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ner assumed command and now can  
accommodate over 2,000 bed patients.  
Several new ward buildings have  
been added and other units convert-  
ed in order to provide specialized  
treatment. A well-balanced staff,  
consisting of specialists in neuro,  
plastic, orthopedic and ophthalmol-  
ogic surgery, has arrived at Wake-  
man from other sections of the  
country and is now treating the  
casualties.

### Types of Casualties

Casualties here are of the type re-  
quiring orthopedic surgery, surgery  
of the bones and joints; neuro sur-  
gery, surgery of the brain and nerves;  
plastic surgery, surgery to rebuild  
parts of the body and ophthalmologic  
surgery, eye surgery.

Barracks have been adapted for  
the Convalescent Reconditioning Ser-  
vice of Wakeman General Hospital.  
This service is part of the patient's  
hospital treatment and is for men  
who have reached the convalescent  
stage, but who still require special-  
ized treatment. The principal course  
of the treatment in the center in-  
cludes occupational therapy and  
physical and mental reconditioning.  
The program also embodies all types  
of recreational activities, both in-  
door and out.

Wakeman is now capable of car-  
ing for 3,000 men in its convalescent  
reconditioning service. Patients  
from other general hospitals in the  
Fifth Service Command are sent  
here for the Army program designed  
to bring every soldier up to maxi-  
mum physical fitness.

## 1944\_08\_18\_Planes and Trains - Continued

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home. She said that she had been notified of Colonel Faber's death in a War department telegram received Aug. 5.

A graduate of West Point, Colonel Faber was a classmate of Colin Kelly, one of the war's first heroes, and was a member of the regular Army. After being stationed at Camp Atterbury, he was transferred to Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

#### Hogue's Nephew Killed.

Sgt. John Voll, 19, a nephew of Morris Hogue of this city, has been killed in action with the Army Air force in Italy, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voll of Indianapolis, Monday.

Young Voll left Indiana university winter before last to join the Air force. He had been overseas about six months when killed.

He visited his cousins, John and Billy Hogue, here the summer of 1942, a few months before entering the service.

His mother is a sister of Mr. Hogue. She and Mr. Voll formerly lived at Shelbyville. Mr. Voll is now connected with the Indianapolis Times.

#### Wilson Killed July 7.

Pfc. George Warren Wilson, 20, of the Marine corps, formerly of Burnsville, was killed in action July 7 on the island of Saipan, according to further word received by his half-brother, John Flavius Hughes of 1525 Dudley avenue, Indianapolis.

Wilson, who would have been 21 years old on Sept. 2, had lived at Burnsville until the death of his mother, Mrs. Gertrude B. Wilson, in 1938, when he moved to Indianapolis to reside with his half-brother, the only immediate survivor. His father, Edward A. Wilson, died prior to the death of his mother.

The young Marine was a nephew of Otto Hughes, superintendent of Columbus city schools. Word of his death had been received previously, but details were not given at that time. He had been in the South Pacific area since June, 1943.

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Gerald Eckelman Dies In  
Action in France, Fam-  
ily Informed.

HOWARD BOXMAN DEAD  
Germans Disclose Fate of  
Man First Reported  
Missing.

Deaths of two more Bartholomew county service men, both killed in action in the European area, were reported to local relatives Wednesday.

Howard P. Boxman, 25, Air Force engine-gunner previously reported missing in action over France and now listed as killed in action June 24 over France.

Pvt. Gerald R. Eckelman, 36, Infantryman, killed in action July 7 in France.

Private Eckelman, former Noble Springs Infantry engine, has been killed in action in France, according to a War Department message received Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Eckelman, who reside at 1014 S. 10th in the Whiteoak neighborhood.

Eckelman began active duty in the Army on Nov. 10, 1941, and entered service. He was inducted at Fort Benjamin Harrison and trained at the Infantry Replacement center at Camp Whitney, Ga. He left here for duty of training on Nov. 10, 1943.

Behind his parents, who live on a farm, he is survived by his wife, Laura, an employee at the Whiteoak Hotel, and one sister, Alice Marie Eckelman, employed at Farmers Markets.

Relatives reported that after he had been missing for about 15 days, the War Department message came that he had been killed since that date.

Death learned from Natick. Sergeant Boxman, previously reported missing, was killed in action June 24 over France, according to a War Department telegram received Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boxman of Scotts.

The message stated that "report now received from the German government through the International Red Cross states that your son, Staff Sgt. Howard P. Boxman, has been killed in action June 24 over France."

Boxman, an engine-gunner on an Eighth Air Force B-24 Liberator bomber, operating out of England, would have been killed on July 6.

Word that he was missing in action over France was received by his parents July 7 in a War Department telegram. The telegram said he had been missing since June 24.

A few days later, Mr. and Mrs. Boxman received a letter from the War Department, informing them that if their son was in captivity, some members of his plane's crew were being held until this morning.

The last letter received from him by his parents was written June 25, the day before he was killed. As the report of Boxman's death came from the German government, it is presumed that his plane crashed and was found by the Germans or that he was killed in parachuting from the plane.

A graduate of Columbus high school in 1940, Boxman was employed by Haver Pulley company when he enlisted in the Army Air Force in October, 1941. He previously had been employed at the Yorkward grocery.

Boxman was engaged to be married to Miss Ora Minton of Haver, an employee at Freeman drug.

He enlisted in the First Troop Center company and was stationed at Bowman Field, Ky. He received his center wings in August, 1942, and was assigned to a B-24 crew. Following completion of training in England, Boxman was sent to England last January. He had completed more than 26 missions against Nazi-occupied Europe and had the Air Medal and one steel dagger.

Boxman was born in this county and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church. Surviving relatives include his parents, the sisters, the Misses Lottie Ann and Ethel Louise Boxman, at home, and a grandmother, Mrs. Fred Minton of Joplin, Mo.

Boxman is employed at Haver Pulley company, plant where his brother worked as a draftsman in the engineering department before entering service.

Another brother who formerly resided in Columbus while stationed at Camp Atterbury has been killed in France while casually reported to have been reported as a member of some former unit, including the husband of a local resident.

Colonel Faber Killed.

Lt. Col. John Faber, who with his family resided at 2400 Homer avenue, was killed in action at Camp Atterbury in 1942. He was killed in action July 25 in France, according to word received by local friends.

Colonel Faber was among the first officers in active at Camp Atterbury and he and Mrs. Faber became well-known in Columbus. Word of his death was received by Mr. and Mrs. George Jensen of 1018 Homer avenue in a letter from Mrs. Faber, who is now residing with her two small daughters at Lodi, Calif. The family

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1944\_08\_16\_Two more from area killed in Europe

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## 11 Deaths from Battle Reported Since July 19

With American offensives under way on all fronts, the full price of war has struck many Bartholomew county homes; and since July 19 more deaths in action among Bartholomew county service men have been reported to The Columbus Herald than in all the remainder of the war period combined.

Since July 19, deaths of 11 local service men in action have been reported to relatives here by the departments of the armed forces, bringing the county's honor roll of dead in action to a total of 19 men.

To date the county's casualty list includes 19 men killed in action; six killed in accidents; two dead of other causes; six missing; 17 held prisoner, and an estimated 100 men wounded in action.

### 27 Die in Service.

A total of 27 county men have died in the service of their country since start of World war II, including those killed in action, in accidents and those who died of other causes.

The total who died in service during World war I was 30.

The past two weeks have been the blackest for the county since start of the war. This resulted from casualty lists coming from the French invasion and from the clashes in the Pacific.

During the past two weeks, deaths in action of eight Bartholomew county service men have

been reported to The Columbus Herald. Twelve other Bartholomew county men were reported wounded, most of them in France, and two were reported missing in action. In the same period deaths of four former Atterbury soldiers who formerly resided in Columbus or were well known here were reported; four other former Attaboys were reported wounded, and one listed as missing in action. Two other service men who have close relatives here were reported killed, one was reported missing and one reported wounded.

Of the 19 Bartholomew county service men now officially listed as killed in action, nine were members of the Army ground forces; five were Army fliers; four were members of the Navy, and one a member of the Marine corps. Three soldiers have been reported killed in the French invasion.

Three members of the Army ground forces are missing in action, along with two sailors and one Marine.

Air crashes were fatal to five Bartholomew county fliers, while a member of the Marine corps drowned.

Of the 17 Bartholomew county men held prisoner by the enemy nations, 13 are listed as held by the Germans and four by the Japanese. An 18th man, a flier, is interned in Switzerland.

1944\_08\_16\_Eleven Deaths from battle reported

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# CHANGES AT AIR BASE RUMORED

Nothing Definite as Yet, Is  
Word at Field—Lt. Dorr  
Is Transferred.

Rumors of renewed activity at Atterbury Army Air field within the near future were circulating here today, but a check at the field disclosed that nothing definite about a change has been decided as far as is known there.

It was indicated, however, that a change in status of the field with moving in of new units is being considered, although all plans apparently are in a tentative stage.

Activity at the local field has been light the last few weeks and only a few C-47 transport planes have been using the local base.

Lt. Edward Dorr, veteran B-17 bomber pilot in the North African campaign, left Atterbury Army Air field Saturday for Bowman Field, Ky., to which base he has been transferred. The local field is under the Troop Carrier command and its administration at present is handled through Bowman field.

Lieutenant Dorr had been stationed at the Atterbury field since last fall. His first assignment at the local base with the subdepot unit. After inactivation of the subdepot he was assigned to the field administration staff.

## 1944\_08\_16\_Changes at Atterbury Air Base rumored

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## Ping Family Holds Reunion.

Seventh annual Ping family reunion was held Sunday at Donner park with a basket dinner served at noon for approximately 70 persons.

In the afternoon officers chosen were Mrs. Carman Boyle, president; Otto Ping, vice-president; Mrs. Lenore McNealy, of Anderson, secretary-treasurer. For the program committee Miss LaVonne Ping, Mrs. Logan Ping and Mrs. Laura Jarrett of Seymour were named; arrangements committee, Wilbur Ping, Floyd Ping and Freeman Ping with Walker Ping appointed historian. It was reported 36 boys were in the armed forces with a few more to be reported. Several messages from those unable to attend, were read. Plans were made to hold the 1945 reunion the second Sunday in August at Donner park.

1944\_08\_14\_Ping Family holds reunion

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# Gets Parachute

An invasion parachute is the prize war possession of Mrs. Betty Pebbles Tyre of Franklin.

She received the peculiar souvenir from her husband, Staff Sgt. Omer Tyre, formerly of Camp Atterbury who is now serving in Normandy with the 83rd Infantry Division. What does she plan to do with it? Make it into clothing, of course.

1944\_08\_12\_Gets invasion parachute as gift

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**VIEWS ON THE NEWS.**

There is quite a difference between the German prisoners now working in this county and the Italians who formerly came in from Camp Atterbury. The Germans, particularly the thorough Nazis, are still definitely enemies, although deprived of the power to do anything about it, while most of the Italians were lukewarm enemies before they were captured, and enemies not at all as soon as they were taken. Few of them wanted to fight in the first place and some weren't much keener about working but that was as far as their hostility went. The Germans are still essentially hostile, although well disciplined and well handled so that they constitute no particular danger.

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The difference is emphasized by a report this week on the Italian service units formed a few months ago from former prisoners who have been incorporated in the U. S. Army. Headquarters of the Fifth Service command says these units "are filling a critical labor gap and are accomplishing, with commendable results, an important war task." Carefully "screened" by Army intelligence officers, the Italian service units were formed of volunteers who have sworn loyalty to the United States. Such units stationed at the Erie Proving ground and Camp Perry, Ohio, have entered on a training program which allows them to learn the basic American military routines while working in warehouses and at salvage.

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Enlisted men in the Italian service units are paid \$24 a month, \$8 in cash and \$16 in coupons, any part of which can be put into a trust fund. Officers are paid on a sliding scale according to rank and are likewise given only partial cash payments. Their military training is similar to that given American soldiers, except that no weapons are used and the training is geared to their work schedule. They have more privileges than they did before entering the service units but are under close supervision and, according to the report from Fifth Service command headquarters, "are well acquainted with the Articles of War under which they are governed."

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The success of this plan for using these prisoners who qualified for it is attested by the Fifth Service command's report that it has averted "a possible cessation of shipments of war material to wide-flung United Nations battlefronts" and has partially stabilized "critical manpower shortages in certain types of heavy duty labor" in the areas where the Italians are being used.

## 1944\_08\_12\_Former Italian POWs now ready to fight on our side

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# 106th's Cubs Favored in National Diamond Play

**Tourney Opens Tuesday at Wichita—Van Mungo to Hurl First Tilt.**

Camp Atterbury, Aug. 12 (Special)—On Tuesday at Wichita, Kan., the 106th Division's baseball team, the Cubs, will represent Indiana in the National Semi-Professional Baseball Congress. In a telegram to the division early this week, the Cubs were rated as a favorite to win the tournament and the U. S. crown by Congress officials.

Pvt. Van Lingle Mungo, former Brooklyn Dodger hurler, will pitch the opener with Pvt. Hays Copeland, Company D, 424th Infantry, receiving. Pfc. Frank Beaty, Division Headquarters company, is slated for duty on Wednesday, and Tech. Bernie Kincanon, Division Headquarters company, on Thursday.

The semi-pro championship goes to the team that scores seven wins

first. The first 10 teams in the tournament will win cash awards. The Cubs will be one of four service teams entered. Others are the 20th Armored Division, Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Bragg, N. C.

## Also Play Sunday.

On Sunday the Cubs will interrupt their trek to Wichita, stopping at Springfield, Ill., for an all-star game. Cpl. Mays Copeland, Company D, 424th Infantry, will do the hurling.

Capt. John Daniels, 806th Ordnance, will coach the team in the National Semi-Professional Congress. This is the second championship club that Daniels has produced. Last year his nine won the Fort Jackson, S. C. post championship.

The 806th company commander is a baseball player in his own right. He was with the Terre Haute team in the Three-I league, and for four years before joining the Army he umpired in the Southeastern league. Captain of the team will be Kincanon of the Division special service office.

1944\_08\_12-106th Cubs favored in National Play

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1944\_08\_05\_FREEMAN cadet class 44-G gets wings

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# VICAR TAKES CAMP DUTIES

C. S. Heckingbottom, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal church, has been appointed to serve in the capacity of chaplain for Episcopal members of the armed forces stationed at Camp Atterbury and Freeman field and has arranged a schedule for holding services.

Morning services and Holy Communion will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month at Camp Atterbury in Chapel 701 on Gathling street, and on the second and fourth Sundays at Headquarters chapel at Freeman field.

Rev. Heckingbottom's appointment at Camp Atterbury was made by Chaplain Veazie and at Freeman field by Chaplain Hall.

Because of the appointments the celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning at the church has been discontinued for the present.

1944\_08\_03\_Vicar takes duties at Camp

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# MEN EXPOSED TO FILARIASIS AT ATTERBURY

## Battalion Is Brought Back from South Pacific for Observation.

### LITTLE DANGER IS SEEN

#### Elephantiasis Said to Come Only from Prolonged Attacks.

Five hundred, twenty-two men exposed to a tropical maulady in the South Pacific have arrived in the United States, the War department announced today, and these include members of the 134th Field Artillery battalion, 37th Division, which recently moved into Camp Atterbury, where convalescent facilities are available at Wakeman General hospital.

These men have been under observation for filariasis, from which elephantiasis sometimes develops, but the presence of the disease has been established in only a small percentage of the men, the announcement said.

The condition of none of the 522 men is serious, the War department said. Most of them are from Ohio.

Carried by Mosquitoes.

The men were returned to the United States in accordance with a War department policy of evacuating military personnel from endemic regions after exposure to disease in order to avoid complications that might develop from prolonged exposure.

Filariasis has been known to exist on islands in parts of the Pacific ocean for many years and has been extensively studied among natives of the islands.

The infection is said to be caused by a microscopic parasite, wuchereria bancrofti, which is transmitted by several types of mosquito.

Early stages are characterized by temporary pains and swellings in parts of the body. Cases of elephantiasis (permanent enlargement of the extremities, usually the legs) have been found in a small percentage of the natives who have been repeatedly exposed and infected over a period of many years.

Little Danger Seen.

All the men just returned were evacuated after a comparatively short exposure to filariasis and there is little likelihood that serious consequences, including elephantiasis, will develop, the War department announcement said.

"When immature forms of the parasite are introduced in blood of an infected person, such larval forms must be picked up by a mosquito in order to complete their development," the statement said. "None of these has been found in blood of these returned soldiers. Consequently there is no risk that they will spread the disease in this country."

Most of the men of the 134th Battalion will receive furloughs after which they will return to the convalescent hospital. It is expected that a majority will return to duty in a short time.

Arrival of men of the outfit at Atterbury had been noted here and had led to a rumor that "a new division" had been moved into the local camp.

Commanded by Col. Miller.

The 134th is commanded by Lt. Col. Rex K. Miller of Dayton, Ohio. Colonel Miller was graduated from Ohio State University in 1928 and held a reserve officer's commission until 1934, when he joined the Ohio National guard. He was battery commander, later battalion commander, in the reactivated 136th Field artillery until called to active duty in October, 1940, when he served as commanding officer of the First battalion of the 126th, training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

When the 37th Division was triangularized in February, 1942, the present 134th Field Artillery battalion was formed, commanded by Colonel Miller ever since. He has

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# 1944\_08\_03\_Men exposed to Filariasis at Camp for observation

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# **MEN EXPOSED TO FILARIASIS AT ATTERBURY**

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been in the South and Southwest Pacific from April, 1942, until his return last month. Colonel Miller was an attorney in Dayton, and his wife and two children live there.

The battalion was employed in the building and defense of island bases, being stationed at Tonga Tabu in the South Pacific, and the Woolark islands (Murua) in the Southwest Pacific, for 22 months. It also spent a short time in Australia.

1944\_08\_03\_Men exposed - Continued

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## SOLDIER FROM HERE WOUNDED

### Capt. Wayne Bart Was In Normandy—Now In English Hospital

Capt. Wayne Bart, member of the 83rd Infantry Division who lived with his wife at the Maurice J. Ohlrogge home here while he was stationed at Camp Atterbury, was wounded July 9 in the fighting in Normandy, according to word received here today.

His wife, who is now at her home in Clifton, N. J., is in receipt of a letter written by Capt. Bart on board a hospital ship returning to England.

An abdominal wound, shell wounds on both legs and a broken left leg were the result of the explosion of a German shell, he wrote his wife.

Capt. Bart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bart of Fort Wayne, was married two years ago at West Point, N. Y., six months after his graduation from the United States Military Academy. He has been overseas since April. He arrived in France about June 21 and was wounded less than three weeks later.

1944\_07\_31\_83rd Captain Wane Bart wounded in Normandy

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# Help Wanted!

## Camp Atterbury Exchange Needs At Once:

- 8 BAR TENDERS—White or Colored.
- 1 FOUNTAIN SUPERVISOR—White.
- 3 FOUNTAIN GIRLS—White.
- 4 KITCHEN HELPERS—White or Colored.
- 2 Morning Shift, 6:30 to 3:00 p. m.; 2 Evening, 1:30 to 10 p. m.
- 3 CAFETERIA WORKERS—White.
- Evening shift.
- 5 BUS GIRLS—White or Colored.
- 6 DISHWASHERS—White or Colored.
- Boys or girls, 16 years old or older.

For personal interview come to Bldg. 908, Camp Atterbury and ask for Mr. Wolfe, or phone 2106.

1944\_07\_27\_Help needed at Post exchange

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## OPEN HOUSE AT FREEMAN FIELD

Twin-Engine School to Welcome Public Next Tuesday.

An "open house" commemorating the 37th anniversary of the establishment of what is now the Army Air force and the 35th anniversary of the purchase of the first military airplane will be held at near-by Freeman field next Tuesday, according to an announcement made by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

People of Columbus and vicinity are invited to attend the event which will be held from 1 to 5 p. m., Colonel Rundquist said. It will be the second open house in the history of the field, which was activated Dec. 1, 1942. The first open house was held April 29, 1943, the day the first class, Class 43-D, was graduated and the field was officially dedicated.

Freeman field, a training site for twin-engine pilots, is located near Seymour and its auxiliary fields include the Walesboro and Grammer fields in this county.

### Formation Flying.

Three features will highlight open house activities at the field next Tuesday:

Formation flying at 1:30 o'clock; aviation cadet field day at 2:30 o'clock, and formal retreat parade at 4:30 o'clock.

In addition to the three main highlights, visitors will be permitted to visit the various departments to see actual operation of the training program of the advanced 2-engine pilot school. Guests will have an opportunity to get a close-up view of the AT-10 training planes. Upon entering the field visitors will be provided a schedule and directions on how to reach the various places of interest.

The formation flying, which may be viewed from the ramp on the flight line, will include approximately 36 planes in several types of formations. The field day, which will be held on the parade ground in the cadet area, will include games and maneuvers testing the physical skill and endurance of the men. The formal retreat, considered to be the most impressive ceremony held at an Army air field, will include officers, aviation cadets, enlisted men and members of the Women's Army corps.

One of Many in U. S.  
Open house at Freeman will be one of the many held throughout the United States at Army air fields. The formation of what is now the AAF had its beginning Aug. 1, 1907, when an aeronautical division was created in the office of the chief signal officer of the Army, charged with the responsibility for all matters pertaining to military aeronautics.

The first plane purchased by the Army was the "Wright Flyer" on Aug. 2, 1909. Prior to the purchase, an aeronautical board, which had been appointed at Fort Myer, Va., examined the plane and put its through certain tests, including the ability to fly more than an hour carrying pilot and passenger.

The "Wright Flyer" was a bi-plane with a wing span of about 40 feet and a wing area of some 550 square feet. It weighed about 800 pounds. The light propellers were driven by chains from a small gasoline engine; they were of the pusher type mounted in the rear. The landing gear consisted of two runners, or skids, and the airplane was launched from a monorail.

# 1944\_07\_26\_Open House at Freeman Field

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# SOLDIER DIES IN ACCIDENT

Camp Atterbury, July 25 (Special)—Tech. fifth grade, Phillip L. Grof, age 27, of Service company, 422nd Infantry regiment, died Sunday evening at Wakeman General hospital as a result of an accidental gun shot wound received during regularly scheduled training in the afternoon. The accident is being investigated by a board of officers.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Grof of 1134 South First street, Springfield, Ill.

1944\_07\_26\_soldier dies from accidental gunshot. 422nd Inf

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# ARMY OFFICER AT CAMP KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Maj. Wesley J. Neuman of  
424th Infantry Dies  
in Field.

SEVERAL STUNNED HERE

Bolt Strikes Trees on California Street, Flashes Through Home.

An officer was killed by lightning Tuesday at Camp Atterbury, and a bolt which struck about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at Sixteenth and California streets dazed a number of residents of the neighborhood, knocked out electrical services and damaged trees.

Maj. Wesley J. Neumann, 38 years old, of Headquarters Second battalion 424th Infantry regiment was struck and killed by lightning Tuesday evening while in the field at Camp Atterbury the post public relations office announced today.

He is survived his widow Mrs. Anna Mae Neumann of Eddy, Tex. Major Neumann's death was the second lightning fatality reported at Camp Atterbury since opening of the Army installation.

The bolt at Sixteenth and California streets here struck a large tree on the east side of California street about 60 feet north of the Sixteenth street intersection.

Girl Knocked Unconscious. The bolt momentarily knocked Miss Betty Buxton unconscious. She was sitting on the porch of the Clarence Buxton residence, 1618 California street, almost directly across the street from where the lightning hit the tree. Miss Buxton said that she saw a red ball of fire as the lightning hit.

The tree is located at the side of the Simon Gressel residence and Mrs. Gressel, Miss Margaret Horn, Mrs. Samuel LaPenta and daughter, Barbara LaPenta of Philadelphia, who were sitting on the front porch of the home, were dazed by the bolt.

Miss Horn said that for a moment the whole area around the house seemed to be on fire and that clouds of smoke came from around the tree.

The bolt ripped a strip of bark from the top of the tree to the bottom. Holes also were knocked in the ground at the base of the tree and part of the lightning struck a gas line opening about 25 feet away. Sod was torn from the ground and the metal covering knocked off.

Trees 60 Feet Away Hit. The same bolt apparently branched off and crossed through or under the Gressel house, striking two trees in the side yard at the Frank Horn residence, next door east. Bark was torn from both trees, located at least 60 feet from the tree at the side of the Gressel house. Mrs. Horn was in the kitchen of the home at the time and was thrown against the wall.

There was no explanation how the bolt passed through the Gressel home which stands between the trees.

Telephone and electrical services in the Gressel home were put out of order and an electrical bulb in the basement exploded. There did not appear to be any other damage.

Residents of the neighborhood could tell that the bolt had struck close by and many reported seeing the cloud of smoke. Some described the bolt as sounding like an explosion.

1944\_07\_26\_Officer killed by lightening at Camp. Maj. Wesley Neuman. 424th

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# CAMP HAS NEW POST SURGEON

**Maj. Earl Van Horn Succeeds Col. C. S. Hendricks at Atterbury.**

Camp Atterbury, July 21 (Special)—Maj. Earl C. Van Horn has been appointed post surgeon, replacing Col. Charles S. Hendricks, transferred.

The new post surgeon is a native of Lawrenceburg, Ind., and received his medical training at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine, later interning at the Cincinnati General hospital. While an interne, he entered the ORC.

Called to active duty with the rank of first lieutenant in June, 1941, he was sent to the station hospital at Ft. Knox, Ky., where he was promoted to captain in December, 1941. In August, 1942, he was assigned to Atterbury's station hospital, where he assumed duties of registrar. He was promoted to major in September, 1943.

Major Van Horn attended the Medical Field Service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and upon his return in October, 1943, was

# BOXELL WRITES FROM SAIPAN

After two months of silence word has been received from Pfc. Edward Boxell by his wife at Hope, reporting that he took part in the battle of Saipan.

Mrs. Boxell received a V-mail letter from her husband. It was the first word from him since May 25. In the letter he stated that he had gone through the Saipan fighting "without a scratch." He was on Saipan when the letter was written.

Boxell, 22 years old, has been in the Army 19 months and took his basic training in the Hawaiian islands.

appointed post venereal control officer, a post he held until his present assignment. He is married and resides with his wife and son at Shelbyville.

# HOPE NEWS

Mrs. Nellie Hopkins entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner Sunday at her home in Hope. The afternoon was spent informally.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Mark Miller and daughter, Catherine of Indianapolis. Mrs. Cora Edwards and William

1944\_07\_26\_Camp has new Post Surgeon

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# THREE SOLDIERS STILL SOUGHT

Eight of 11 U. S. garrison prisoners reported to have escaped from Camp Atterbury Tuesday are said to have been caught.

Five of the American soldiers who were being held were reported apprehended on the camp reservation, while three others were caught at Greenfield. Those seized at Greenfield were said to have been driving an Army vehicle.

1944-07\_20\_Three soldier escapees still at large

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# LT. COUTURE HURT IN FRANCE

Wife Here Receives Word  
That Husband Is in Eng-  
lish Hospital.

First Lt. Frank S. Couture, at one time stationed at Camp Atterbury, who was wounded in action July 4 in France, is getting along satisfactorily, according to word received from him by his wife here. Mrs. Couture and 5-week-old daughter, Pamela Jean, reside at 718 Seventh street.

Lieutenant Couture was shot in the right arm and left leg and leg was broken by the blow. He was in a hospital in England when he wrote to Mrs. Couture, but she believes that he may be returned to the United States. First word of his injury was received in a previous letter to Mrs. Couture written by a friend at the hospital.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Couture are residents of Vernal, Utah, and he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Couture of Riverside, Calif. Their daughter was born at Bartholomew county hospital.

1944\_07\_20\_Lt. Couture hurt in France

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## **PORTRAITS OF PATIENTS MADE**

Camp Atterbury, July 15 (Special)—William Nixon, New York city portrait artist, visited Wakeman General hospital recently and many a patient now has a lasting impression of his stay here—an on-the-spot original sketch. Nixon's work was sponsored by U.S.O. Camp shows.

The artist made the rounds of all the wards during the daytime and in the evenings set up shop in the Red Cross wing. He presented the lucky patient-subject the original and photostatic copies of the portrait to send home.

Before coming to Atterbury, Nixon visited Billings General hospital, where he sketched Lt. Col. Mike Murphy, Hoosier air-hero and leader of the invasion glider troop assault on France in the early dawn of D day. Nixon sketched Gen. John J. Pershing, AEF commander of World War I, upon his return from France.

1944\_07\_15\_William Nixon sketches patients at Wakeman

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The address of Flight Officer Roy Beckman, who left here a week ago after being home on leave following completion of training at Freeman field, is T-65696, Section H, Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckman of Route 2, he has been assigned to training on a B-24 Liberator bomber.

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# RAIN PUTS END TO FIELD FIRE

Edinburg, July 14.—A fire in a field which was untended but contained timothy, rye and sweet clover in the cantonment area, opposite of the George Middleton farm on Road 31, north of Edinburg, caused much concern and fire companies from Camp Atterbury and Franklin battled the blaze which swept through nearly five acres before it could be abated.

The fire broke out Tuesday afternoon and when the men had fought nearly half an hour the much needed shower fell aiding in the bringing to a stop the fire.

1944\_07\_13\_Rain puts end to fire. Atterbury Fire Dept helps

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## ALEUTIAN VET AT ATTERBURY

**1st Sgt. R. H. Brown Glad  
To Be In Indiana—  
Bombed On Attu**

CAMP ATTERBURY, July 13.—Two and one-half years in the Aleutians have made 1st Sgt. Robert H. Brown an efficient but silent man. It began in January, 1941, when after receiving "greetings," the sergeant reported to Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

And then his travels started. First to Ft. MacArthur, Calif., for training and then in July, 1941, on a boat bound for Kodiak Islands in the Aleutians. Pearl Harbor was still far away at this time but the Army already had automotive repair shops in operation.

By that time Brown had been elevated to 1st sergeantcy. From Dutch Harbor his outfit moved on to Attu—just in time to get into the final phase of the battle. They were bombed several times by the retreating Japs but the unit carried on, doing its work amidst shells and blizzards.

In April, 1944, under the rotation plan, orders came to report back to the States. And in May Brown was back at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, the same place he started out from three years ago as a member of the peacetime selective service army.

This time he was assigned to Camp Atterbury as 1st sergeant of Co. B, 1584th Special Training Unit. He's glad to be here, especially since Atterbury is in Indiana and so is Hagerstown, his home.

## 1944\_07\_13\_Aleutian Vet at Atterbury

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# LT. H. L. MYERS LOST; HOPE FOR FREEMAN WANES

Young Pilot Who Formerly  
Resided With Mr. and Mrs.  
Reece Is Missing.

RECEIVE FURTHER WORD

Local Wife of B-26 Pilot Is  
Told that Plane Crashed  
in France.

Lt. Howard L. Myers, a bomber pilot, has been reported missing in action in the Bougainville area of the Southwest Pacific since June 5, according to word received by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reece of this city, with whom Myers resided for a number of years.

Lieutenant Myers, 23 years old, flew here in a B-26 last summer for a surprise visit with Mr. and Mrs. Reece. He had lived with them at Moorland while attending school. He is the son of Mrs. Flo Myers of Modoc.

Previous to being reported missing in action, Lieutenant Myers had been shot down and was rescued from the water after three hours by a Naval unit. He holds the Purple Heart and Air medal.

Further word on the combat mission in which Lt. Stuart Freeman, B-26 pilot and the husband of the former Miss Juanita Hull of this city, was lost over France, was received today and Tuesday.

A message from the War department was received today, while further information was contained in a letter received here Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hull, 621 Eighth street, parents of Mrs. Freeman.

The War department message to Mrs. Freeman stated that Freeman's plane had gone on a mission April 21 against Bol D'Esquerdes, France, and that reports indicated the American plane encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire. Your husband's plane, the message said, "sustained damage about 11:35 a. m. about five miles northwest of St. Omer, France."

See Little Hope.

The letter received here Tuesday was from Lt. Edward Stanton to his mother in New York. Lieutenant Stanton was a bombardier in Freeman's squadron, which had been stationed at Aiterbury Army Air field here. Stanton, a close friend of Freeman, wrote that while there is still a chance that the B-26 pilot is alive, "that chance is almost immeasurable." His letter follows in part:

"I was flying as closely to the ship as possible and naturally saw it clearly. It was over a heavily defended area and almost at our bomb release point he received a direct hit on his right engine nacelle. The ship immediately caught fire, peeled off violently to the right and dove almost vertically down at terrific speed. My work kept me from observing it all the way down, but others reported that it exploded when it hit the ground. No chutes were seen to come out of the plane during its descent.

"They are the cold facts, and I guess now that you have heard from Mrs. Freeman, I am free to tell you about it. I miss Stuart. Every man in our group was his friend and he was respected as a very fine flier."

Hopes that Lieutenant Freeman had escaped the crash had risen here recently when it was learned that the tail-gunner on the B-26 had been reported as a prisoner of the Germans.

Mrs. Freeman has been visiting Lieutenant Freeman's parents in New York and was expected to arrive in Columbus late Thursday.

## 1944\_07\_05\_Two local pilots lost in action

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# SOLDIER NABBED ON STOLEN BIKE

**Tipsy Attaboy Detained by  
Local Police Sunday  
Morning.**

David Cromer, 23, a soldier from Camp Atterbury, was arrested at 2 o'clock Sunday morning by city police on charges of intoxication and disorderly conduct.

He was turned over to Atterbury military police Sunday and they returned him to camp.

According to the police report, Cromer was on Chestnut street between Seventh and Eighth streets when arrested. He was riding a stolen bicycle, according to the police, and was under the influence of liquor. He was also alleged to have beaten a civilian.

Dr. F. Andrews, 43, of Columbus, was arrested Sunday night at a local hotel on an intoxication charge.

In city court, he entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was fined \$11.

1944\_07\_05\_Soldier nabbed on stolen bike

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# FREEMAN GRAD DIES IN CRASH

Lt. Frank White Bartlett, Jr., of Elmira, N. Y., a graduate of Freeman field, Seymour, with the class of 43-K on December 5, 1943, has been killed in England as a result of an air collision, according to word received by friends in Seymour.

Lieutenant White, 23, had arrived in England only 20 days previous to his death.

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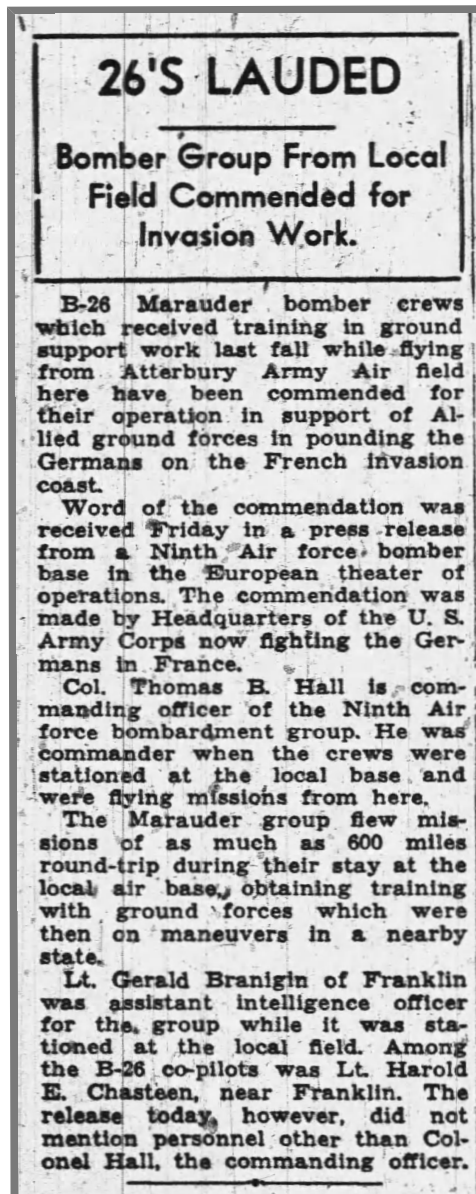
1944\_07\_05\_Freeman Grad dies in England in crash

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1944\_07\_05\_B-26 from Atterbury Air Field lauded for their support

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# CHANGES MADE AT AIR BASE

## Two Officers Transferred— Soldiers Take Over Sig- nal Section.

Transfer of two more officers from Atterbury Army Air field has been announced and a detail of soldiers has taken over operation of the telephone switchboard at the field, replacing women who formerly operated the Signal corps department.

Both the officers who have been transferred were Signal Corps officers. They are Lt. Albert F. Hems, who was sent to Perry Field, Fla., and Lt. W. R. Thompson, who was transferred to Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky. Lieutenant and Mrs. Thompson formerly resided at 638 Fourth street.

Three enlisted men also were transferred to Bowman field. They are Sgt. Joseph B. Robinson, Cpl. Alexandria Mazza and Pvt. Arthur E. Michael.

Those transferred to the local field to serve in the signal section were Cpl. Francis J. Conners, Pfc. Lewis J. Giraldi and Pvt. Benjamin Cohen. This detail is under the direction of Cpl. Darrell L. Prentice, who has been stationed at the field here. The signal officer is Lt. R. R. Reck of Bowman Field.

Civilian personnel at the field has now been cut in line with the announcement made last month when the field was transferred from the Third Air Force to the Troop Carrier command.

## 1944\_06\_28\_Personnel changes at Atterbury Air Base

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Two details of German prisoners, twenty in number, have been working this week at the plant of the Buhner Fertilizer Company, east of the city, unloading freight cars to prevent further embargo by the American Railroads Association. Another detail of ten German prisoners is working for the Seymour Manufacturing Company in a woods. The prisoners make the trip daily from the prison camp at Camp Atterbury with transportation provided by the companies hiring them, who pay the government for the men's labor.

1944\_06\_28\_German POWs working at Seymour

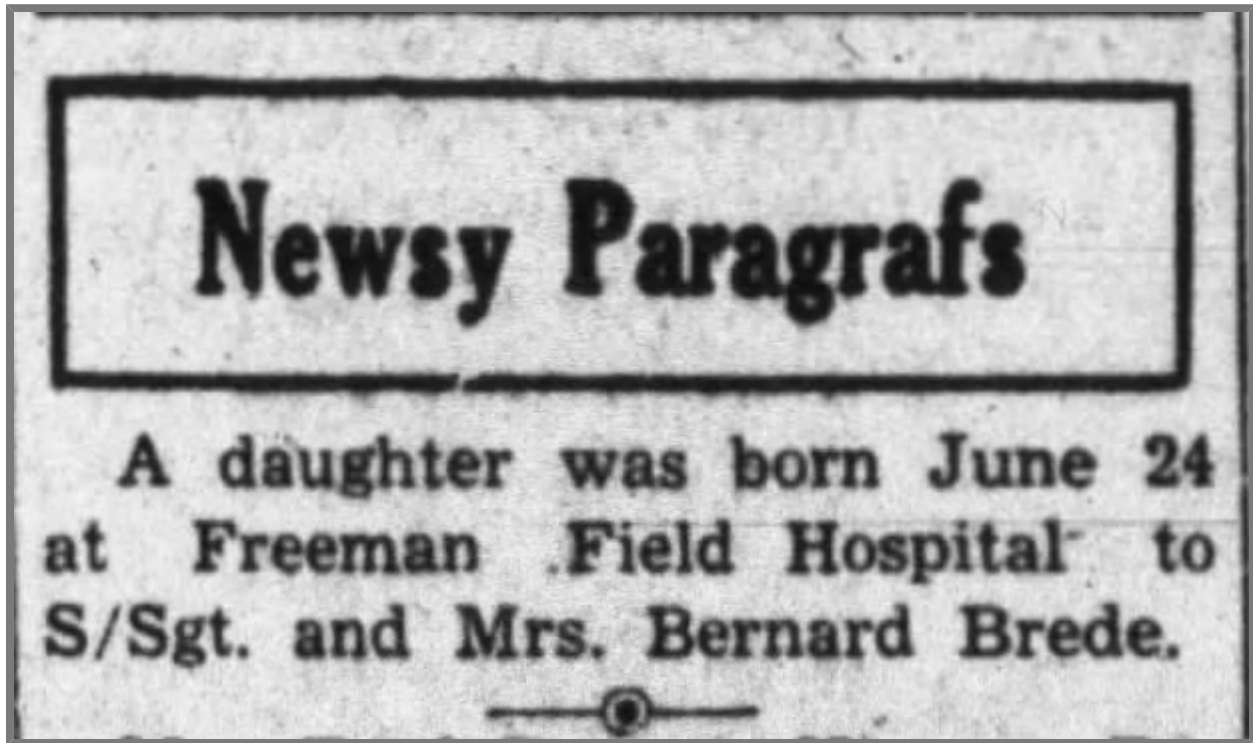
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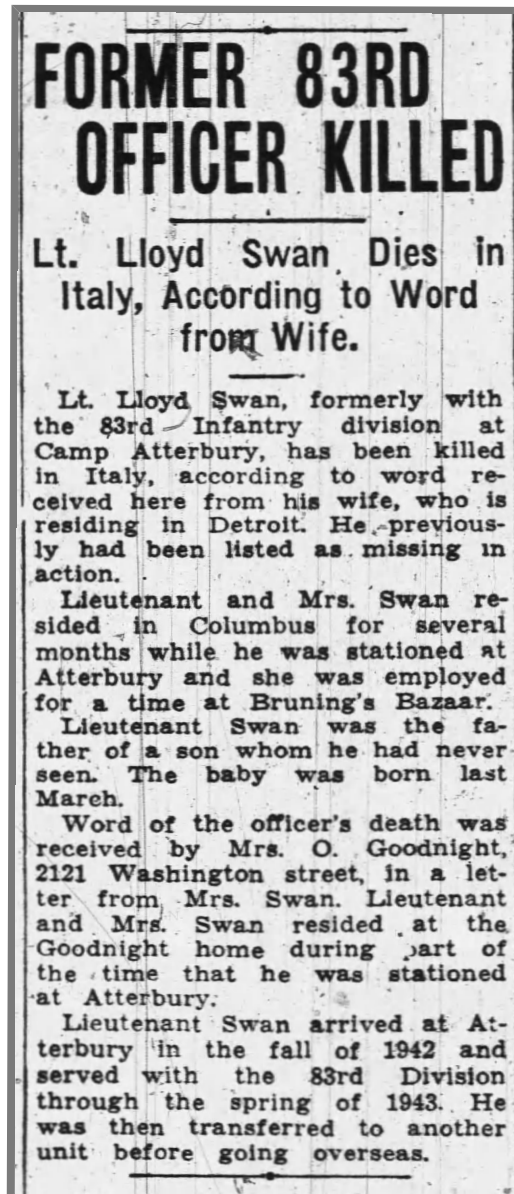
1944\_06\_28\_Baby born at Freeman Hospital

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## 1944\_06\_28\_83rd Officer Lloyd Swan dies in Italy

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# Three Fliers Are Killed in Crash

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Evelyn Snyder, Sacramento, Calif., pilot.

Second Lieutenant Douglas L. Metcalf, age twenty-four, son of Mrs. E. G. Lawrence, Port Angeles, Wash., co-pilot.

Private First Class Luther J. Hise, age twenty-one, son of Mrs. Lockey Hise, Fairbairn, Minn., radio operator.

The plane was operating under the First Troop Carrier Command and was on a combat training mission when it crashed, army authorities said.

Orville Jagers, living half a mile from the crash scene, is reported in Columbus press dispatches as being among the first to reach the plane. He was quoted as saying he was awakened by a crash that sounded like a "lot of tin" striking the ground.

In his trip down the road, he was guided by the light of the burning wreckage. He said the plane apparently hit first on the "Crickett" Hulse farm, which lies

along a county road running south from State Road 7 fourteen miles southeast of Columbus, then bounced across the road onto the Waltermire farm, striking and breaking down a high tension electric line. Parts were strewn for 150 feet and one of the charred bodies of the men lay within fifty feet of the Waltermire home, the Columbus press dispatch states.

Improper protection of cows from heat and flies is believed to be a factor in the reduced milk production rate in most parts of the United States during July and August.

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## She's Only a Prisoner in The Guard House at Freeman Field

"May I see your pass?" courteously inquired the guard at the main gate of Freeman Field, in the wee hours of this morning.

Utter silence ensued.

The guard pondered and thought, and thought and pondered. Finally, the officer of the day was called. He, too, pondered and

thought and thought and pondered.

There was only one answer . . . the intruder must go to the guard house.

In the guard house she remains today, just a pony in an ungilded cage.

Small, bay in color with a white streak on her forehead, she is held captive, her "courtesy card" lifted because she entered the field after hours, sans pass.

Not that she isn't welcome . . . in fact, she's doing her bit (no pun) toward the war effort, for she's quite graciously nibbling the grass in the guard house enclosure, thereby beautifying the scene without benefit of a lawn mower. In fact, there are those who care not a whit if the owner, whoever he is, doesn't call for his property.

All of which goes to explain why "Pony Boy" is becoming the theme song of the guard squadron.

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### C-47 Transport En-Route From Atterbury Falls at County Line

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1944\_06\_16\_Pony held in Freeman Guard House

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## Ex-Local Cadet Dies In Action

Word has been received here that First Lieutenant David Foley, formerly an aviation cadet at Freeman Field where he was graduated as a second lieutenant last August, was killed in action on May 4 while on a mission. He had been stationed in Italy.

The message was received by his wife, Mrs. Edna Foley, now living at Boston, Mass. While a student here, Cadet and Mrs. Foley stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. McBride, 619 West Fourth street. His home was in Ensfield, New Hampshire.

Lt. Foley, who was expecting to be promoted to the rank of captain the last of May, had been on thirty-three missions and was training to be a wing commander.

1944\_06\_16\_Cadet David Foley dies in Italian mission

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The plane had taken off from Camp Atterbury and was en route to Bowman Field, officials said.

Officers at Bowman Field said the victims, all of whom suffered multiple fractures and burns, were:

Second Lieutenant Robert L. Snyder, age twenty-one, of Santa Ana, Calif., husband of Mrs.

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1944\_06\_16\_C-47 crashes near Scipio. Three killed

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## Soldier Killed Tuesday Night (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

being driven by Edward Demphy, 37, of Louisville, Ky.

### Driver Gives Statement

His statement to Dr. A. W. Records, coroner, was that as he was driving south he saw the car parked at the side of the road, headed south.

"Traffic was coming north and as I was about to pass, the soldier opened the auto door on the left side next to the road and apparently was aiming to wave me down," the truck driver said.

"Just at that instant my truck hit the auto door and the soldier. The impact seemed to come after the tractor part had passed and the trailer part of the truck evidently hit him. I stopped and found him breathing, but he soon stopped."

The body was brought to the Flinn funeral home here and later removed to Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury for autopsy.

### Investigation Made

The accident was investigated by Sheriff Russell W. Cochran, Officer Byron Julian and Camp Atterbury military police.

Sheriff Cochran said evidence bore out the fact the soldier had been changing a tire, since the extra tire was still warm from being driven. The tools had just been put back in the machine, the sheriff said.

Coroner Records said both left wheels of the car were still on the pavement when he arrived at the scene. The left front door of the car was badly smashed. The back of the soldiers head was crushed.

Sergt. Routt was born on December 16, 1921.

## 1944\_06\_14\_Soldier killed along highway - Continued

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# Soldier Killed Tuesday Night

## T/SGT. ROUTT HAD CHANGED TIRE ON ROAD 31, NORTH OF FRANKLIN

Pinned between an open automobile door and a passing truck, Technical Sergt. Thomas W. Routt, 22-year old Camp Atterbury soldier from Beech Grove, was killed instantly on U. S. Highway 31 a mile north of Franklin shortly before midnight Tuesday.

Sergt. Routt had just finished changing a tire on his parked automobile when the truck approached from the north. He died of a fractured skull. The victim, whose address was 64 North Sixth street in Beech Grove, was connected with the 377th Ordnance Maintenance Company at Camp Atterbury.

The truck, a 1938 International tractor-trailer belonging to the Hargis Truck Lines of Tell City, was  
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# ***Soldier A. W. O. L. for 26 Months Is Apprehended***

Euell Pedigo, 33, alias James Pedigo, an alleged deserter from the United States Army for 26 months, was captured here Friday night by the Columbus police.

Receiving a tip that Pedigo was in Columbus and was to meet his wife, Flora, who was to arrive on a bus at 7:21 p. m., Captain Dale Deaver and members of the night police force set a trap for him at the bus station on Fourth street.

Police were spotted at vantage points around the station and Pedigo was apprehended without trouble.

## **First Gives Alias.**

When taken to police headquarters for questioning, he gave an alias but later admitted that he was the Pedigo wanted for desertion.

Pedigo told the police he was stationed at a training camp in Wisconsin when he decided to go A. W. O. L. more than two years ago. He said that when he was in the Army he did not get any privileges and was on K. P. most

of the time, so he decided to go "over the hill."

Since deserting, he had worked most of the time, first one place and then another. Last winter he worked at the Golden foundry in Columbus and roomed in East Columbus.

He came here two days ago to visit his brother-in-law, Charles Piper of Route 2. Friday he telephoned his wife who was staying in Muncie to come here.

## **Muncie Gives Tip.**

The Muncie authorities received word that Pedigo was in Columbus and Detective Brown of the Muncie police department phoned the local police a description of Mrs. Pedigo.

The call from Muncie was received at 6:40 o'clock Friday night and 41 minutes later when the bus carrying Mrs. Pedigo arrived at the local station, the deserter was arrested.

Pedigo was turned over to the provost marshal's office at Camp Atterbury.

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**KP'S BORED TO TEARS---IT'S THE ONIONS**—Any KP might be bored to tears while at work—doubly so for those four Camp Atterbury soldiers who are peeling and slicing onions. They are, left to right: T/5 Everett Jensen; T/5 John Skapura; T/5 Peter J. Cacciato, and Pvt. William Ehlers, all of the 141st Ordnance MM Co.—U. S. Signal Corps Photo.

## 1944\_06\_14\_KP duty photo

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## Infantry Day---Thursday, June 15th



**PRESIDENT**



The manager of the Franklin plant of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., E. H. Stonecipher, today became the 26th president of the Franklin Rotary Club as the organization started on its second quarter-century with installation ceremonies held at noon at Hillview country club.

**TWO MISSION GROUPS MEET FOR ELECTION**

**Baptist Women Hear Reports—White Gifts Service Held After Banquet—One Group Remains**

With Wednesday ending the program for the first session of the Summer Conference of the Women's Baptist Mission Society and the opening of the second section at Franklin College, the chapel was filled to capacity for the final morning of the current session.

The feature of the morning session was an address by Mrs. Virgil A. Sly of Indianapolis, on the subject, "What the Church and Home Can do Together."

A joint session began at 10:30 today. Mrs. R. R. Mitchell, president of the organization, and Mrs. I. George Blake, first vice-president, gave reports of the Northern Baptist Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, the week of the 6th of May. The election of state officers and a business session was held in the afternoon.

Miss Helen Schmitz, who along with Miss Thomasine Allen, delivered one of the two main addresses for the joint session this afternoon chose as her topic, "The Budget." After the close of the present session, Miss Schmitz will go to a similar conference at Denison University, at Granville, Ohio.

**Tuesday Events**

Miss Allen, one of the missionaries recently returned from Japan, gave an interesting talk yesterday morning on coming home. She pointed out that she was born and lived many years in a house across the road from the campus. Although

**Bulletin**

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14.—(INS)—The State Supreme court, reversing the Johnson Circuit court, today granted William B. Dickinson, of Franklin, a new trial in the alleged murder of his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Adams Dickinson, at the corner of West Jefferson and Walnut streets in Franklin on the night of December 17, 1942.

Dickinson is now serving a life sentence at the Indiana State Prison for the alleged murder. The defendant filed motion for a new trial on June 1, 1943, and was granted an oral hearing on June 19 last year. The motion for a new trial was overruled on November 10, by Judge Grant Rogers.

The argument for a new trial was argued before the State Supreme court on Tuesday, May 30, by Dickinson's pauper attorney, Elmon M. Williams, of Greenwood. The motion was made on three grounds:

- 1.—That six alleged errors of law occurred at the trial in the exclusion of evidence.
- 2.—That the verdict of the jury was contrary to law.
- 3.—That the verdict of the jury was not sustained by sufficient evidence.

In an opinion handed down by Judge Mart J. O'Malley, he stated:

"In oral argument, the State admitted that the exclusion of this evidence constituted error, but insisted that it was harmless error. With this we do not agree. The acts of the appellant might import or be construed as importing criminality when viewed alone, but when examined in the light of and in connection with what was said, they might be considered consistent with innocence."

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**INDORSED**



Robert B. Hougham was endorsed for the Democratic nomination as State Superintendent of Public Instruction during a pre-convention caucus of Johnson county delegates here Tuesday night. Mr. Hougham is the only announced candidate for the post.

**HILL PICKED BY DELEGATES**

**To Be Chairman Of Democratic Delegation In State Convention**

Harry Hill, former state representative, was named chairman of the Johnson county delegation to the Indiana Democratic State convention, at a meeting held in party headquarters here Tuesday night. The meeting was called by Elmer

## 1944\_06\_14\_Infantry Day at Camp

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## Atterbury Entertains On Infantry Day

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Medal of Honor to the father of Lt. Robert Craig, an infantry hero killed in action in Sicily. He will also award Combat Infantryman's badges to two members of the division for exemplary conduct in action overseas, and Expert Infantryman's badges to an elite group of foot soldiers.

In the afternoon the public will witness a demonstration of rough-and-tumble ranger training by the 424th Infantry Rgt., and inspect a display of infantry weapons and equipment in the regimental area. For many it will be the first opportunity to see the weapons with which the modern infantryman uses in combat.

Visitors also will have the opportunity to observe several phases of infantry training, including demonstrations on the obstacle course and bayonet assault course.

The public's program will close with a baseball game and a review starting at 4 p.m. on the Post Diamond. The Lion band will be on hand and there will be a retreat review on the ball field during the game.

Members of the Indiana and Kentucky Manufacturers' Associations will be special guests of the division Wednesday and Thursday. Upon their arrival Wednesday afternoon, they will be greeted by Gen. Jones and Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander. In the evening the group will witness a field artillery demonstration, with all weapons using colored tracer ammunition after dark. On Thursday after a tour of the post, the manufacturers will join the public in Infantry Day observances.

Clean, fresh sod or dirt put into a pig pen every few days is a good anemia preventive.

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# GLIDERS LAND AT LOCAL BASE

## Expected to Be Here Temporarily—Sky 'Armada' Flies Over City.

Several glider planes arrived at Atterbury Army Air field Monday, but are expected to be here only temporarily. The gliders are similar to those being used in the European invasion and are pulled by C-47 transport planes with the Troop Carrier command.

Although glider pilots were being trained at the local field for a short time this spring, the gliders which came in Monday were the first reported at the field. In their training here, the glider pilots used small planes, landing them without power to simulate glider landings.

Columbus also had a look Monday at an "armada" of planes flying in formation over the eastern part of the city shortly after 7 p. m.

### At High Altitude.

The planes were flying northward at a high altitude and were believed to number between 16 and 20. Some residents identified them as AT-10 training ships from Freeman field at Seymour, but positive identification was not made. About 30 minutes later, however, a number of AT-10 planes were seen returning southward in groups of two to four and it was thought they might have been with the large formation which earlier flew northward over the city.

Two types of glider planes are now in extensive use by the Army Air forces. They are the CG-4 and the CG-13. The CG-4 has a wingspread of 83 feet, 8 inches and weighs over 3,000 pounds empty. It can carry 15 fully-equipped men, or a jeep and six men. The CG-13 is the world's largest glider and is designed to carry 30 men. It has a wingspread of 85 feet, 8 inches and weighs 7,500 pounds empty.

Both types of gliders are designed for towing at 150 miles an hour. Fuselage of both gliders is composed of tube construction with fabric cover. The wings are made of wood, plywood and fabric.

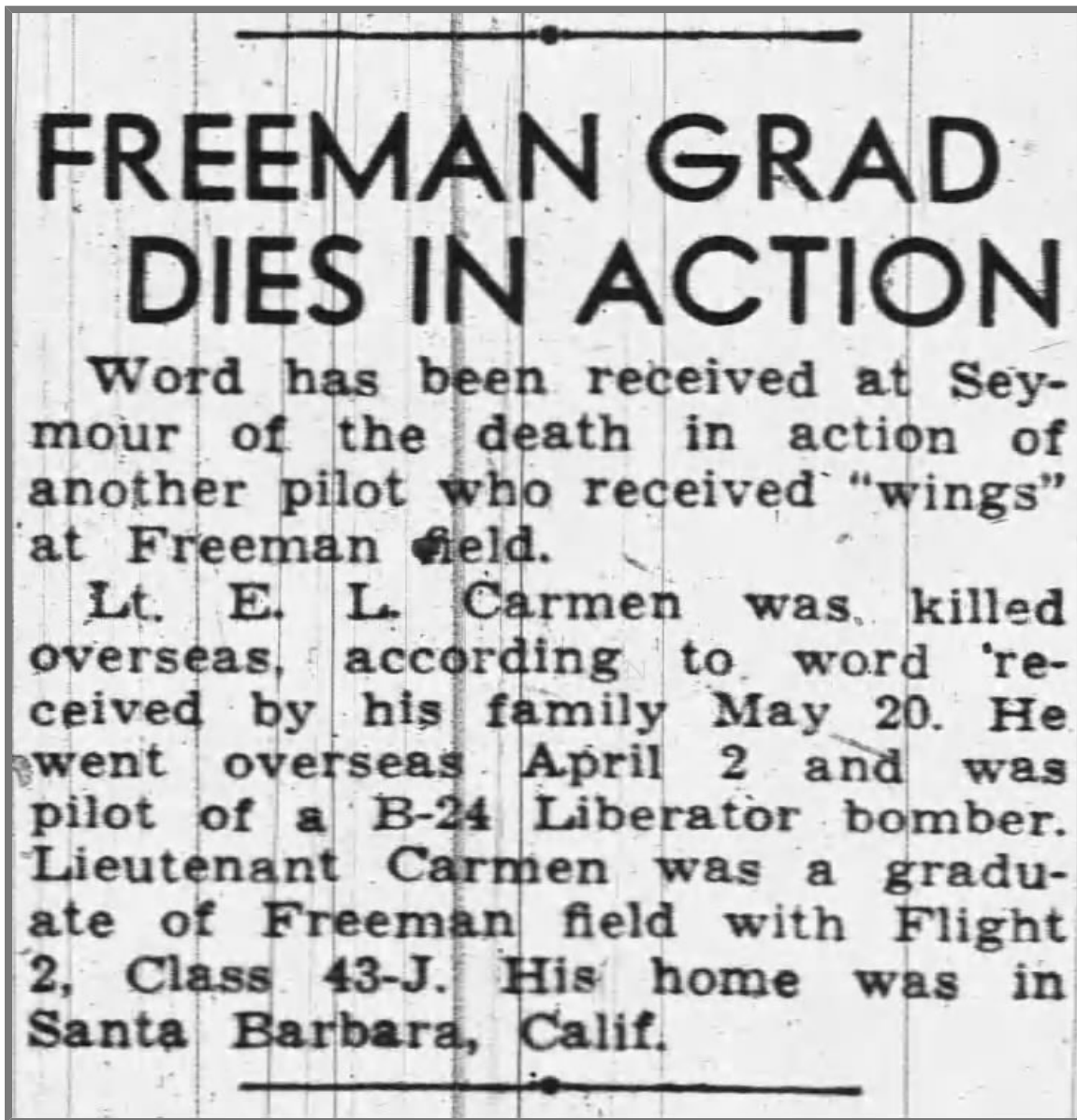
## 1944\_06\_14\_Gliders land at Atterbury Air Base

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1944\_06\_14\_FREEMAN grad dies in action. E. L. Carmen

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INDIANA  
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WASHINGTON  
NEWS

FROM CONGRESSMAN  
GERALD W. LANDIS

CAMP ATTERBURY

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Camp Atterbury to watch the maneuvers of the 106th Division. The Assistant Secretary of War Patterson, Senator Willis, Congressmen Harness, Wilson and myself and several officers of the General Staff viewed the demonstration.

We first saw the artillery in action with their 105 mm hitting their targets with amazing accuracy. Next we saw the infantry in action supported by the artillery. It was an elaborate demonstration of military operation. We saw the fire of rifles, machine guns, bazookas and big artillery guns—all in action at one time. They laid down a barrage that no enemy could possibly withstand. It was also very interesting to see a group of rangers storm their objective and take over two machine gun nests.

We saw a group of infantrymen crawling on the ground under a hot barrage of actual machine gun fire. We also saw the hospital group in action—on and off the battle grounds. The teamwork was wonderful. General Jones and his men are to be congratulated on this fine demonstration by his division.

Last of all we watched Secretary Patterson shoot a Garand rifle and one of the new machine guns. He did a good job with the rifle outshooting the Congressmen present.

I only wish every defense worker could see such a demonstration that the infantry and artillery performed. There would be no strikes and very little absenteeism if our workers could see just one of these demonstrations. This is the best army camp I have visited in the United States. Col. Modesitte is to be highly commended for his outstanding achievements in military science.

INDIANA AND THE WAR

The War Department reveals that as of January 1, 1944, the total number of Indiana men and women in the armed forces was: Male 188,000 and Female 1,874. Total taken into the forces from November 1, 1940, to January 1, 1944, was: Male 208,400 and Female 2,446. Total number separated from the service from November 1, 1940, to January 1, 1944 is: Male 25,355 and Female 388.

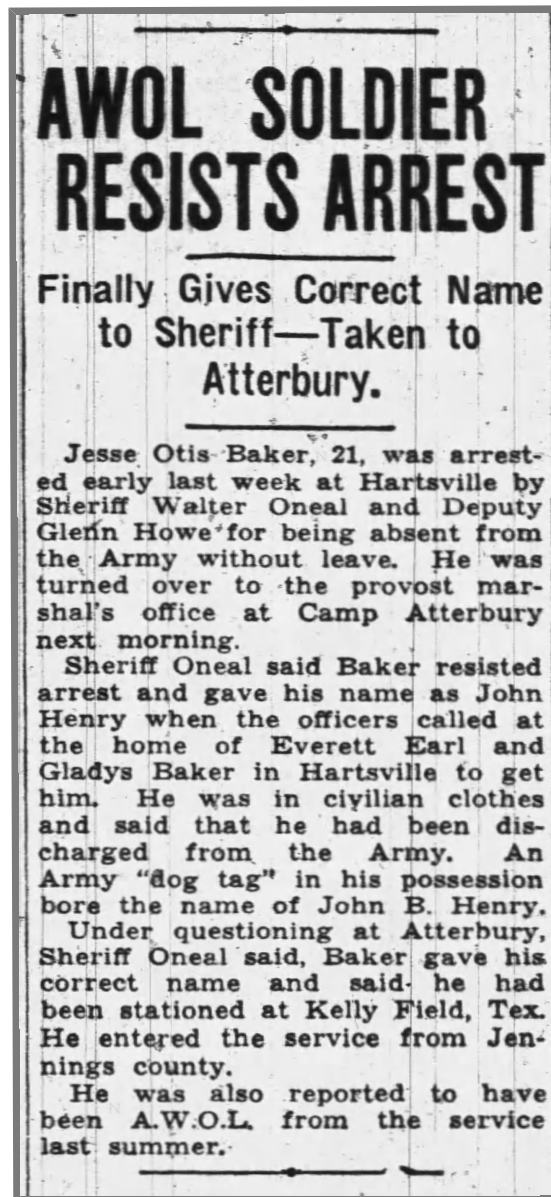
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## PEEPING TOM CAPTURED HERE

**Melvin Harris, Atterbury  
Soldier, Nabbed on Dan  
Giddens Property.**

Melvin L. Harris, a Camp Atterbury soldier, was reported caught in the act of peeping at the Dan Giddens residence, 1120 Franklin street, about 10:30 o'clock Saturday night and was turned over to the police.

According to information given the police, Mr. Giddens caught the soldier in the yard at his home, looking into a bedroom window.

Giddens nabbed the peeper and held him until police arrived.

After questioning at police headquarters, Harris was turned over to Atterbury military police.

### Several Complaints Made.

Several complaints have been received recently of a Peeping Tom operating in that section of the city. Ten days ago, Robert Barnaby, 1118 Lafayette avenue, discovered a peeper on his porch at a late hour at night. In his flight, the peeper tore down a railing on the steps leading to the Barnaby porch.

State police arrested three men on intoxication charges about 1 o'clock Sunday morning at Twenty-fifth and Washington streets.

They were Noah J. Grindstaff, 42, Sam D. McClusky, 39, and Ivan Grider, 37, all of Indianapolis.

In city court, they entered guilty pleas to charges of intoxication and each was fined \$11 by Mayor Carlos S. Folger.

Ernest Bennett, 36, of Columbus, pleaded innocent of intoxication when arraigned before Mayor Folger. The case was set for trial at 9 a. m. Wednesday.

Bennett was arrested at 9:45 o'clock Saturday night in the yard at the Christian church.

Richard Fields, 38, of Waynesville was arrested Saturday night in the business district. He pleaded guilty of intoxication and was fined \$11.

## 1944\_06\_12\_Soldier - Peeper captured

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## WILL OBSERVE 'INFANTRY DAY' AT ATTERBURY

Open House At Camp Is  
Part Of National Pro-  
gram Thursday Hon-  
oring Foot Soldiers

CAMP ATTERBURY, June 12. — Hard-hitting, battle-wise foot soldiers will be honored here Thursday, June 15 during an "Infantry Day" celebration to be marked by special observances not only at Camp Atterbury but throughout the nation.

Open house will be held here and the camp will be open to the general public. Hundreds of residents of neighboring cities and towns are expected to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the cantonment.

Two hundred manufacturers from Indiana and Kentucky have been invited to be special guests of the 106th Division. The manufacturers, members of the Indiana and Kentucky Associations, will arrive here on Wednesday and will witness a night demonstration as a prelude to Thursday's Infantry Day program.

Wednesday's visitors will arrive at 3.30 in the afternoon and will be welcomed by Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones, commander of the 106th Division, and Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander. The manufacturers will witness a reconnaissance, survey, and occupation of position by the 389th Field Artillery Bn., and a demonstration of defense of a prepared position by the 2nd Bn., 42nd Infantry. After dark, all weapons will fire colored tracer ammunition for quick identification by the visitors.

Music at Reveille.

The 106th Division Band will play for the manufacturers' reveille on Thursday, after which the group will be taken on a tour of the post. Feminine members of the group will be housed with the WAC here, while the men will be quartered in division barracks.

The general public will join the manufacturers Thursday at 10 a.m. when the 106th Division holds its formal review. During the review, Gen. Jones will present in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to the father of the late Lt. Robert Craig, an infantry hero killed in action.

Thursday afternoon the public will be able to watch the doughboys of the 424th Infantry Pgt. going through ranger training. They also will observe a demonstration of infantry weapons and equipment in the regimental area. Those who see the rifles, machine guns, mortars, bazookas, hand grenades and crew weapons like the 57 mm. anti-tank gun and the 105mm. howitzer will find it easy to understand why the infantryman is called the "man of all weapons."

Plan Baseball Game.

At play, visitors will witness the Leammens vs. the Attaboy in an Indiana Service League baseball game (Continued on Page Six.)

# 1944\_06\_12\_Infantry Days at Atterbury featuring 106th Div

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# Work Harder At Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, June 7—Although word spread rapidly throughout the cantonment area here early Tuesday morning concerning the great invasion of the European continent, Camp Atterbury soldiers took the news "in stride" and from all outward appearance it was just "another day."

Capt. Wesley Jones, post public relations officer, said today: "We have work to do here at camp and the news of the invasion only made us want to work that much harder."

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## WAKEMAN IS MADE READY

### Facilities for Reconditioning Battle Casualties Are Expanded.

Almost coincident with opening of the European invasion from the West, Col. E. L. Conner, commanding officer of Wakeman General hospital at Camp Atterbury, has announced expansion of facilities at the hospital for the reconditioning of battle casualties to be hospitalized there.

Under the supervision of Lt. Col. R. A. Fleetwood, the reconditioning activities have been setup to provide convalescents with carefully planned exercises and specialized work designed to speed their recovery. For the bed-ridden and those confined to wards, the emphasis will be placed on educational and orientation courses in which military subjects will be stressed.

#### To Speed Return.

"Reconditioning is aimed at speeding the return to duty of convalescent soldiers through physical and mental conditioning," Colonel Fleetwood explained. "We will restore convalescents to the maximum level of physical fitness. Temporarily incapacitated soldiers will be prepared for further military duties, but we will also concern ourselves with the job of returning medically discharged soldiers to civil life in the best possible condition."

The program will be divided into three departments: physical reconditioning, occupation therapy, and education and morale. The departments will be in charge of Lt. Frank Chismar, I. M. Ader and V. K. Berger.

There will be calisthenics of every kind. Patients will be encouraged to continue their formal education. Rooms have been set aside and equipped for an electrical, carpenter and paint shop. In addition, facilities have been provided for arts and crafts. Even a 1-acre garden has been started.

#### Keep Them Occupied.

"The idea is to keep a man's mind and body well-occupied with things that interest him and will make him use those parts of his body that have been injured," Colonel Fleetwood said.

The colonel added that the period of convalescence under certain conditions could be shortened substantially through adequately supervised work, therapy and proper exercises, including calisthenics, games and sports.

"The soldier receiving reconditioning care generally is enthusiastic and cooperative and looks forward to the day when he can return to duty."

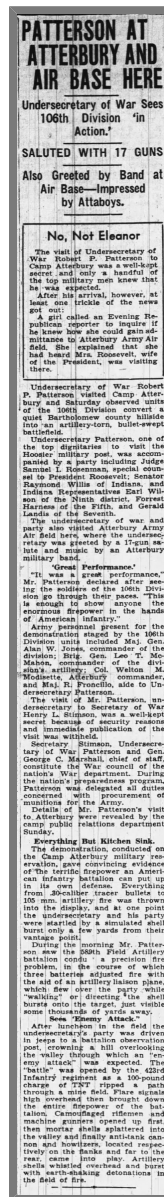
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# 1944\_06\_07\_Under Secretary of War visits. Sees 106th in action

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# 4 MORE ESCAPE FROM STOCKADE

## Local Police Given Descriptions of Missing Soldiers.

The local police department received reports Sunday that four Camp Atterbury soldiers had escaped from the camp stockade.

Sunday morning a report was received that Joseph Gaito, 24, five feet, six inches tall, 132 pounds, brown hair and eyes, had escaped.

At 11 o'clock Sunday night a report was received on three more escapees. They were described as follows:

Pvt. Armond Laburna, 25, five feet, 10, 160 pounds, gray eyes and brown hair; Pvt. Edward A. Waddell, 20, five feet, six inches, 168 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair, and Rufus B. Tindell, 20, six feet, two inches, 172 pounds, brown hair and gray eyes.

The report said the prisoners were probably wearing fatigue clothing.

1944\_06\_07\_Four more escape from Camp stockade

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# FREEMAN SHIP FORCED DOWN

Both occupants of an AT-10 training plane from Freeman field escaped serious injury early last week when the plane was forced down 2½ miles east of the field at Seymour, according to field officials.

The plane was damaged in the forced landing.

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1944\_06\_07\_AT-10 forced down east of Seymour

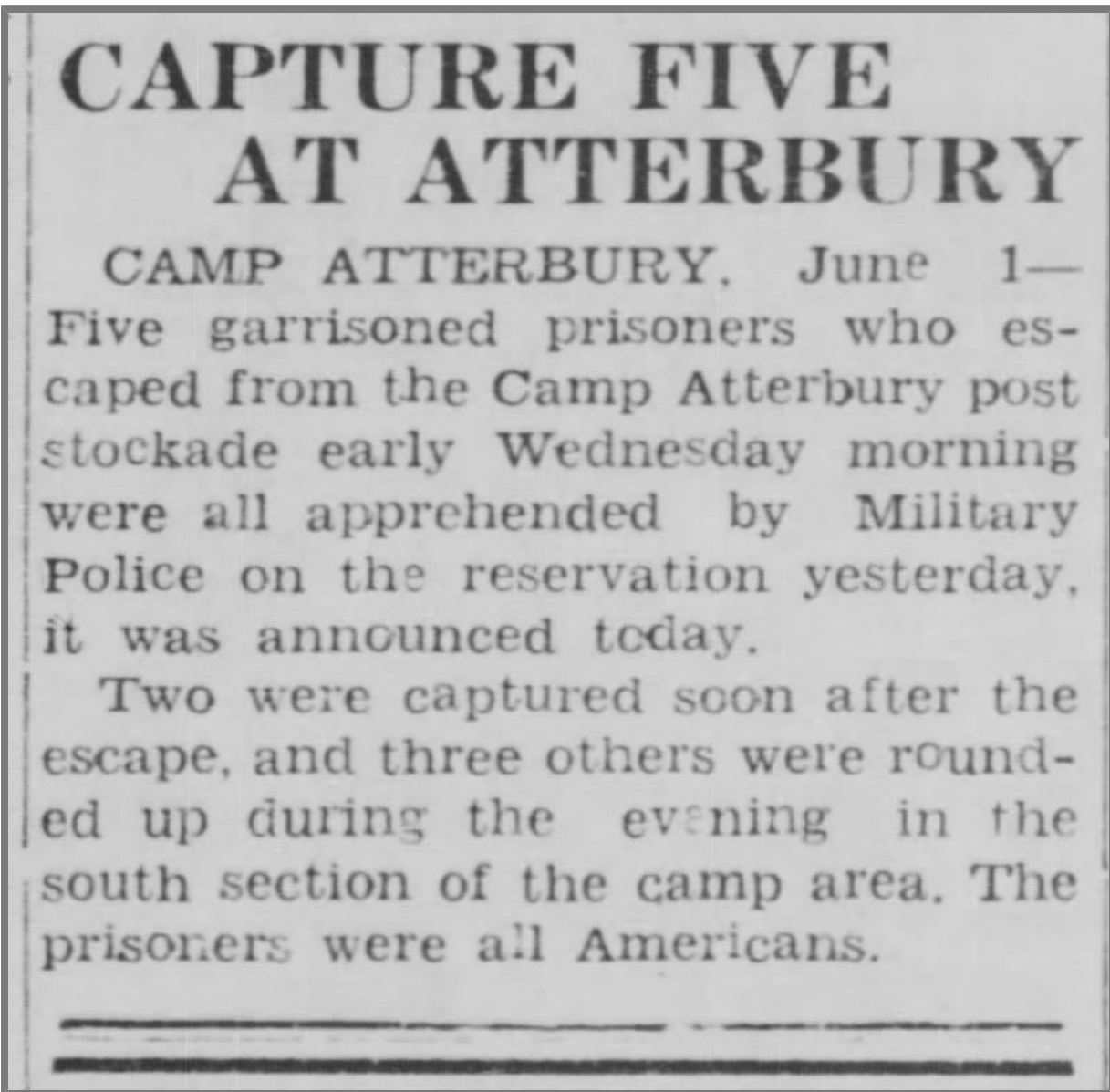
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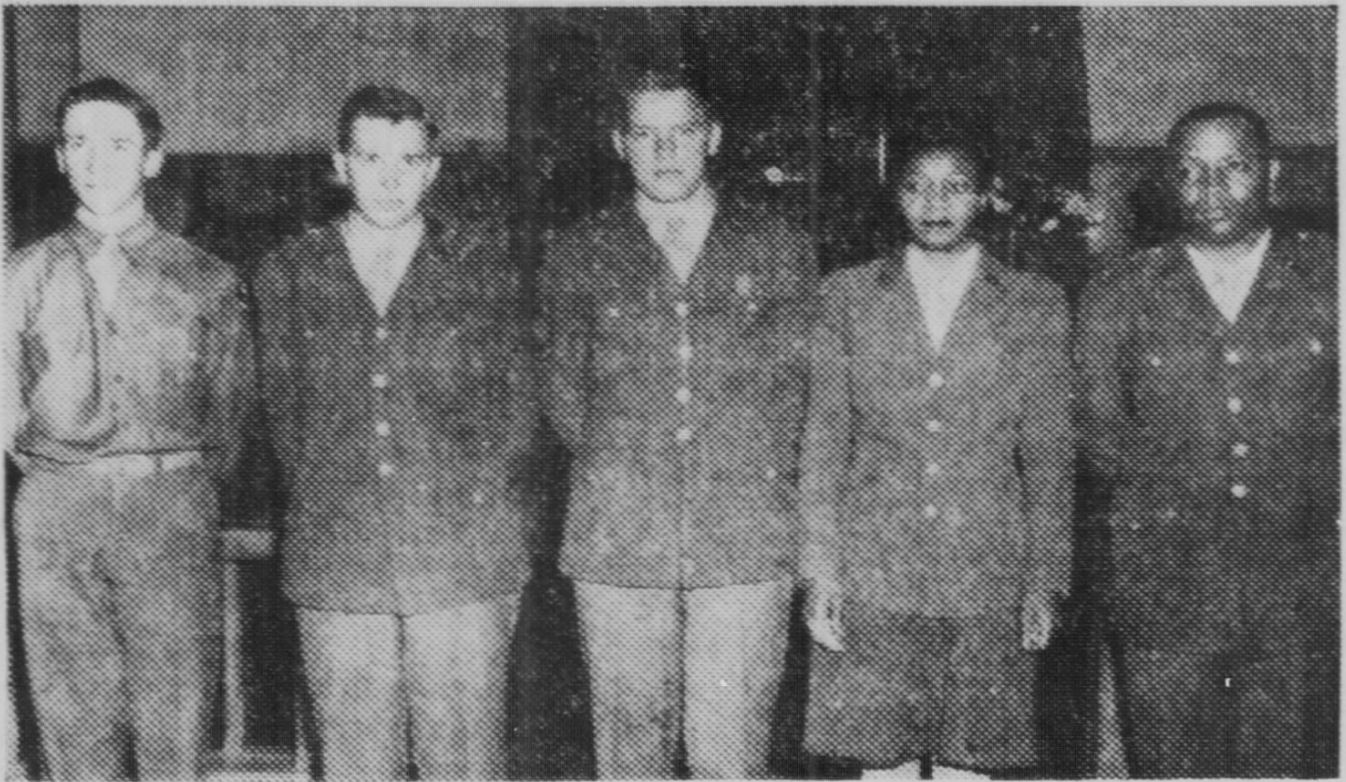
## 1944-06-01 Capture 5 escaped soldier prisoners at Atterbury

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**REPRESENTATIVES OF POST'S SMCL UNITS**—At a recent joint meeting of the Service Men's Christian League, held at Camp Atterbury, pictured are these unit representatives, left to right, Pvt. Benjamin Rentz, Hq. Btry, 106th Division Artillery; T/5 Lester Sherman, 422nd Infantry; S/Sgt. Jack Wovalik, 423rd Infantry; Pvt. Rosa Jones, WAC Section, 3547th Service Unit, and Pfc. Robert L. Ware, 749th Sanitary Co.—U. S. Signal Corps Photo.

## 1944-05-29 Atterbury's Service Men Christian League

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# FREEMAN FIELD HAS GRADUATION

**Beckman Is Slated to Be  
With Next Group to  
Get Wings.**

Graduation exercises for Class 44-E at Freeman field, Seymour, were held Tuesday at the field with Commander C. E. Briner, USNR, commander of the Naval Ordnance plant at Louisville, as principal speaker.

In his talk to Freeman field's latest group of cadets to win their wings, Commander Briner stressed the part they will play in a great team, the Army Air forces.

"Because you have played games in the American tradition—blocking for the other fellow—clearing his way around end—and taking out the safety man, you will fit with precision into the human mechanism of the plans to which you are assigned," he told the young graduates.

Cadet Roy E. Beckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckman of east of Columbus, is a member of Class 44F at Freeman field, the next class slated for graduation. Beckman is the first Bartholomew county cadet to take flight training at Freeman field and is expected to graduate next month.

1944\_05\_24\_Class 44-E graduates

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## Future of Aviation Is Predicted by Turner

"After this war, the airplane is going to make one big community out of the world or it will destroy it," Col. Roscoe Turner of Indianapolis, one of the world's pioneers in speed flying, told members of the Rotary club and guests in an address here today.

Declaring that "we are approaching one of the greatest ages in the history of the world," Colonel Turner warned of subversive activities in America and urged his listeners to take an active interest to see that the un-American interests who would "destroy our way of life" are not successful.

Col. Turner, head of the Roscoe Turner School of Aviation in Indianapolis, answered the question, "What are we going to have in aviation after the war?"

"The airplane will transport four things—the mail, perishable goods, valuables and materials of any kind which are wanted in a hurry," he said. "The airplane will not replace the automobile, the train or the busses and trucks in our transportation system.

### To Fly in Delicacies.

"After the war, seafoods and tropical fruits and vegetables will be flown in. They will be flown to the larger centers like Indianapolis, and then put on smaller planes for delivery to the towns and cities throughout the state. Our own organization is making plans to serve all towns and cities in the state over 2,500 pop-

ulation. You will have fresh fruits and vegetables the year around, and the cost will continue to go down."

Colonel Turner asserted that there would be all types of airplanes, and predicted that the price would be as low as \$500.

"It will be so you can go to the garage downtown and buy an airplane," he said. "It will not have the wings or propellor attached when you buy it. You will drive it out of the garage to the airport. There they will install the wings and prop and you will take off. After your air ride, you'll come back into the field, check in your wings and prop, and ride home in your plane."

Colonel Turner related some of his experiences in the Thompson trophy races and reviewed the advancements made in the field of aviation since World war I.

He warned that it behooved every citizen to make it his business to see that "things do not get out of hand again" after World war II.

The speaker was introduced by Clem Thompson.

Guests at the luncheon included C. H. Montgomery of Seymour, C. F. Yoder of Lagrange, Sherlock Holmes, Frank McHale and David Cook of Indianapolis, Ralph Thompson of Seymour, Paul Reeves, Bert Farr and Norman Kelly, of Columbus, and Thomas C. Branaman of Brownstown.

1944\_05\_22\_Future of aviation

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# PILOT CLASS TO GET WINGS

Comm. Charles E. Briner, commanding officer of the U. S. naval ordnance plant at Louisville, will deliver the address at graduation exercises for members of Class 44-E of Freeman field.

The ceremonies will be conducted at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning in hangar No. 5 on the flight line at the field.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, will be in charge of the ceremonies.

1944\_05\_22\_Class 44-E graduates at FREEMAN

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## EDITORS NEAR END OF VISIT IN ATTERBURY

106th Division Gives Impressive  
Night Display; Head Of 5th  
Service Command, Gen.  
Collins At Camp

CAMP ATTERBURY, May 20 — Members of the Hoosier State Press Association and their guests crawled into their Army cots Friday night after witnessing a unit of the 106th Division experience night infiltration—mental conditioning for combat where live ammunition and obstacles simulates what can be expected on D-Day.

Editors, publishers, and executives of state weekly and daily newspapers witnessed the program as the climax of the first day of their spring conference here. The Hoosier press group will close its meeting today.

Saturday's program includes answering reveille call at 6 a.m. and eating breakfast at a soldiers mess. The morning will be spent observing the regular scheduled training of the 106th Division in the field, which will include the firing of weapons by the infantry and the artillery, bridge construction by the engineers, ration breakdown in the field, and the operation of a medical clearing station.

### Visit Wakeman Hospital

Lunch will be eaten with the doughboys in the field and the conference will be concluded with an early afternoon tour of the Wakeman General Hospital.

The conference opened this afternoon with a business meeting. Problems pertaining to the various shortages in the newspaper field were discussed at a session presided over by R. A. Brodhecker, president of the Hoosier Press Association. Following the meeting the group witnesses a retreat review of Army Service Forces units here.

The dinner program included talks by Maj. Gen. Alan Jones, commanding general of the 106th Division; Col. William H. Hammond, post executive officer; Col. H. L. Conner, commanding Wakeman General Hospital, and Mark Ferree, director of the Hoosier State Press Association. Wray E. Fleming, association general counsel presided.

Among the distinguished guests present at the dinner was Maj. Gen. James L. Collins, commanding general of the 5th Service Command, Ft. Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. Gen. Collins also took the review of the ASF troops.

The newspapermen were quartered with soldiers for the night to give them a further taste of military life.

## 1944-05-20 Editors near end of Atterbury visit

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# SOLDIER DIES FROM INJURY

**CAMP ATTERBURY, May 19.**

—Pvt. Edwin M. Freeman, Jr., 20 years old, of the 422nd Infantry, died early Friday morning in Wakeman General Hospital here as a result of an accident early Tuesday morning when a jeep he was driving overturned.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Freeman, Sr., of 1301 South Corona street, Denver, Colo.

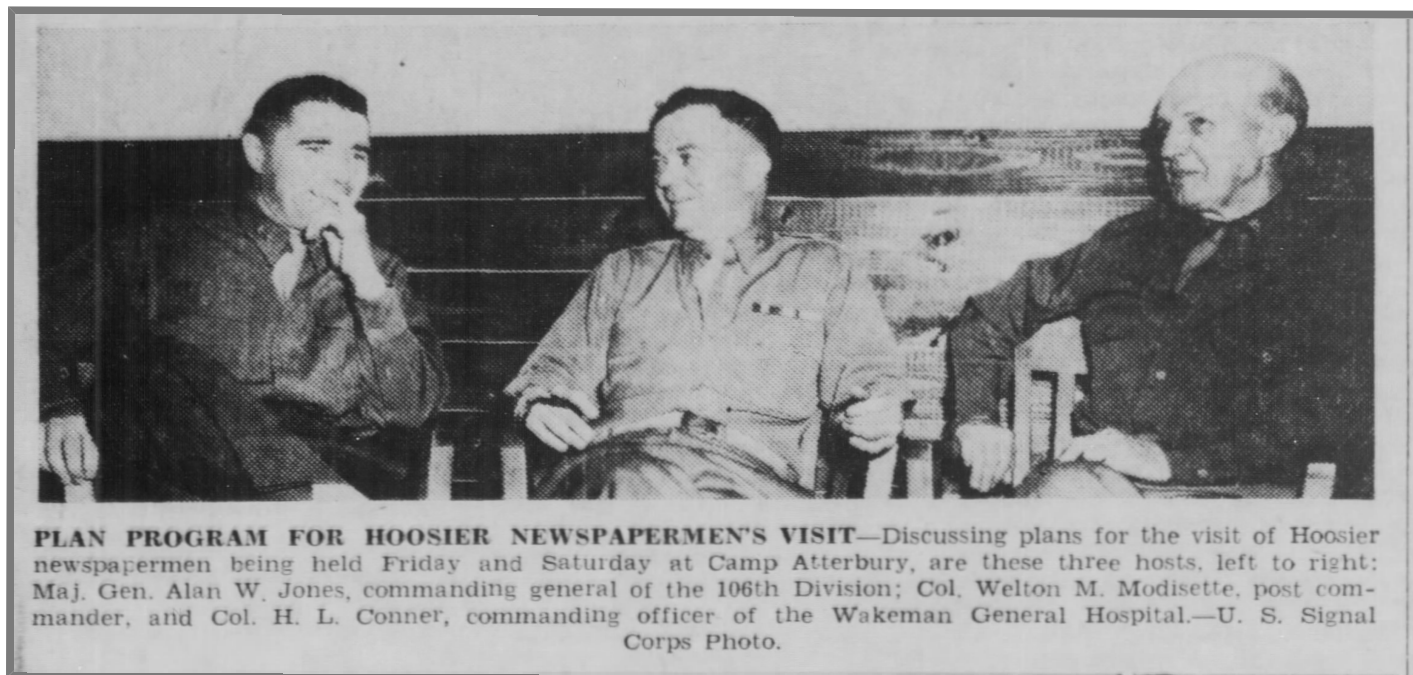
1944\_05\_19\_Soldier dies of jeep injuries

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## 1944\_05\_19\_Plan program for visiting newsmen at the Camp

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## Contestants in Camp Atterbury's Queen Parade for June Carnival at Club No. 2






**JUNE HART**  
(Columbus)

**FRANCES PARKER**  
(Shelbyville)

**MARY JANE JACKSON**  
(Martinsville)

**VIVIAN BILLMAN**  
(Columbus)

These four beauties are candidates for Queen of Camp Atterbury's June Carnival to be held June 3 and 4 at Service Club No. 2. They belong to the post's army of civilian employees and were selected by their fellow employees last weekend. Originally seven girls were nominated. Then

the judges chose this quartet from U. S. Army Signal Corps photographs.

Soldiers will vote for the Carnival Queen during the coming week. The carnival will feature a midway with sideshows and other entertainment.

Approximately 350 young women from Franklin and other neighboring cities will serve as hostesses, dancing girls and entertainers. In addition to the midway, a cabaret will be in continuous operation, featuring hourly floor shows.

## 1944\_05\_19\_Contestants in Camp Atterbury June Carnival

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## Blue Barron, Nationally-Famous Orchestra Leader, at Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, May 19.—Blue Barron, former nationally-known orchestra leader, who has been in the army since November, arrived at this post this week with a group transferred here from the airborne infantry at Camp Claiborne, La. He has been assigned to the Service Company of the 424th Infantry Regiment, and, as you might suspect, is directing the regiment's dance orchestra.

That the organization will capitalize on its "find" is evident from the statement of Lt. John Whitehouse, personnel officer, who described "You are dancing to the tunes of \*

Blue Barron and his orchestra—pardon me, I mean the 424th Infantry Rgt. dance band, directed by Pvt. Blue Barron."

This slip of the lip can be expected any time now for the Blue Barron mentioned is really the former nationally known orchestra leader. In the Army since November, Pvt. Barron recently arrived at this post with a group transferred here from the airborne infantry at Camp Claiborne, La. He has been assigned to the Service Co. of the 424th.

That the organization will capitalize on its "find" is evident from the statement of Lt. John Whitehouse, personnel officer, who described Barron's arrival as "like an answer to a prayer."

The lieutenant explained that a few hours before the former orchestra leader's arrival, Col. Orville M. Hewitt, 424th's commanding officer, had telephoned him asking him to

"dig up somebody to get an orchestra together."

The only digging necessary in this case was the searcher's ability to distinguish between a short stocky guy and two bulging barrack bags. Apparently it wasn't too difficult.

Since entering the service, Pvt. Barron has been sent from camp to camp. (Traveling about like that didn't bother him, for it was similar to doing one-night stands all over the country). He has been assigned generally to Special Services, but he never stayed long enough in one place to organize an orchestra.

Before he got that greeting, Barron had played for camps all over the Midwest and East, squeezing in USO shows between broadcasts and bookings. His band, incidently, is carrying on under the direction of another leader.

"But there isn't much left of the original band," he said. "Only the 4-Fs."

## 1944\_05\_19\_Blue Barron at the Camp

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## Atterbury Host This Weekend to Hoosier Editors and Publishers

CAMP ATTERBURY, May 18.—Atterbury will be host to Indiana newspapermen Friday afternoon and Saturday when Hoosier editors, publishers, and executives gather here for their annual spring conference.

A packed program faces the visitors. Arriving shortly after noon Friday the newspapermen will be registered and assigned housing. At 2:30 p.m., Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, will open the conference with an address of welcome. An informal discussion of daily and weekly newspaper problems will follow, with R. A. Brodhecker, president of the Hoosier State Assn., presiding.

Following the meeting, they will witness a retreat parade review of the Army Service Process units here and then tour camp by truck.

There will be a dinner at 7 p.m. Short talks will be given by Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones, commanding general of the 106th Division; Col. Modisette; Col. H. L. Conner, commanding officer of the Wakeman General Hospital, and Mark Ferree, director of the Hoosier State Press Assn. Wray E. Fleming, association general counsel, will preside.

At 8:15 p.m. a soldier entertainment program will be presented at Service Club No. 2. The night's program will end with a visit to the infiltration course. The male visitors will quarter with the 1584th Service Unit, while the women guests will spend the night with the Wacs.

Saturday morning the newspapermen will answer reveille call at 6 a.m. and eat breakfast with the 1584th's men. The morning will be spent observing the regular scheduled training of the 106th Division in the field, which will include the firing of weapons by the infantry and the artillery, bridge construction by the engineers, ration breakdown in the field, and the operation of a medical clearing station.

Lunch will be eaten with the division and the conference will be concluded with an early afternoon tour of the Wakeman General Hospital.

1944-05-18 Atterbury host this weekend

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# TWO SOLDIERS STRUCK BY CAR

One Thought to Have Suffered Broken Back in Accident Here.

Two Camp Atterbury soldiers were injured—one thought to be seriously—when they were struck by an automobile on Jackson street near Fourth at 12:45 o'clock Saturday morning.

Noah J. Fasthorse, an Indian from North Dakota, was believed to have suffered a broken back. Sgt. George W. Jackson was not badly hurt.

According to the police report, the accident occurred in front of the Light House restaurant. The two soldiers had been at the restaurant to get sandwiches and were hurrying to catch a bus. They stepped from behind an automobile parked in front of the restaurant into the path of a 1940 model Ford coach driven south on Jackson street by Elmer L. Taylor of Route 8.

Police reported the soldiers had been drinking.

They were taken to the county hospital and later moved to the Atterbury hospital.

Both are members of the 106th Division.

1944\_05\_17\_two 106th soldiers struck by car

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# SOLDIER NABBED IN STOLEN AUTO

Inform Local Police He  
Was on Way 'Over  
the Hill.'

An Atterbury soldier, who the city police said admitted his intentions to go "over the hill," was arrested here at 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

The soldier, Pvt. James M. Baker, 18, of Company B, 1584th Service unit, Camp Atterbury, was in a 1937 model Ford coach which was stolen at Edinburg about 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

He was placed in the county jail and authorities at Camp Atterbury were notified.

Local police received a report on the stolen car earlier in the night and were on the look-out for it.

While cruising on Second street, Capt. Dale Deaver and Patrolman Paul Eddy spotted a car which tallied with the description of the stolen vehicle.

They stopped the car at the Second street bridge and questioned the driver, who was Private Baker.

They said the soldier admitted to the officers that he had stolen the car in Edinburg and was headed for his home in Kentucky, intending to go A.W.O.L.

The stolen car was owned by Evert L. Briddle of Edinburg.

1944\_05\_17\_Soldier nabbed in stolen car

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## Italians Out of Camp; Germans Are Moved In

**Employment as Farm Labor  
Here is Not Yet  
Determined.**

Camp Atterbury, May 11 (Special)—There are no more Italian prisoners of war at Camp Atterbury, according to Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander.

The Italians who first arrived here in April of last year have all been transferred, most of them to the newly-formed volunteer non-combat units being created from among Italian prisoners of war.

Colonel Modisette further revealed that an undisclosed number of German war prisoners have recently arrived at the camp. To what extent they will be available for farm labor this summer has not been determined at the present time, according to Col. John L. Gammell, commanding the prisoner of war camp.

### Italian Help Important.

The work of the Italians from Atterbury on farms and in canning factories near the camp has been a vital help in alleviating the agricultural labor shortage.

The Italian non-combat units will render services of various kinds in support of the war effort against the common enemy, except in actual combat. They will be subject to American military laws and regulations and will be extended liberties and privileges not heretofore available to them. Those who volunteered have been approved by Army military intelligence. The members of the Italian units will wear easily recognizable uniforms and will continue to be paid the present rates of pay. The War department expects the arrangement to release thousands of American soldiers for other duties.

Brig. Gen. John M. Eager, former chief of staff, Fifth Service command, Columbus, Ohio, has been named general of the units.

### 133,135 German Prisoners.

The War department revealed last weekend that it now holds 133,135 German prisoners of war. These have been housed in 203 camps, in all except seven states.

In comparison, there were only 50,136 Italian prisoners of war in this country as of April 1.

In its prisoner of war announce-

ment last weekend, the War department said the Italians who are joining the new non-combat units will receive the same rates of pay as in the past. However, a portion of this will be paid in cash and the remainder in post exchange coupons instead of the entire sum being paid in coupons as at present. The amount not paid in cash may be credited to the individual's account with the treasury of the United States, if he desires.

## DIVORCE ACTION TRIED IN COURT

**Mrs. Jewel Bartholomew Is  
Given Freedom—Other  
Actions.**

In a hearing before Judge George W. Long in Bartholomew circuit court Saturday, Mrs. Edna G. Bartholomew was granted a divorce from Jewell B. Bartholomew.

Mrs. Genevieve Puckett, Route 2, is the plaintiff in a suit for divorce from Horace T. Puckett. Cruel and inhuman treatment is charged. The complaint states that they were married Aug. 31, 1943, and separated May 1, 1944. She asks for restoration of her former name of Genevieve Nay. E. J. Morrison is her attorney.

In a hearing before Judge George W. Long in court Wednesday, Mrs. Virgie Ann Rexroat was granted a divorce from Perry Rexroat. She was awarded the custody of their 9-year-old daughter, Rena Pauline.

Mrs. Gladys M. Moore has been granted a divorce from Laverne F. Moore. The court ordered her former name of Gladys Malone restored.

### Mrs. Mouser Sues.

Mrs. Juanita Mae Mouser, 1328 Sycamore street, is the plaintiff in a suit for divorce filed in Bartholomew circuit court Friday against Everett Earl Mouser.

She charges cruel and inhuman treatment and the complaint states that they were married July 28, 1941, and separated May 11, 1944. She asks for the custody of their minor child, Larry Eugene. William H. Dobkins is her attorney.

1944\_05\_17\_Italians out - Germans in

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Disclosure that the Italians have been moved out and Germans moved in at the war prisoner camp at Atterbury means actual enemies are being held there now instead of technical enemies. It was hard for the public to consider the Italians enemies at all, but it will be different with the Germans. There is still no question where they stand. The Italians were mostly pleasant and docile fellows who hadn't wanted to get into the war in the first place and liked their German allies considerably less than they did the British and Americans, even while still fighting. All but a few of them were glad to get out of the war and would have got out sooner if they could. Most, in fact, so we hear, are welcoming the opportunity to enroll for non-combat military services with the Allies. Not so the Germans.

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## 1944\_05\_17\_Germans replace Italians at Camp

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## ANOTHER FROM BASE MISSING

**Lt. Robert West, B-26 Crew  
Member, Lost Over France  
Since April 20.**

Another crew member of one of the B-26 Marauder bombers formerly stationed at Atterbury Army Air field has been listed as missing in action, according to word received here.

He is Lieutenant Robert C. West of Norwalk, Ohio, navigator-bombardier. Lt. and Mrs. West resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pearce, 2224 Caldwell drive, while he was stationed with a B-26 squadron at the local base last fall.

Word that he was missing was received here in a letter from Mrs. West, who is at Dallas, Tex. She reported that the War department had notified her that Lieutenant West had been missing in action over France since April 20. He had completed at least five combat missions.

Lieutenant West was aboard one of the B-26's from the local field which flew over Yankee stadium on the opening day of the World series last fall and were mentioned by the radio announcer.

Earlier the War department revealed that Lt. Stuart Freeman, husband of the former Miss Juanita Hull of this city and formerly stationed at the local air base, was missing in action. He also had been based in England, serving as a B-26 pilot.

1944\_05\_17\_Another from Atterbury Air Base lost overseas

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## Morris Thomas Writes From Nazi Prison Camp

Pfc. Morris Hadley Thomas, who was reported missing in action in the Italian theater of war on Feb. 16, is a prisoner of the Germans; according to word received Monday by his wife, Mrs. Eva Lucille Adams Thomas, a clerk at Cummins Book store.

Mrs. Thomas received the following message from her husband:

"I am prisoner in German captivity and in perfect health. From here I shall be transferred during the next few days to another camp, the address of which I shall give you later. Only there I can get your letters and can reply to them."

### On Printed Card.

The message signed by Pfc. Thomas was on a printed form card and came from a German transit camp for prisoners of war. It was first received by the Provost Marshal's office in Washington and relayed to Mrs. Thomas.

"I'm so happy I don't know what to do," Mrs. Thomas said upon receipt of the message.

The last letter she received from her husband was written Feb. 15. The next day he was reported missing. Notice of this was received by her from the War department on April 12.

Pfc. Thomas, who was engaged in farming before entering the service Dec. 5, 1942, went overseas

in November with an infantry outfit.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley C. Thomas.

## Denny Injured On Pacific Isle.

Raymond Denny, a fireman, first class, in the Navy, has suffered bad cuts and bruises on the left leg and both hands in an accident on an island in the South Pacific, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Denny, 2006 Maple avenue.

He was flown to a naval hospital on another island for fear infection might develop where he was. The nature of the accident was not disclosed.

Denny, who is only 19, said he was getting excellent care but was having difficulty getting someone to write for him and that this letter was being written by a boy half-blind.

He reported that he received 37 greetings on his recent birthday and was worried because he could not answer them.

Denny was a member of the Columbus high school football team in 1942. He entered the Navy last July. His brother, Pfc. William E. Denny, is an X-ray technician attached to a station hospital in England.

1944\_05\_17\_ Morris Thomas in German POW camp

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## TWO SEYMOUR CADETS KILLED IN AIR CRASH

INDIANAPOLIS, May 16 (INS).—Indiana's accidental death toll mounted considerably during the past 24 hours.

Two air cadets were killed when their training plane from Freeman Field crashed near North Vernon. They were Marvin L. Hull of Evanston, Ill., and David A. Hunter of Oak Park, Ill.

Raymond Montgomery, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Montgomery of Wadesville, drowned while fishing in a creek near his home.

Death came to Frank M. Murphy, 55, from injuries suffered at Evansville, April 22, when he was struck by a hit-and-run motorist.

Police sought to identify a man's body found near Evansville.

John Addison Wright, 22, a naval trainee at Great Lakes, Ill., drowned in a pond near Switz City while seining minnows.

Jesse Lee Braxton, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Braxton of Terre Haute, was struck and killed by an automobile.

## 1944\_05\_16\_Two FREEMAN Cadets killed in crash near North Vernon

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## Replace Desk Soldiers For Combat Duty

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cluded cooks, typists, hospital orderlies, and ward attendants, chauffeurs, truck drivers, dental assistants, a teletype operator and one photographer. About 300 other qualified civilians could be used.

### Extensive Program at Atterbury.

One of the most extensive replacement programs in the command is currently under way at Camp Atterbury. Here, approximately 60 enlisted men have been engaged in a special training unit to teach illiterate soldiers how to read and write. Civilians are being taken on gradually to do this work, and already there have been over

300 applications and inquiries from interested persons.

Numerous other changes have been made at Camp Atterbury and some of the offices at that camp are almost completely staffed by civilians.

Six soldiers have been replaced by civilians at Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. At Camp Perry, O., nine women have taken over the work done by as many soldiers assigned to the 1591st Service Unit. Six of the nine women are married to enlisted men, four of them now stationed with other units at Camp Perry.

### Program at Fort Harrison.

The replacement program also is being pushed at Fort Harrison, Ind., and Camp Campbell, Ky. At Harrison, some of the mess halls are substituting civilian for military help.

A unique change-over occurred at Camp Campbell when Civilian Ernest Hooper took the place of Technical Sergeant Frank Urbassick as inspector of small arms. Not so long ago, Mr. Hooper was a member of the armed forces, as a sergeant of a small arms company. Wounded in action in North Africa, he was returned to the United States and given a medical discharge.

Rehired in a civil service capacity, Hooper is now releasing for active duty a sergeant who possibly will be serving in Hooper's old capacity soon.

### Soldiers Replaced by Wives.

And so it goes all over the Fifth Service Command. Civilians come in and soldiers move out. Often, the former are broken in on their jobs by the men they replace. In some cases, soldiers have been replaced by their own wives.

The problems attendant to such an extensive replacement program are many and varied. First of all, there is a definite manpower — or womanpower — shortage in many communities. Army officials have exercised extreme care in selecting



civilian personnel, considering only those who could produce certificates of availability. The last thing the Army wants to do is to be accused of raiding private industry.

Then there is the problem of finding persons who can qualify for highly technical jobs. Some key men simply cannot be replaced, and these men probably will remain on their jobs for the duration.

### WACs Also Have Part.

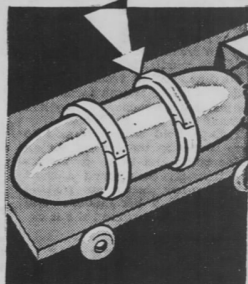
Quite often the confidential nature of certain jobs makes it necessary that only men, or women, in uniform be entrusted with them. That is where the Women's Army Corps comes in. Wherever possible, Wacs are used in these jobs to release combat-qualified men for field duty.

Hundreds of soldiers are being replaced by soldiers wounded overseas and returned to this country. Although a great number of these convalescents are eligible for medical discharge, many have chosen to remain in the Army, and the Army is encouraging this choice whenever the disability isn't too severe.

But the great bulk of replacements for combat-fit soldiers must necessarily come from the ranks of civilians. Thousands are already working hand in hand with soldiers in the Fifth Service Command. In the months to come, thousands more will be needed.

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## 1944\_05\_16\_Replace soldiers - Continued

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## REPLACE DESK SOLDIERS FOR COMBAT DUTY

Competent Civilians Being Given Positions Throughout Fifth Service Command: Atterbury Program

(Special to The Star).  
COLUMBUS, O., May 16.—One of the most important campaigns of the war — a campaign to replace combat-fit "desk" soldiers with competent civilians—is being pushed vigorously at camps and stations in the Fifth Service Command, an official survey showed today.

In ever-increasing numbers, these civilian replacements are releasing soldiers for the more pressing job of manning guns and keeping supplies flowing to the men who man guns.

These "auxiliaries" are employed in many and diverse jobs. They operate typewriters and tabulating machines, drive trucks and staff cars, and in many cases do their own repairs. They do bookkeeping, filing and shorthand. In at least one camp, they repair the soldiers' shoes, do his laundry and bake his bread. At Camp Atterbury, Ind., they even help teach illiterate GIs how to read and write.

### Nation-Wide Change-Over.

The change-over is nation-wide and conforms with War department policy calling for the use, wherever possible, of civilians to replace soldiers qualified for field duty but occupied with desk jobs. The theory is simple: Put more men in the fighting lines and end the war that much sooner.

At Fort Hayes, headquarters of the Fifth Service Command, the replacement program has been in effect for some time. In the Machine Records Unit, for instance, the number of enlisted men employed has been reduced in a year's time from 67 to 17. This means that 50 men—the approximate size of an infantry platoon — have been released for field duty.

All in all, about 175 enlisted men have been replaced by civilians at Fort Hayes since January 1. Hundreds of others have been released for more active duty through streamlining and termination of certain activities. And Fort Hayes is not a large Army post.

**More Replacements Anticipated.**  
At Camp Breckenridge, Ky., one of the largest posts in the four-state command area, 100 civilians have been hired to replace military personnel, 40 in the Medical Branch alone. Some 500 additional changes will be made as replacements become available.

One civilian who applied for work in the Military Personnel Branch at Breckenridge demonstrated that she had had a year's experience doing precisely the same work as the soldier she was to replace.

At Fort Knox, Ky., 65 civilians have gone in as replacements in the last two months alone. These in-

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## 1944\_05\_16\_Replace desk soldiers for combat duty

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**LT. FREEMAN IS LISTED MISSING OVER EUROPE**

**Former Juanita Hull's Husband Casualty With B-26 Squadron.**

**WAS STATIONED HERE**

**At Atterbury Air Field After Graduating from Seymour School.**

Lt. Stuart Freeman, B-26 pilot and the husband of the former Miss Juanita Hull of this city, has been listed as missing in action over Europe, according to word received today by Mrs. Freeman from the War department.

Mrs. Freeman is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Carl Saxton, at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and telephoned her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hull, 621 Eighth street, to report that she had received the War department message. The telegram came to Mrs. Freeman here Monday, but was not opened and was relayed to her in Florida.

It was not learned here on what date Lieutenant Freeman was reported missing. He had been stationed in England and in a recent letter wrote that he had completed 16 combat missions.

**Freeman Field Graduate.**

Lieutenant Freeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman, Jr., of New York city. He is 22 years old.

The flier received his wings at Freeman field, Seymour, and last October and November was stationed at Atterbury Army Air field here with a squadron of B-26 Marauder bombers. He was pilot of one of the first planes to be based temporarily at the local field.

Mrs. Freeman met him while she was employed at the local U. S. O. center and they were married Jan. 22 of this year at Kellogg field, Battle Creek, Mich., where his unit had headquarters at that time. He left for overseas service shortly after their marriage.

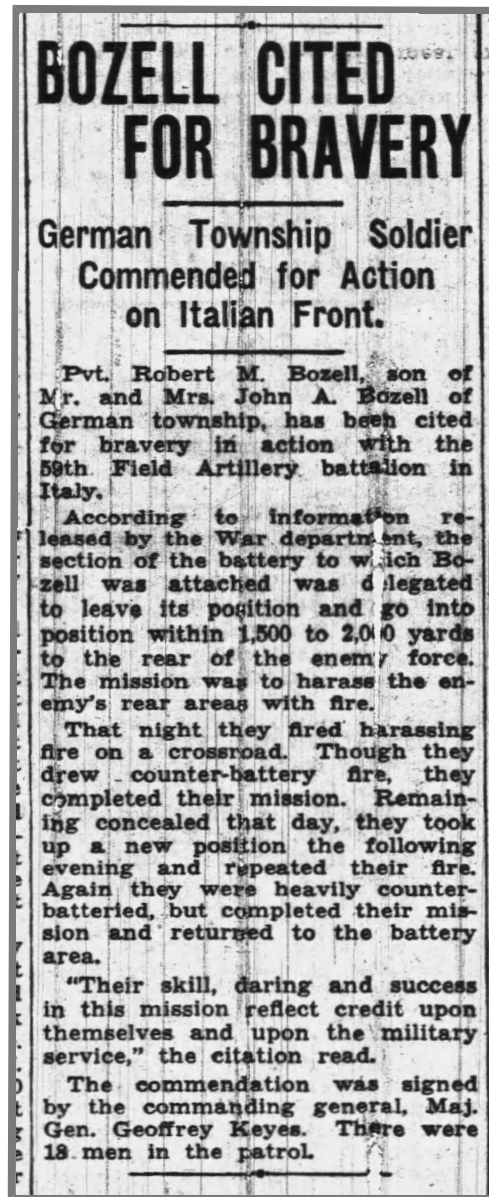
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1944\_05\_09\_German Twp soldier cited for bravery

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# FREEMAN SHIP FORCED DOWN

An AT-10 training plane from Freeman field, Seymour, was forced down Friday afternoon two and one-half miles southwest of Freetown, which is located in Jackson county west of Seymour.

No one in the plane was hurt and the ship was only slightly damaged, it was reported.

1944\_05\_06\_AT-10 from Freeman forced down

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# HARRY DEHMER HURT AT FIELD

**Local Man Suffers Leg Injury When Hit by Tractor at Air Base Here.**

Harry Dehmer, 59, civilian employe with the post engineer at Atterbury Army Air field, suffered a serious injury of the left leg and bruises when struck and dragged by a tractor at the airfield Tuesday morning.

He was given first aid treatment at the base, then taken to the county hospital, where an operation was made on broken bones in the leg. The leg was broken above the knee and the flesh badly lacerated.

The accident occurred about 10 o'clock near the post engineer building. It was reported that another worker had left the tractor engine running and that it unaccountably started moving and struck Mr. Dehmer, who was working nearby. He was run over by the tractor and then dragged a short distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dehmer reside at 302 Hege avenue, East Columbus. He has been employed as labor foreman with the post engineer office at the airfield since February, 1943. He observed his 59th birthday Monday.

He was reported resting fairly well at the hospital Tuesday afternoon.

1944\_05\_03\_Man hurt by runaway tractor at Atterbury Army Air Field

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# City 2nd Only to 'Big Town' in Camp Bus Loads

Camp Atterbury's soldiers really "went to town" in 1943, and the Atterbury-Columbus busses ranked second only to Indianapolis in the number of passengers hauled during the year.

Figures on the 1943 business of the Atterbury busses were compiled by the post transportation office and were revealed by Maj. C. C. Boatright, transportation officer.

The figures include both soldier and civilian passengers and show that there were 1,602,565 passenger rides—soldier and civilian—on the fleet of busses operating to and from neighboring towns and within the camp itself during 1943. The figures, plus wartime shortages, explain the bus "graveyard" on Twenty-fifth street and the struggle of the bus companies to meet Atterbury traffic demands.

## Service Called Excellent.

But considering the tremendous load, "Atterbury is getting excellent bus service," according to Major Boatright.

The bus figures give a fairly ac-

curate picture of just how the influx of Atterbury soldier "town visitors" is being distributed among communities neighboring the big Hoosier Army camp.

Breaking down the total for the six towns between which busses carry passengers to and from the camp, Indianapolis had the largest number—696,568.

Columbus was second with 408,691 passenger rides. Franklin and Edinburg ran in third and fourth places. Franklin busses carried 161,144 passengers, while 131,200 passengers journeyed to Edinburg and back.

The Martinsville bus line was used for 37,870 rides and the Shelbyville busses for 36,351.

Altogether, there were 1,471,824 passenger rides on the bus lines to and from nearby towns during the past year.

This figure is supplemented by the number using the inter-camp bus during the year. Instead of walking over the big cantonment area, 220,741 rode the "shuttle-bus" in 1943.

1944\_05\_03\_Bus loads

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1944\_05\_02\_Seven promoted at Atterbury

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# NONE HURT IN PLANE MISHAP

## Freeman Pilots Escape at Walesboro Field—New Plan Announced.

Occupants of two AT-10 twin-engine training planes from Freeman field which were involved in an accident at the Walesboro auxiliary flying field Friday night were reported by the Freeman field public relations office today to getting along satisfactorily.

An announcement by the field's officials said that none of the occupants of the planes was seriously injured. The accident occurred during a take-off at the field. Other details were not given, but witnesses said that one of the planes appeared to have been damaged considerably.

Freeman field, which Saturday marked the first anniversary of its dedication, will participate in a reorganization plan designed to effect a manpower saving program in the Army Air Forces training schools. It was announced Sunday at Fort Worth, Tex., by Lieut. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the A. A. F. Training command.

### Single 'Base Unit'

The new plan consolidates personnel of individual squadrons and detachments into a single "base unit." Miscellaneous organizations formerly required to maintain training station activities will be disbanded and personnel integrated to form the all-inclusive "Base Unit," headed by a single commander.

At Freeman all squadrons and units will be designated as the 2139th AAF Base Unit. However, the field will continue to be referred to as an A. A. F. advanced two-engine pilot school.

Tactical units and A. A. B. bands, which operate under established tables of organization, will not be affected by the "Base Unit" plan.

### Responsibility Grouped.

In a concurrent directive, which went into effect Sunday, the Training command initiated a 4-way grouping of responsibilities at each station. The commanding officer will be assisted by "deputy commanders" for administration and services, for training and operations, and for supply and maintenance. The fourth aide to the station commander will be the air inspector.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman, has named the following heads: Maj. William N. Coxe, deputy for administration and services; Maj. William B. Poe, deputy for training and operations; Maj. Russell R. Skyrnes, deputy for supply and maintenance, and Capt. Robert L. Noonan, air inspector.

Freeman field, whose auxiliary fields include those at Walesboro and Grammer in this county, graduated its first class of cadets a year ago last Saturday. At the same time dedication and "open house" ceremonies were held at the field.

1944\_05\_01\_None hurt in crash at Walesboro

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# WOMEN INVITED TO ATTERBURY

## Camp to Have 'Open House' for Prospective WACS on Thursday.

Bartholomew county women who are interested in the WACS are being given a second invitation to visit an Army installation this week.

The women have been invited to visit Freeman field at Seymour Wednesday, and today an invitation was extended to them to visit Camp Atterbury on Thursday.

The invitation to visit Atterbury was extended by Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, who emphasized the fine work the Women's Army corps is doing and the opportunity for patriotic service by many more women who are urgently needed to take over essential jobs formerly held by men.

Women qualified to join the WACS are invited to visit the camp between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. and see for themselves how the WACS live and work.

### 239 Different Jobs.

There are now over 239 different kinds of non-combatant jobs open to WACS. The general requirements are: American citizen over 20 and under 50, single or married, no children under 14, at least two years of high school, and not presently engaged in essential war industry.

Women who are interested and wish to visit the camp are asked to be at post headquarters by 9 o'clock in the morning. No passes will be needed at the gates. The morning will be spent observing the WACS' activities and facilities, and dinner will be eaten in the WAC mess hall at noon. WAC officers present will furnish full information and details.

The "open house" at Freeman field, Seymour, for prospective WACS will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The guests will have supper with the WACS at the WAC mess hall.

## 1944\_4\_25\_Women invited to Atterbury and Freeman

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## Open House at Camp for WACS

Camp Atterbury, April 25.—Thursday of this week will be "open house" at Camp Atterbury for prospective Wacs. Women who are qualified to join the Women's Army are invited to visit the camp between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and see for themselves how the Wacs live and work.

Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, in extending this invitation, emphasizes the fine work the Wacs are now doing, and the opportunity for patriotic service by many more women, who are urgently needed to take over essential jobs formerly handled by men.

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## 1944\_04\_25\_Open House for WACs at Atterbury

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## POSTHUMOUS AWARDS RECEIVED BY CLORES

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil M. Clore of Bargersville have received two awards presented posthumously to their son, First Lieut. Cecil M. Clore, Army Air Corps, who lost his life in action overseas.

One medal is the Purple Heart and the other the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, awarded for exceptionally meritorious service in action. Lieut. Clore has been given the posthumous award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, but Mr. and Mrs. Clore have not received the medal.

The Air Medal was brought personally to the Clore home by Capt. Rolland M. Huff of Freeman Field, Seymour. It is a rule of the War department that these medals be presented by the senior officer of the nearest air station.

1944\_04\_25\_Award posthumously to clores

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# NEW PILOTS TO GET WINGS

Graduation ceremonies will be held for Class 44-D of Freeman field at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in hangar No. 5 of the Seymour Air field. Col Arthur E. Burnap of the Inspector General department at Washington will be the speaker.

Class 44-D will be the twelfth to be graduated from Freeman. The first class, 43-D, was graduated April 29 last year, the same date the field was officially dedicated in honor of the late Capt. Richard S. Freeman, of Winamac.

Colonel Burnap in World war I saw action as an infantry officer with the 103rd Infantry, 26th Division.

The son of Colonel and Mrs. Burnap, Arthur E. Jr., is a member of the graduating class.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, will be in charge of the event.

1944\_04\_14\_FREEMAN FIELD Class 44-D gets wings

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# 85 PERCENT OF REPORTED V-D CASES TREATED

## Most Women Referred to Health Officers by Army Under Care.

### 20-24 AGE GROUP LEADS

#### No Great Increase of Juvenile Delinquency Is Indicated.

Eighty-five percent of the cases of venereal disease among women in this area referred to health officers here by the Army have been placed under treatment, according to a report prepared by Dr. Milton L. Rose, director of the Columbus area of the Indiana state board of health.

The report presents a picture of the battle being waged against venereal disease. The figures are for the 24-month period, July 1, 1942 to March 1, 1944, and include all six counties in the Columbus area, Bartholomew, Shelby, Elkhart, Jackson, Johnson and Decatur. The cases were referred by Camp Atterbury, Freeman Field at Seymour and Atterbury Army Air field.

**Woman Contact Sought.**

When a case of venereal disease is found among soldiers by Army doctors, a report is made on the woman contact and if she resides in the Columbus area, her name and other information are referred to the health office here. An investigation is then made by the health officer or Melvin Scott, venereal disease investigator. If the woman resides outside this area, her name is referred to the state health office and an attempt is made to place her under treatment in her home area.

The percentage of referred cases which have been placed under treatment in the local area is unusually high. In the 15 percent of cases which were not placed under treatment, it was not possible to find the woman because of failure to have a correct address. The 85 percent who have been placed under treatment were treated by family physicians or at V-D clinics in the Columbus area.

**20-24 Age Group Leads.**

"Most of the women have been willing to cooperate by taking treatment," Dr. Rose said. "The biggest obstacle to bringing the cases under treatment is lack of realization of the importance of immediate care of venereal disease. The same problem arises in tuberculosis and cancer."

The report prepared by Dr. Rose also shows the cases referred in this area by age groups. Of 360 cases, the 20 to 24 age group of women led with 115 cases, while the 15 to 19 age group was second with 98 cases. Other groups were 25 to 29, 33 cases; 30 to 34, 20 cases, and 35 to 39, 15 cases.

These results are near normal, Dr. Rose said, and in themselves do not indicate any great increase in delinquency among the younger women. Of 301 cases of venereal disease reported by the Army to the health office here, it was found that 115 of the contacts were in the women's rooms.

**Meeting Place Analyzed.**

The figures also are broken down to show just where the soldiers met the women. The taverns were found to be the most frequent meeting place, the street second and the dance hall third. It was pointed out that this follows a normal result of the largest number of meetings being where the largest number of people gather. However, the meetings at the supervised recreational centers was far down the list, with the number at one dance hall exceeding the total for all supervised recreational centers in the entire 8-county Columbus area, including those at the Army installations.

The large percentage of the referred cases which has been brought under treatment indicates that most of the women ill of venereal disease are remaining in the local area for at least several weeks and that the number of transients is relatively small.

1944\_04\_14\_85% of VD cases treated

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## MISS STEWART WEDS LIEUTENANT JORDAN.

Miss Sue Ann Stewart, daughter of Mrs. J. Alvis Hoadley and Mr. Hoadley of Seymour, was united in marriage to Lt. Robert Clyde Jordan, a flying instructor at Freeman Field, Friday night at the bride's home.

The bride, who has a number of friends here, was graduated from Shields high school in 1942, attended Stephens college at Columbia, Mo., and is a member of the Seymour chapter of Psi Iota Xi sorority.

The bridegroom is the son of Col. and Mrs. Robert Clyde Jordan, Sr., of Shreveport, La., and Washington, D. C. He attended C. E. Byrd college at Shreveport, was a pre-law student at Louisiana university and attended Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and University of Virginia. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He received his silver wings and commission at Moody Field, Ga., in December, 1942, where he later served as instructor. He has been an instructor at Freeman Field for more than a year.

The rites were read by the Rev. John Laurence Prentice, pastor of First Presbyterian church, and attendants were Capt. and Mrs. Ross Lyons.

The couple left on a short wedding trip and will return to Seymour before going to Rantoul, Ill., for residence. Lieutenant Jordan has been assigned as an instructor at Chanute Field.

1944\_04\_12\_FREEMAN FIELD instructor weds - Robert Clyde Jordan

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## MEDICAL MEN MADE CAPTAINS

Camp Atterbury, March 31 (Special)—Lt. Morris Kleinberg and Lt. Michael J. Menza, Medical Section, 1560th Service unit, received promotions to captain last week. Both officers are assigned to the Post hospital.

Captain Kleinberg, a native of New York city, received his medical degree from the University of Koenigsburg in Germany. He joined the service in January, 1943, and before coming to Atterbury has been stationed at Camp Pickett, Va.; Ft. Jackson, Miss., and the Walter Reed General hospital. Captain Kleinberg came to Atterbury Dec. 17, 1943. His family resides in Bloomfield, Conn.

Captain Menza received his commission in June, 1941, and reported for active duty a year later. Three months later, September, 1942, he joined a station hospital in Northern Australia. He returned to the states 11 months later. In civilian life he was doing surgery in Buafflo, N. Y. He is a graduate of the University of Buffalo School of Medicine. Captain Menza is married and resides in Edinburg.

1944\_04\_05\_Medical men made Captains

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# LIEUTENANTS DIE IN CRASH

Plane Falls Near Madison, Ind.,  
Killing Freeman Field  
Flight Instructors

Seymour, March 24 (INS)—Names of two army air force officers killed in a crash near Madison yesterday, were released today by Col. E. P. Rundquist, Freeman Field commander.

They were:

Lieut. Hugh C. Jones, Jr., 28, of Hominy, Okla., and Lieut. Lloyd Tircruit, 20, of Springfield, Pa., both victims were flight instructors based at Freeman field.

An official investigation of the crash is underway. The wreckage of the twin motor training plane and the two bodies were found in the northwest area of the Jefferson proving grounds near Madison. The officers had been reported missing while enroute from Bolling Field, Washington, to Freeman Field.

1944\_03\_24\_Two FREEMAN FIELD instructors killed in crash

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# To Show Colored Movies at Church

Dr. and Mrs. Russell Lamb, who have spent four years in South America, will present a program of technicolor moving pictures of their work and travels at the Second Mt. Pleasant Baptist church at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. Members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

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# WORKERS GET THE WORKS WITH 83RD DIVISION

## Let Top Executives See It, Too, Is Suggestion of U. A. W.'s Reuther.

### VISIT TERMED SUCCESS

#### Guns Roar as Tanks and Doughboys Battle for Atterbury's Onlookers.

Two hundred, forty war-weary U. A. W.-C. I. O. workers pulled out of Camp Atterbury today, heading back to lathe, punch presses and drills, convinced they had seen everything in the Army's book.

"They gave us the works," said John Dimock, 31-year-old Flaker Body plant employe from Detroit. "But they are as swell a bunch of fellows as I've met. I wish our bosses could see this."

"Dimock was one of the war plant workers who covered part of the Ranger course. 'I asked for it and I got it,' he grinned. 'Three dynamite charges went off under me while I was crossing the rope bridge. When I came out of the cave I found I was trying to walk up the guard rope.'

"Won't Let You Down?"

Walter P. Reuther, U. A. W. vice-president, suggested the war worker visit to Army camps be expanded to include management. "Without being sarcastic or critical, I think the top executives should come down here," Reuther said.

Wearing tin helmet at a jaunty angle and dressed in coveralls with web ammunition belt, the U. A. W. official looked like any other Atterbury doughboy.

He told 83rd Infantry division officers:

"The fighting men of the U. S. Army may feel certain that the men of the shops will never let them down. This brief visit at Camp Atterbury will identify us more than ever with the Army. This free mingling of workers and soldiers would not be possible in any dictator country. The difference is that our American Army is a people's army, dedicated to fighting a war for freedom; the armies of our enemies fight to maintain systems where the only labor is slave labor."

Reuther also announced the workers were pledging to raise \$10,000 for recreational equipment to be used by Atterbury doughboys overseas.

In Night Maneuvers.

Winding up their hitch in the Army, which started Sunday night as an experiment for closer understanding between the folks, back home and the soldiers, the war plant workers from four states left Atterbury at 4:30 a. m. today after getting into their barracks around midnight following night maneuvers with the various 83rd division units to which they were assigned.

The 83rd Artillery band played "Audie Leong, Syne" as the train pulled out of Atterbury.

The war workers' tour at Atterbury gave them a look at army life in the raw. They tinkled in individual and squad tactics, took a turn on the rifle range, saw the artillery in action, watched doughboys crawl forward under streaming machine gun fire 17 inches from the ground and witnessed a battle involving tanks, artillery and infantry.

When it was all over they were dog tired—the doughboy's job looked tougher, the closer they got to it—but they were well satisfied with the hardy soldier the Army is turning out on its production line.

See Tank Attack.

A highlight of the workers' visit was the battle Tuesday afternoon with the fighting men of the 83rd division going into action behind General Sherman tanks from Fort Knox.

Posted on a knoll, the workers had a front row seat for the battle which roared in the fields before them. The 83rd division artillery started the action by pounding the enemy hill position. The big guns

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# 1944\_03\_24\_Civilian workers watch 83rd in action

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## CAMP LAND TAX MATTER RAISED

Question What to Do With  
Money in Escrow Not  
Too Clear.

The recent Indiana legislature passed a bill designed to free former owners of land taken by the government from paying taxes on the property during the time it was being acquired by the government, but the responsibility of obtaining the tax money which is held in escrow lies with the former owner, it was pointed out today.

It is feared that several complications may result from the bill, owing to its wording and Joseph W. Springer, Camp Atterbury project manager, said today that the Indiana attorney general probably would be asked for an interpretation.

If all former owners are freed from their taxes, Bartholomew county also may face a shortage in meeting the budget requirements.

### Money Held in Escrow.

Money to pay the taxes is held in escrow by the Columbus Abstract company. Paul S. Jones, president of the company, explained today that the company had issued tax free certificates to the government for land taken in Bartholomew, Johnson, Brown, Jackson, Jennings, Jefferson and Knox counties and in turn held the tax money in escrow to be paid to the various counties where due.

The responsibility of now getting this money under the new bill lies with the former owner, he said, adding:

"If any former owner in any county can qualify under this law, he must make application to the auditor and treasurer of his county and, if and when, the records of the tax duplicates indicate that there is no tax due on the land which was acquired by the government, we will pay the tax money to the former property owner."

### Will Wait Until May 1.

"Furthermore, we will not undertake to pay in any county until May 1 the property tax, thus permitting time for the owners to avail themselves of the exemption under this law and also giving county officials time to set up machinery necessary to relieve the former landowner from the payment of the tax."

Mr. Jones said that the War department acted as escrowee for some land taken in Knox county and that its action under the new bill would aid in serving as a guide for action to be taken in other counties.

## 1944\_03\_24\_Camp land tax matter raised

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## Army Opens Austrians To Interviews, Pictures

The War department has hoisted the veil of secrecy that cloaked the 101st Infantry battalion, the so-called Austrian battalion, at Camp Atterbury and the stories the press was printing today, the stories from the men themselves, answered the many criticisms and charges hurled at formation of the unit.

The War department announced Tuesday that it would permit release of stories about the 101st Infantry. As a result the many press correspondents and photographers at Atterbury to cover the visit of the war workers were allowed to interview and photograph members of the unit.

"The 101st is organized just like any other combat unit," Lieut. Col. Vincent J. Conrad, battalion commander, told the visiting reporters. "It is attached to the Second Army and was activated at Camp Atterbury on Dec. 15, 1942."

Although the unit now includes some Yugoslavs, Czechs, Hungarians, Italians and a few Germans, the War department is planning to restrict it to Austrians and men from other countries probably will be transferred.

The War department also has announced that other men wishing to leave the unit for duty in other outfits will be allowed to do so. Further additions to the unit will be on a voluntary basis.

Colonel Conrad, a graduate of West Point and the grandson of American pioneers, has seen service with combat units in Panama as well as at posts in most sections of the United States. In June, 1919, he was on the Mexican border in the chase for Villa. His son, Vincent, Jr., who is now in officer candidate school at Fort McClellan, Ala., was the first U. S. military man's son born at Fort Davis, Canal Zone.

Members of the 101st battalion include many with musical talents and many with degrees from Europe's leading universities. Some of them sang and played for the press correspondents—a singer who has been heard over the NBC network and a concert artist from Vienna. Some do not want their names published while others use new names because of relatives still in Europe.

Reporters talked to two who fled from Nazi concentration camps. There was Frank Steiner who, after finally getting free of a con-

centration camp, struggled for eight months in reaching the United States. He finally made it by way of North Africa and Casablanca.

"I am ready to serve wherever and however the United States wishes," said Steiner, and there was no doubt but that he meant it.

Henry H. Stanton also was in a concentration camp. He had a scholarship to John Hopkins university.

Gary A. Bahrack left Austria 3½ years ago and was attending John Hopkins university when drafted. Only 22, Bahrack wants to be an accountant. Although he speaks fluent English, the young soldier believes he still has an accent and is anxious to lose it.

Then there is Warren G. Stokel, who arrived in the United States on Nov. 7, 1939. He remembers the date well because to get into the United States he had to "jump" the ship on which he was a steward.

"I want to be a good American," said red-headed Stokel.

Stokel's statement was echoed by other members of the 101st whom reporters contacted. Those who had been in Nazi concentration camps summed up life there in one four-letter word. It was "hell."

Two of the three Hapsburg archdukes serving as privates in the 101st declined to give interviews or have their pictures taken. However, they did consent to being included in a group picture. The third brother was not present Tuesday.

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The archdukes, all youths, have been the butt of much unfavorable publicity and have become camera-shy. They hope to make their own way on their own merits and their buddies in the 101st call them "good soldiers."

Catholic and Jewish faiths predominate among the battalion. Forty-six percent are Catholic, 42 percent Jewish, eight percent Protestant and four percent others.

Members of the 101st are anxious to be recognized as Americans and the aliens are given a chance to become citizens by meeting regular citizenship requirements.

1944\_03\_24\_101st Austrian BN open to interviews

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## 1944\_03\_24-83rd Rangers crossing stream - photo

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# SOLDIER FOUND DEAD AT CAMP

Camp Atterbury, March 24—(Special)—The body of Pvt. Simon S. Hark, 23, of the 331st Infantry, 83rd Division, was discovered Tuesday night in an abandoned farmhouse, east of the regimental area.

A board of officers has been appointed to investigate the death.

Private Hark was the husband of Mrs. Sylvia Hark of 4217 Baltimore street, Philadelphia, Pa., and the son of Mrs. Mollie Hark of Philadelphia.

1944\_03\_24\_83rd Division soldier found dead at camp

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# TAYLOR SMITH IS PROMOTED

Promotion of Maj. Taylor C. Smith, former photographer at Franklin and Edinburg and now post signal officer at Camp Atterbury, has been announced by Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander. Major. Smith was promoted from rank of captain.

He has been at Atterbury since June, 1942, and resides at Franklin.

1944\_03\_15\_Atterbury Post Signal Officer promoted

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# Camp Activity May Not Be for War's Duration

While Camp Atterbury has been put back on an active status, continued operation of the Hoosier training site for the duration cannot be assured at this time, according to the most recent revelation by the War department.

The War department pointed out that because the Army is approaching its planned strength and troops are moving overseas at an accelerated pace, it is impossible to predict the status of the camp much beyond the immediate future.

At the time it was revealed that Atterbury was to be returned to active status, Senator Raymond E. Willis and Rep. Earl Wilson, Hoosier congressmen, stated that it was their understanding that the camp would be used for the duration of the war.

## Ludlow Given Slant.

Rep. Louis Ludlow of Indianapolis, seeking information for the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, was quoted as telling Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that the communities in this area take great pride in Atterbury and wish it to be used at full capacity during the war and maintained thereafter as a permanent military establishment.

Ludlow was informed by John W. Martyn, Stimson's administra-

tive assistant, that the continued use of temporary camps, such as Camp Atterbury, and their final disposition cannot be determined now. Progress of the war will have a bearing on their use for the duration, and postwar policies ultimately will determine whether they shall be maintained or abandoned.

Martyn assured Ludlow, however, that Camp Atterbury will continue to be used for training purposes for the present and that the hospital there will be used as a general Army hospital. This was confirmatory of a War department announcement last week.

## Expansion Funds Provided?

The War department's original announcement on use of the Atterbury hospital as a general hospital stated that expansion of facilities there was being planned, but there has been no amplification of this statement and it is not known whether new buildings will be erected or facilities in the present buildings merely increased.

Approval of an appropriation bill providing additional funds for Army hospitals was granted in Congress recently and there has been speculation here that some of these funds might be earmarked for an expansion of the Atterbury hospital.

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# ROAD 252 CASE IS IN COURT

A suit over the right-of-way obtained by the state for the new route of Road 252 south of Amity was to be heard today by jury in Johnson circuit court at Franklin.

The land involved, including 7.75 acres, was appraised at \$1,500, but the owners, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pease of near Amity, filed an exception to the appraisal and the jury is being asked to fix the price. The state filed condemnation proceedings against the land Nov. 10, 1942, for the Road 252 route, which was moved north because of Camp Atterbury.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cosby attended the graduation exercises Sunday for class 44-C at Freeman field, Seymour. Their nephew, William Wildman of Indianapolis, was a member of the class and received his silver wings.

1944\_03\_13\_Relatives of FREEMAN FIELD Class 44-C attend

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## 9 HOOSIERS IN FREEMAN CLASS

Nine Hoosiers were among members of Class 44-C which graduated Sunday at Freeman field, Seymour.

Lt. Emil Scott, veteran of 40 aerial missions against the Axis, was graduation speaker. He stressed that the graduating students must have courage and give everything they have to help win the war, cautioning that the enemy still has bold and brave pilots, who are skillful and well-trained.

"I believe," he said, "that it is apropos at this time to stress the part the Red Cross is playing overseas. Their work in prisoner of war camps is invaluable and the many other services they give to our men over there is great for morale."

1944\_03\_13\_FREEMAN FIELD Class 44-c graduates with 9 Hoosiers

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# ENTERTAIN AT HOSPITAL

Charles Sewell, local entertainment director, took a group of talent from Columbus to the Camp Atterbury hospital Sunday afternoon, where the soldiers were entertained. The presentation was sponsored by the Grey Ladies.

A playlet entitled "Herbie and the Mumps" was presented by a cast composed of Betty Whitehouse, Rosalee Huffman, Jean Givens, Tommy Thompson, Dixon Hughes and Don Collins. Mrs. Glenn Thompson coached the group.

Voical selections were given by a sextet composed of Ruth Wells, Annys Carol Fisher, Burdette Graham, Judy Graham, Joyce Essex and Nancy Sue Carson.

1944\_03\_13\_Charles Sewell entertains at Camp Atterbury hospital

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# Attamechs' Get Vehicles Into Shape for Overseas

Army vehicles must go overseas, too, and Army rolling equipment is now being sent to Camp Atterbury from all over the country for reconditioning before being assigned to duty "over there."

In a news release today the Atterbury public relations office declared that Army vehicles are "soldiers," too, and, with the large scale movement of men to overseas duty, the vehicles are sure to follow.

This movement is the reason for the night and day activity in the post ordnance and combined maintenance branches at Atterbury.

No, the men on the front lines are not being sent second-hand equipment. Those at the front drive the newest and the best. But reconditioned vehicles are needed on the supply lines behind the front lines. The vehicles, too, serve in captured territory in the same manner as they do in military installations and camps in the States.

The top need overseas now is for 2½-ton trucks—and these are getting preference in the reconditioning process here. However, tractors, jeeps, trucks, ambulances,

tool vans, and the like are also on the list for shipment.

Vehicles are "inducted" here when they arrive on trains, or under their own power, and are received by the ordnance branch. The necessary papers are filled out and then the vehicles are turned over to the "medical" department—which in this case is the combined maintenance branch.

## Some Get New Engines

The first inspection discloses the "ailments" and then each vehicle is charted for progress as it undergoes reconditioning. The engine, the chassis, and the electrical equipment—all get the "works." Every job is done on a "production" basis. For example, if an engine needs major repairs, a new engine is installed and the old one is sent back to the shops to be rebuilt. The time element is important because the War department wants these vehicles overseas as soon as possible.

Following all repairs, the vehicle receives a thorough lubrication plus a paint job that touches up the rough spots suffered under previous Army experiences—then comes "final inspection" and a new destination—for duty over there.

1944\_03\_13\_Camp Atterbury gets vehicles in shape for overseas

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# ANOTHER CUT IS ANNOUNCED AT AIR BASE HERE

## Reduced Activity Results in Decision to Transfer More of Personnel.

### FIELD TO STAY OPEN

#### U. S. Corps of Engineers Also Make Shift at Local Offices.

A "substantial" reduction in personnel at Atterbury Army Air Field is in line with reduced activity was announced today by Capt. George R. Ober, commanding officer at the field.

A change in the status of the U. S. Corps of Engineers offices at Twenty-fifth street and Central avenue also was announced by Maj. Rees W. Willard of this city, area engineer for the Columbus area. Changes to be made at the base add the engineers' offices, however, have no connection. Under the new plans, the Corps of Engineers offices here will be a field office instead of an area office and some of the personnel will be moved to the district office at Louisville.

The cut being planned at the air base is the second announced there recently and apparently will reduce the field's personnel to a comparatively small force although no figures were contained in Captain Ober's announcement.

The special release issued by Captain Ober was as follows:

"In view of the limited activities planned for Atterbury Army Air Field, it is decided to reduce substantially the number of personnel stationed here.

**Not Being Inactivated.**

"The field is not being inactivated, but will continue as a Third Air force base, with sufficient personnel to provide the type of services and facilities presently required.

"Civilian employees and military personnel over and above these requirements will be transferred within the near future to other Third Air force installations where there is urgent need for their services at this time.

"Civilians who prefer not to transfer to such bases will be afforded opportunity to obtain employment at other nearby fields or camps."

There have been reports current here recently that the field, which has had a minimum of activity in the past several weeks, would be transferred from the Third Air force to the Air Transport command. Captain Ober's announcement, however, said only that the field would be continued as a Third Air force base.

**Major Kerwill Transferred.**

Names of three officers who are being transferred from the field also were announced today.

They are Maj. Charles D. Kerwill, commanding officer of the 431st Sub-Depot; Lt. Elmer L. Patterson, chaplain, and Lt. Fred P. Kellman, provost marshal.

Major Kerwill has been here since last July, when he was transferred from Freeman field. He and Mrs. Kerwill have been residing in Rio Plaza apartments. Major Kerwill is being transferred to Florida.

**Follows General Pattern.**

The change at the Corps of Engineers offices is in line with similar consolidations being made over the country because of a reduction in military construction. Major Willard said. He added that the offices here would continue to operate, but that part of the work formerly done here will be handled in the district office at Louisville.

A number of persons employed at the local office, established here last summer, when a consolidation of engineer offices at Camp Atterbury, Atterbury Army Air field and Freeman field was made, have been working with the U. S. Corps of Engineers since start of the original survey for Camp Atterbury in 1941.

# 1944\_03\_13\_Another cut is made at Atterbury Army Air Base

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## Italians Give

At the close of the first 10 days of the current Red Cross war fund campaign Camp Atterbury soldier and civilians have donated \$4,524, but they are not the only ones contributing to the fund at the Hoosier camp.

Italian prisoners of war got behind the drive voluntarily and have donated \$484.77 in canteen checks. The war prisoners turned in canteen checks—their only forms of cash—to their canteens as contributions and the canteens in turn cashed them through the post exchange in order to allow the war prisoners to participate in the campaign.

The campaign at Atterbury will continue through this month.

1944\_03\_11\_Italian POWS contribute to Red Cross drive

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# GROSSMAN IS IN NEW POST

Col. Royal C. Grossman, former commanding officer of the Camp Atterbury post hospital, has been assigned commanding officer of Station Hospital at Camp Campbell, Ky.

After leaving Atterbury, Colonel Grossman commanded the Fort Knox, Ky., post hospital. Following this post he was a member of the officer reclassification board at Fort Hayes, Ohio.

1944\_03\_11\_Grossman heads Post Hospital

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# CLASS TO GET SILVER WINGS

Graduation of Class 44-C Sunday at Freeman field will mark a year of flight training at the Seymour air base. The first class of cadets to receive advanced training at Freeman arrived here a year ago this month.

Exercises will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in a hangar on the flight line.

Lt. Emil R. Scott, veteran of 40 combat missions, who recently returned from the North African theater of operations, will be the speaker.

Lieutenant Scott, pilot of a Flying fortress with the 12th Air force, was awarded the Air medal and seven Oak Leaf clusters. He is now assigned to the 1079th squadron at Freeman as engineering officer.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, will introduce the speaker.

1944\_03\_11\_FREEMAN FIELD Class 44-C graduates

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## ATTAGIRL BACK FROM SICILY

Army Nurse Recalls 'C' and  
'K' ration Menu for Seven  
Straight Months.

The Army nurse goes where the doughboy goes and she, too, eats C rations from a can. C rations from a can and K rations from a box for seven consecutive months overseas composed the menu for Lt. Margaret Sramcik, the first Army nurse reported assigned to Camp Atterbury after serving on the fighting fronts.

Lieutenant Sramcik is now with the post hospital at Atterbury after serving in England, North Africa and Sicily for 15 months.

Assigned to the 48th Hospital, a mobile unit which provided major surgery just a short way back from battalion aid stations, Lieutenant Sramcik had little rest when the fighting was heavy.

### What the Soldiers Say.

What do soldiers say when, minutes after they have been wounded, they see a nurse? The common expression, according to Lieutenant Sramcik, was: "Oh, my God, there's a woman here!"

She was with the invasion convoy that left England and headed for Africa. She saw the Americans shell the African shores, saw the American soldiers head for the coast in landing boats, and 12 hours later made the shoreward trip herself, just below Oran, having to wade the last part of it. And immediately, her unit was "in business."

After the Tunisian campaign, she was stricken with malaria and was out of action for five weeks. Then back to the front, which by this time had moved to Sicily.

She took ill again in Sicily and was moved to a hospital in Bizerte, where she was a fellow patient with Jack Benny, visiting radio comedian.

Lieutenant Sramcik is from Senecaaville, Ohio, and has been a member of the Army Nurse corps two years.

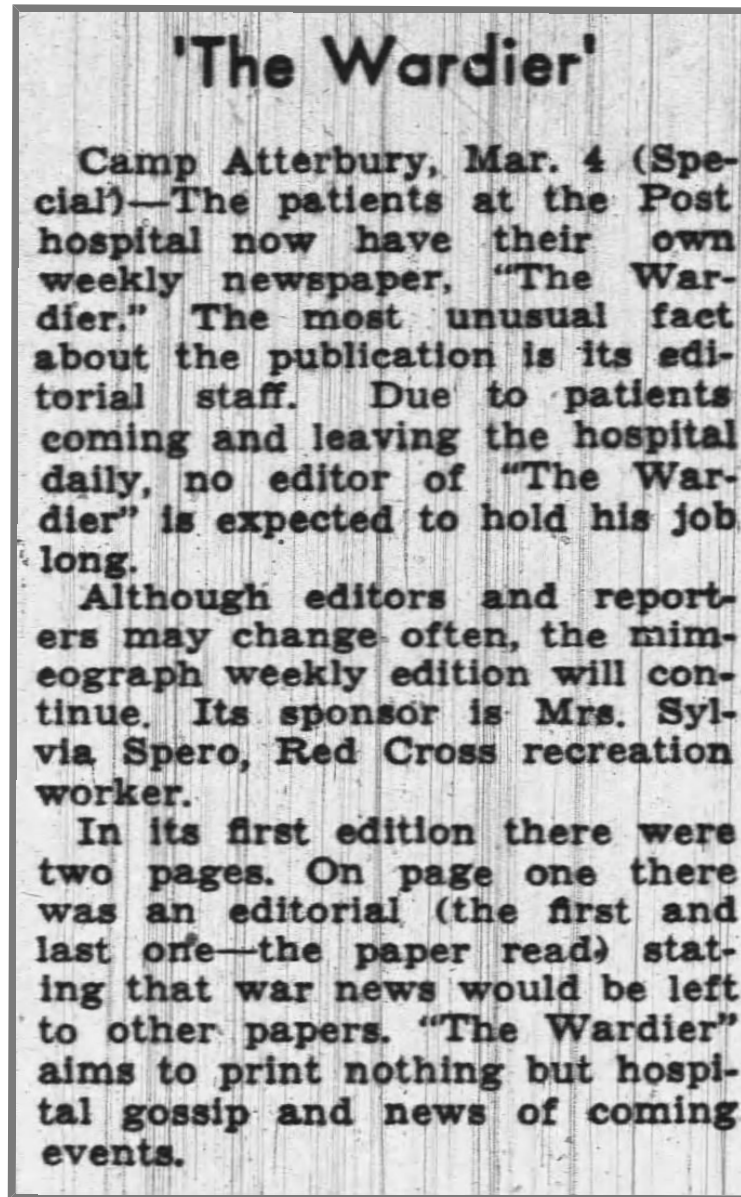
## 1944\_03\_11\_Camp Atterbury Nurse back from war

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1944\_03\_04\_Post Hospital has own newspaper The Warder

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## HARGROVE'S 1ST 'SARGE' AT CAMP

### Tate Is Now Captain at Atterbury, Says Book Sticks to the Fact.

Camp Atterbury, March 4 (Special)—"The first sergeant looked over his glasses with a rather unpleasant gleam in his eye." This was written about 1st Sgt. Robert L. Tate in the best-seller, "See Here, Private Hargrove."

Capt. Robert L. Tate, the ex-first sergeant, raised himself on one arm in the post hospital here last week, picked up those spectacles and recounted stories of the days when he was Private Hargrove's "top-kick."

Captain Tate, commanding officer of the 429th Escort Guard company, will have more than average interest when the film version of "See Here, Private Hargrove" hits camp this week. Some of the author's gags may be directed at an actor playing 1st Sergeant Tate, and the actor may hand out a few of Captain Tate's honest-to-goodness "gigs."

**Book Sticks to Facts.**

It was as first sergeant of Headquarters battery, Field Artillery Replacement center, Fort Bragg, N. C., that Captain Tate encountered the wit and "shenanigans" of Pvt. Marion Hargrove, who wrote his Army tricks and acquaintances into the prize book. Hargrove is now a sergeant and staff correspondent with Yank magazine.

The book relates how Private Hargrove argued with 1st Sergeant Tate about his pay, about missing a lecture and being "gigged" to KP as a result. The book stuck to fact, Captain Tate recalls. "Hargrove was always getting into my or someone else's hair with his mischievousness. And I did gig him just like the book says I did."

Captain Tate has been in the service over 16 years and became a first sergeant in March, 1941, after serving at numerous camps, including 12 years at Fort Benning, Ga. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the corps of military police in October, 1942. In civilian life he was a telegraph operator in Memphis, Tenn.

1944\_03\_04\_Capt Hargrove in movies.

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## BEDFORD OPENS V-D CAMPAIGN

### Freeman Field Soldiers Re- port Infection by Girls 13-19 There.

A threat to have Bedford declared "off limits" for service men, following disclosure that six soldiers from Seymour had been infected there, has resulted in Mayor Paul Lostutter ordering a campaign against venereal diseases at Bedford.

The Lawrence county seat was confronted with a report from health officials that six of 11 soldiers at Freeman field who contracted venereal diseases last week said they were infected at Bedford, and declared the carriers of the diseases were girls 13 to 19 years old.

The drive against the disease was launched following a meeting of the Freeman field provost marshal, local police, sheriff's officers, state and local health officers and representatives of the State Alcoholic Beverage Commission. All holders of beverage licenses in Lawrence county also attended the meeting.

"Unless there is an improvement in local conditions," Capt. T. E. Preston, provost marshal at Freeman field said, "it is possible to declare Bedford 'off limits.' Off limits means that all service men, not just Freeman field men, would not be allowed in the city."

Mayor Lostutter promised that a campaign would be mapped by city and county health officials to stamp out disease. He admitted that "the situation is bad, and to have Bedford off limits for service men would bring everlasting shame on the city."

## 1944\_03\_04\_Bedford VD campaign begins

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# RATION TOKENS BECOME VALID

## Mrs. Housewife Now Has Another Item for Her Pocketbook.

'Count your change" applied to ration tokens as well as cash in local food stores Monday as new 10-point stamps for meats and processed foods went into general use.

Mrs. Housewife, with the distribution of the new 1-point tokens, had another item to contend with in her pocketbook.

Some shoppers got a preview of OPA's new plan at stores open Sunday, but only a relatively few of more than a billion tokens distributed to retailers moved into circulation the first day.

The tokens, worth a point a-piece and good indefinitely, are given as change for the new stamps.

Three of the 10-point red stamps —A-8, B-8 and C-8 in Ration book 4—are now valid for meats-fats purchases, while five blue stamps —A-8, B-8, C-8, D-8 and E-8—may be used from the same book for canned goods. Both series are good through May 20.

A new set of five blue stamps will be validated the first of each month. Red stamps will become good at the rate of three every two weeks.

On this basis, OPA advised a budget averaging 12 points a week from each ration book for processed foods, and 15 points a week for meats, butter and other red stamp items.

For the next three weeks—through March 20—green stamps K, L and M for processed foods and brown stamps Y and Z will be used in conjunction with the new 10-point stamps, but they retain 8, 5, 2 and 1-point values.

1944\_03\_01\_Ration tokens are now valid

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# **FREEMAN TOLL RISES TO SIX**

## **Two Other Fliers from Seymour Field Are Killed in Upstate Crash.**

The death toll in a series of crashes involving twin-engine training planes from Freeman field, Seymour, was brought to six late Tuesday afternoon of last week with report of a fourth accident near Lebanon.

The day was the "blackest" since start of flight training at Freeman field. Only six Freeman fliers had lost their lives in previous crashes since activation of the field.

Names of victims of the fourth accident, which occurred in Boone county, were announced by Col. E. T. Runquist, commanding officer at Freeman field.

They were Lt. Arthur R. Voelkel, 19, of South Boston, Mass., and Aviation Cadet David P. Henry, Jr., of St. Albans, Long Island, N. Y.

**Graduate of Freeman.**

Voelkel, an instructor, had received his wings as a graduate of Freeman field and had then been assigned to the field as an instructor.

The plane, missing since the night before, was found demolished in a cornfield late the afternoon of Feb. 22 six miles southwest of Lebanon, with the bodies of the two fliers 300 yards away. The plane was found by a schoolbus driver.

Three other Freeman cadets and an instructor were killed in crashes which were announced Feb. 22.

In one of the four separate accidents, two cadets in the plane parachuted safely to the ground in Rush county and their plane crashed. It was announced that the crash came when the plane ran out of fuel. The cadets who parachuted to safety were John J. Long, 20, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Louis F. Long, 22, of Fredonia, N. Y. They are not related.

1944\_03\_01\_FREEMAN FIELD death toll rises to six

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## 52 ATTAGIRLS GET AWARDS

Camp Atterbury, Feb. 24 (Special)—Fifty-two members of the Women's Army corps here added their second decoration last week when the Good Conduct medal was awarded at a special ceremony. Previously the WACS were presented with the WAC Service ribbon for their service to the Army as auxiliaries.

The Good Conduct medals were awarded to the WACS for a year's faithful and conscientious service. Previously it was ruled that duty in the WAAC was not regular Army service but this has been changed—further evidence of the full military status of the WAC and the equality its enlisted members share with enlisted men.

Capt. Elizabeth Wilbern, commanding officer of the WAC, 1560th Service unit, addressed the WACS at the brief ceremony, congratulating them on their past service and assuring them that the WAC's future holds still greater service. Lt. Eleanor J. Laing, commanding officer of WAC Section 1 presented the Good Conduct ribbons to the 52 eligible WACS.

1944\_03\_01\_52 WACs receive Good Conduct awards

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1944\_02\_16\_FREEMAN FIELD Class 44-B graduates

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# NO CHANGE BACK AT CAMP SEEN

## Willis Telegram Indicates End of Training Activi- ties Still Planned.

Proposed plans for closing Camp Atterbury as a training site apparently are unchanged, according to a telegram received from Sen. Raymond E. Willis.

When queried concerning reports that the camp might continue as a training site in spite of the War department's announcement several weeks ago that a change in the camp's status appeared likely, Senator Willis wired that there has been no further change in the plans for Atterbury and that the War department would notify him if any change was made.

There have been a number of unconfirmed reports here concerning Atterbury during the past 10 days. However, any announcement concerning the status of the camp must come from the War department in Washington.

### Continued Use Seen.

Observers here are of the opinion that a closing of the camp as a training site does not necessarily mean that the camp will not be used.

Senator Willis has assured the Franklin Chamber of Commerce that he will use his influence to keep Atterbury in a "useful capacity."

At the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Friday night, Fred C. Lockwood, managing director, reported that letters had been sent to Congressmen, asking their help in making Atterbury a permanent post.

### Letter Is Quoted.

A paragraph in a reply from Senator Willis said:

"When the time comes to liquidate the unnecessary portions of the war machine as the peace approaches, we will be glad to exert whatever influence this office may have to keep your large and splendid camp in a useful capacity."

The letters were written to Senator Willis, Rep. Louis Ludlow, Rep. Earl Wilson and Rep. Gerald W. Landis after word had been received that the War department was considering abandonment of Atterbury as a troop training center.

1944\_02\_16\_Camp Atterbury thought not to close

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## MILITARY RITES HELD FOR HILL

**Soldiers from Nearby Fields  
and Camp Join in Ser-  
vices at Edinburg.**

Edinburg, Feb. 14.—The military funeral of Aviation Cadet Ralph E. Hill, 19, was held Friday afternoon in Edinburg Methodist church and was one of the largest ever held in Edinburg.

The Rev. Wilbur Sharp of Lebanon, pastor of Old Union church, south of here, was in charge of the services, assisted by Chaplain Elmer L. Patterson of Atterbury Army Air field.

Honorary and active pallbearers were 12 cadets from Freeman field, Seymour. A bugler from Camp Atterbury blew "Taps" at the graveside in Rest Haven cemetery while Camp Atterbury soldiers fired a salute. Pvt. John Carpenter of Philadelphia, stationed at Atterbury Army Air field, sang during the church services.

Approximately 25 young women, neighbors, relatives and schoolmates were in charge of the many floral designs. They included Laura Clark, Dorothy Roupp, Mary Kyle, Mildred Royce, Julia Hyde, Reba Kyle, Mrs. Clyde Henderson, Carol Kyle, Mrs. George Carter, Mrs. Kenneth Long, Josephine Carvin, Helen Davis, Marcia Redmond, Wilma Oaks, Ruth Redmond, Rosie Roth, Donna Redmond, Ruby Oaks, Joellen Breeding, Luthanna King, Alberta Davis, Catherine Winchester, Maxine Zeigler, and Melba Talbert.

Hill, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hill of German township to die in an Army plane crash, was killed last Monday when his training plane fell at Tulsa, Okla.

## 1944\_02\_14\_Military rites for airman Ralph Hill - FREEMAN FIELD

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## HAMMOND MADE POST EXECUTIVE

### Former Atterbury Inspector Succeeds Lt. Col. W. T. Hardaway.

Camp Atterbury, Feb. 14 (Special)—Col. William H. Hammond has been appointed post executive officer, succeeding Lt. Col. W. T. Hardaway, it has been announced by Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander.

In the service since April, 1917, Colonel Hammond served in France during World war I, received the Distinguished Service Cross, Order of the Purple Heart, The French Legion of Honor Award, and the Croix de Guerre. He has been stationed at Hawaii and in the Panama Canal Zone and was commanding officer of the troops aboard the U. S. A. T. Republic when it evacuated many of the women to this country from the Philippine Islands shortly before the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor.

Colonel and Mrs. Hammond live in Franklin and have a son who is a captain in the Air Corps in Alaska.

Colonel Hardaway was assigned as the first post adjutant in June, 1942, and became executive officer in September, 1942. He served with the 17th Infantry in the first World war and since 1921 has been with the Veterans' Administration in New Orleans, Washington, D. C., San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Indianapolis where he was manager of the Veterans' Administration Facility prior to re-entering the service. He will return to the Veterans' Administration.

Lt. Col. Robert B. Rose, commanding officer of the Provisional Regiment, will assume the duties of post inspector, relinquished by Colonel Hammond.

## 1944\_02\_14\_Col Hammond replaces LtCol Hardaway at Camp Atterbury as Exec Officer

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# **TWO FLIERS DIE IN PLANE CRASH EAST OF TOWN**

(Continued from page 1.)

small Army "grasshopper" plane landed in a field south of the Dunn road soon after the accident.

The two victims were the first Army Air force personnel to be killed in an airplane crash in Bartholomew county. In two previous medium bomber crash-landings, the planes were destroyed by fire, but none of the occupants was injured seriously.

1944\_01\_31\_Two fliers die in crash - Continued

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## Air Field 'Open House' Draws Crowd of 7,000

Guests Find Hawpach Has Taken "Wings," View Planes in Action.

The Hawpach bared its secrets Sunday afternoon to a thrilled and more than slightly amazed crowd of approximately 7,000 persons who jammed the former farming area to have their first good look at Atterbury Army Air field.

It was "open house" at the air base and Bartholomew county residents responded in a big way. Thousands streamed into the field in cars, hundreds of others were forced to park their cars outside and walk more than a mile, while still others parked their autos around the boundaries of the field and watched the planes taking off and landing.

The crowd exceeded all expectations of air base officials and at 2:30 o'clock auto traffic into the field was halted.

### More Than Capacity.

"We just had more cars than we could handle," air base officials explained.

Later, however, many of those who had been forced to wait in long lines of autos, bumper-to-bumper, from the base into Columbus were able to drive into the field. Many others when they learned the base was full of cars, parked their vehicles and started walking.

Air base officials complimented Bartholomew county residents on their "excellent behavior" at the field.

"It was one of the best behaved crowds I have ever seen and I hope that everyone enjoyed himself," said Capt. George B. Ober, commander.

### Crowd Double Expectations.

It had been estimated that approximately 4,000 persons would visit the field. But fair weather and the curiosity of the many who had never been inside what was once the center of Bartholomew county's Hawpach farming area boosted the crowd to almost double expectations. A count kept at the gate showed slightly more than 7,000 persons entered the field.

Although military reasons prevented some of the installations at the field being shown, the public did see practically all points of interest, including the B-26 "Marauder" airplanes which were taking off and landing at the field. Grasshopper planes and a B-25 "Billy Mitchell" also put in their appearance while the crowd was at the field.

The guests had a close look at the planes and many were surprised at their size. They also had a chance to see the communications, including products of Noblitt-Sparks Industries of this city; a

parachute being blown so that it appeared just as it does when bringing a flier to earth; saw the chutes being packed; visited the motor shops where they saw Allison and Pratt and Whitney airplane engines; looked in the hangars; saw a jacked-up airplane lift and lower its landing gear; toured barracks, mess hall and dayrooms, and saw the Link trainers in operation.

There Until 6 P. M.

It was after 6 o'clock before the last of the big crowd cleared from the field.

State and city police assisted in handling traffic into the base, while practically all the officers and enlisted men aided as guides inside.

Bartholomew county residents saw where some of their War bonds were going and Mrs. Bartholomew County, after seeing the parachutes, could understand the shortage of nylon hosiery.

In all it was a big day and all the guests were agreed on saying "thanks" to the Army Air force.

## FIRE DESTROYS SCHEIDT HOUSE

Dwelling South of Columbus Burns—Furnishings Are Saved.

Fire about 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon destroyed an 8-room house owned by John Scheidt, three miles south of Columbus on Alternate road 31, immediately north of the Pure Oil plant.

The fire was discovered shortly after it started in the roof, but lack of water made efforts to extinguish the flames futile.

The house was occupied by Martin French, his wife and five children.

### Most of Furnishings Saved.

Practically all the furnishings, with the exception of one bedroom suite on the second floor, were removed from the dwelling. Some of the windows were also taken out before the flames reached them.

The family spent Saturday night in Columbus and Mr. French was trying to rent a house today. He is a barber at Atterbury Air field.

Fier Chief Charles Miller and Fireman Perkins answered a call to the blaze. Sheriff Walter Oneal also went.

Mr. Scheidt, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. Walter Snyder, in Columbus, had the house partly covered with insurance.

# 1944\_01\_31\_Columbus Atterbury Army Air field has Open House

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# ATTABOY SLAIN IN INDIANAPOLIS

## Murder Charge to Be Filed Against Cab Driver—Says It Was Accident.

An Indianapolis cab driver was to be slated on a capias murder charge at the capital city today following the fatal shooting of a Camp Atterbury soldier early Saturday morning at Indianapolis.

The soldier was Cpl. Alfred A. Arpin, 25, of Southbridge, Mass.

His alleged assailant was William J. Mersing, 38, cab driver, who went to police headquarters after the shooting and told officers that the shotgun he was carrying was discharged accidentally.

Arpin was shot while visiting Mrs. Louise Emma Wilson in a room at 612 North Delaware street in Indianapolis. Arpin, formerly a tailor, was married three years ago but had no children. He visited his wife at Southbridge a week ago, according to information obtained by Indianapolis police officers.

## 1944\_01\_31\_Camp Atterbury soldier murdered in Indianapolis

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## MAIL SERVICE TO BE EXPANDED

### 50 More Homes Will Get Delivery in Northeastern Section of City.

Plans for expansion of mail delivery in the northeastern section of Columbus, with addition of a new carrier, were announced Thursday by Postmaster Charles E. Hull, who also disclosed that the month of December was the biggest month of the biggest year in the Columbus office's history.

Total postage sales during December amounted to \$26,094.32, while total sales for the year 1943 were \$183,635.32, compared to total 1942 sales of \$135,924.80. This is an increase of \$47,710.52 over 1942, which was the previous biggest year in the local department's history. Both figures include sales at the Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Army Air field branches of the local office, but the totals, excluding the soldier business, are higher than any previous years. Business at the Atterbury branch was estimated at \$45,000 during 1943. Sales there run far below volume because of the large amount of mail sent free by the soldiers.

#### To Affect 50 Families.

Postmaster Hull said that the additional delivery service to be provided in the far northeastern section of the city will bring door delivery of mail to approximately 50 families who formerly have not had this service. It is planned to start the new service within the next ten days.

Because of increased population in this section, routes in the area will be revised with addition of the new carrier.

Mr. Hull also announced that Carl Pfeiffer, Jr., of Route 3, East Columbus, has been employed in the local office as a substitute clerk.

A survey of the local office by postoffice officials has been completed and at their recommendation the stamp window is open now only from noon to 1:30 p. m. and from 4 to 5:30 p. m. However, stamps may be purchased at other hours at the parcel post window.

The change was made, Mr. Hull said, to offset a shortage of employees. During the time he is not at the window, the stamp clerk will handle claims and change addresses.

1944\_01\_26\_More Columbus homes to get mail service

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## 2 CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED IN TELEGRAMS

**Pvt. Walter E. Hartley Is Wounded in Action, Mother Informed.**

**LT. R. H. HIRSCH MISSING**

**Flier Lost in Raid Over Germany. Jan. 7, Wife Is Told.**

Another Bartholomew county soldier has been wounded in action in Italy and the husband of a Cummins Engine company employe has been listed as missing in a bombing raid on Germany.

The wounded soldier is Pvt. Walter E. Hartley, son of Mrs. Grace Hartley of Route 8.

The missing flier, co-pilot on an American bomber and a graduate of Freeman field with Class 43F, is Second Lt. Robert H. Hirsch, husband of Mrs. Ruth Hirsch, 1735 Caldwell drive.

Telegrams from the War department were received by the relatives here Friday.

**Wounded Jan. 8.**

The wire received by Mrs. Hartley and her daughter, Miss Florence Hartley, who reside southwest of Wabashboro, stated that Private Hartley was "slightly wounded" in action Jan. 8 in Italy.

Hartley entered service May 4, 1942, through the Bartholomew county selective service board and has been overseas since September, 1942. He was stationed for some time in the British Isles and was reported in Sicily last August. He has been serving with a signal battalion unit.

A brother, Oscar J. Hartley, former Bartholomew county school teacher, who has been in the Army since last July, is stationed at Camp Atterbury.

The wire received here Friday by Mrs. Hirsch stated that her husband had been missing in action over Germany since Jan. 7.

**Trained at Freeman.**

Lieutenant and Mrs. Hirsch moved to Columbus last spring when he was assigned to Freeman field at Seymour for advanced training. They resided with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weddle, 2015 Newton street. Lieutenant Hirsch received his "wings" at Freeman field June 30 and Mrs. Hirsch accompanied him when he was transferred to Idaho.

He was sent overseas this fall and she returned here in November to resume employment in the Cummins Engine company office, where she is a stenographer. She resided at the Weddle home until a week ago when she moved to the Mrs. J. C. Wade residence.

Lieutenant Hirsch's parents reside at 1494 Noble avenue, Bronx, New York. Mrs. Hirsch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holten of 715 Veronica avenue, East St. Louis, Ill.

Mrs. Hirsch left for her home at East St. Louis Friday night, accompanied by Mrs. Wade, who will visit her husband, a second lieutenant stationed at Phoenix, Ariz.

# 1944\_01\_22\_Two air casualties - Walter Hartley & R H Hirsch 43F FREEMAN FIELD

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# 36 ATTA BOYS NATURALIZED

## 30th Division Men from Camp Get Citizenship Papers.

Up to noon today thirty-six foreign born men now serving in the United States army, had received their naturalization papers in hearings in the Bartholomew circuit court which opened Tuesday morning.

W. M. Brown of the Cincinnati office of the U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization, who is in charge of the hearings, said a few more soldiers would take the oath this afternoon and become citizens of the United States.

The applicants for citizenship are all from the 30th Division stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Many of them have been in the Army more than a year.

Nine men received the oath Tuesday morning, 18 Tuesday afternoon and nine this morning. Sgt. Serge Seigfried Sabarsky, a native of Vienna, Austria, who came to this country four years ago, was in charge of the group that came here for the hearing Tuesday.

### Names Listed.

Following are the names of the soldiers who have obtained their citizenship papers here during the past two days:

Walter Albert Ernest Scarborough, Hans Irvan Kunze, Erakleas Anthony Menegatos, Loudan Corsan Reid, Steffan Rudianyn, Serg Siegfried Sabarsky, Hans Rosenthal, William Patrick Canavan, Joseph Fried, Angelo George Vailtos, Naftal Schwartz, Sidney Church, Oswald Neneioni, Walter Charles Korat, Girsz Bernstein, Sigmund Prince, Ben Gersinsky, Felix Eduard Wolf, Willie John Webber, Frank Whitley Gowdy, Frank Joseph Gross, Joseph Zimmerman, William Elven Cooper, William Tyral Layne, Floriana Dveutko Privat, Laurie Barclay Burgess, Louis Harvath, Albert Glass Anderson, Charles Martinussen, Stanley Adolph Erickson, Arnold Hutchins, John Teodor Johannes, Leonard Sidney Vanes, Karl Albert Eisenhardt, James Smith, Albert Edward McDonald.

1944\_01\_19\_36 in the 30th Division get citizenship

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# 16 Atterbury Soldiers Become Citizens of U. S.

Natives of Many Countries  
Naturalized in Local  
Court.

Sixteen Camp Atterbury soldiers became citizens of the United States at hearings conducted before Judge George W. Long of Bartholomew circuit court today.

Practically all the men naturalized were from the 30th Division.

W. M. Brown of the Cincinnati office of the U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization was in charge of the hearings. O. D. Wilson, Bartholomew county clerk, administered the oaths.

Mr. Brown stated it was likely that additional hearings would be held tomorrow.

## From All Over the World.

The men obtaining their citizenship papers came from various parts of the world. Native lands of several of them have been torn to bits in the European war.

Men from Poland, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Finland, Greece and Canada were in the group.

"If these men could tell you their experiences it would fill several newspapers," one of the soldiers commented.

In the group was a young man from Poland. Two of his brothers are now fighting with Russia as volunteers. He has another brother in a German prison camp. Whereabouts of some of his relatives are unknown.

A sergeant in the group came to the United States two days after the war started in Europe. He was a native of Vienna.

Seven of the men appeared before Judge Long at noon and were administered the oath of citizenship. Nine others went before the court in the afternoon.

More than 40 soldiers came to Columbus for the hearings, it being necessary for each citizenship applicant to provide two witnesses.

The courthouse, especially the clerk's office, was a busy place throughout the day. Most of the paper work in connection with the applicants was handled in this of-

fice by Clerk Wilson and his staff. The group of applicants was not confined to enlisted men. There was also a captain obtaining his first citizenship papers.

# 40 TO GET 8TH GRADE DIPLOMAS

Commencement Exercises to  
Be Held at Auditorium  
Thursday Afternoon.

Justment schools will be graduated from the eighth grade at exercises at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Columbus high school auditorium.

The program for the commencement, prepared by Mrs. Lillie W. Leppert, was announced today.

It will open with the march of the graduates with Carla Lurie at the piano.

Von Boll will be master of ceremonies, and Patricia Elliott will make the welcome address. Donald Hull will give the invocation after which Nancy Lostutter will play a piano solo.

Martha Ellen Taylor will give the class history, assisted by Leroy Silva, Donald Tull and members of the 8A graduating class.

Next will come a song by a quintet composed of Joanne Job, Donna Gordon, Patricia Elliott, Martha Cox and Martha Ellen Taylor.

Nancy Lostutter will make the farewell address, and J. O. Kelly, principal of Wilson school will present the diplomas.

## Graduates Listed.

The following will receive diplomas and enter high school next week:

Ralph Bailey, Don Boll, Bob Booher, Glen Brown, Mildred Carter, Robert Cook, Martha Cox, Harriett Daugherty, John Dilts, Patricia Elliott, Donna Gordon, Betty Geilker, Don Guckenberger.

## 1944-01\_18\_16 Atterbury soldiers get citizenship

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## CAMP STATUS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

Training Of Troops At Atterbury May End March 1, Is Word From Sen. Willis; Reaction Varied

Word from a United States senator in Washington that there may be no military training of troops at Camp Atterbury after March 1 elicited considerable comment in Johnson county during the weekend and today.

Senator Raymond E. Willis of Angola, in a telegram received Saturday by The Franklin Star, said:

"War Department advises there is a likelihood Atterbury will be reduced to status of caretakers camp March 1, with skeleton maintenance force and 1900 hospital beds active, but no training activity."

Some observers were inclined to believe that the War Department would not have authorized such a statement using the word "likelihood" with regard to the possibility of the change in status unless the alteration was a foregone conclusion. Others felt that further developments in the coming weeks may serve to have the status of Camp Atterbury as a troop training center unchanged.

**Several Implications**  
The announcement had numerous implications.

One was that reference to the hospital beds means that the War Department intends to continue use of the hospital section of the camp. This has been a widely accepted thought around here, most persons believing that no matter when Atterbury is abandoned as a troop training center, the hospital will remain in operation permanently. (The buildings are of semi-permanent construction).

Another implication was that Atterbury would be staffed with just enough military personnel and civilian employees to keep up the buildings and grounds.

Unsettled by the announcement was the possible status of the prisoner of war camp which contains Italian army enlisted men and non-commissioned officers. The wire made no reference to them.

**Reduce Number of Camps**  
The announcement from Senator Willis came only a few days after the War Department had announced in Washington that plans are being made to reduce the number of Army camps in the United States.

Word of the proposed move came almost two years to the day after word first arrived here that Camp Atterbury would be established. On January 5, 1942, Representative Earl Wilson disclosed that the camp, which has been in the process of planning for many years, would be built. Only a couple of weeks later, construction began.

First military personnel arrived at the camp in June, 1942. Two infantry divisions have trained separately at the camp since its establishment, first the 33rd which later moved to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., and later the 20th, which is now in training.

**Somervell Comments**  
Lieut. Gen. Breton B. Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces, announced Saturday in Washington that a number of army camps vacated by troops sent overseas are going to be turned over to the veterans administration for use as hospitals.

He made the announcement following approval of the idea by Brig.

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## 1944\_01\_17\_Camp Atterbury subject of discussion

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# Camp Status Subject Of Much Discussion (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Gen. Frank T. Hines, chief of the veterans administration, and Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, army surgeon general.

Gen. Scmervell said the reason for the action was to make certain "that there will be no interim between the date a sick or wounded soldier is discharged from the army and the day the veterans administration assumes responsibility.

1944\_01\_17\_Camp Atterbury discussion - Continued

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## TD Detachment Ends Breckinridge Visit

Camp Atterbury, Jan. 17—A detachment of soldiers from the 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion recently returned from Camp Breckinridge, Ky., after a five-day course of instruction on the towed "3-inch" gun.

The trip was made as a result of the reorganization of the battalion, making necessary a change in the type of arms used. The detachment was composed of representatives of each company and these soldiers are now acting as instructors in the training of the rest of the battalion.

1944\_01\_17\_610th Tank Destroyer BN returns

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# MOST TROOPS MAY BE OUT OF CAMP MARCH 1

Senator Willis Quotes War  
Department on Status  
Change.

TO BE MAINLY HOSPITAL

1,960 Beds for Patients to  
Be Maintained at  
Camp.

Possibility that almost all troops will be moved out of Camp Atterbury by March 1 and the camp reduced to status of a caretaker's camp with only a skeleton maintenance force, was reported today by Senator Raymond E. Willis of Indiana.

In a telegram to The Evening Republican, Senator Willis said: "War department advises there is a likelihood Atterbury will be reduced to status of caretakers camp March 1, with skeleton maintenance force and 1,960 hospital beds active, but no training activity."

COMES AS BOMBSHELL.

It is presumed from the telegram that the status of caretaker's camp would mean that Camp Atterbury would be staffed with only enough soldiers and civilian workers to keep up maintenance of buildings and grounds.

It also is presumed that reference to the hospital beds means that the War department plans to continue use of the big hospital section at the camp, probably for use of wounded soldiers returned from overseas.

Senator Willis' announcement came as a "bombshell" here, although the War department in Washington had announced this week that it planned to reduce the number of Army camps in the nation.

NUMBER UNDISCLOSED.

Although the number of troops at Camp Atterbury at any one time is a military secret, the

War department has previously revealed that the camp can accommodate between 35,000 and 50,000 men. It also has been revealed that a large number of men are now stationed in the camp, taking part in training.

As Senator Willis' telegram made no mention of the Italian prisoner of war camp at Atterbury, it may be that this section of the camp is not included in the War department's abandonment plans. The camp was originally built to accommodate 3,500 prisoners of war and U. S. escort guard company troops are stationed at the camp to guard the prisoners. If the internment camp is maintained, it is presumed that the guard troops also will remain at Atterbury.

It is possible that the Italian prisoners of war, who already are employed at many maintenance jobs at Atterbury not directly connected with the war effort, will do the major portion of the maintenance work if the camp is reduced to caretaker status.

## NO NEW CASES OF MENINGITIS

Sporadic Appearance Re-  
lieves Fears of Epidemic  
in Local Area.

No new cases of meningitis have been reported in this area during the last few days and there is every reason to be hopeful that the disease will disappear here. Dr. Milton S. Ross, director of the Columbus district of the Indiana state board of health, said today.

All the cases reported have been isolated and appearance of the disease has been sporadic, relieving fears of an epidemic.

Harold E. Walls, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walls of 607 Hughes street, who is ill of

1944\_01\_15\_Troops may be out of Atterbury by March 1

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# REGIMENT AT ATTERBURY GIVES \$1,000 TO WAR PRISONER FUND

Camp Atterbury, Jan. 13.—Tough infantry men who are taught how to make things unpleasant for the enemy, are in contrast, very warm-hearted when it comes to making things pleasant for their buddies.

That the soldier is always a liberal contributor to a worthy cause was proven recently when men of the 117th Infantry Regiment here contributed more than \$1,000 to the American

Prisoner of War Fund campaign. And they did it voluntarily without fuss or fanfare.

The purpose of the fund and the 117th contributions is to buy cigarettes, soap, razor blades and other semi-luxuries for fellow soldiers who are being held in Axis prisoner of war camps. With that in mind, the doughboys filled empty jars with coins in their dayrooms during a two-week period.

The idea of raising money resulted from an article in the Infantry Journal and was conducted by Mas-

ter Sgt. Lester E. Martin and Technical Sgt. Charles McLean, both of Service Co. 117th. It will be turned over to the Infantry Journal, which will forward it to the International Red Cross in Switzerland.

Company officers and non-coms explained the purpose of the campaign, and jars were placed in each company dayroom. The soft hearts of the hard-hearted infantrymen did the rest. The contribution here was among the largest amounts collected for the fund by a single Army unit.

1944\_01\_13\_117th Inf Reg gives \$1000 to War Prisoner fund

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#### 4 Die Near Greenwood In Auto-Bus Wreck

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the bus passengers. Israel said that Lasiter swerved sharply to the left the moment he saw the auto headed toward the coach. The auto struck the bus on the right side just behind the entrance door of the bus.

Had Lasiter swerved to the right, the crash would have been head-on, Israel said, and the bus would have plunged down a steep embankment.

After the accident, while the bus passengers were being treated at a Greenwood physician's office, they agreed that Lasiter's quick action had saved additional lives.

Israel was seated directly behind the driver of the bus and the impact of the collision threw him over the driver, his head striking a rear vision mirror and his legs breaking off the great shift lever. He was standing on his feet when the bus came to a stop.

#### Clutched Handful Of Bills

He said when persons reached the young woman's body, they found her clutching nine one-dollar bills in her hand.

The bus, in swerving to the left, cleared a three-foot ditch, tore out a fence and went 125 feet into a field before coming to a stop. Traffic was blocked for two hours while wreckers cleared the highway. All the injured were removed to the office of Dr. G. A. Tiley, in Greenwood.

Two of the soldiers and the woman were thrown from the auto. The other soldier was pinned in the car between the front seat and the motor, which was driven near the back seat. Police said the woman was wearing a wedding ring, but had no identification on her. The car bore Michigan license plates.

Officers were unable to learn the destination of the quartet. The bus was a special operating between Camp Atterbury and Indianapolis. The bodies were sent to Indianapolis city morgue in City Hospital ambulances by George Stewart, provost marshal at Fort Harrison, another officer and military police and Dr. John W. Deever, Marion county deputy coroner.

#### Driver Tells Of Crash

Also investigating were State Patrolman Arthur Worrick, of Greenwood; and Marion county Deputy Sheriffs Everett Maxwell, Harry Foxworthy, Robert Imhausen, Earl Smith and Robert West.

The impact was so great that the steering column of the wrecked auto was bent straight up and then backwards through the window.

Mr. Lasiter, who had been driving for the company about two weeks, told officers that the car approached over a slight rise in the road and "seemed to angle at me." In an effort to avoid the collision, he said he swerved to the left and struck the car about in the middle of the road. He said he was driving between 30 and 35 miles per hour.

Mark Myers, manager of the J. C. Wilson funeral home at Greenwood, was returning from Indianapolis at the time and was one of the first on the scene. Five deputy sheriffs reached the scene ten minutes after receiving the call and blocked the road with flares and red lights.

## 1944\_01\_11\_Soldiers and woman die in wreck - Continued

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## 3 SOLDIERS, YOUNG WOMAN ARE VICTIMS

Dead Girl Unidentified Hours  
After Coach, Car Collide On  
County Line; Five Local  
Persons Are Injured

A speeding automobile crashed almost head-on into a Central Swallow Coach Lines bus at the Johnson-Marion county line on Road 431 about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, bringing death to all four occupants of the car, three Camp Atterbury soldiers attached to the Reconnaissance Troops of the 30th Infantry Division and a 20-year-old unidentified woman. The latter was almost decapitated.

Five of the seven passengers on the bus were injured. All were from Johnson county. The dead:

Corporal Jack M. Long, of Kingsport, W. Va.

Corporal William T. Davis, of Flint, Mich.

Corporal Joe P. Hopper, of Larksville, N. C.

A woman believed to have been the wife of one of the soldiers.

The injured included:

Frank M. Israel, age 31, 630 West Madison street, Franklin. Severe head wound and injured leg.

Mrs. Lela Duvall, age 43, wife of former Town Marshal Charles Duvall of Greenwood.

Sadie Henry, 45 years old, of Whiteland. Face cuts.

Ella Hanham, 43, of Greenwood. Face cuts.

Minta Maxfield, age 62, of Whiteland. Possible back injury and face cuts.

Only two passengers in the bus who escaped injury were Walter Newman and John Hendricks, both of Franklin.

The bus was being driven north on the highway by Roy Lasiter, 21 years old, of Greenwood R. R. 2. The auto was southbound. They collided 70 feet north of the county line. All bus passengers were enroute to war jobs in Indianapolis.

Israel, the only Franklin man listed among the injured, received treatment for a severe head wound which required six stitches to close. He is an employee of the Lukas-Harold Corporation, Indianapolis naval ordnance plant.

He said that Buford VanCleave, colored, also of Franklin, who normally rides the coach leaving here with war workers shortly after 4:30 each morning, had missed the bus and thus escaped possible injury.

According to Israel, a quick decision on the part of the bus driver likely saved the lives of some of

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## 1944\_01\_11\_3 soldiers and 1 woman victims in wreck

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# CHAPLAINS GET 5,171 CALLS

## Have That Many Interviews in Month at Atterbury— Minister to 50,000.

Camp Atterbury, Jan. 7 (Special)—At Camp Atterbury more than 50,000 "see the chaplain" monthly, with 5,171 having personal interviews with the post's 28 chaplains. Statistics on the activities of chaplains here in a "typical" month show that collectively they have ministered to well over 50,000 people, most of them soldiers.

This activity chart, compiled in the office of Post Chaplain Virgil M. Halley, also reveals facts and figures showing that regular worship services are just one of a chaplain's many duties. In addition to regular and special services, 15 other "spare time" duties are listed.

Delving into the chaplains' "busy-ness," here are a few figures, showing what these 28 chaplains do in a typical month: Hold 151 Sunday religious services for over 10,000 soldiers; hold services for the Italian prisoners of war; conduct weekday services for over 3,000 men and hold numerous special services for about 200 men per service.

Add this long list of "spare time" jobs: 28 Bible and instruction classes for 250; 93 addresses to civilian groups totaling 7,496 people; 24 morale lectures to 4,784; 44 group discussions; five recreational trips; 238 hospital visits, speaking to about 2,400 patients; 969 pastoral visits; 5,171 personal interviews; 852 letters written in an official capacity; handle 90 welfare cases; distribute about 5,100 copies of Bibles and religious literature; officiate at nine weddings, five baptisms, and an occasional funeral.

The above figures are the total cases for all chaplains here in an average month. The figures vary from month to month, but this data proves that chaplains "do get around."

## 1944\_01\_07\_Chaplains get 5171 calls in a month

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# M. P.'S LEARN JUDO, JIU-JITSUI

**Native of Hawaii Teaches  
Combat to 30th Division  
Police at Atterbury.**

Camp Atterbury, Jan. 7 (Special)—A native of Honolulu, T. H., and an outstanding proponent of the arts of judo and jiu-jitsu, Staff Sgt. William A. Arruda now is teaching the members of Military Police platoon of the 30th Division the finer points of these two systems of mayhem.

Expert in these methods of physical combat which are based on an intricate knowledge of balance, nerve centers and bone and muscle structure. Sergeant Arruda has spent a good portion of his 24 years in studying the various holds, throws and blows.

Much of his knowledge in this type of fighting was gained from Japanese residents of Hawaii.

In explaining one of his methods of upsetting the equilibrium of an opponent, Arruda casually flipped one of his 220-pound MP students over his shoulder with ease, making the feat appear simple.

The judo expert's military experience has been long and varied, having served with the Hawaiian National guard for five years and with the regular Army for four years. He also attended the first Ranger and combat school held on the island of Oahu. Sgt. Arruda conducts four classes weekly in the sports arena for the members of the MP platoon.

1944\_01\_07\_30th Division MPS get Judo training

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# **GEN. MONTAGUE HEADS DIVISION**

**Former Resident Becomes  
Chief of 83rd After Trans-  
fer of Milburn.**

Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn of Jasper, who had been commander of the 83rd Infantry division stationed at Camp Breckinridge, has left for a new command, and Brig. Gen. Robert M. Montague, who was commander of the division's field artillery units, has assumed command of the division.

Both generals had been with the 83rd since its reactivation in 1942 at Camp Atterbury.

General Montague, a native of Portland, Ore., and a resident of Columbus while the division was stationed at Atterbury, is 44 years old. He has a distinguished record of Army service. Soon after graduation from United States Military academy at West Point in 1918 he went overseas on a tour of inspection of battlefronts in France, Belgium, Italy and the Army of Occupation in Germany. After his return he was graduated from field artillery basic school in 1920.

Accompanying General Milburn to his new post are Col. Rinaldo Van Brunt, his chief of staff; Maj. Harry Adams and Lt. Ralph Waldo. Lt. Col. Samuel V. Krauthoff becomes chief of staff to General Montague.

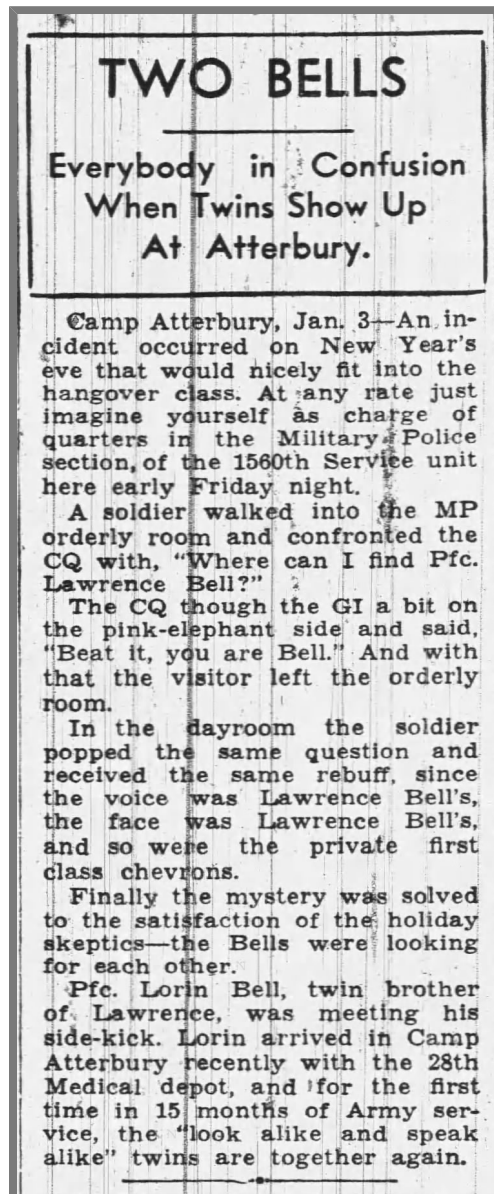
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## 1944\_01\_03\_Tins at Atterbury - 1560th MP & 28th Medical Depot

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## SOLDIER, FIANCEE GET FIRST PERMIT

A 23-year old Camp Atterbury soldier was the first "victim" of Dan Cupid in this Leap Year of 1944, Nelson W. Pangburn, new county clerk, reported today.

Whether or not the soldier made the proposal or received it from his bride-to-be according to Leap Year custom was not learned.

The soldier gave his name as Mike Jacobs, Jr., and said he was born in North Carolina.

His finacee gave her name as Lois Hickerson, 22 years old, of Johnson county. She said she was born at White Bluff, Tenn.

They were the first couple to obtain a marriage license here from Mr. Pangburn.

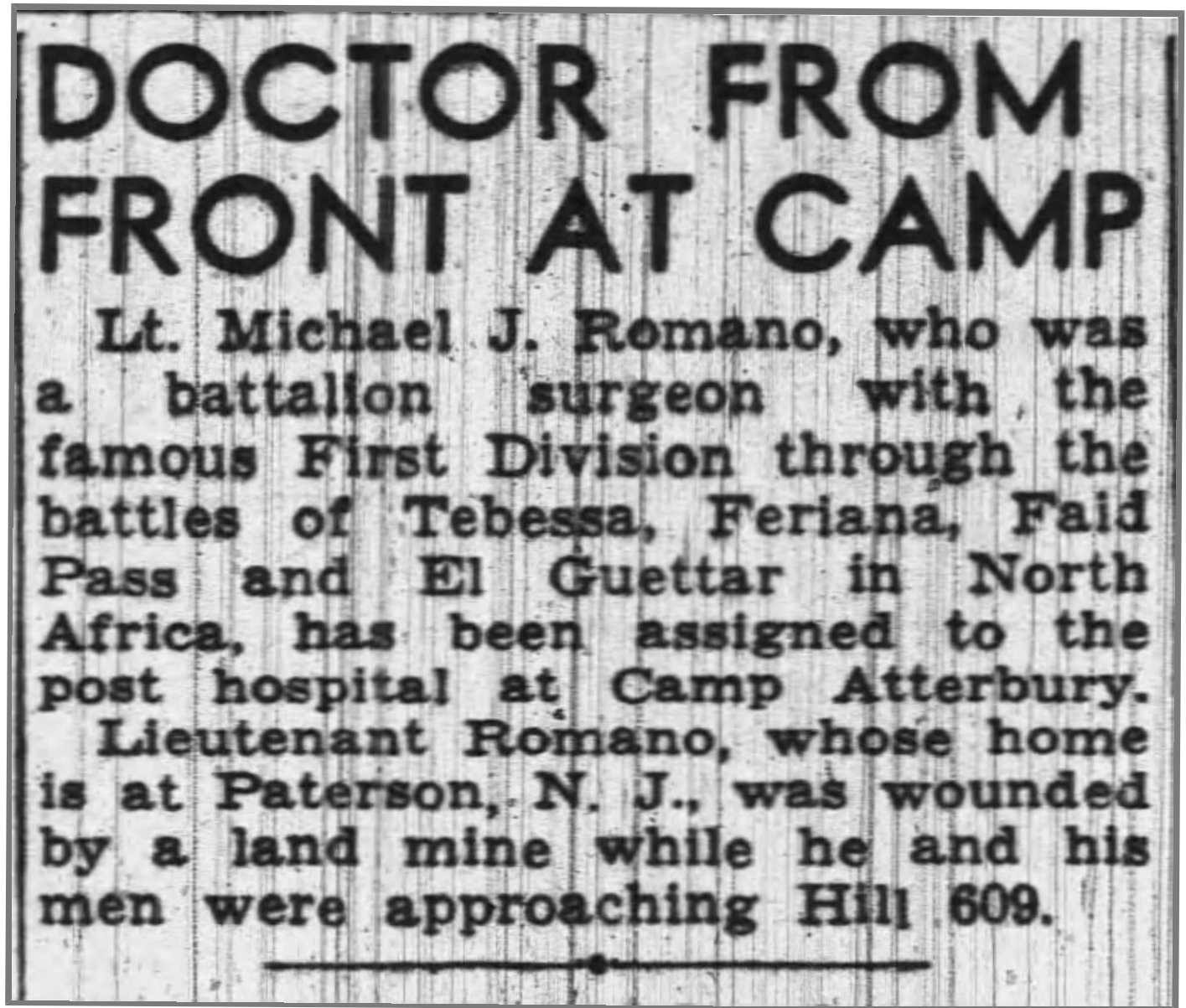
1944\_01\_03\_First couple to wed

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1944\_01\_03\_Doctor from front at Post Hospital

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# 141st RETURNS TO ATTERBURY

The 141st Ordnance MM company returned to Camp Atterbury last week from Camp Forrest, Tenn. The unit, commanded by Lt. Wayne A. Townsend, left Atterbury Aug. 4.

Following a month in the field at Camp Forrest, the 141st went on maneuvers, participating in five problems. They were with the Blue Army in the maneuvers.

The men returned to Atterbury wearing their "jungle suits," a camouflage outfit styled like cover-all fatigues and dyed with brown and green spots so that the wearers are hard to spot from the air.

1944\_01\_03\_141st Ordnance MM Co returns to Atterbury

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# ATTERBURY HAS QUIET NEW YEAR

Today Is Work Day for Most  
Soldiers—'Open House'  
at Hospital.

Camp Atterbury, Jan. 1 (Special)—Contrary to tradition, Atterbury didn't "hit the ceiling" on New Year's eve. Activities here were quite tame, for on New Year's eve events in camp were done with long before midnight . . . and New Year's day was just another working day.

Considering this, probably the biggest feature of the holiday weekend for soldiers was the fact that Friday was payday, just in the nick of time for the men to celebrate at U.S.O.'s and elsewhere in nearby communities.

The only special Friday night program, planned in accordance with the advent of 1944, was held in the post hospital auditorium for the benefit of patients. The program will include various games with prizes to winners and musical acts by patients. Ice cream and cookies were served.

Today was "open house" in the hospital auditorium. Recreation facilities will be wide open to all patients and they will also be allowed to entertain friends or relatives.

For the rest of the men in camp New Year's eve activities were of the "everyday" variety—camp movies as usual and the PX's as usual. Service club No. 1 had free movies at 8 o'clock; No. 2 held open house, with all games and the juke box available; and No. 3 had a recorded music hour program.

Training and other daily routines were in effect today, although arrangements were made to permit men to attend the "Day of Prayer" services being held on the post.

1944\_01\_01\_Atterbury has quiet new year

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