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FREEMAN MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Post History Reviews Year's Fine Expansion

Pioneer Settlers Were Present at First Flag Raising and Ceremony

It was a cold, murky Tuesday on December 1, 1942, when a small group of officers and men gathered outside of post headquarters to participate in activation ceremonies of Freeman Army Air Field. Simplicity was the keynote of the occasion; it was marked only by officers coming to attention and saluting while the American flag was raised for the first time on the field.

Of that group, pine officers and two enlisted men still remain at the field and all will recall how they had to place duckboards in the sea of mud in front of headquarters so that they could stand at attention without sinking in

William C. Burt, pioneer settler, beamed and raised the flag. After the ceremonies, all returned to their duties to make preparations for the first contingent of enlisted men which was to arrive seven days later.

Story Unfolds.

In the early part of 1942 the ever-expanding Army Air Forces Flying Training Command chose Seymour, Ind., as a suitable site for an advanced two engine flying school. Construction work was begun almost immediately and it wasn't until several months later that the first Army personnel arrived to supervise the work.

On Oct. 14, Col. E. T. Rundquist, former commanding officer of the Army Air Forces Detachment at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., was assigned to the Seymour Army Air Base as project officer, a duty which he held until Dec. 1, when he was named commanding officer. On Nov. 2, Col. Ora M. Baldinger was assigned to duty as assistant project officer and it is to these two men that most of the credit for the planning and construction work must be given.

New Men Arrive.

On Dec. 8, seven days after the field was activated, the first group of enlisted men moved into their new barracks and began to work with the spirit of American pioneers, eagerly setting forth to clear the wilderness making

Outstanding "Firsts" At Freeman



"Hello Seymour". Stepping out of a swollen train on December 8, these first pioneers stood grinning for the cameraman, while others waited anxiously to embark on the task of building Freeman Field; making it another powerful link in the nation-wide chain of flight training stations.



On a cold day, March sixth, Cadet Arthur H. Crapsey had the singular and significant honor of being the first student to set his plane down on the snow-bordered runways. The landing was made after an instructional flight following the arrival of first cadet class 43-D, at the field. Major, then Capt. Robert Tyler, Director of Flying, beamed his congratulations.



Evening Festivity To Feature Giant 1st Birthday Cake

At four p. m. today Freeman Field, will pause in its flight for victory, and prepare for a night of revelry and ceremony that falls nothing short of a New Year's celebration. The cause of it is the commemoration of one year of existence of Freeman, one of the finest advanced flying schools in the nation by testimony of many distinguished visitors.

To start the commemoration activities, all work at the post will cease at four, and a formal retreat parade will be held at the cadet area. Everyone at the field will attend, an all-out showing that embraces all military personnel as well as civilians. A public address system has been installed to carry a speech by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field. His address will be in the form of a "Thank You" to all the men and women who have cooperated with him in the past year, in making the first anniversary so auspicious.

Then, at eight p. m. a dance, held at hangar five, will usher in the evening's festivities. Everyone at the field is urged to attend officers, WACs, enlisted men, civilians and cadets. The post orchestra will be there to furnish the rhythm note, of course.

Coffee and doughnuts, prepared by the mess hall staff, will be served in abundance, and for those whose parched throats prefer, there will be vari-flavored Cool-Ade drinks by the bucketful.

Event of the Party.
The big event of the evening will be the presentation of a giant birthday cake, loaded with trimmings and icing. In the center a large single candle will signify the age of the field. Pieces of cake will be auctioned off for War Bond pledges. Colonel Rundquist (Continued on page 7, column 4)

Soldier's Center Celebrates Year

With an open house celebration, the Soldiers' Hospitality Center in Seymour, will celebrate both its first anniversary and the anniversary of Freeman Field, on Sunday, December 5. From tea to ten, there will be something going on.

At 10 a. m. Lt. Roland O. Davis, will start the ball rolling with a meeting at 2 p. m.

ready for the anticipated arrival of aircraft. During all this time more and more officers, flying instructors and enlisted men were reporting to the field and were immediately put to work making preparations for the training program to get underway.

On Feb. 22 the planes arrived and a few days later Class 43-D moved in and took possession of the barracks and began their

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Led by their C.O., Third Officer Martha T. Riley, on May twentieth, the original cadre of WAACs came gingerly stepping along the duck-boards that stretched to their white, two-story barracks at the north side of the post. Carrying grips, et al, these first settlers prepared the way for many others who arrived within the next month.

the Freeman Field Band will put on a band concert. From 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., Open House is declared.

A special supper for enlisted men, Wacs, cadets and their wives, will go on at 6 p. m. At 7:30 p. m., various Freeman Field officers will speak. The Hanover College girls will sing Carols of the Nations at 8:45 p. m. Refreshments will again be served at 10 p. m.

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THE CHAPLAIN CHATS

One year ago our field was born. It was a quiet and unheralded birth. There were very few attendants. There were no thousands of men to give it a grand reception. There were no plans to give it a "buzzing". There weren't any chaplains around to christen it. Thus, our field was born without ceremony and without a name. There were only a few hardy pioneers here who had to brave the mud and the cold. Duck boards were islands of safety in the sea of ooze, and space heaters were little gold mines.

But a lot can happen in one year. Soldiers and WACs have arrived to take their places of responsibility here. Planes have come in and are in the air night and day. Cadets arrive class after class making our field one of the largest advanced flying schools in the Eastern Training Command. The machinery for turning out the best pilots in the world is functioning smoothly. To "Keep Them Flying" is the aim of all mechanics, instructors, clerks, cooks, all soldiers and officers.

One event of importance was the naming of our field. The name of Freeman was first to participate in the dedication of Freeman Army Air Field. "What's in a name?" is often asked. There's plenty in our name. Not only are we challenged by this pilot's life of courageous pioneering and sacrifice, but the name itself—FREEMAN—is the symbol of our cause. We are free men fighting to free men from tyranny and oppression. Our field is dedicated by its name and work to that ideal. It is a stepping stone to a world free from fear, injustice, and war.

Let us, on this first anniversary, set our minds, hearts, and hands to the task before us—of building the best men and soldiers in the world.

When the United States became involved in this present world conflict and had to call her citizens in defense of the nation, it soon became evident that she was a country that considered her men, not as mere machines of war, but as creatures of God endowed with body and soul. The material welfare of her men has been taken care of by providing the men of the Army and Navy with the best in clothes, food, and medical attention.

Their spiritual welfare has been safeguarded by erecting chapels and providing



Chaplain Henderson



Roving Reporter

Question: In looking back over a year at Freeman Field, what in your mind is the most outstanding thing?

Asked of some of the "First Settlers"



M/Sgt. Claude L. Dorman—467th—the first enlisted man to come to Freeman—reported in Oct. 23, 1942.—"Naturally I'd say the most outstanding thing is the transformation that has taken place. When I first arrived here the field was a huge jumble of unfinished barracks."



WO Edward P. Sundberg—arrived at Freeman on Nov. 2 1942 as a master sergeant—"During my army career I've served at many posts throughout the country, but this is the first field I've seen where the townspeople and field officials have cooperated so closely. The people in Seymour have been most helpful and I think we all owe them a vote of thanks on this our anniversary."



Sgt. William C. Burns—447th—reported in Nov. 17, 1942—"The

HEADQUARTERS FREEMAN ARMY AIR FIELD

Seymour, Indiana

1 December, 1943.

To: Personnel of Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Indiana.

1. On this, the first anniversary of the activation of Freeman Army Air Field, I desire to express my gratitude and appreciation for the fine work each of you have been doing at your jobs throughout the past year. The attained results exemplify the degree of effort put forth by each and all of you; and as a result of this combined effort we have contributed vastly to the war effort by graduating the best pilots in the world. This fact alone makes me feel proud of what we have done during this past year and prompts me to anticipate that the coming year will evidence even greater achievements.

2. However, it is noted that the personnel, both military and civilian, of Freeman Army Air Field are not content with just training the best pilots . . . they're willing to back them with war bond purchases. Our record in this undertaking has been excellent; but we must not be content with what we have accomplished . . . we must always strive to do better.

3. There no longer exists an uncertainty as to who will win this war. We are bound for ultimate victory. However, just how long it takes to achieve the desired end depends to some degree upon us. We must do everything within our power to hasten the successful conclusion of this conflict. With a united effort we will not fail.

E. Rundquist

E. T. RUNDQUIST,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Commanding

Looking Ahead

Freeman Field has reached the first milestone in what we hope will be its short history. A year has passed—365 days—each one of them a stepping stone on the road to victory—and we pause for a moment to not look back, but ahead.

Those of us in training here, cadets, officers, enlisted men and WACs have but one purpose in mind, the defeat of the common enemy. That the final outcome of this conflict will result in a complete victory for the legions of democracy is something that none of us doubt.

Twenty-four years ago during the prologue to the present world conflict, a young soldier left to his fellow Americans a message which summed up the duty of then and now.

"America must win this war. Therefore, I will work; I will sacrifice; I will endure; I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."

This man lived his pledge and died for it for he fell at Chateau Thierry. Perhaps he thought his comrades-in-arms would see the final vindication of his faith. We know they hoped to. But the struggle has been continued and goes on with increased fury.

Our purpose in this war is to smash political gangsterism, once and for all, so that never again will it threaten the progress of civilization. We have only begun to learn the size of our task. However great it may be, we are going to do it.

Some of us may feel that the parts we are playing are small. Perhaps they are, but even the most elaborate jig saw puzzle is incomplete and worthless if a single section is lost.

As we march down the road to victory it may be well to remember and apply the phrase written by a soldier twenty-four years ago.

"I will do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."

chaplains to help men "in the things that appertain to God". In this latter respect, Freeman Field is second to none.

Shortly after the Field was opened, Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson was sent to minister to the needs of the men and he saw to it that Protestants, Catholics, and Jews alike were able to attend their services. He was the only chaplain on this Field until June 9th when this chaplain arrived from Maxwell Field.

Although the Catholic population of Freeman Field was not very great in the beginning, a word of praise must be extended to the Rev. Clarence Burkart, of Seymour, who, with the permission of the Commanding Officer, came to the Field every Sunday to say mass for them.

Shortly after our arrival, Post Chapel Number 2 was opened and immediately after the commanding officer and his staff began to make improvements so that it would be a fitting House for the Worship of God. They were well aware of the fact that religious worship is absolutely necessary for the well-being of the men and consequently they have spared nothing in encouraging them to attend services.

At present, after only one year, Freeman Field can boast that it has two chapels which are simply but beautifully adorned. Houses of God, where men of all creeds can come to pray, to rest, and to meditate. The Blessings of God are bound to descend upon this Field because He has been given His proper place in its foundation.

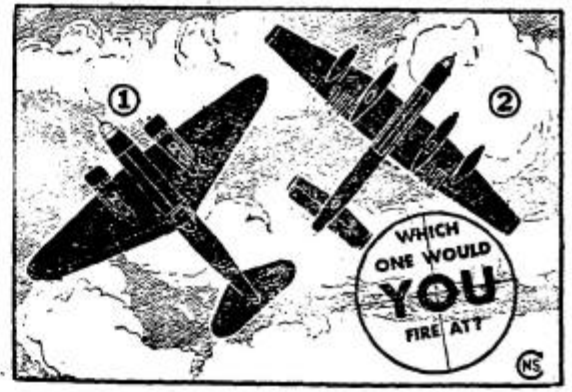


Chaplain McGuire

fact that a year has passed, so quickly and the efficient manner in which a "farm" was reformed almost overnight into a smooth running flying training school."



S/Sgt. John F. Polit—447th—arrived on Dec. 15, 1942. The hospitality of the people in Seymour. When I arrived here last December I was a stranger in a strange town, but ten days later, on Christmas, I had no less than five invitations to different homes for a holiday dinner. I might also mention that I'm getting married next week—to a girl I met in Seymour."



Fire at No. 11 It's the Japanese Mitsubishi 98, a mid-wing heavy bomber, powered by two radial engines. The trailing edges of the thick wings sweep forward sharply to rounded tips. The nose of the rectangular fuselage extends well ahead of the engine nacelles. Leading edge of the tailplane is swept back to rounded tips and it has twin fins and rudders.

Not at No. 21 It's the British "Halifax," a mid-wing, four engine heavy bomber. The center sections of the wings are rectangular and the outer panels taper equally to square tips. The nose of the slab-sided fuselage extends well forward to the underslung engine nacelles. The tailplane is swept back slightly on the leading edge and it has twin fins and rudders.

Eighth Cadet Class Get Silver Wings

The eighth class of aviation cadets to receive their silver wings at Freeman Field will hear a first hand account of the bombing of Pearl Harbor at graduation exercises Sunday, Dec. 3.

Major Paul H. Harrison, intelligence officer at Freeman, and former intelligence officer at the Hawaiian Air depot, Hickam Field at the time of the Jap attack, will relate incidents about the bombing.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at the field, will introduce Major Harrison.

Exercises will be held at 11 a. m. in hangar 5 on the flight line.

The 405th band, under the baton of W. O. Mitchell Chetel, will open the program, and Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire will give the invocation. Major William B. Poe, director of training, will award silver wings to graduates in Class 43-K, and Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, will administer the oath of office. Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson will pronounce the benediction.

The graduation dance, an invitational affair, will be held Saturday from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. in hangar 5, with the post orchestra playing. The committee includes aviation cadets Edgar R. Elder, Hoyt M. Howard, Charles H. Alvord, Jr., and Warren T. Olds, class officers.

All officers and their guests will be guests of the new officers at a cocktail party and tea dance graduation day from 5:30 to 8 p. m. in the Officers' Club, with the post orchestra playing for dancing.

Eight More Enlisted Men, Cadet Acceptees

Eight cadets who have passed physical and mental examinations qualifying them for aviation cadet training. They include Pfc. Melbert H.

Retake Exactly a year ago today a group of officers posed for a photograph of the activation ceremonies at Freeman Field. The photo was never developed, simply because the civilian photographer had forgotten to insert film in the camera. So, for the records here are the men who attended the ceremonies on Dec. 1, 1942. From left to right: Capt. William H. McLeod, Lt. Morris W. Zoogman, Capt. John J. Lucas, Col. E. T. Rundquist, Lt. Henry J. Ruettinger, Lt. Joseph F. Landers, Lt. William Hartman and Lt. Russel A. Wenzel.



Red Cross Looks Behind and Ahead

One year after the activation of Freeman Field, on December 2, 1943, an architect is expected here to go over plans for construction of a new regulation Red Cross Headquarters building.

Even without a building of its own, the Red Cross has been doing a magnificent job here since its headquarters was established at Freeman Field, on January 23, 1943. When the office was first opened, the work was carried on by the field director unassisted as the tasks increased, a secretary, and later an assistant field director were added.

To give a statistical picture of the work carried on since March 1, 1943 the following figures are

Glamour Dunkers Do Cartweels, In Joy at New Doughnut Heaven

At last! An old American custom has been brought to its full flower. The dunker has been recognized and is catered to here at Freeman Field.

With the entire left side of the serving counter at the Post Exchange given over to these sinkers and java last week; on the average of 300 dozen doughnuts being sold here everyday—the dunker can feel that here is a place that at least appreciates him. The ordinary GI dunker is satisfied with plain doughnuts, but the PX here feels that the Freeman dunker needs a little glamour, so here, he can find doughnuts in every hue; there's chocolate, vanilla, macie nut and pale

Slick B'way Revue Will Rock Freeman

WHO GOES THERE is a title as well as a challenge. It is the name of USO-CAMP SHOWS' new pageant of comedy and specialties which will be shown here at the Freeman Field post theater on Friday Dec. 3. Servicemen are invited to enjoy another big evening of fun and excitement, and the admission is free.—As usual, two shows will be given—at 7 & 9 p. m.

The emphasis is on comedy in this slick revue. True there is a cute red-head who dances with grace, skill and novelty. Then, too, there is a winning cover girl who can really rock a tune and smack the collective hearts of the audience; but nonsense forms the greater part of other acts. Comedy attuned to the day, and interspersed with

Civilian Employees To Receive Awards At Meeting Dec. 8

Civilian employees at Freeman Field who have completed six consecutive months of satisfactory service with the War Department will receive recognition at a civilian mass meeting Wednesday, Dec. 8 in the post theater.

Approximately 600 workers, including 335 sub-depot employees, will receive a ribbon emblem as a reward for six months' service. The program will open at 11 a. m., with music by the 405th Army Air Forces band under the direction of W. O. Mitchell Chetel.

A similar service authorized by the War Department will be held throughout the nation Dec. 8, when civilians will be given recognition for their role in the war effort.

Lt. Kenneth N. Knight is civilian personnel officer at Freeman Field and Stanton A. Switzer is personnel director at the sub-depot, which is under the command of Col. John J. Keough.

Herman, Pvt. Calvin C. Turk, Pvt. Donald A. Anderson, 466th squadron; Pvt. Daniel Scarafie, 467th squadron; S/Sgt. Paul Nemanis, Sgt. Andrew Vozar, Sgt. August A. Thomas and Pvt. Robert H. Collins, 35th group.

Members of the group now await orders to report to a field where they will receive two months of basic training. From there they will be sent to college for a five months' course, which will include such academic studies as mathematics, physics, geography, modern history and English.

Basic Training Begins For Men Lacking Total Of Full Thirteen Weeks

The entire Eastern Flying Command has been ordered to inaugurate a period of Basic Training, that will include all permanent personnel at the many training fields in the area. Designed to reach men who have never completed a full thirteen weeks course, it will begin immediately upon statistical investigation of the men who fall in that category.

At least four weeks of the program will be devoted to basic military training. The remaining nine weeks may be basic or technical training not necessarily conducted under a definite schedule.

Highlights of the course are qualification with weapons, extended order drill, marches, chemical attack procedures, night operations, map reading, tent pitching, first aid, sanitation, discipline, interior guard duty, inspections. In addition to these there will be many classes in subjects calculated to make the soldier familiar with all the phases of army life.

Buy More War Bonds

shown; these include a large amount of work done at the station hospital.

CASES HANDLED.

Personal Problems	323
Family Problems	329
Dependency Discharges	40
Paroles	4
Financial Reports	210
Health & Welfare Reports	234
Furloughs	467
Allotments	30
Pension Claims	2
Total	1639
Loans Made, totaling	\$9855
Letters Received	930
Letters sent	975
Telegrams received	488
Telegrams sent	428
Movies shown in hospital	20

AAF Advisory Service Centers Now Total 23

Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 30—Army Air Forces Pilots' Advisory Service is now in operation in the entire United States. It was announced recently by Headquarters AAF, Office of Flying Safety, Flight Control Division.

Activation of new Flight Control Centers at Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh brought the number of centers in operation in the continental United States to 23. Centers previously activated are at Boston, New York, Washington, Seattle, Memphis, Atlanta, Jacksonville, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Saint Louis, Denver, Kansas City, Burbank, Oakland, Salt Lake City, Great Falls and Cincinnati.

Pilots desiring Pilots Advisory Service may get it by contacting the nearest range or communications station who will in turn contact the Flight Control Center servicing the area.

lime, there's strawberry and just sugared ones, and cinnamon nuts. Of course, the connoisseur will buy but one type—the plain, unsugared, unspiced kind. The reason: when you dip one of these in a steaming cup of coffee, no sugar or icing can roll off into the liquid, and in addition, the uncoated doughnut absorbs just the right amount of coffee.

Scientific Study.

This absorption point is never misjudged by the seasoned dunker—it occurs a moment before the doughnut is ready to break from the weight of the osmosis of the liquid, also just before the point at which the coffee drips on your chin when you raise the doughnut to your lips.

From 6 a. m. to 4 p. m. these downy flake doughnuts keep

P.X. Open Sunday

The post exchange will be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 5, to coincide with graduation ceremonies.

A turkey dinner at 45 cents per plate will be served in the cafeteria following commencement exercises. All new officers and their families and friends are invited.

The post exchange, freshly stocked with an attractive and varied selection of Christmas gifts, will be open for business.

whacky antics, make this particular revue a solid smash all the way.

WHO GOES THERE? Here is the answer; Audrey Lee—A deft dancer; Dick & Dinah—Knock-about comedy; Peggy Stewart—Sells sweet songs; Bob Easton & Company—Three people surprise comedy act; Senator Murphy—Presidents, Kings and Queens have applauded him; Charles Ruddy—Pianist and Musical Conductor.

San Francisco, (CNS) — V-Mail now may be delivered to men stationed in the Pacific area within eight days.

WAC OF THE WEEK

Presenting S/Sgt. Esther Fauss, the highest ranking non-com in both the WAC Detachment and her family. Her husband, Pfc. George Fauss is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., while her eldest son Jack is a private at Camp Wheeler, Ga.; her youngest son, Tommy, just 16, who is still a civilian—much to his discontent, is at school at Tuscon, Ariz.

Arriving here with the first twelve enlisted members on May 20, "Sarge" was immediately put to work as supply sergeant of the company. This job was an old story to her, as she had been a supply sergeant in Des Moines, Iowa, from whence she came.

Her home is East St. Louis, Ill., and that's where she joined the WAC on August 8, 1942. She was called to active duty on October 24, and had basic training and attended an administration school at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Her supply room is a glory to



behold, and the fact that the Freeman Wacs are always up on the latest styles, gold buttons and all, is tribute to their supply sergeant's attention to duty.

Laff of the Week

While the WAC Recruitment Team from Freeman Field was in Bedford, they put on a fashion show displaying WAC clothing at the Indiana Theater. It was going along great, with Lt. William Hartman doing the announcing with fine gusto. Finally, one of the mannequins came out wearing the full WAC dress uniform, and noting an article that he had not draw attention to before, the WAC utility purse. Lt. Hartman announced proudly as the model walked to the middle of the stage, "I want you all to notice the fine bag we have here!"

Generals Average 31 Years Old.

Washington (CNS) —The average age of the 1,114 generals in the U. S. Army is 31 years, which is one month younger than the average age of the generals on active duty when World War ended.



320th Sqdn.

Greetings gates, hows every little skate? Well heer I am once again back on the well worn beam although I'm feeling the after effects of that righteous dinner dished up by our popular mess Sergeant on Thanksgiving. Speaking of Sgt. Woods I think that he and the entire kitchen force should be complimented on the very fine dishes they serve daily and the general appearance of the mess hall. I don't think that there is any doubt in the minds of those who have had the pleasure of dining there that his is without question the top mess.

What popular playboy makes a nightly phone call to D. C. in order to find out what the number war? Speaking of the figures Chum, when did you alist hit?

To Cpl. Webb—I say there Bud, judging from the length of the phone call you made Thanksgiving eve, you'll still be paying for it come the next holiday eve.

way. Where's the corn Squeezin' Bud?

BEAUTIFUL GAL DEPT: When visiting barracks No. 7 have Kid Selly show you that scrumptious picture of his heart-throb. She's prettier than words can describe. Pvt. Evans sure was seen step-pin' with fast, fat and furious. How'ja fare bub?

A word of brotherly advice S/Sgt. Stanley. Beware of Civilian competition in Bedford. The 4-F boy friends might get sore.

SEEN AT THE CLUB: and not in formal attire! T/Sgt. Barker with his currently steady flame, Sgt. Leahy with Lulu Belle, S/Sgt. Clifford with the brand new wife and best of all it is rumored that the weather is catching up with "Firstest with the Mostest" Lowell, for he is contemplating—your know what! Imagine a Female Sno-job down Birmingham way.

T/Sgt. Groos's theme song of the week: "I can dream can't I." Well fellers until next week I'll be spying on yob all.

467th Squadron

466th News

This particular paragraph of this week's column is directed to all the officers and men of the 466th. In your column of last week, a statement was made regarding a member of this squadron being found asleep in the cockpit of a plane at PLM. We in the 466th would like to hear more about this matter, primarily because we doubt the veracity of your squadron news writer, but also out of pure curiosity. We also want to know just what kind of a writer you have in that squadron. Surely he knows that he should never make statements in print that he can't back up with proof. To make what could be a long story short, we want the facts and the proof of that statement. In the language of the day "Put up or retract that part of your column." We don't want a blanket statement either. We want names. Can you supply them?

To get to more pleasant things,

21, 1942, and found himself in the same predicament... a motor pool with no men! These first three Quartermaster officers pitched in and unloaded freight cars, drove trucks, on the field and in convoy, and moved warehouse supplies all over the leaky warehouses when it rained, to keep supplies dry.

The supply situation returned to somewhat normal upon the arrival of the first enlisted Quartermaster troops December 5, 1942, and the hard pressed officers were able to assume their prescribed administrative duties. The initial contingent of enlisted men came from Craig Field, Selma, Alabama, including M/Sgt. Yarbrough, S/Sgts. Dassen and Meiners, Cpls. Frum, Kenney, Smith, Stanley, Ansley, Barnett, Chapman, Compton, Neal and Walters, and Pfc. Bowman, all of whom are still at this field. Twenty-two enlisted men from Lockbourne Army Air Base, Columbus, Ohio joined the small detachment January 6, 1943, members still assigned including S/Sgts. Fiedler and Yurchison, Sgts. Rugg, Dickson, and Stephenson, Cpls. Avans, Dixon, Coley



35th News

By Tomas & Schaffer

The day after the 35th Gp Show, both comments and cheers prevailed. One of the outstanding acts was performed by Sgt. Niggel, who had been done by Frankie. Sgt. Wolfson did a fine job as M/G. Cpl. Cernik's dance was a wow "All that meat and no potatoes". The boys in the barracks scene, Pfc. Moore, Mitchell, and Hughes held up their end very nicely, bringing forth both laughter and applause. Harpo (Pfc. Donza) and his wimmin was an outstanding attraction. Others in the show were S/Sgt. Buck, P/Sgt. Cameron, Cpl. Bryant, and Pvs. Touchstone and Lelekas. All added their bit to make the show. The little hill billy lassie was Cpl. Fields. For Cpl. Fields, it means "That's all, brother."

S/Sgt. McCandless, Sgt. Hicks, and Pvt. Wargo, each in their own style, thrilled the audience with their singing. Don Hughes of Flight B and his Mac Cat

Congrats are in order for one Milton Craig. He has now taken that fatal step. If things keep up at this rate, before long yours truly will be the only bachelor in the joint. There's just one thing I didn't understand, Craig, pray tell me what did you tell your heart in Seymour?

Now that the barber has returned from furlough, I'm sure that Madison is most happy.

Letters from B town this week thing, I'll keep my trap closed.

1079th Squadron

"Rajah" George is the boy who likes to take the girls out for a "little Hart to Hart talk around the cawltner". I also know that the Rajah squeezed out of a tight corner this past week, how do you do it boy? OTHER NOTABLES SEEN WERE: "Oaks-Luska Happy Holiday," "Sno'Ball Robinson with his grandmother, (Pahdon Fellers) I mean his newly found love. What a man Fryman on the loose looking for a new and interesting number and "Rover" Bain roving around for a new adventure in life.

HATS OFF DEPT.—It looks as if we pioneered the eight hour shift. The whole field is now adopting our 3 eight hour shifts. It might of put our C. O. Capt. Reid in the hospital for a few days but we know when the medics get through with the captain he will be as good as new.

Congrats to Sgt. Wood seems he is the proud pappy of a 6 1/2 pound baby gal down Georgia

Howdy folks. With our fill of Thanksgiving Feast and Siestas it is time now to get down to some serious thought and concentrate on our Basketball Season. Some of the boys have been out on the basketball floor already and have shown us that they will be outstanding stars for the Squadron Team. Congratula-

on the birth of a son last week in the Post Hospital. I have known your dad a long time junior. I hope you follow in his footsteps.

Cpl. Morgan has gone in for tight rope walking. At least, it looked that way last Saturday night when he was trying to walk along the ledge of a path. First Sgt. and Mrs. Grover C. Harris just returned from Danville, Virginia after Grover spent ten days at home. The couple are going to make their residence in Ridgeview. Welcome to Seymour, Mrs. Harris. We are pleased to have you with us. Bob Pittsworth just returned from furlough in Tennessee. He tells me that he is engaged to a very pretty girl. Congratulations, Bob. Senator Smith introduced me to a very nice girl the other night. He claims that it is his steady. It is the sixth girl that he has introduced me to in the last six weeks. The Senator certainly keeps a steady company. Jim McClintock is certainly popular with the weaker sex. Four girls called him up this week and gave him invitations to dances and parties. Well folks, it is time to sign off. Until next week, I bid you, adieu...

than the 1089th. Having lost Lt. Levitt to the Budget and Fiscal office, we wish to welcome W/O Jg Sundberg to the squadron in the capacity of adjutant. It is thought by all that you will enjoy your stay here. Lt. Lovitt in being promoted to the position of Post Budget and Fiscal Officer, is simply more proof of a well known fact, that graduates of the 466th all make good. Good luck to you Lt. in your new position.

907 QM

This being the anniversary edition of the Twingine Times, we have decided to ditch the customary small talk and light detachment chatter for a thumb-nail review of the past year for the 907th at Freeman Field.

Three Quartermaster officers, fresh from Quartermaster Corps Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Virginia, arrived at the new Seymour advanced flying school before any enlisted Quartermaster personnel. Lt. Landers, present Detachment Commander, and Lt. Zoogman, Commissary Officer, found themselves at Freeman Field without any enlisted men to man the Quartermaster installations. Lt. Zoogman was the original motor transportation officer and his own transportation department all in one. Those were the pioneering days when the motor transportation officer dispatched his own trucks, and drove his own trucks. Lt. Ruettinger, now Quartermaster Repair officer, took over the motor pool upon his arrival November

Emerson, Morgan, Jenkins, Jilla, Rich, Rigby, Schaubberger, and Pfc. Cronier and Smith.

All members of the 907th may well look back upon the past year of service at Freeman Field and say, with the rest of the officer and enlisted personnel of our fine post "It was a long pull, but we did it!"

447th Squadron

Thanksgiving dawned warm and balmy and the odours of roasting fowl drifted lightly, delicately over the area. Did the morning drag its feet 'till noon? What praises fittingly describe the wondrous effects created by our own cooks and bakers? No doubt now that the mess squadron is attached to the 447th, the general spirit will show in the food.

The showers having been repaired, painted and what-have-you, there will be no lame excuses accepted for not taking the Saturday night night ablutions. Permitted now will even be Wednesday night schedules for those who want to avoid the rush.

We say goodbye to Cpls. Art Rack and "Red" MacCollum, a couple of swell boys who deserve the break they got. They're going to ACTD in Pensry to take over Headquarters. Said Rack, who was the leading professional "griper of the outfit (in a humorous vein), "I'm gonna have to take a bus a 110 miles every week to get home. Can you imagine! No streamliner!"

provided the musical score for the evening.

T/Sgt. Brozek and Cpl. Schaffer who were in charge, and Cpl. Jan Tomas who directed the show, deserve credit for their splendid work.

CUFF NOTES

Dame summer-bathes, that's what young Lewis Michael Hilley was baptized recently in the post chapel he launched into the Australian crawl as Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire poured the baptismal water on his fuzzy red topknot.

Wonder if the fact that his lieutenant-daddy, Lewis Moore Hilley, is a physical training instructor, had anything to do with such athletic goings-on?

At any rate, young Lewis captured Chaplain McGuire's heart, and the chaplain said he was the quietest baby he'd baptized in years.

Baby Lewis' maternal godparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Peavey of Waco, Texas, couldn't be present for the christening, so the Hilleys asked Mrs. Wilmer Stemler and her son, William, of Seymour to serve as proxy.

The band has blacked eyed Lt. Susan Ferrigno's number.

Every time she sets foot within earshot of the 405th music-makers, they strike up with "People Will Say "We're in Love." ... Someone must have told them that the ballad is one of Lt. Ferrigno's favorites.

Male Call Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Moral: Have Right Eye Open When You Squeeze

OH, BOY, MISS LACE - YOUR PARTY REMINDS US OF HOME! HOW ABOUT PLAYIN' SOME KID GAMES?

YEE-AH! POST OFFICE!

EASY DOES IT, GENERAL! LET'S START WITH RIND-MANS - BUFF!

SADDLE PANTS, YOU SNITCHED THE BIGGEST HUNK OF CAKE - SO YOU'RE "IT"!!...RIDE 'EM!

I'LL FOLLER HER PERFUME... AN' I'LL REACH OUT AN'...

AS I WUZ SAYIN' - TH' WAY SOME O' THESE HERE SOLDIERS ACTS SURE MAKES YOU WONDER! - NOW I'M A TAX PAYER MYSELF AN' I ---

Base Hospital Looks Back At Year's Changes

Standing long and low, and stretching over an area of acres, the station hospital today is an astonishing contrast to what it was on last Dec. 5. The first medical officers to arrive were greeted by cold, stony interiors, mud laden paths; equipment had not yet arrived. There was no heat, they worked as best they could in overcoats and gaiters. The only buildings in use were the new administration sec-

Proud Of Year

No anniversary celebration can be complete without mentioning Col. E. T. Rundquist, the commanding officer of Freeman Field, who has been stationed here since Oct. 14, 1942.

Col. Rundquist has seen tremendous changes take place at the field during the past year and many developments now accepted as part of the everyday life here were instituted by him.

Before moving into the "white house on the hill" near headquarters building, the colonel and his family lived at 645 North Chestnut Street in Seymour. Both his sons attend the local schools and the Rundquists made a host of friends during their stay here. In commenting on a year at

COMMANDING OFFICER



Life Up To '42

Col. Rundquist's military background runs a close parallel to the development of Army Aviation.

Beginning his ground school training at the University of Illinois in May, 1918, he received his first flight training at Caruthers Field Texas, the same year. In 1924 he joined the army as a second lieutenant.

Subsequent events took him to Kelly Field where he was promoted to first lieutenant in 1930. Five years later at Marshall Field at Fort Riley, Kan., he was promoted to Captain. Leaving the states for service in Panama he was again promoted, this time to major, at France Field in 1941. At Howard Field, also in the ca-

Name of Field Honors Gallant Flyer Who Died

The hero, Capt. Richard S. Freeman, for whom Freeman Army Air Field, was named on April 29, led an exceptionally colorful life.

Capt. Freeman, son of Ab Freeman, Winamac, Ind., was killed in a crash of his "flying laboratory" he was piloting on a routine return trip from Ladd Field, Alaska, February 6, 1941. His flying career was marked by many honors, and when the

tions. For the first week there were no supplies, trips to Atterbury were frequent and necessary in the sub-zero weather. Truly clinging to the traditions of "Men in White," the handful of medical men carried on in the face of numerous obstacles and hazards.

Handicapped.

X-ray equipment had not yet arrived, the surgical room was incomplete. As is the case in all newly activated fields, working conditions were all make-shift, and handled to suit the pressing circumstances. Capt. William Pomeroy, now a major in Florida, was chief of surgical service; Capt. Peter Leone, now major in Atlantic City, N. J., was flight surgeon.

The dental officers all arrived at one time, and walked into bare, cold rooms that were to be their offices. Not daunted or stopped cold by this discovery, they rolled up their overcoat sleeves, marched into Seymour en masse, and worked up a deal with the local dentists. Work had to be done, men at the field were arriving at the hospital daily with toothaches, abscesses, other mouth ailments. There simply had to be a way.

With borrowed instruments, and chairs built of wood by the post engineers, these undiscouraged pioneers performed minor miracles until a trainload of dental machinery arrived a short time later.

Growth Was Rapid.

And so it went as the hospital developed and burgeoned out into the fine, efficient organization it is today. Most of the plans for improvement and progress were of administrative and medical officer. In most cases the recreational, feeding and program changes stemmed from this tireless, energetic staff. And changes there have been galore. The hospital now is a place not only to get well in, but to convalesce among recreational advantages unequalled in most civilian "sick-hotels."

Recreational facilities have been under the supervision of Lt. Clifford Lloyd, a man of vast army hospital background. From the time of his enlistment in 1939, Lt. Lloyd has been connected with medical work. His first position was at Wright Field. From there he transferred posts each move. Before going to OCS, he was sergeant major at a large base hospital in the south.

He has planned calisthenic programs, libraries, games, entertainment projects, nurses recreational rooms. A new section has been set aside for them, furnished with colonial maple furniture. The mess hall too, is being newly filled with polished maple tables, and strong maple chairs. New drapes are to be hung giving an atmosphere of richness and dignity to the entire room.

Many More Changes.

So—in one year of occupation, vast improvements and progress have taken place. Plans for the future include many more innovations such as: air-conditioning units for all vital sections; covering all the floors with squares of

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freeman the commanding officer has expressed his appreciation for the splendid cooperation given him by both civilian and military personnel at the field. "It makes me feel proud" said Col. Rundquist, "of our accomplishments during the past year and I am prompted to anticipate even greater achievements during the coming year."



the silver leaf of Lieutenant Colonel the following year. Returning to the States in 1941 he was named commanding officer of the Army Air Forces Detachment at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. In 1942 he attained the rank of full colonel and soon afterwards was transferred to Freeman Field to act as project officer.

assignment of conducting experiments in the arctic, Capt. Freeman was named commandant of Ladd Field near Fairbanks, Alaska. Graduate of West Point in 1930, Capt. Freeman had attended West Point for one year before entering the United States Military Academy, where he starred in football and basketball.



Graduate of Brooks Field, Kelly Field and Langley Field, he later was assigned to duty as one of the pioneers of the Army Air Mail Service. He flew with Gen. Henry H. Arnold (then lieutenant colonel) on a mission of ten Martin bombers from Washington, D. C. to Fairbanks, Alaska.

While stationed at Fort Shafter, Territory of Hawaii, he flew on a now historic flight of an Army Air squadron to the leper colony across the Kaiwi Channel to Molokai, from whence he took the remains of the founder of the colony, Father Damian, to be placed on a transport vessel and sent to his native Belgium for burial.

Won DFC.

He flew on a mass good will flight from Langley Field to Buenos Aires, following which he was commended by the Secretary of War for completing the long and exacting flight. He flew later to Bogota, Colombia, a pioneering exploit that won for him the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Again on a trip to South America to carry Red Cross supplies to earthquake sufferers in Santiago, Chile, he won, along with Maj. Caleb V. Haynes, the Mackay Trophy for 1939. He was the first pilot to land a B-17 Flying Fortress in Alaska.

Pioneer of low temperature and high altitude flying, he had 8,000 hours flying to his credit. An expert command pilot, bombardier and navigator; he was proclaimed by Army and Government officials as "one of the U. S. Army's finest and most expert Flying Fortress pilots."

Free Marriage 'Tix' Given GI. Indianapolis (CNS) — County Clerk Jack Tibson is giving away free marriage certificates to GI.

Chronicle of WAC Progress in First Six Months at Freeman Filled With Memories

May 15, 1943—First two Waacs arrive at Freeman Army Air Field; Third Officer Elizabeth R. Houpt and Third Officer Martha T. Riley, Company Commander, who reported to the Adjutant here at 1700.

May 17, 1943—742nd WAAC Headquarters activated.

May 20, 1943—Hey fellows: They're here, the first twelve enrolled members arrive, namely the cadre of the company.

Memories of those early days—

the building of the roads here, car on stockings, and still remaining on shoes to bring back the memory of long trudges to Number 2 Mess Hall while Waac Mess Hall is being fitted.

July 2, 1943 first three members of the company transferred to OCS, Des Moines, Iowa.

August 18, 1943—Waac to Wac in WAC.

December 1, 1943—Wacs work free postage, insurance and allotment privileges, third officers to second lieutenants, enrolled

members to enlisted members. Take oath. Review the troops, instead of being reviewed.

September 10, 1943—three Second Lieutenants arrive to take over operational jobs.

October 28, 1943—Wacs receive green and gold moire pin for service in WAAC as well as

December 1, 1943—Wacs work in 39 different offices in the field, represented in almost every office, except Weather.



SPORTS PAGE



FREEMAN TEAMS HAVE BRILLIANT RECORD

Basketball The inter-squadron hoop season of '42-'43 was won by the 447th Base Headquarters Squadron who were fortunate in having some top flight players on their team. Losses through transfers have cut down the champs' chances of repeating this year. Can they come back?



Cage Season Spurts Ahead as Freeman Trims AAB and Bedford 49-30, 44-43

The vastly improved Freeman Field Post basketball team, under the tutelage of Lt. James Miller, defeated the Atterbury Air Base team 49-30. High scorer for the locals was Amato with 16 points. Cecil Davis was good for 10 points as well as a sensational defensive game. Lefty Wolan scored 7 points and Miles looped 5 tallies for Freeman. Exponents of floor play were Jim Davis, Eaton, Chandler, Powell, Josey, Ragusa, and Loyden.

For the visitors from Atterbury, Mannum, Damon, and Young were offensive stars.

The next game found the Freeman team defeating the great semi-pro team from the Bedford Dairy by the score of 44-43. The victory margin was supplied by Cecil Davis, hero of the game, with a free toss in the last 36 seconds. The visitors missed two long shots that had the crowd on its feet in the last minute. Jim Davis scored 8 points, Josey 5 points, and Powell and Wolen 4 points each. Defensive stars for Freeman were Chandler, Amato, Eaton, and Gittens.

Baseball The first season of active participation in baseball saw Freeman emerge with a team that was an all around threat. Heavy hitters, excellent moundsmen and "heads up" outfielders put the team on the winning side of the ledger in nine out of ten games. Highlight of the season came when Lt. William Statton struck out Ted Williams in a game against Peru Naval Station.



Many Top Flight Squads Developed During Past Year

An anniversary celebration without mentioning sports is like eating a hamburger without onions—it just ain't being done.

The Freeman sports activities have kept pace with the other developments on the field. In the past year thousands of cadets have undergone rigors the physical training program and have emerged better men than when they reported to the field. Officers and men have also huffed and puffed while doing calisthenics, and in spite of their griping have been inwardly pleased to see that waistline vanish. Several post teams have carried the Freeman banner to the surrounding localities and in most cases have come home carrying the slab of bacon on their shoulder.

Looking Back.

In looking back over a year of sports activities at Freeman we find that the first competitions were centered around basketball. Which is no more than natural—being the favorite Hoosier pastime. In the early part of February inter-squadron teams were formed and as the season progressed it was found that the 1079th, then led by Major Norman R. Wood, and the 447th had the two top notch teams and would have to play it off to decide the post championship. Keen game interest and rivalry developed and the final game was played in the Shields High School gym in order to accommodate the crowds, both civilian and military, who wanted to see the battle. The game ended with the Airbassmen coming out on top with a 42 to 25 score.

Keglers Take Over.

With the end of the basketball season the sports activities turned to the followers of the polished hardwood and the bowling ball. With only two alleys available in Seymour the players were somewhat handicapped but managed to chalk up some fine scores. On April 30 the 1080th rolled 'em down the alleys to win the squadron meets and copped the trophy which still adorns their orderly room.

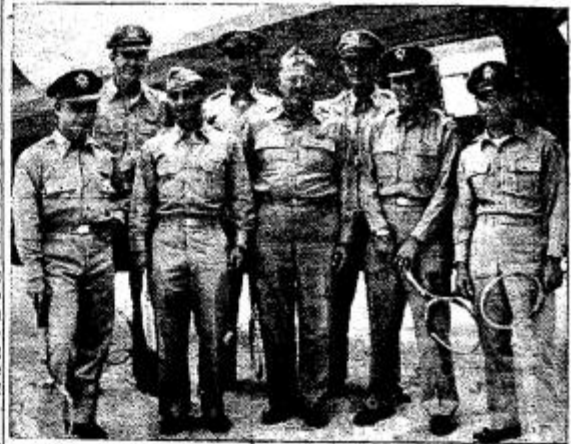
Batter' Up.

Then came the baseball season. Getting off to a slow start the sackmen came through the year with a fine record. Neighboring fields felt the power of the Freeman battery and pitching. In a record road tour against Bunker Hill Naval Air Station, Boer Field and Notre Dame during the month of August the Freeman nine returned to the fold with two scalps under their belts. Their batting average for the road trip was .339. During the same time the 35th Flight A softball team was cleaning up all opposition they came across. Flight A wound up as the softball champs of the field.

Officer Games.

In the officer tournaments Flight 7 walked away with the softball honors while the Percen-

Tennis Dubbed "flying racqueteers", these officers of the post tennis team proved to be opponents to be reckoned with on the local courts. Proof that their reputation was widespread is evidenced by that fact that a challenge issued to all stations in the Eastern Flying Training Command, was never accepted. Individual players on the team shone in their brand of singles play.



Navy Swamps Freeman Sports Slants

Peru Naval Station swept a basketball doubleheader from the Freeman Field at Peru Tuesday night, November 23. The Naval officers won from the Freeman Field 40-10 in the first game. Lt. Boggs was leading scorer for Freeman, with excellent play from Lts. Crimmins, Shepherd, Kovacic, Knuth, Bowers, Doyle, C. A. Brooks, Gottschalk and Fairbairn. Naval stars were Adams, Schroeder, Terwilliger, Cannon, and George Roscoe.

The post enlisted team lost to the Peru post team 65-25. Miles led the Freeman scoring with six points, with other scores as follows: J. Davis five points, C. Davis, five points, Powell, four points, Josey, five points, Wolan, Amato, Horswood, Chandler, Loyden, Ragusa and Turhauski played well for the Freemanites.

bouts would be held in the gym on October 7. A card of several events was arranged and when the shouting was over the 320th had put the Boxing trophy on ice and carried it home with them.

The cycle has been completed for at this writing the basketball season is underway again and several big games have been lined up for the '43-'44 season.

By Camp Newspaper Service

Don't let this spread around Coogan's Bluff but Sgt. Tom Gorman, ex-Giant pitcher, is jumping into military service for a new career in China.

T/Sgt. Marty Brill, former Notre Dame halfback and Loyola University coach, soon will get his release from the Air Forces to accept a commission as first lieutenant in the Marines. Brill has been stationed at the Santa Ana Air Base, Cal.

Sid Luckman, the Chicago Bears' great passing quarterback, has been sworn in as an ensign in the Maritime Service. He expects to be called to active duty shortly after the close of the current National Professional Football League season.

S/Sgt. Gene Jantzen, physical training instructor at the Lincoln (Neb.) Army Air Base, claims that he's the Army setup champion. He performed 5,200 setups in 4 hours, 50 minutes.

CPO Bobby Feller, the Cleveland Indian's fastest contribution to the Navy, is stationed in the South Pacific.

Football By reason of a 6-0 win over the 466th on Friday, Nov. 26th, the 35th Flight A emerged the field champs in the touch football league. The pigskin season on the field was a touch and go proposition with first one squadron sitting in top place and then another. The Flight A gang are now the holders of the football trophy awarded by the physical training department.





nel Baskets took top honors in volleyball.

As fall rolled around the physical training department announced that the first boxing

Parachutes Hang Drying in Silent Silken Folds at Dim, Hushed Tower

On three rows of long shining maple tables, lie sleek, silken folds of parachute canopies. Every sixty days, each chute at the field goes through a process of airing and "hanging out" in the forty-foot-high well, adjoining the parachute building. Under the supervision of James H. Day, a staff of civilian women maintain and inspect all officer and cadet jumping equipment. Mr. Day, formerly of Patterson Field, Ohio, explained, "Whether a chute is used or not, it is brought in and re-packed at sixty-day intervals. This allows the silk or nylon, as the case may be, to thoroughly free itself of any constricting folds that might hamper it in actual use."

The "well" is a tall, narrow tower, that looks like the inside of some mystery thrill ride at an amusement park. The chutes hang from the ceiling like drooping specters after a big night out. Hung by the bridle line, which is the topmost cord on the umbrella,

they fall in soft, straight lines, with the harnesses barely touching the floor. After eight hours, in the dim room, at a constant temperature of 70 degrees, they are lowered and stretched out on the tables for packing. The suspension lines are fastened to connector links, at both ends, and inspectors go over them minutely for rents and cuts in the fabric or seams.

Folded Accordion Style.

The light silk is folded in accordion pleats, from side to side, and billows with every move made. As it folds it takes the shape of a cone, and is then piled lightly, into a square that fits directly into the harness pack. An innovation in recently rechecked chutes is a small first-aid kit attached to the right harness strap, to be used in case of minor bruises in hitting the earth.

Silk of this sort is cleaned with chemical fluid, to remove any spots or stains. Dirt will eat into the cloth, so that is a particularly harmful agent, and must be watched carefully.

Quiet, Efficient Operation.

The large main, room is brilliantly lighted, walls are white and clean. The floor is spotless, and there is a general feeling of cleanliness, and quick, silent efficient motion. Other flying equipment is cared for here, and repairs on all leather clothing is made on super-size sewing machines. Whatever responsibility this work entails, and there is plenty of that when possible emergencies are considered, is deftly handled by the crew who realize that their care and expertness is the lifeline of flyers in trouble.

Base Hospital

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black and red asphalt tile, filling in the walls, over construction frames, and leveling the raftered ceilings with baseboard. Other minor changes for the better already are going on.

Representative of the fine, coordinated staff of officers are three whose jobs carry them all over the field as well as the hospital itself.

Lt. Col. Hulon E. Calvert is surgeon in charge of all functions and management of the entire organization. He received his B. S. and M. D. degrees at the University of Texas and prior to entering the service June 17, 1941, he was a surgeon in San Antonio. He also is a graduate of the School of Aviation Medicine at Brooks Field, Texas.

Capt. Julian Wishik, chief radiologist and diagnostician, hails from Flushing, N. Y. He is a graduate of Columbia Pre-Med and Long Island Medical College, 1937. Served for four years on the staff of Queens General hospital before entering the Air Forces. Among his other duties, he also is medical inspector of the post, in charge of all problems of sanitation. His ready smile

Jack of Theatrical Trades

is a natural appeal for this year gal. She's been treading the boards and charming the make for five years. She's also been a Conover model in New York. We recommend her to the grade of Master Sergeant of Melody and Merriment. Also been an ice-skating star, dancing teacher for Arthur Murray, and looks like a sylph. Wonder of The Week. "Can she cook?" You'll see her in the USO Show on Friday.



We Thank You

We, of the editorial staff of TWINGINE TIMES, wish to thank Pfc. Rudolph M. Rugel, recently of the Photographic Department for the fine job he did on the new nameplate that adorns the top of the front page of this paper. After many weeks of rejecting sketches, by several people on the post and in Seymour, Rugel's was accepted as the most striking and eye-catching. We are sorry that he shipped out the morning after submitting his drawings; so that we are not able to thank him personally.

Gabe, Blow 'Dat Horn

A new note was added to the air of Indiana, when the dulcet tones of a bugle were heard for the first time, last week, announcing mess. Men stopped in the midst of their work, scratched their heads, looked at each other in astonishment, and shrugged their shoulders. It was a touch of Old Army, designed for old-timers, and fully appreciated as such.

Freeman Marks

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quist has already announced that he wants the first piece, with a bid of one-hundred dollars.

The entire hall has been brightly decorated with birthday plaques, and other gay bunting. Merriment will be the keynote of the affair, with everybody mixing and rubbing shoulders.

To honor the occasion separately, the 329th has invited the WACs of Camp Atterbury to a dance to be held in their own squadron area.

WACs Work

Oh We Go!

Although they were terribly excited and thrilled at the opportunity of attending Radio Range School at Chanute Field, Rantoule, Ill.—Cpls. Helen Hackett, Catherine Judge and Concetta Ferreluolo were reluctant about leaving Freeman Field. We're sorry to see them go, too, and hope they come back, when they complete their courses.

Away to attend Photographic Laboratory Technicians School, Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado for the class starting December 3, are Pfc's Sophie Krochmal and Eva Everett. The girls are delighted to be able to go together as they're buddies.

You're Welcome.

At long last, it's finally come; he go word. All members of the WAC Detachment are invited at any time to visit the NCO club, with or without escorts. Of course, Wacs are not permitted to bring in men guests who are not members.

Can It Be The Moon?

The bells will soon be ringing for Pfc. Wilma Price and S/Sgt. Joseph Trebble, of the Guard Squadron and Commander of the Gate, they say. Anyhow, it looks mighty serious.

Also having that "look in their eyes" are Cpl. Frances Boyer and Cpl. Raymond Green of the 35th. Pfc. Alice Foster and F/Sgt. Mylas Cameron aren't foolin' either.

WAC Show

Preparations are already being made for the squadron show of the new season, "WAC Acts of 1944," to be presented January 6, of the coming year. The girls are out to cop the prize, and put out a bang-up show for the men of the field.

Yippee, Xmas is Holiday

A premature announcement to warm the heart-chambers, based on a telegram sent from Eastern Flying Headquarters is forthcoming in the next sentence. Just read on, and you'll be de-lighted. Si, si, tener; de se Chris'mos we weel how de day off. De army see ez de only legal holiday in de year for people in de service.

Post History

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training activities.

April 29 was one of the biggest days in the field's history. Up to this date the field was known as the Army Air Base, Seymour, Ind. Residents of Seymour proudly referred to it as Seymour airfield or simply the "airfield." A letter from the War Department revealed that the name of Freeman was to be the new designation of the then five-month-old base. The man in whose honor the field was to be named was Capt. Richard S. Freeman, former commandant of Ladd Field at Fairbanks, Alaska. Capt. Freeman, a native of Winamac, Ind., lost his life in a bomber crash in early February, 1942, while engaged in one of his many experimental flights. Plans were made for elaborate ceremonies to mark the dedication of the field and also the graduation of the first class of cadets. Because so many of the townspeople were curious to see just what had been done "out at the air field", it was decided to hold open house in connection with the ceremonies.

Field Was Thronged.

Visitors and relatives of the graduating class began to arrive early in the morning and it was estimated that by the time the ceremonies began, more than 15,000 persons had entered Freeman's gates. As Freeman, father of Capt. Freeman, was the guest of honor at the ceremonies, which included speeches by Brig. Gen. Pop E. Nowland and Col. E. T. Rundquist.

From that date on Freeman had a name of age and settled down to a serious business of turning out pilots for America's growing army.

Enviably Record.

Since the start of the training program on March 1, 1942, more than 500 cadets have received

Swooncrooner Sinatra Classified 1A in Draft

Jersey City, N. J. —(CNS)—Frank Sinatra, the swooncrooner who excites very young maidens, has been classified 1A. The draft board probably won't send greetings till about Jan. 15. Incidentally the swooncrooner is expecting his second child.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early!

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For The Youngster

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Toy Dogs




...and have amassed a grand total of approximately 100 hours, with only two fatalities.

...figures are achieved multiplying the total number of hours flown, 135,000, by the cruising speed of 140 mph. This gives a total distance of 18,000,000 miles flown.

...this mileage were converted to a bombing run from Freeman Field to Berlin, a distance of approximately 4,500 miles, 2,100 trips could be made with 200 miles to spare for side trips to Hitler's hideout at Berchtesgarden.

The history of Freeman Field is still in the making and will only when a final and complete Victory has been achieved over the Axis and its satellites.

...and cheery word are a landmark in the wards, and he's recognized as a fine conscientious doctor by his associates and patients.

Capt. George E. Crum is another officer whose popularity is universal wherever sick soldiers are. No matter how blue you feel, when he comes in everything seems OK with the world. His droll sense of humor and sympathy endear him to the personnel at the field.

A graduate of Pittsburgh Medical in 1943 he was resident physician at Mercy hospital before coming into the Army. At Freeman he is chief of medical service.

"Wine, women and song are getting me down. I guess I'll have to quit singing," says S/Sgt. McCandless.

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Camera Highlights Of One Year In Action



Visitor. High honor was accorded when Maj. Gen. Thomas H. Dyer inspected field, found everything ship-shape, tidy. Colonel E. T. Rundquist personally escorted the General around Freeman. Was pleased at official command.

Dixie Flyer. Sweating feet might have been reason for this special conveyance. It was delight and surprise about end of June, when bus made social debut. Looking like some kind of fancy houch wagon, it was source of fun and practical usefulness, since Freeman is sprawling post.



Open House. Thousands of youths flowed into field on July 4 to participate in program designed to show them advantages of aviation cadet training. 17 year olds were driven around field in jeep convoy, inspected cadet quarters and witnessed aerial demonstration. Group above is passing cadet mess hall.



Auspicious Moment: First plane to set wheels down on new white runways, rolled to stop in front of present site of operations building. February 23. Piles of earth in background, were foundation diggings. At time, most of roads on field were nothing but quagmire of oozy mud.

Father of Freeman. Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, former commanding general of 28th Wing, warmly welcomed Mr. Ab Freeman, father of Capt. Richard Freeman, to whom field was dedicated. Mr. Freeman was honor guest at formal ceremonies on April 29.



First Class of aviation cadets graduated at Freeman received wings at combination dedication and graduation exercises held on April 29. Men of 43-D, pictured in group are now serving throughout world, many of them have distinguished themselves in combat.



A Milestone in development of the station, when the 320th joined us toward end of January. Main feature of prideful boasts, was mess hall which dished out some of tastiest Southern fried chicken in North.



Home Sweet Home to hundreds of civilian employees and service men. Ridgeview, FHA project, opened doors in late August. Neat, compact apartments charmed tenants; units were rented as quickly as signatures could be affixed to application forms. Two months later, settlement was organizing recreational programs, nursery, self-government. Now, in fourth month of existence, it has regular weekly meetings, plans many features for coming months.



Beach On The Crik was the name Freeman G.I.'s dubbed own swimming hole when it opened last August. Simmering dog-days were made more tolerable when they hopped busses, headed for cooling dip in White River. Raft located in midstream was favorite spot to relax and get a tan—and if it got too warm, quick dip remedied discomforts of blistering sun.

General Chow. Mess No. 1 played host to Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce on inspection tour Jan. 25. In early days Freeman both officers, enlisted men dined at same mess.



Pourin' It On—Once fertile farmland was converted into airfield as construction men poured concrete for landing strips. The acreage occupied by Freeman Field was some of best corn producing country in midwest.



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