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FREEMAN FIELD, SEYMOUR, IND.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17, 1943

TOWER SCHOOL FIRST IN REGION

Boxing Team Cops 3 Out of 5 Bouts Against Atterbury

The second meeting of the Atterbury and Freeman boxing teams at the gym last Wednesday night saw the locals prove they are the better squad as they garnered three out of five events on the card.

On the strength of their managerial staff, the visitors should have taken the fights, but it just goes to show that good fighters are born, not made. Heading the coaches was "Tiger" Flowers who held the middleweight title from 1932 to 1933. "Tiger" has 161 professional bouts under his belt and of these he only dropped four and never had been knocked off his feet. The other coach was Lt. "Tommy" Jackson who will be remembered by the Minnesota alumni as the winner of the A.A.U. middleweight championship in 1941. Lt. Jackson also entered the Golden Gloves that year and has a wealth of ring experience. All of which, as we said before, doesn't mean a hoot if your fighters don't have the ring savvy.

Atterbury Wins First Bout

In the first event of the evening Pvt. Bill Spencer of Atterbury, and Pfc. Oran Carter of the 35th, Flight C, mixed it up in the 145 pound go. The Atterbury boy carried the fight all the way and had Carter groggy in the last round. On the strength of his leading the fight, the judges gave Spencer the nod.

The surprise fight of the evening, as far as the fans were concerned, was the tussle between Pvt. Dave Hartupae of the 447th and Pvt. Henry Williams of Atterbury in the 150 pound go. Hartupae proved to be a flashy fighter with plenty of ring "know how". His footwork was excel-

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Forty Years of Flight



Dec. 17, 1903. An actual photograph taken at Kitty Hawk, N. C., shows the first successful power flight ever made by man. Powered by a four cylinder engine the craft flew 120 feet and remained in the air for twelve seconds.



Dec. 17, 1943. Powered with as many engines as the first airplane had cylinders, ships like this Flying Fortress, which visited the field recently, show the vast changes made in aircraft during the past forty years.

Christmas Invites

The folks of Seymour are again evidencing their goodwill towards the army "that lives nearby" by inviting men to their homes for Christmas dinner, on Dec. 24, 25, 26.

The USO through the cooperation of Special Services in charge of Lt. Roland O. Davis will make all the arrangements. If you'd like to feel some of that old time Xmas atmosphere, simply go to your orderly room and sign up, or amble over to the Special Service Office and get your name down. Do it now!

Life Begins At Forty

Forty years ago, at 10:30 a. m., to be exact, five men huddled together on a cold wind-swept dune at Kitty Hawk, N. C., and witnessed the first sustained power flight by man. It lasted only 12 seconds and covered only some 120 feet. Today, less than a half century later, non-stop flights of 3,000 miles are almost commonplace.

Dec. 17, 1903, dawned cold and raw at Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers had decided to attempt the first flight in which a man was to be carried aloft. The craft, a flimsy cloth and wood affair, weighed 600 pounds and was powered by a four cylinder engine which developed twelve horsepower. The first take-off was made into the teeth of a 27 mile wind with Orville Wright running alongside holding a wing tip to steady the machine until it had gained sufficient speed to make the controls effective. As might be expected, this flight was of short duration and rather irregular, the irregularity due partly to the inexperience of the pilot and partly to the gusty wind. But, it was a flight and marked the beginning of man's conquest of another element.

Few inventors have lived to see their inventions prove to be successful as Orville Wright has. In the past four decades he has seen the flying machine develop from a "kite with a motor," to a modern giant of the skylanes. For the moment, the airplane is being used as an effective instrument of destruction. But that is not its sole purpose, it can and will be a dove of peace and a missionary of good will. For wasn't it Walter Pitkin who said, "Life Begins at Forty?"

Anniversary Cake Remembrance

Adding a finishing touch to the anniversary celebration on Dec. 17, 1943, was the receipt of a letter from Mr. A. B. Freeman, father of the gallant flier's father, who resides in Winamac, Ind. The letter was received through the post office and was an open letter to the personnel of Freeman Field.

Freeman Selected Outstanding WAC Air Control Unit

Proving that Wacs can control the airways, "fly the towers," and patrol the ether, Freeman WAC control tower station pioneers, have set the example for Wacs all over the country to build upon.

Freeman Field Wacs selected as one of the first control tower schools for Wacs. This school is being conducted by Lt. Robert H. Fletcher in conjunction with the WAC Control Tower Training Program within the Army Airways Communication Region, consisting of eight states: Kentucky, North Dakota, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana.

Planning to train 20 Wacs at one time from fields in this region, the school is set up to simulate actual control tower conditions, and problems are presented that are met in local conditions as well as in airways traffic. This includes the taking of clearances from Airways Traffic Control and delivering clearances to pilots, so that they will be sure when flying on airways that there will be no other aircraft at the same altitude, thus protecting their safety along the airways. In addition, the women are learning Civil Air Regulations which govern all air activities, both in local and airway traffic.

The control tower school room (continued on page 4, col. 2)

NCO's Select Eight Men As Candidates

The race for the presidency and vice-presidency of the NCO club opened last Tuesday night as four men were nominated to compete for each office in the coming elections on Dec. 29.

The meeting on Tuesday was the second called in order to nominate officers, but as soon as the case in the first gathering, the attendance was poor. Rather than postpone the meeting again, it was decided to vote on a waiver to the by-laws so that the nominations could proceed. The meeting was presided over by the incumbent vice-president, T/Sgt. Joseph B. Moloney, in the absence of S/Sgt. Lawrence Sullivan who was home on furlough. (continued on page 4, col. 5)

Hospital Going All-Out On Merry Christmas Day

Loading the field in ushering in the holiday season, the Base hospital has planned a program that promises much fun and relaxation to patients confined during the Christmas period.

It was announced this week, by Lt. Clifford T. Lloyd, Administrative officer, that a party will be held on the afternoon of the

10-foot high tree, loaded with ornamental bulbs and tinsel, in the center. Each ward will have its own Xmas tree, and the patients will trim the pines themselves. Planted in front of the main entrance to the administration building, a large tree and wreaths of holly will announce to the

25, at 2 p. m. It is under the direct supervision of the Red Cross and will hold court in the gaily decorated Mess Hall. Center of eye-attraction will be a big, elaborate, well-decorated tree. There will be a package for each patient, and a carton of cigarettes!

The gift boxes consist of candy, fruits, nuts, small presents such as stockings, shaving kits, ties, handkerchiefs, brush and comb sets.

The entire room is to be festooned for the occasion, with the twelve-

field that the hospital, "is on the Holiday ball".

The program for the actual celebration will feature a magician from Indianapolis who will entrance recuperating patients to the extent that they will forget their ills. A comedian will shake loose the belly laughs, and a make-believe Santa will create atmosphere, and lead the Christmas carols.

For men too ill to attend the party, arrangements have been made to have a package delivered to each one.

the flier for whom the field was named. It arrived here, a day or two after Mr. Freeman received the packages that Special Services carefully wrapped, and put in the mail.

The specially constructed box contained a slab of the beautiful birthday cake that formed the motif of the celebration. It was four feet long—the length of the cake, and about 6 inches wide. On it was inscribed, "Happy Birthday Freeman Field". It came off the base of the cake. In appreciation of the remem-

ber of the field, in which he said that a mere "Thank You" seemed inadequate, but that he hoped sometime to have an opportunity to reciprocate for the many courtesies shown him. He also said, "Any of you who may be in this vicinity at any time, are welcome to my home, and I shall be most happy to have you as my guests".

Mr. Freeman was guest of honor at the original dedication ceremonies, and is in constant touch with developments at the field, of which he is very proud.

Big-Name Band

Special Service proudly announces that Mal Hallet, name orchestra, will visit Freeman Field on Monday night Dec. 20. He will present a 50 minute show, composed of mirth, merriment and music. Mr. Hallet's orchestra has played in many of the large New York hotels, and is at present making a tour of the 5th Service Command. For further details of time and place, watch your squadron bulletin board and Spc News.

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THE CHAPLAIN CHATS

By CHAPLAIN MCGUIRE

As we approach the end of the year 1943, it would be well for us to look back through the year and check up on our position in the general scheme of things. If we are to make progress during the coming year we must know the mistakes we have made during the past so that we may profit by them. In other words let us bring into the open the strike with which many of us are confronted.

How have we reacted to Army life during the past year? At times we have found the whole system disgusting—Nothing seems to go right; some days we seem to do everything in the wrong way; our mail is irregular; we feel that it is a mistake in the Army; our days seem dark and our paths rough.

During our moments of despondency we do not know to whom we should turn for consolation. The burdens of the day often weigh us down. We go through what seems to us an endless procedure, day after day. The old familiar faces haunt our memory and we long for home, and its simple yet glorious comforts. After our duty hours, many of us do not know where to go or what to do.

We wonder if this inward strife is not brought about by lack of will power, by lack of initiative, by lack of creative ability. We are far away from home and lonesome, it is true, but we can find a certain content by filling our time with whatever is worthy and constructive, and at hand. Why not go in for athletics, discussion groups, good reading, and, above all, try our morning and evening prayers, found in our prayer books? Let us find out what can be done each day, and then do it and at night make a survey of our day, and thank God for all the good things that have come to us.

Navy Gives Medal to AAF Pilot.

South Pacific (CNS)—Lt. William F. Fielder Jr., former Ohio Northern University football star and now an ace with the 13th Air Force, has been awarded the Navy Air Medal for shooting down five enemy planes.

WAC Serves in Second War

Pt. Oglethorpe, Ga. (CNS)—Lt. Grace Auer of Detroit, stationed at the Third WAC Training Center here, is a veteran of two wars. A native of England, she served with the British Women's Army Auxiliary in World War I.

Roving Reporter

Question: Who, in your opinion, best answers the description, "What a woman!"?



Pfc. Raymond J. Shipco—Ordinance Det.—"Who else but Betty Grable? In my book you couldn't find a better gal to answer that question. She's got everything—looks, personality and a swell figure. Sure, she's my favorite pin-up girl, too."



Cpl. Clarence A. Wade—320th—"It used to be the little girl I used to know back home. But, ever since I saw Lena Horne in the movies, she is the one. I think all the boys in my squadron feel the same way about her. How about you fellers tryin' to get her down here to pay us a visit?"



HOW COME THE NEWS

By PROGNOSTICATOR

By Prognosticator.

The hard fighting on the Russian front has been limited this week to two areas largely due to the difficulties of transportation caused by an unseasonable thaw. For a while the Nazi advance toward Kiev, led by 2,000 tank, continued with about 1-3 the distance between Zhitomir and Kiev retaken from the Russians. This advance has now been stopped by first stiff Russian resistance and second by ferocious counter-attacks. Further south around Cherkasy the slow Russian advance continues.

It now seems that the Nazis hope to stabilize a winter front from west of Leningrad to west of the Gomel bulge, east of Korosten and Zhitomir to Krovvi Rog, Nikopol and Kherson. This leaves a big vulnerable bulge eastward in the lower Dnieper River bend. This if maintained is dangerous for large Nazi forces but is undoubtedly being held to keep the Russians as far away from the Balkans as possible. Rumanian resistance cer-

tainly needs stiffening and Bulgaria is wavering mightily. German military policy must be governed by these factors, whether it involves dangerous expedients or not.

It is our belief that the new Provisional government of the Jugo Slavian Partisans will be recognized by Russia either openly or secretly. When this happens, it is hard to see how the allies can keep from making an amphibious landing on the Dalmation coast to help the hard fighting Partisan troops under General Tito hold off the mechanized 20 or 30 Nazi divisions who are trying to wipe out this resistance.

With Turkey acting belligerent, it would now seem as the pincers move would start in a reasonable length of time to cut off Greece, Albania, Southern Jugo Slavia and Bulgaria from Germany by attacks in force by the allies at Salonika and around Split.

Death Foiled As Flyer Saves Crew

The War Department disclosed how a New York bombardier lay flat on his back in a B-17 Flying Fortress, gripping with pliers a wire holding a cluster of fragmentation bombs to prevent their explosion when the plane landed.

As the Fortress Little Lass returned from a mission over occupied France, Lieut. Mahoney went back to the bomb bays to insert safety pins in the clusters of fragmentation bombs to prevent explosion from the shock of landing. **Runs Out of Pins.**

He inserted the pins in all the bombs except one cluster of six. There was no pin left for the cluster. Since the plane was over the English coast, the crew could not jettison the bombs.

The bombardier seized the pliers and held on to the tiny wire strip with all his strength as he lay on the bomb bay doors, while the engineer, Sergt. Raymond J. Harwood, of South Shaftsbury, Vt., on the catwalk above, grasped the lieutenant's belt.

"I only had to stay there about 15 minutes," Lieut. Mahoney said. "The pilot brought her in nice and easy."

The pilot of "Little Lass" was Lieut. Paul E. Williams of Akron, Ohio. The co-pilot was Lieut. Israel Rogg, 1107 Lenox Road, Brooklyn.

CHAPEL SERVICES



For Jewish Men and Women

Chapel No. 1
Friday, 8:00 p. m. All Jewish men and women are cordially invited to attend.

For Catholic Men and Women

Chapel No. 2
Sunday Masses—6:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m.

Daily Masses—Monday, Wednesday and Friday Masses will be held at 7:00 p. m. Thursday and Saturday Masses will be held at 7:00 a. m. Tuesday at 8:00 p. m. the Miraculous Medal Novena will be held.

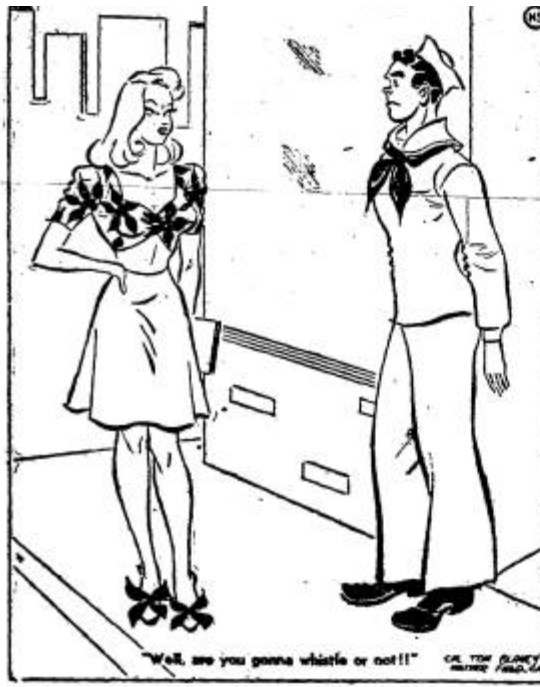
Confessions will be heard before all Masses.

For Protestant Men and Women

Chapel No. 1
Sunday Church Service, 8:30 for Cadets, 10:30 a. m. Bible Class, 11:15 a. m.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Informal Service.

320th Chapel



"Well, are you gonna whistle or not!!" CR. THE BLINNEY MARINE PHOTO CO.

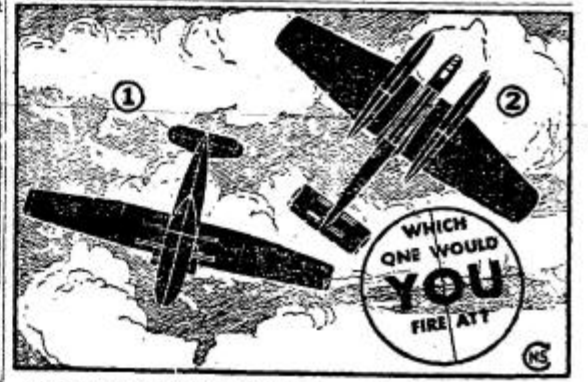
Pvt. Andy Matosky—35th Group, Flight A—"My wife fits the exclamation perfectly. So did my mother when she was my wife's age. Now that my wife and mother lead the parade, I'll put Veronica Lake third in line."



Pvt. Percy E. Gray—307th C. M.—Mrs. Roosevelt. She's no youngster, but travelling the way she does would tire a woman half her age. She's the type of woman who can and does go anywhere, mingle with the high and low and be accepted by all. As the wife of the president, I think she has been a great help to him in seeing how things are going on in the world."

Sunday Church Services—9:15 a. m. Service Men's Christian League 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Informal Service.

Guadalcanal (CNS) — Marines stick old razor blades in trees for Japs to cut their hands and feet on when they shin up to snipe.



Not at No. 1! It's the U. S. Navy PB5-Catalina" a twin-engine, high-wing patrol bomber flying boat. Its hull projects well ahead of the engine nacelles. The center panel of the wings is rectangular and the outer sections taper square-cut tips. The leading edge of the tailplane tapers to rounded tips. It has a single fin and rudder. Hold your fire, boys.

Fire at No. 2! It's the German Blohm and Voss Ha. 140, a twin-engine reconnaissance, torpedo-carrying and mine-laying seaplane. Its mid-wings taper to broad rounded tips. The two engines are set in the wings directly above the twin floats. The high and braced rectangular tailplane has twin fins and rudders. Aim carefully. Fire.

"Speak Up" Named As Next USO Show

A new song-and-dancer, **Speak Up** will be the next stage attraction here at the Post Theatre on Tuesday, Dec. 21. According to the sponsors, USO-Camp Shows, this production is of the vaudeville revue type and is a new combo of A-1 acts. As usual with Camp Shows there will be no admission charge to servicemen. Shows are at 7 and 9 p. m.

Promising great entertainment, **Speak Up** should cause loud laughs, and many of them, because it stresses bangup comedy. A new addition to the Victory Units this revue rates with the best and is loaded with talent. There is plenty of show in this eye-filling revue, pretty girls, smash hit tunes and thrilling novelty.

Though this is a new production the names of the performers have arrived in time for this edition and the acts will also be announced individually from the stage.

- Cast**
- Cay Baird—Girl, Variety Act.
 - Jo & Joey Mack—Comedy.
 - Peggy Jean—Singer.
 - Buddy & Jean—Roller Skaters.
 - Copy Cate—Comedy & Ensemble.
 - Whitie Watter—Piano Leader.

Couldn't Be A Smaller World Than A Foxhole

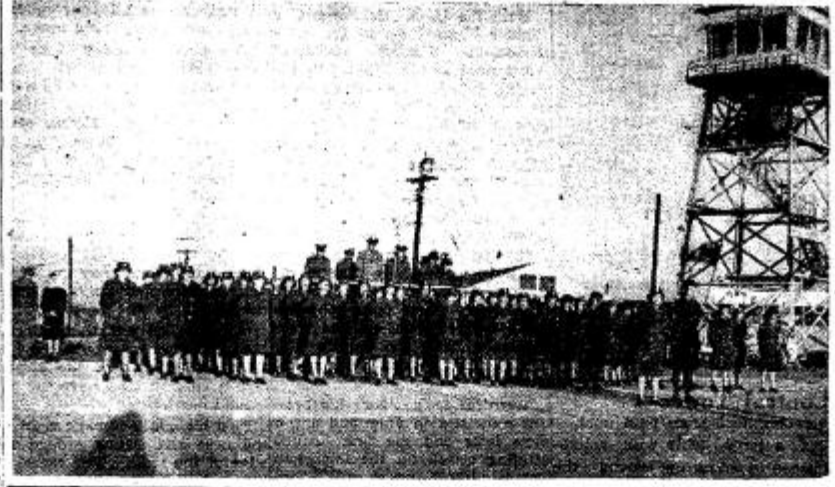
It took a world conflict to unite two cousins in a foxhole somewhere in the South Pacific theater of operations.

Marine Sergeant Julian F. Lytle, Jr., of Murfreesboro, Tenn., son of Capt. Julian F. Lytle, stationed at Freeman Field Seymour, Ind., and Mrs. Lytle had heard all his life about his second cousin, James Campbell of Humboldt, Tenn., but he never expected to meet him for

Wacs Receive Salute

Standing at parade rest in front of the reviewing stand on the flight line last Saturday, the WAC detachment received the salutes of the troops as they passed in review. In addressing the gathering, Col. E. T. Rundquist commended the Wacs for the excellent manner in which they have performed their duties. Special chapel services were conducted on Sunday in honoring the WAC. The week-end program was part of a nationwide "Salute the "WAC" day.

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Non-Combat Soldiers May Get New Assignments

By Camp Newspaper Service
Every man in the job that suits him best—that's the gist of the new War Department manpower order which will reassign to other duties many soldiers not physically suited for combat action.

By rescinding previous orders and by establishing a new one in Circular 293, the WD has provided the assignment of all men to positions where they can render the maximum amount of service to their country.

Some assignments, the WD found, require enlisted men of unusual strength, stamina and all around physical ability but even in combat units there are many positions which may be filled by men of lesser physical attainments. Many men who are below current physical standards for induction are nevertheless extremely valuable to the Army because of their training, experience, ability and demonstrated capacity to give service in some special assignments. These will be retained in the service and reassigned to jobs within their capacities.

Although the term "limited service" is discontinued, this doesn't mean that men formerly classified as limited service will be discharged from the Army. Nobody will be discharged for physical disability if he can be placed in a position where his talents and experience make his work valuable to the Army.

However, soldiers will not be shipped overseas if they have any of the following defects:

Pronounced psychiatric disorders, hernia, class one dental deficiencies (with certain exceptions), annihilation of an eye, tropical diseases that may be aggravated if reinfectd and other physical defects which place the

Morpheus or Coffe-us

The Sunday morning famine is over! GI's who were wont to dwell in the arms of Morpheus past breakfast time on the Sabbath will no longer have to tighten their belts and "freeze out" dinner at the mess hall.

Lt. Leland G. Jackson, post exchange officer, passes along the welcome word that the cafeteria will be open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. on Sundays so that the "hungry ser" will be able to get a "cuppa kawfee and sinkers." Regular breakfasts will also be served at these times.

Because of these new hours the cafeteria will close at 1 p. m. on Saturdays so that a regular weekly cleaning can be given the restaurant.

Army Intelligence vs. Rumor

Has Germany already cracked? Has Japan already accepted defeat? Is the war almost over?

Public rumor would have you believe each hope is true, but Army Intelligence knows better.

Major General George V. Strong, acting chief of the military intelligence division, released a report this month that:

(1) The Germans are stronger now than in 1939;

(2) the real fight against the Japanese is only beginning.

Point by point, General Strong summed up a danger-in-relaxing case worth careful consideration by every GI and every civilian: The Nazis, he reported, have more than 300 well-trained divisions of which seventy-five per

Food supplies in Germany are far better than in the last war.

Germany has turned out many new models of tanks, self-propelled guns, rocket guns and some other equipment better than the Allies'.

German stocks of oil have decreased, due to the Ploestie raid and other bombings, but Germany can still obtain more than necessary.

Germany is reported to have an excellent position on steel, heavy output of coal, and rubber production soon to meet almost all needs for 202,000 tons of synthetic a year.

Japan's geography is all in the enemy's favor, the report continues.

the first time in a foxhole at the front.

However, Fate has a way of playing strange tricks on people, and Sgt. Lytle one day discovered to his amazement that his foxhole buddy was none other than his cousin. The two became fast friends in short order and now they're writing home about how they met in a foxhole.

Captain Lytle and young Campbell's mother, Mrs. Lytle Campbell, are cousins.

Nine New Wacs Arrive; Other Changes Effectuated

The WAC Detachment sure is growing, with nine new members being assigned last week; members who are indeed welcome additions to the detachment. From Camp Upton, N. Y., comes Pvt. Ann Clark, whose home is Atoka, Okla. She's in the S-4 office. Coming from the training cen-

ter at Daytona Beach, Fla., are Cpl. Beatrix Turner and Pvt. Agnes Goldberg, Edith Krawitz and Ruthie O'Brien. Agnes is a graduate of Cooks and Bakers School and is assigned to the WAC mess hall, while Edith and Beatrix are assigned to the signal office as telephone operators; Ruth is assigned to the base hospital Cpl. Christine Reilly, from Walnut Ridge AAF, is in the signal office too.

Here for special training from Baez Field are Cpls. Audrey L. Williams, Lillian C. Wendling, Jeane E. Shankland and Dolores R. Harrison all members of the 2nd Airway Communication Squadron, who are studying control tower procedure.

Lt. Gladys Gette, formerly of the WAC Detachment, is now assigned to the War Room, while Lt. Grace M. Keyes assigned here from Tyndall Field, Fla., is working in S-4.

cent are engaged by the Russians. Employment in the Reich's essential war industries stands at 35,000,000 now compared with 23,000,000 in 1939.

We Got A New Name

Yes, we all have a new name, but it isn't a signal for every one to start tearing up all the old stationery and putting in orders for some new paper. The change isn't that drastic.

General Order 77 issued by the War Department changed the name from Freeman Army Air Field to simply Freeman Field. Why? Some of the know-it-alls stily wink their eye and say, "It all fits in with what I've been expecting." Just what they've been expecting is something they alone know. As for ourselves, we're calling it Freeman Field—just as we've always done.

Change of Atmosphere

With winter just around the corner and good indications of it being a tough one, ole man spring came along and blew his little nose right in the face of the rip-roaring monster last Saturday. The day dawned cold, but warmed up slowly and surely to defy even the certainty of Free-manites that the weather would not clear up again until next April.

By noon coats were discarded for galoshes, not that they have anything to do with each other at all. But the overshoes were almost necessary as mud grew underfoot, swelling up from the frozen turf; and the overcoats were not, as the rays of orb, glub! grew warmer. Planes zipped around like nutty, welcoming the weather change. Even the propellers chewed the air with unusual relish, and tail fins flapped in uncontrolled glee. What a day!

The morale or the Japanese is good.

All but a few of the necessary war commodities are to be found in ample supply within present Japanese territory to carry on a long war.

It doesn't look like a good time to stack rifles and rest in the shade of an olive tree—either in overseas units or in training in the Fifth Service Command area. Nor is it the time to stop buying War Bonds. Sacrifice of life, luxuries and personal comforts is still being called for in increasing quantity upon the altar of Liberty.

standard for induction.

These men will stay behind when their outfits ship overseas but no one will be discharged for physical disability if he meets the standards for inductees for limited service currently described in MR 1-9.

A chaplain was attending a banquet given in his honor. All went well until a clumsy waiter dropped a plate of hot soup on his lap. With restraint written on his face, he glanced around and said: "Will some layman say something appropriate?"

WAC OF THE WEEK

Although her name defies pronunciation and is harder than heck to spell, Pfc. Helen W-Y-S-Z-Y-N-S-K-I is known all over Freeman Field, as the girl "who works in the base photo-lab". Entering the corps last January, Helen had basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. From there, she was sent to another WAC training center (at that time), Fort Devens, Mass, where she did the same sort of work she did in civilian life, namely, altering clothes. Then the break camel. Off she went, to Lowry Field, Colo., for a course in photo-lab technique, which is the work Helen intends to do when the war is over. Her home is only a three-day pass distance away from here: Elyria, Ohio.



Depth charge set by United States Coast Guard threatens Nazi submarines operating in the Atlantic. Here a crew watches for the tell-signs which show whether or not their high explosive has been successful. The Coast Guard handles majority of convoy duty.

Power Increased, Personnel Cut In Ground Units

By Camp Newspaper Service
The Army Ground Forces have been tightened and streamlined for the big push along the highways to Berlin and Tokyo.

War Department circular 256 has revealed that the new Infantry division has 8% fewer men and 14% fewer vehicles than formerly. The new armored divisions are without regimental organization and a new type of light Infantry division has been established. Each division is designed for one of the four principle classes of operation: amphibious, airborne, mountain or jungle activities.

The net result of these moves is to make our Ground Forces more compact, more flexible, surer, swifter moving—and more dangerous to the enemy. The changes do not constitute a major shakeup in the AGF.

Before the changes went into effect, an Infantry division numbered 15,900 men. Now it has been reduced in personnel and vehicles but increased in fire power. Regimental organizations used to hamper the maneuver-

In My Arms Hildegard would seem to be beckoning to you GI's. And this she does, too, at NBC's "Beat the Band" broadcasts. Not bad arms to be in.



Control Tower

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has a large table with microphones hooked up around the table, under which a loud speaker is connected. On the opposite wall, a simulated control tower is being built with microphones and receivers; also an interphone circuit with which arrivals and departures are given in Airway

Pilots Call Mediterranean Fight Picnic Compared With Pacific War

By Clark Lee

With the U. S. Air Force at a Fighter Plane Base in the Mediterranean Theater (Delayed) "Compared to the fighting in the Pacific, this is a gentleman's war as far as the fighter pilots are concerned."

That is the expert opinion of Lt. Col. George M. Maenicol, colorful 28-year-old commander of a P-38 Lightning wing of the American Air Force and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

"Living and flying conditions are much better here than in the Pacific Islands," said Colonel Mac, who flew from Guadalcanal and other island hot spots last year, "and the Jerries are not as ready to mix it up as the Japs."

Maenicol took over his present command in June and a few days later led the first Allied strafing attack on the important Foggia airfield, which was then occupied by the Germans. On his return from that flight, Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz was waiting at the field to pin the D. F. C. on the youthful colonel.

When I met Mac the other morning, he had just returned

to pilot a P-38 at 300 miles or more an hour unless all your reflexes are in perfect working order.

The pilots of today take as many chances as did their predecessors but they are not so much daredevils as competent, highly trained engineers. Flying present day fighter planes is an exacting task that requires a great deal more than a willingness to take blind chances.

An operation like the attack on the German airfield at Araxos demands split second planning. Even then things may go wrong and be corrected only by quick thinking.

"We worked out that attack," Mac said, "so we would come in from behind east of the airport at 9 a. m. and thus have the sun behind our backs."

"We hit our landmark right on the nose and swung around the edge of the hill. We came in going like the devil better than 300 miles an hour and only fifteen or twenty feet off the ground."

"From the landmark I knew it would take us ten seconds to reach the target area, so I set my automatic compass to the required bearing to bring us

Xmas is Day of Rest For KP, Lower Grades

Democracy at work. On Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day, the non-commissioned officers of the upper three grades at WAC Detachment No. 1, Second WAC Training Center, Daytona Beach, Fla., will take over KP for the rest of the detachment.

Many a private, who has sweated, in spirit at least, under the commands of her top sergeant, will feel a compensating, if temporary, superiority as she watches the perspiring non-com scraping trays or mopping floors.

The WAC Detachment at Freeman Field does them one better, however, as every non-com in the company takes KP all year round, except members of the cadre. However, there is thus far only one member of the Detachment in the first three grades.

Announcement

New War Department passes are to be issued to all civilian worker Officer's wives, non-com-

...ity of Accepted Force divisions. Under circular 256 these organizations are eliminated. Instead the divisions will have three armored battalions of increased size and strength.

The new light Infantry division was developed principally as the result of South Pacific operations. Jungle operations in this area proved the need for smaller, trimmer forces with high individual fire power.

Although the personnel in each of the light Infantry divisions is less than that of a regular Infantry division the fire power is approximately the same.

All of these changes were made after high staff officers, constantly on the lookout for ways to improve fighting efficiency had studied battle reports from commanders in the field, had surveyed the findings of official observers and had examined the armies of our Allies and enemies to determine their strength and weaknesses.

The husband answering the phone said: "I don't know. Call the weather bureau," and hung up.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Some caller, I guess. He asked if the year war clear."

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Traffic Control center, which for this region is Cincinnati, Ohio.

The course, which will take approximately two months, is taught along theoretical as well as practical lines. Not only do the Wacs have classroom work, but they also go up to the control tower to observe, and after a while actually do the work. This is necessary because conditions in reality, vary a great deal from the mechanical conditions an operator meets in school. Even though the basis is the same no two control towers operate alike.

Career For Future.

Not only does this training lead to a fascinating Army job, but it also builds for a career in the aviation field after the war.

Essential requisites for a control tower operator are: a clear speaking voice, good judgment, a level head and keen mind. In addition, all operators must pass the Army Air Force physical examination for control tower operators.

Training in radio is preferable because of the radio equipment used in the tower.

The first Wacs attending this school which is in the AAC building to the right of the control tower are four women from Baer Field, Ft. Wayne, Ind. They are Cpls. Audrey L. Williams, Lillian C. Wendling, Jeane E. Shankland, and Delores R. Harrison.

...a similar exploit, the first strafing attack by U. S. planes on a German airfield in Greece. His planes have knocked out six enemy aircraft on the ground and probably destroyed seven others.

The Memphis, Tenn., pilot is a well-known figure in the Air Forces partly for his feats in the air and partly because of his personality which combines with a large dose of modesty. His vocabulary is in part unprintable and his customs unorthodox. Even when formal uniform is required, He dresses in a common one-piece flying suit and wears a cap of brilliant red and blue.

The cap is his good luck talisman. Says Macnicol: "My friend, P. Lunken of Cincinnati, a captain in the Air Forces in Guatemala, the last time I heard from him, brought it back to me from Scotland about three years ago. If I lose that cap, I lose my luck with it."

But there is more than good luck underneath the cap.

In many stories of World War I, the fighter pilots were pictured as young high-strung daredevils, who flew old crates made of baling wire and packing cases, and who consumed great quantities of cognac and champagne in an effort to forget that if the enemy didn't get them the next day their planes would probably fall apart in the air.

It is not like that at all in this war. For one thing you might be able to fly a plane with a champagne hangover, but you can't

straight in. Then just to check I sneaked a quick look at the compass and so I set it at fifteen degrees off.

"That was a hell of a fix. We had only six seconds left before we had to start shooting. I holstered over the radio three times "turn right, turn right."

"All the other planes were on my right and a little behind. I couldn't see if they turned or not, but there was no time to waste. I turned sharp right. Luckily they had all caught the signal and turned too.

"Then we were flashing over the field and spraying hell out of them with cannon and machine guns. But that business with the compass just goes to show how a pilot cal ball things up no matter how perfectly they are timed."

As he pulled off after the attack, Mac thought he had shot all his ammunition, but when he got back he found he had fired less than twenty-five rounds of 20-millimeter cannon and about fifty rounds from each of his 50-caliber machine guns.

WACs Want Hose For Christmas

Tyndall Field, Fla. (CNS)—WACs want hose for Christmas. The public relations office here disclosed that WACs stationed at the local Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school would rather have stockings than anything else this Christmas.

...missioned Officer's wives and authorized civilians of Freeman Field. For new passes it advised that those needing them apply at the Provost Marshal's Office immediately. The reason for the new picture passes are simply in the form of extra precautionary measures against unauthorized persons entering the post.

NCO's Meet

(Continued from page one)

Nomination Roll.

Despite long winded speeches from the floor, the nominations finally got underway. Those nominated for the office of president include: F/Sgt. Al Schwartz, 1080th; F/Sgt. Thomas D. Lawless, 1079th; T/Sgt. Frank Masterson, 35th; and F/Sgt. Myles A. Cameron, 35th. Competing for the office of vice-president are T/Sgt. Clarence R. Montgomery, 486th; T/Sgt. Richard P. Hemmerdinger, 447th; M/Sgt. Charles E. Parr, 35th; and T/Sgt. Forrest S. Burchfield of the 447th.

After the nominations were completed a vote was called to decide the date on which elections would be held. A motion was carried and passed making election day Dec. 29. It was also voted to serve free beer after the elections on Dec. 29.

Next week TWINGINE TIMES will publish photos and a short description of each of the nominees so that voters will be able to decide which man is best qualified to fill the offices.

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KADET KUFFNOTES

By A/C Donald L. Webb

(Editor's note: For the past several months there has been a noticeable lack of Cadet news in Twingine Times. This is the initial installment of a column,

SQUADRON NOOZ

"ALL THE DIRT THAT'S FIT TO PRINT"

claim their rendezvous was a Sunday nite reservation in the city clink. (Wonder where these guys get that stuff. Must know a friend or something). But others ventured farther, such as Sgt. Niggel and Cpl. Cook on their regular weekend trip to Washington. Pickings must be good there. Wonder if they were worth the three bucks that Sgt. Niggel

heartbroken when the news came. Pfc. Leroy Gentry, keeper of the mail, will need a helper soon, if the Christmas rush continues. Any volunteers? Have you heard Pfc. Emile Acitelli's weird records, in the Key of F? No. 1/2! ? Can any of you write a self-amusing letter like Cpl. "Tex" Wingard does?

issued. The Signal Corps Wacs can also wear the brass of that Corps. Now however a question is brought to mind. Will the men who are assigned to WAC training centers have to wear the WAC insignia? Colonel McCoskrie, commandant of the First WAC Training Center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, a real Army man, certainly would feel gay



Wesley, the report was erroneous, however, we are more than satisfied that we are capable of taking the efficiency award from the 1080th at any time. If it were some other squadron on the field, we might just have some misgivings.

Papa.

After a suitable period of "sweating" T/Sgt Foster became

which will be published every week.

For excellence in an S. M. I. inspection last Saturday, six cadets were awarded a pair of wings (for use after graduation). Cadets Dent, Dabney, Carroll, Carron, Boone, and Boris were men "cited" by Lt. Kovacic.

Speaking of inspections, Lt. Crimmins founds caps, gloves, fruit, and several other items under Cadet Setterlie's service cap. It seems that was the only place to put the miscellaneous articles. According to the inspecting officer, there were more things under that hat, than fall out of Fibber McGee's closet every Tuesday night.

Some student pilot has apparently found time to write some poetry for this has been submitted to your reporter as:

"The Song of the Cadet Corps." Drinking beer in the Hoosier Cafe. And was I having fun; Until one night he caught me tight; And now I'm on the run. Lay that pistol down, M. P. Lay that pistol down! Pistol-packin' M. P. Lay that pistol down. Sneakin' home at 2:15, and golly what a scene. When that goes by the light of the moon caught me hiding there.

Lay that pistol down M. P. Lay that pistol down Pistol-packin' M. P. Lay that pistol down. Flights two and eight each have an official song. The former's lyrics are entitled "Ragged but Right." Flight eight has original words to the tune of "With My Head in the Clouds," lyrics by Cadet Joel K. "Irving Berlin" Szydram.

The Spandula football team is still wondering what the score is. During the first month, they were undefeated and unscored upon, but with practically the same team this month, they have tied one and lost five.

35th News

By Tomar & Schaffer

After a week of close order drill, extended order drill, tent pitching, training films, and practical experience in field latrine construction, the boys in the 35th Group resumed their normal week-end rendezvous.

Pvts. Cassandra and Campbell

had to pay Cpl. Wilson as a fee for pulling CQ. Maybe Sgt. Niguel (alias the lady with the baby in the 35th Grop Show) was looking for the father of her baby.

What's this about S/Sgt. Ruth Meyers picking up a new chauffeur in Sgt. L. Hedge. Pleasant work for Hedge we call it. Also who was the lovely blond that was seen "sweating out" a date with Sgt. Wolfson during formations last Sunday.

Incidentally we hope Sgt. H. Green is recuperating from his recent operation. Tough sitting, 'sn't it ole man.

405th Band

Inmates began, on last Wednesday, to get a taste of CQ duty. Pioneering the event was Cpl. Eugene Garner who arose cheerfully on the morning of the 8th, judged the boys gently, and went about his newly assigned duties. Other members have enjoyed the privilege since that day.

The 8th also marked the day set aside by the President, to present meritorious service awards to the civilian employees. The event took place in the Post Theater with the 405th present and assisting.

The 8th may also be remembered as the day Christmas wrapping started, with Pfc. Alfred Stair pioneering in this field. Pfc. Jim Edens was seen sending a terrific likeness of himself to girlfriend Joan, in Florida. Incidentally, the Edens chariot is unavailable once again. The subject may be seen, by interested persons, 20 miles south of Seymour. Pfc. Erwin Klocko was "making with the collection" for the coming Band party, to be held on the 17th, and receiving substantial support.

Uninformed persons will hereby consider themselves informed of the promotions of Pvts. Acitelli, Johnson, Kelly, Klocko and Joseph Miller, to Pfc. The "Ups" came a little too late to make the last sheet.

On December 8th, we rehearsed for the "Freeman Field Follies", which was held the following night prior to the showing of "This Is The Army" at the Majestic Theater. Those GI's who may have missed the show, did miss something worth seeing.

December 9th also marked the cancellation of Reveille, held by the 447th. Most of the boys were

Have all of you seen Cpl. Frank Odom and Pfc. George Thomas doing their laundry while they wait?

Alumni A/S Bob Utterback asked your reporter to wish you all a "Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year."

We want to welcome back vacationer Cpl. Hulsey, and wish the best of luck to Sgt. Pahl, the only guy lucky enough to be on furlough during Christmas, providing nothing interferences between now and press time.

WACs Works

Tops With Us.

Is the top Wac of the detachment; i. e., the CO, Lt. Martha T. Riley. Proving that the Christmas spirit is something to be kept and used all year round and knowing how the girls are apt to forget little things, Lt. Riley inspected the barracks with her heart last Saturday. She picked up every pair of shoes to see if they needed repairs. Those that did, she sent to the supply room, so that they could be sent out on repair day. None of the girls with the hole-y soles were giggled, and they almost felt as if they were home, when they came back to the barracks and found someone had taken their shoes out to be fixed.

Coast to Coast.

The Service Woman, the publication for women serving with the armed forces, gave the Freeman Wacs quite a write-up in their December 10 issue. Moreover, this paper is not only national in scope but is now being sent overseas, so girls don't be surprised if your fan mail comes pouring in.

Grassoms Twosomes.

Ghostly gifts are a fitting description of the Christmas presents received by Pvt. Grace (auntie) Sullivan—from two of her admirers? First an olive drab washcloth, and next an olive drab handkerchief came through the mails. Khaki would have been bad enough, but olive drab! "Swell for dust cloths," remarked the ever practical Grace.

Fashion Notes.

It is official. It can be done. In fact, they should be worn. Off with the Pallas Athene, the WAC insignia and on with the Air Force wings. However, you don't have to wear 'em until they're

wearing the Pallas Athene on his lapel. Whoops!

Here and There.

Fl. Des Moines, Iowa—A former WREN is serving in the WAC here. She is Pvt. Lexey Davies, a driver for the British Navy in the last war, who is now taking a course in Motor Transport.

Russia—Russian women pilots are ferrying planes from Alaska to the Russian front after they have been flown up to the far north from the United States factories. The women pilots fly planes bearing the Soviet insignia along the string of Alaska highway airports and then to Russia.

R. A. F. Training Station, Somewhere in England—Pvts. Lee M. Staab, New York City, and Laura B. Cameron, Seattle, are among the personnel who are training here for the jobs they will soon take up with the U. S. A. A. F. in Britain. Their training consists of studying the teleprinter systems of both R. A. F. and U. S. A. A. F., the layout of messages, procedure signals, degrees of priority of messages and the recording of ciphers and secret messages.

New York—The war's first wounded Wac has been honorably discharged from the Army, but she's still going to do her part by devoting much of her time to recruiting members for the WAC.

She is Miss Louise Valley, of Buffalo, N. Y., and was injured when a jeep she was riding in overturned on a rocky road, killing two other passengers. This all happened in North Africa, where Miss Valley was doing communications work and translating at Allied Headquarters.

466th News

To the Officers and men of the 1080th: Gentlemen; your kind apologies have been graciously accepted by the entire personnel of the 466th. However, it is thought that your overconfidence in the matter of keeping the "E" flag is deplorable in the face of such facts as were shown on last month's efficiency report. If the subject report was read carefully, you will have noted that the 466th was proved to be a much better squadron than the 1080th. Of course, as was explained by Lt.

a father last week. That in itself is nothing new, but that he is the proud papa of a nine pound son, is what makes the "thin man" walk around with such a strut. Congratulations, and here's hoping that he turns out to be what you think he will. The best damn general in the U. S. Army.

With Christmas a scant two weeks away, many a man has been seen eyeing that package that came from home, carefully marked, "Do not open till Christmas." Favorite storing place for such bundles of joy is in the bottom of a footlocker, where it can be seen every time the locker is opened. This tends to increase, rather than decrease, the amount of curiosity which is rapidly driving some of the boys "nuts". Sweet ecstasy.

With W/O Sundberg recovered from his recent illness, and his return to duty, this squadron is once more showing the "business as usual" sign. For a while it was thought that our able CO, Lt. Wenzel, was bound for the "nut house" from all that work.

467th Squadron

Hats off to the sixteen men of this organization who "deserted" this Station for combat duty. They are S/Sgts. Joseph M. Stitt, Eldridge A. Miller, Sherman L. Halvorson, George J. Horswood, Jr.; Sgts. George W. Butler, Edwin H. Brown, John D. McCraw, Cpl. Joseph A. Daniel, Ferris E. Yarbrough, Howard A. Lacey, Ernest Alsbrook, Percy L. Roberts; Pfc. Elmer E. Jennings, Wallace J. Felchak and Eugene E. Torres. S/Sgt. George J. Horswood has been known to many of you for his outstanding exploits on the basketball floor both for the Squadron and the Post teams. In honor of their departure, the Squadron had a big stag party. A good time was had by all. Cpt. Yarbrough played the piano and S/Sgt. Lou Coloroco accompanied him with his saxophone while the others joined in singing many popular song hits. Cpls. Bagley and Morgan did a couple of fast numbers and as a result had to retire early. S/Sgt. Hal Brock gave the boys a treat with a few vocal numbers. Well here's lookin' for another one, until next week, adieu.....

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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SPORTS PAGE



Hoopsters Carry Concealed Wallop

The post basketball team has hit their stride and in doing so has taken the measurement of three different teams in the past week. One of these teams was the highly touted Fort Knox team which the Blue Devils of Freeman topped 45-40 last Tuesday night.

On the home hardwood the team hasn't fared so well, but once they hit the road and get the soft coal dust cleared out of their lungs the boys move into high gear and mop up all opposition.

The first win was against Fayetteville on Friday, Dec. 10 when Freeman tripped the high school team by a 30-23 score. The fliers led at the quarter by 8-4. At the half things stood even-Stephen, 12-12. A second half surge put Freeman out in front and they held the lead up until the last minute of play. Cecil Davis scored 12 points, with Simms tallying 9. Wolan, Tatum and Miles were great at floor play and Jim Davis starred on the defense. Chandler and Ragusa furnished reserve strength for the team.

Giant Killers.

The next night, Saturday, both the post team and the officers' quintet swept a doubleheader at Oolitic against the Bedford Dairy and an Oolitic semi-pro outfit respectively. The post team squared off with the dairymen and emerged a 29-23 victor. An offensive duel with the Oolitic team saw the Freeman officer squad win by a mark-up of 34-40.

Beating Fort Knox was a feather in the cap of the post team because the Armored Division team has been touted to be a strong outfit with plenty of reserve strength. The game opened with both teams scoring evenly and Fort Knox led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter the Freeman team found the range and Tatum, Cecil Davi and Simms poured shots thru the hoop to lead 31-19 at the half. Fort Knox rallied in the third and pulled within three points of Freemanites, 30-33. The last quarter was a bitter struggle but the Freeman team outlasted the Knoxmen to win 45-40.

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The Wolf

by Sansone



Freeman Blue Devils

A hard fighting and flashy outfit, the post basketball team is proving its mettle in cage tilts with teams from the surrounding stations. They are from left to right, in the rear row: Al Schwartz, manager, Chandler, Miles, C. Davis, J. Davis and Lt. Lewis Hilley, coach. Front row, from left to right: Eaton, Chandler, Jossey and Wolan.



Muscle Bulge Shows Upswing In PFR Tests; 1080 Hits High Mark

The results of the second physical fitness test conducted at this station showed an uprising in the physical ability of the military personnel at Freeman Field. While a few of the men dropped in their scores in this second test, the greater majority made a definite increase in their test scores. 71.90 per cent of the enlisted men were in the average class or above on the second test while on the first test only 47.94 per cent of the men were in this class. This makes an increase of 24 per cent of the men moving from the very poor and poor class to the average class.

In first place among the squadrons was the 1080th with an average physical fitness score of 53.29. The 1080th squadron was followed by flight "B" of the 35th group with an average score of 52.52. Flights "A", "D", and "C" of the 35th group followed next in line.

Supermen.

High scorers among the enlisted men were Pfc. Earl Henry of the 1087th with a score of 75 and Pvt. Richard D. Simon of the 320th with a score of 72.

It was noted that without exception the squadrons having the highest test scores also had the

highest percentage for daily attendance.

Another interesting fact which stood out was the superiority of the men engaged in line maintenance over the men not engaged in line maintenance.

Among the officer personnel, the ground officers outscored the flying officers averaged a score of 56.23 while the average score for the flying officers was 54.77. 98.86 per cent of the ground officers were in the average or above average classes while the flying officers qualified 97.67 of their men in the average or above average class.

Lt. Keyes and Lt. Paul Smith held the honors of high scorers among the ground officers while Major Poe and Lt. Wittmer held similar honors among the flying officers.

Following is the average physical fitness score for each squadron:

1080	53.29
35 "C"	52.52
35 "A"	51.47
35 "D"	49.71
35 "B"	48.86
466	48.11
467	47.80
320	47.42
1079	47.06
1087	45.80
447	44.53
907	38.35
Medics	00.00
Cadets	62.18
Gr. Off.	56.23
Fly. Off.	54.77

Sport Slants

Sgt. Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight boxing champion and a Marine hero of Guadalcanal, has been awarded the Silver Star and honored with a Presidential Citation. Ross, laid low by recurrent attacks of malaria since his return to the U. S., recently underwent an operation for the removal of shell splinters from his left arm.

Blue Devils Torpedo George Field 46-30

The combination of Davis, Simms and Tatum was too much for the George Field five to cope with in the gym last night as the Freeman Blue Devils swamped them 46-30.

"Lefty" Wolan started things rolling when he sank one in the opening play of the game. From then on Freeman had everything in its own way.

Simms was high scorer with 17 points. Davis followed with 16 and Tatum accounted for 4.

For the visitors Copeland led with 11. Blaszczak marked up 6 and Fagan, 5.

In a preliminary game the Freeman Officers team milked the Bedford Dairy quintet 38-31.

Round Robin Tourney Scheduled For Twin League Trophy Award

The long awaited inter-squadron basketball tournaments will begin Monday night, Dec. 20 in the post gym. Playing will be divided into two leagues and the winner in each league will meet in a game at the end of the season to decide the post championship. The winner of this game will be awarded an appropriate trophy.

The "A" league will be composed of the 1087th, Medics, 35, B, 35, D, Ordnance, 466th and 907th. The "B" league will be made up of the 35th, "A", 35th, "C", 1080th, 447th, 320th, 467th and 1079th.

Each league will play a round-robin tournament, at the close of which the four highest teams in each league will play a single elimination tournament for the post championship. Teams will be seeded in the elimination tournament according to their standings in the league at the finish of the round-robin tournament.

P. T. Dept. in Charge.

League games will be scheduled by the Physical Training Department, and referees and timers for each game will also be assigned.

Quintet Will Meet Naval Air Group Here on Saturday

Freeman's quintet will come up against another top-notch team Saturday night at 8 p. m. when they meet the Peru Naval Air Station five in the post gym.

The Bunker Hill station has put a number of hard fighting teams in the field and the followers of the horsehide and hickory will no doubt recall the fine baseball teams that the Navy sent down to Freeman last summer.

The Navy cagemen are coached by Joe Platt who was the captain of the championship Indiana U. team of 1940. The Hoosiers that year were the National A. A. U. champs and Joe is said to have imparted some of the "know-how" to the Navy team which Freeman meets Saturday.

College Stars.

Navy regulations being different than those of the Army, both enlisted men and cadets are represented on the Bunker Hill quintet. It was understood that several college stars are in the lineup which should make for a very interesting game. But this array of talent leaves the Freeman team without any misgivings about the outcome of the game. With the addition of Tatum and Simms of the 320th to the team roster, Lt. Lewis Hilley, the coach, feels confident of the results.

The preliminary game Saturday night will be fought by the officer teams of Peru and Freeman. The tilt will commence at 7 p. m. and promises to be a thriller. Sparkplug for the Navy team is George Rosco, former star forward of Minnesota. Big guns for Freeman include Lts. Nichols, Schoenhaus, Kuth, Brooks and Womeldorf.

with the squadron in the round-robin tournament if assigned by special orders to that squadron. In the case of a change of a player from one squadron to another during the round-robin tournament, he will play with that squadron to which he is assigned by special orders. At the completion of the round-robin tournament each team will submit to the Physical Training Department a list of 10 players who will play in the elimination tournament, and in case of a transfer of a man from one squadron to another, the man will play with the squadron which submitted his name. (Men will not change squadron teams during the elimination tournament.) New men coming on the post will be eligible to play during the quarantine period, for that squadron to which they are assigned by special orders.

All protests will be submitted in writing to the Director of Physical Training within 24 hours of game time. Protests against the judgment of the official will not be considered. Protests on the interpretation of the rules may be submitted.



...will also be furnished by the Physical Training Center in Fresno, Cal. is loaded with former college cagers. The starting quintet features Sgt. Walter Rollins of West Virginia, Sgt. Howard "Hops" Ordlin of Albright College, Pvt. Stan Herbert of NYU, Bill Carlson of Dartmouth and Jack Belcher of Baylor.

...may be suggested.
Lt. Don McNeill, former U. S. tennis champion now stationed with the U.S. Embassy at Buenos Aires, won the Argentine singles championship recently when he defeated Pancho Segura of Ecuador, 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

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Imaginary Note to Chum Depicts Life in AT-10's

A letter that should be of interest to men about to enter cadet school, as well as other enlisted men, was devised by a member of the Public Relations staff, with the aid of A/Cs. Kenneth Nelson and Kenneth Kjell. It attempts to depict life at Advanced Training as seen through the eyes of the students themselves. It is also being printed in the cadet newspaper at Avon Park, Florida, Primary Training School.

Dear Chum:
Twin-engine school is quite a change from basic, single motor. The first feeling I got when I plopped over the side wall into the cockpit, was that there was plenty of ship here. The instrument panel was a maze of dials, and even to my "basic-trained" brain, looked pretty confusing. This AT-10 sure is a honey I thought, but I almost ruefully changed my mind—for personal reasons mind you—when I started my first take-off try. Taxing is difficult because of full swivel in the tail wheel. In a BT the control is by the rudder, in these babies you've got to cajole the throttles, and its quite a trick synchronizing the two stems. So I swiveled all over the place like a rookie in a Piper Club! Anyhow though it was pretty sloppy, my instructor explained to me that the tail wheel is not affected by light right pedal, not being connected to the rudder.

Once you're in the air, over Freeman Field, you really begin to appreciate this Beechcraft airplane. It climbs mighty fast, and can act almost like an elevator if you want it to. It's not a scroob plane, and is pretty stable; so stable in fact that you can trim it and fly along for miles without touching a thing.

Landings Are Fun.

But no two landings are alike. It's actually interesting to shoot landings in this old-lemon peeler. The air spills off your wings and you just mush down. A good landing is really a good trick. Maybe its too simple, a little too un-temperamental, you might say.

Cadet life at Advanced is a little different from what it is in Primary. Instead of calisthenics, we have "athletics", basketball, football, volleyball, baseball. Ground school schedules are about the same as they are in the first stage of flight training. You get plenty of classes, and Link Trainer. Here's where we started

getting radio compass, learned to bracket a beam, and follow it along in instrument flight, until to your own surprize and delight, you take a look out and there's the runway right under you.

Night flying is fun. There's a myriad of lights on the ground, planes are circling all around you, as you come in on the base leg. It looks like a flying circus. The first landing I made in the dark was one for the books. I started leveling off at 30 feet above the ground. Just a little over-cautious, I guess.

Navigation is damned important. You really have to be conscientious about it. If you lose out anywhere along the training process, or fall behind in your work, you have that much more to catch up on when you get here. Keep that in mind, it's sound advice.

You're kept busy all the time, though tension is not too great. You keep thinking, "This is where I get my wings," and nothing seems too much to take, because they look mighty good pinned on that new dark blouse on graduation day. I know, I was an underclassman here!

Soldiers: Request Ballots

Washington (CNS) — Primary elections for the State of Louisiana will be held Jan. 18 and Feb. 29. All servicemen whose voting residence is in Louisiana and who wish to vote in these elections should request absentee ballot application post cards from orderly rooms. If unavailable these ballots may be secured by request from the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, La. Free mail-privilege may be used. See War Department Circular No. 394 dated Nov. 22 for further details.

Join the Fun

An item of importance to Freeman Field men and women is a big Christmas party for all soldiers and wives and WACS of the station. It will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 23, by the Beta Gamma Kappa girls of the First Baptist Church. The young women have arranged a special program for the party. There will be a play, refreshments and a special Christmas gift for each person attending.

There's A Big Day Comin' at the end of this month when 44-A

wins its silver wings at the graduation ceremonies and leaves Freeman for bigger things. Two members of the class are pictured here getting a last minute fitting on their new officers uniforms at the post exchange. Fitting in from left to right are: Mr. L. A. "Slim" Boyle, of Seymour, A/C Warren Smith of Hammond, Ind., and A/C E. V. Wilson of Blytheville, Ark.



Army Gains Since World War I Revealed in Official Figures

The United States Army, completing its second year of global warfare, stands today as one of the mightiest fighting organizations the world has ever seen.

A recapitulation of the Army's manpower and equipment figures, recently made available by the War Department, shows that the Army today is rapidly nearing its wartime goal of 7,700,000 officers and men while U. S. industry is producing the tools of war at a rate unapproached in the history of man.

When the first World War ended, the U. S. had an Army of 4,095,710 men of whom 2,086,000 were serving overseas. Today the Army personnel almost doubles the old figure and 2,500,000 of these highly trained men are serving abroad in every corner of the globe.

841 killed, 30,263 wounded, 23,954 missing and 22,592 prisoners. The War Department has released some interesting comparisons of war production in this war and the last one. Here are a few pertinent figures.

When the U. S. entered World War I, it had 55 airplanes and an Air Service numbering 1,200 men. By the end of the war it had 11,000 planes and 200,000 men in the Air Service. Today the Army Air Forces number 2,280,000 officers and men and in a single month the U. S. manufactures more planes than it did in an entire year during the last war.

During World War I the U. S. produced a total of 132,000 machine guns. In two months of this year alone it produced 150,000 machine guns and 132,000 sub-machine guns.

Army Is Spending Million a Month For Recreation

The Army is spending more than a million dollars a month for recreational and athletic equipment for its fighting men at home and overseas, the War Department announced.

More than \$13,000,000 worth of such merchandise has been purchased by the Quartermaster Corps since July, 1942, in a program that is paying big dividends in morale and well being. The purchases are made by the Quartermaster Corps for the Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, which is charged with distribution of the various items.

Equipment is provided for the favorite outdoor sports of the fighting men, particularly baseball and football. A partial list of other items supplied includes javlins, badminton, medicine balls, striking bags, fencing equipment, diving boards, darts, boxing gloves and even fishing rods and equipment.

Those preferring less active recreation have the choice of cards, dominoes, back-gammon, darts, chess, checkers or bingo.

Included among the purchases are various musical instruments, large and small, such as guitars, phonographs, radio sets, also harmonicas, acarinas and tintrons.

Distribution is regulated by requisitions made on the basis of allocations of \$1 a man for domestic troops, while "kits" valued at about \$180 each are issued to overseas units on the basis of one kit for each 100 to 200 men.

There are three types of "Kits." These are the "A" kit, a collection of athletic equipment, small games, including 85 sets of cards and other games of which 36 are card decks; a similar "F" kit primarily used on transports, and an overseas rest camps and hospitals, and a special "B" kit for the musically inclined. The "B" kit supplies a radio set, a phonograph, 48 records, and 25 one-half hour transcriptions, for use when radio reception is not possible. This kit also contains paper-bound song books and small musical instruments.

Boxing Bouts

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lent and his blocking kept Williams from laying a glove on him. Hartupee would have KO'd Williams except for the fact that the colored boy was tricky and crouched down into the ropes whenever he was in danger.

The third event between Pvt. Art Torrosin of the visitors and Pvt. Jesse Ellison of the 35th, Flight B was lost on a default as Ellison injured his thumb in the opening round.

In the 145 pound go Pvt. Daniel Scott of the 326th measured his opponent, Pvt. James Lee, and jittersbugged him around the ring. The Atterburly boxer was





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"That's what I love about you honey: you're such a darn swell cook."

Our enemies in World War I were the Central Powers with Germany the main threat. Our principal Allies were Britain, France and Italy. Most of our fighting was confined to the front between Germany and France.

Our enemies today are Germany and Japan, the latter a minor ally in 1918. Our primary allies are Britain, China and the Soviet Union. Our fighting fronts are spread throughout the world.

Despite the huge scale of the war and despite the fact that we have been fighting 23 months already as compared to the 19 months of combat we had in the last war our casualties are fewer today than they were in 1918.

World War I casualties totaled 260,496, including 35,560 killed in action, 14,720 dead from wounds, 265,690 wounded; 46 missing in action, and 4,480 prisoners of war. In the present war U. S. casualties number 89,650, including 12-

In 1918 it turned out 271,000, 600 pounds of small ammunition a month. In 1943 this amount is produced every week.

The last war saw 80 tanks built. Now 5,000 tanks are made in 10 months.

On paper and in the field the Army has been streamlined, modernized, revolutionized. The old square division of World War I has given way to the new triangular division, which is smaller, more compact, faster—and tougher. Army personnel has moved ahead to keep pace with the up-to-date equipment it uses.

This, then, is a portrait of the American Army—the biggest, strongest and best Army ever to represent the Nation on the field of battle—on the eve of the second anniversary of U. S. entrance in the war.

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shorter and tried to make up for his size by stepping in and boughing it up, but Scott kept his head and won easily on points.

The heavyweight bout of the evening was fought by Pvt. John Mack of the 320th and Pvt. John Walker. Although giving away fifteen pounds, Mack bulldozed his rival and had him fanning the air at greenlines that weren't there. Mack is fast and has a left that keeps whipping out like a scythe. Walker looked like he carried a haymaker in his right hand but every time he threw his Sunday punch, Mack was somewhere else. On the strength of winning his bout Mack broke up the tie and won the card for Freeman.

L. Vernon Woodard was well pleased with the results of the fights and wanted to make particular mention of the fact that the fights were the first public appearance for Scott, Carter and Mack.

Wotta Woman is what Cpl. Clarence Wade of the 320th calls Lena Horne in this week's Roving Reporter column on page two. He also asked us to try and get her down to Freeman to pay the boys a visit. Well, we couldn't do that, but this photo of her is the next best thing. Lena is the gal who played the part of the temptress in "Cabin in the Sky". Rochester was Little Joe who almost yielded to Lena's siren calls. He escaped in the end—but reluctantly.



320th Squadron

Picture of the week: "Guadalcanal Diary".

Song of the week: "Shoo Shoo Les Brown".

This and That: By Sgt. L. Howard.

Our chief clerk fell in from Smoketown the last church day, beat to his socks after a righteous furlough.

Our good friend S/Sgt. Corson hopped the choo choo for Chitown last week, and from all reports he had himself a ball. Two will get you one that he re-

Now that the P. X. has several new show cases I wonder if they'll have anything to put in them.

To Fields—Now that you've returned from across the border, I suppose you're ready to resume your career. Boxing, I mean. For some time I've been trying to think who it was that you reminded me of, in the ring, that is. Now I know, Bummy Davis.

5 Marines Meet 75 Japs—One Nip Gets Away

Bougainville (CNS) — Five American Marines and 75 Jap soldiers met at a river here and

Hi Ya Fellers!

by
KATE SMITH



While you fellers in uniform are doing your share, the women of America are doing their bit on the home front. Over 17,000,000 women have gone into war work of one kind or another. These women have come from the farms, hills and villages to the production centers. They are working in factories, making tools and other implements of war that women never made before. They are working behind drills, presses, enormous machines beside which they look like pygmies. They also are driving trucks and busses. Many of them are performing important war work behind desks and counters.

Yet, in spite of putting in a hard day's work, many of these women are contributing spare time to the local Red Cross and USO. Many of them have a house and children to take care of when they get home from the war plant. Yes, we have reason to be proud of the women of the U. S. A. They are doing a magnificent job of backing the boys in the service.

Here is a story I thought you might enjoy. About eight months ago, Jimmy Chamberlain was putting the finishing touches on the inside of a tank out in a war plant in Lima, Ohio. When he crawled out of the tank, his wallet fell out of his pocket and landed in the interior. He didn't notice his loss until it was too late, but by that time the tank had been sealed. He gave up hope of recovering his wallet and returned to his job. Recently, Chamberlain received a small package in the mail. It contained the lost wallet, with all its contents, as well as a note from Private Roy Blair of the North African Ordnance Company. Blair explained that he had discovered the wallet upon inspection. He added a p. s.—"Keep 'em rolling; we can use some spare!"

Our boys of the A. E. F. are

NEWS AND VIEWS

Tokio propagandists are now sinking American battleships as fast as they are launched and months before they are ready to put to sea. The Berlin radio quoting a Tokio report, soberly announced the sinking of the 45,000 ton U.S.S. Wisconsin "in one of the biggest sea battles off Bougainville." The super battleship Wisconsin was launched three days ago at Philadelphia.

Carrying a high-powered rifle, Policeman Campbell stood guard when two lions were transferred from a travelling cage to their new home in Warner Park Zoo at Chattanooga. After he returned to the station, Chief Homer Edmondson told him: "By the way, Campbell, I had forgotten, but the firing pin on that rifle you had is broken. It wouldn't have fired." Campbell sunk weakly into a chair. "Huh!" he said.

Police said Louis Botellos, 32, booked on suspicion of illegally wearing a uniform, wore these insignia on his army tunic: Purple Heart, Pacific combat theater, Asiatic service with three stars, defense bar with two stars, World War I ribbon with five stars, Distinguished Service Cross, Croix de Guerre with palms, Belgian, Cuban and Nicaraguan, campaign ribbons, Amphibious Forces, Guadalcanal and Alaska action, sergeant's stripes and 20 year service stripes. Officials are stumped though—Botellos found room to sport a Good Conduct ribbon, too!

Two soldiers lost control of their jeep in French Morocco and plowed through an Arab's tent, killing his aged grandmother, 16 year old daughter, a sow, a goat, and a chicken. An Army claims officer called on the Arab, expressed sympathy and regrets, and offered compensation. The Arab greeted him in a matter of fact way; said he'd present his claim the following day. At the appointed time he appeared before the officer and handed him a statement which read: "Chicken, good egg layer, \$5; goat, gives good milk, \$10; daughter, good worker, \$15; sow, good meat, good breeder, \$35; grandmother, old, no good for work, 50 cents."

A year and a half ago a Knoxville dentist was performing a dental job for a patient, W. L. Stramer. The dentist was called to the colors before completing work on Stramer. At San Diego, Calif., doctors said Stramer, now in the army, needed dental attention. Stramer found the Knoxville dentist at the same post. The dentist finished the job started months before—but this time Uncle Sam paid the bill.

Henry Cornelius of Canton, S. D., said he killed four pheasants with two shots while picking corn in a field. Which has been done before—in each case the two birds were flying in opposite directions.

Finland, on Dec. 14, paid the United States \$233,515.06 as another installment on money borrowed from this country after World War I.

The cootie, that persistent, irritating, obnoxious, underwear loving constant companion of the World War I soldier, has been eliminated as a major nuisance of World War II by agricultural researchers. The cootie chemical is one of the secret U. S. instruments of warfare, which was discovered while agricultural scientists were experimenting with agricultural insecticides. The discovery will save the Army hundreds of thousands of dollars by eliminating expensive delousing stations. "And," a spokesman said, "soldiers will be saved

turns within 30 days.

We've heard two days after McElwee arrived in Baltimore the town was dry. L.Ushin, and gushin, eh what???

What's this we hear about Sam Berry receiving letters from a delovely in a near-by town. That right Berry at B-11?

To G. Cormack—

I say there Pops, most of us know that you are kidding when you make those undermining cracks lying in bed at night. A couple of guys are beginning to think you're serious. Off hand, why not police up.

It's rumored that another member of the Orderly Room crew will middle aisle it come Xmas. This will be the second orderly room marriage within 60 days. I wonder if it's catching.

for two and a half hours fired lead at each other. When quiet was restored there were 74 dead Japs piled on one bank of the river and five very live Marines were still shooting from the other. The 75th Jap escaped somehow.

The five Marines are Sgt. Bernard Brown, 30, a former police; Ozer Logan, 22, of Remlapa, La.; Cpl. Lewis Trott, 22, of Hyattsville, Md.; PFC J. E. Barlo, 19, Trenton, N. J.; and PFC Joseph Les, of Roselle, N. J.

50 GIs Cited for Malaria Test.

Washington (CNS)—Fifty soldiers who risked their lives in a deliberate exposure to malaria in New Guinea as part of a medical experiment have been awarded the Legion of Merit.

...the angsten toiks many American customs but one of the most outstanding is an appreciation of the American comics. There's nothing like a sense of humor to make for lasting friendships abroad.

"Graves" Warn Men Of Training Need

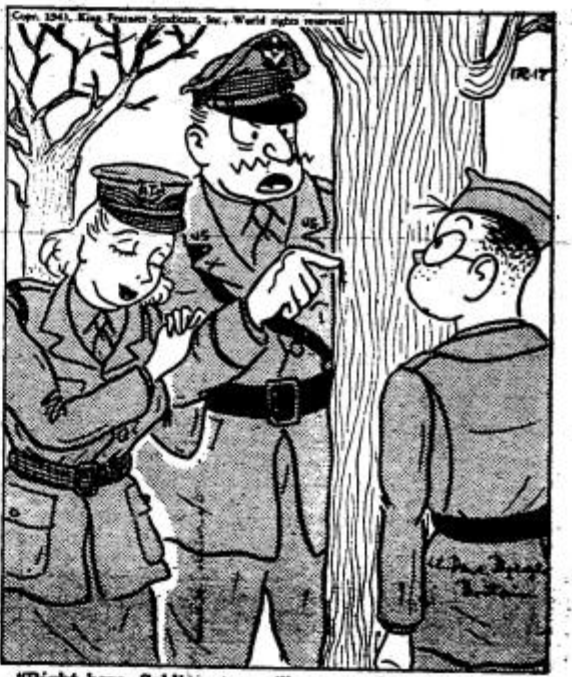
Camp Stewart, Ga. (CNS)—One unit stationed here has a novel and rather grim way of impressing its personnel with the need for thorough and serious training. In the unit area there are three realistic graves.

"This man knew too much," says a marker over the first one.

"This man knew too little," says a second.

"This man was lazy," the third reads.

PRIVATE BREGER ABROAD
By Lt. Dave Breger



"Right here, Soldier, you will carve a heart, six inches high, four inches wide, with the names Babs and Phil in block letters two inches high . . .!"

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