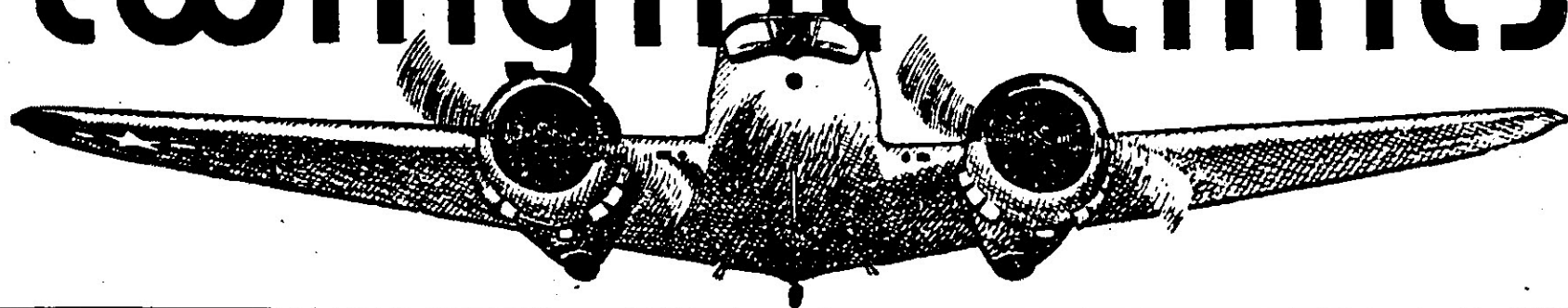


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FREEMAN FIELD, SEYMOUR, IND.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1944

## Wing-Seekers Leave Freeman In Huge Group

In the largest shipment ever to leave Freeman Field for Cadet training, 49 enlisted men, who have made the grade and are bound for many months of rigorous training, leading to their wings. The lucky men have waited many weeks, undergone physical and mental exams, and have shown themselves fit for the training. They will be...

From here they go to a Basic Training School for 2 months or so. When completed, they move on to a school for five months to receive ten hours of flight instruction. Such as Piper Cub, from there it's on to the classification as Pilot, Navigator or Bombardier. Then to a field for Pre-Flight Primary school for fundamental flight in two-winged planes. Then to a school for faster, low-winged planes; and then the end of the road. Advanced, where wings are tried and true. It's exciting all of the way. To these leaving we say Good Luck, and drop back to visit us when you're ready for Twin-Engine days!

## Wacs "HOOF IT" IN NEW SHOW

**Busy, Busy, Busy** - - are the civilian crew who are face-lifting Mess Hall No. 1. New drain systems have been installed, walls filled with base-board, fresh, pleasing paint over everything. Major Hollister, Mess Supervisor, looks on approvingly as things take shape. He thinks the debut will be in about two weeks or so.

## January 13th Is Date of Tuneful Musical at Gym

No, it's not a Broadway chorus rehearsing for a big musical—it's the Freeman Wacs practicing for their gala squadron show, "WAC ACTS of 1944", to be presented Thursday, January 13, at the Post Gym, at 7 o'clock. Teaching the girls their dance steps is Cpl. Pearl Boxer, who's a real hooper, and has plenty of pep and ginger, and who also does a dance solo in the show.

"OK, kids, get 'em nice, we'll try it over again, this time a little more precision. Don't loosen up—grace is what we want," are words that can be heard nightly, as a dozen or so svelte young ladies in the usual chorus rehearsal costumes are seen limbering up around the room.

**Down and Up**  
One can be seen balancing on one leg, while the other is placed on the top rung of a chair. Slowly she brings her head down to her knee. Another is doing a soft shoe dance, singing dreamily to herself. At the command "Get in line," girls from all over the room form and align themselves.

The ladies of the chorus are: Sgt. Rosamond Kelly, Cpls. Elizabeth Bateman, Catherine McDermott, Edna Coyne, Edna Donnelly, Frances Hoytya, Grace Duffy, Edna Haynes, Lt. Elizabeth Houpt, Pvts. Winifred Bishop, and Edith Krawitz, and Pfc. Mammie Smith.

**Thanks, Men**  
Aiming at more than just another squadron show, the entire WAC Detachment is in back of the production "en force". They want to show their appreciation to the men of Freeman for the cordiality always extended to them, as the welcome at the NCO club, the two occasions on which (Continued on page 7, column 4)



## "Patrol Wagons" Have Eyes, Ears

"Calling station WXIL, calling station WXIL!" Operating like a real police, station-to-vehicle system, the Freeman Field patrol system keeps order and enforces regulations on the streets of Seymour, as well as on the post.

In a small room in the Provost Marshall's building, a complete sending and receiving unit acts as the nerve-center for the patrol trucks that cruise around with eyes as well as ears open for trouble. Chief Radio Operator Cpl. Tony F. Colafrancesca told of the manner in which they locate the disorder and speed to the scene.

**Send Out Call**  
As soon as the stationary operator is notified of any disturbance he calls one of the "patrol wagons", and gives directions and location. In much the same manner as the police operate, these vigilant guards round up the delinquents, and squelch the ruckus in its incipient stages.

When on ordinary patrol, the vehicles call into the central station for check-up and instructions every half-hour. Each truck has both a fixed transmitter and receiver.

Aside from the duties of routine, other things occur to make the project of value to both the field and other fields. On clear days emergency calls may come through from points as far distant as Texas, requesting transfer of a message to other areas to the east of Freeman.

## Mademoiselle

The fashion magazine, "Mademoiselle" has selected the 10 top young women of 1942, and among them was, of course, a Wac. Sgt. Nana Rae, confidential typist for General Eisenhower in North Africa. Nana was entrusted to pound out all the hush-hush plans for our vast operations in the Mediterranean, proving the confidence the Army has in its women.

## Two WASP Arrive, Get Flying Duty

The first WASPs to be assigned to Freeman Field reported for duty Tuesday morning and have been assigned to the production line maintenance department.

They are Miss Iris Heilman of Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Joalene Snodgrass of Salt Lake City, Utah. The young women received their flying training at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, graduating in December after completing a five and a half months' course.

Applicants for WASP training must have had 35 hours civilian flying prior to becoming a member of the WASP, the nickname for Women's Airforce Service Pilots.

The Freeman WASPs shortly expect to receive their regulation Santiago blue winter uniform, consisting of dark, bright blue slacks and blouses, visor caps and battle jackets. For street wear they may team blue blouses with matching blue skirts and adopt a smart Montgomery baret in place of their "on duty" visor caps.

At Freeman the young women will serve as test and utility pilots, testing planes after repairs have been made and ferrying military personnel and cargoes on short hops.

**Dinah Shore Weds Corporal**  
Hollywood (CNS)—Cpl. George Montgomery, former movie star, now with the Signal Corps, and Dinah Shore, radio songstress, were married in Las Vegas, Nev., recently. They had known each other about a year.

## These Are The Men -

behind the scenes in the "Patrol Wagon" unit. Shown in actual poses of their various activities, they are from left to right: Pfc. William R. Sexton; Pvt. Adams; Sgt. Hayes.



## Awards Available For Novel Writing

The MacMillan company announces a number of awards available to men and women, not over 35 years of age, serving in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United Nations. The principal awards consist of \$2,500 for the best novel, and \$2,500 for the best work of non-fiction in the English language.

One of the distinguishing features of the awards is that while a complete book manuscript may be submitted, a candidate for these awards may submit for consideration a partly written manuscript on which the author is working together with an explanatory letter or synopsis to show how he proposes to complete the work.

The date by which all entries must be in has been moved up to Dec. 31, 1944. It had originally been Dec. 31, 1943. Address of all material to: MacMillan company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York, 2, N. W.

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THE CHAPLAIN CHATS

CHAPLAIN RUSSELL M. HALL

Recently a civilian noticed the Air Corp insignia on my sleeve and the cross on my lapel and said, "What do they need ministers in the Air Force for? Your religion is no good to you when you are up there." My only answer was that if it is no good up there then it is no good. Since then I have found part of a letter which is worth quoting. It reads:

"THE FLIERS FAITH: Men who fly find themselves believing in God,—serenely and completely. It is a faith they have gotten without argument of conclusive debate. It is a quiet conviction that grows upon them as they ride the clouds. One flier writing to his family put it this way: 'It seems that a fellow just gets to realizing God is there—all around us—because such beauty and vastness could not otherwise be understood. You can't argue with a sunset that is so immense and beautiful that it makes the whole Fortress grow speechless. We get so we sort of understand God and feel he is real—because there is such overwhelming evidence all around us.' Besides such words as these, just think what a pitifully earth-bound thing a man becomes when he creeps along the ground and says, 'There is no God.'"

AIR PERSONALITY

Did you ever stop to think why you refer to your airplane as a person? Why, for example, did the crew of the Memphis Belle think of her as something more than just an ordinary Flying Fortress?

Whether you ask this question to a long-haired philosophy professor or a psychology prof with a crew cut, the answer will be the same. It is because through your wanting to be a good pilot that you have actually transferred to your ship something of your personality.

When you are flying you represent someone more than Richard Jones from Yankton, South Dakota. When you are a pilot you represent a picked man with a good brain operating the finest airplane American engineers can build. But along with this enviable background you need a sense of air discipline.

You do not have to read much history to discover that mental discipline is responsible for the progress of mankind. And it is certainly to your advantage to learn as quickly as possible that your progress as a pilot will depend on your willingness to respond to air discipline.

You may have the coordination of Joe Lewis and the courage of Superman but the personality of your ship goes far beyond this. It is hand in glove with your personal attitude. The instant you put your hands on the controls your ship becomes a part of you.

Air discipline and air personality are phases which are tied up with words like effort, alertness, judgment, skill, knowledge, and several others. You might think that because you have heard them a couple of times they bore you to hear them again. Nevertheless, the activation of these words means successful flight.

'Chutist Faces Death; Thinks of Mother, Gal

England (CNS)—William Robson, an Ontario paratrooper who plunged 700 feet to earth under a half-collapsed chute and lived to tell the tale, said that during his fall he thought of his mother and his girl.

While falling, Robson, now hospitalized here said: "I tugged and yanked but the chute wouldn't open all the way. I thought I was going to die and right after that I thought 'What will my mother and my girl think when I'm killed.'"

Ankara, Turkey—An Istanbul newspaper reported a rumor that the Nazis secret weapon is a tunnel under the English Channel into Britain.

Vandegrift Succeeds Holcomb as Top Marine

Washington (CNS)—Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, U. S. Marine commander at Guadalcanal and Bougainville, has been named Commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps, succeeding Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, who has retired. Recently the Japanese radio reported that Gen. Vandegrift was "killed in action."

French Soldisettes Lack Skirts

Algiers (CNS)—A lot of eyes will pop when feminine auxiliaries of the French Army go on-parade dressed in their new American-made uniforms. The skirts have not arrived.

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Roving Reporter

Question: Did you feel that you had any particular reason for celebrating this New Year?



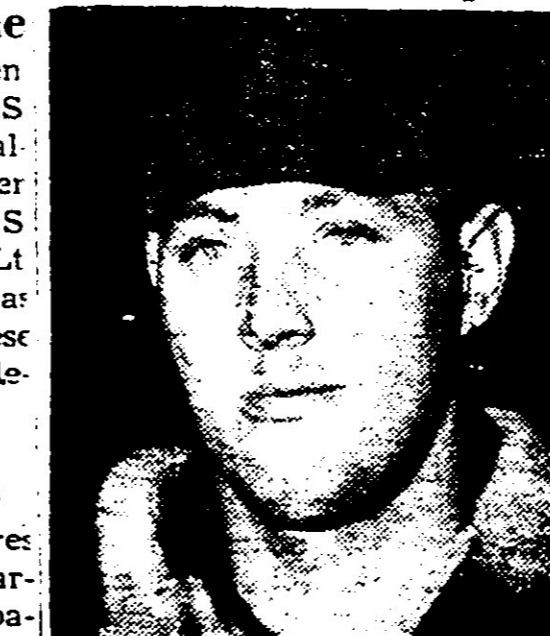
S/Sgt. Burke, 1079th—Yes, I did. It seems to me that we all ought to be happy that the end of the war looks a lot closer than it did last year. A new year always carries promise of something, and if we are to judge by what's going on in the news, maybe next year will bring even greater reason for rejoicing.



Pvt. Utley, 447th—I have always looked forward to New Years Eve as a break in the sequence of any year. It's a time to take hold of things, in a new way and make many new determinations. Also of course, the fact the war promises to roll to a close soon, makes this year, 1944 pretty welcome to everyone.



Pfc. Ross Roberts I didn't feel any particular reason to celebrate. New Years to me is just another day, like the rest, when you try to put your best foot forward, without stopping to pause and change all your plans. I hope the new year brings us closer to going home, but as far as special feelings go, I had no other than that it was a pleasant holiday night, and I had a good time.



Pvt. David Sikes, 466th—I thought of my family on New Year's Eve, and wondered what they were doing and how they were celebrating.

HOW COME THE NEWS

By PROGNOSTICATOR

Berlin can now be determined to be useless to Nazis as a capital and of little importance as a major industrial center. This is a severe blow and will undoubtedly cause a great lowering of German civilian morale just as the fall of Paris presaged the fall of France.

The ideal fighting weather for the Russians is again with us. The colder it gets the less the Nazis are able to stand against the ferocious Russian attack. The danger points are first around Vitebsk, where the Russians may succeed in cutting off the besiegers of Leningrad, and of the northern Baltic states plus, second, the threatened drive into Poland following the fall of Koroosten and Zlutomar. Where the Germans can make a stand in this so called

Kiev front, no one can hazard a guess. In other words, a fluid front may be developing here which is all in favor of our brave Russian allies.

Further south the German retreat to the Dniester river line is still orderly. This means the saving by the Nazis of their troops and equipment in this area. It is far from certain that the river line can be held by the Nazis as it has now been determined that only mountain lines are easy to stabilize since amphibious and mechanized equipment is so good that water lines are no longer of major importance.

The advance on Rabaul is continuing in the Pacific in a very satisfactory manner for us.

CHAPEL SERVICES



For Jewish Personnel
Friday, 8:00 p. m.—Jewish Service in Chapel.

For Catholic Personnel
In Chapel No. 2
Sunday Masses at 6:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday Masses at 7:00 p. m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday Masses at 7:00 a. m.
Tuesday Evening, Miraculous Medal Novena at 8:00 p. m.
Confessions will be had before each Mass.

For Protestant Personnel
In Chapel No. 2
Sunday services at 6:20 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.
320th Squadron Church Services at 9:15 a. m.

Weekdays

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—"At Ease" discussion club meets.
Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Choir rehearsal.

Broken Back Fails Flier Out of Combat

London (CNS)—Flight Lt. Desmond Ruchwaldy of the Royal Air Force, who broke his back in an airplane crash two years ago, shot down two Nazi fighters in a recent raid on the Belgian base of Chievnes. Ruchwaldy holds the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Confession

She looked cute in her uniform of brown. Quite dashing and different from an evening gown. Her frills and fancies exist no more.

As do the lovelies men adore. She took the oath and left behind a softies life for the soldier's grind.

No more to saunter and in shop windows gaze. For now she marches with a military gait.

How proud she was of her uniform. And those stripes her arm did adorn.

To every officer that passed her by, Her snappy salute did catch their eye.

But what's a soldier, without a line? This WAC had one that was better than mine.

She said that the WACs would win the war.

Now what the heck the soldiers fighting for?

It was G. I. this and G. I. that. Too much Army talk as a matter of fact.

Our military relations were strained as could be.

And that was the last she saw of me.

Hut—two—three—four. Who is it I see no more?

Hut—two—three—four. A cute gal in a uniform.

Morning Report

Advertisement for Major Edward Gragg, Ace Fighter Pilot. Includes a list of awards: D.S.C., Silver Star, D.F.C., Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Clusters to Silver Star, Oak Leaf Clusters to D.F.C. Text: 'A FEW MORE N HE'LL NEED A BASKET!' Major Edward Gragg, Ace Fighter Pilot - New Guinea Area - 13 Jap Planes His Tally to Date! November 13, 1943

### Graduation Held; Class on Way

This morning class 44-A received their wings and bars and became the ninth class to be graduated from Freeman Field—the first to be graduated in 1944.

The graduation speaker for the class was Eric Dudley, president of the Louisville, Ky., baseball club and former sports editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mr. Dudley is a native of Flemington, Ky. He became sports editor of the Courier-Journal in 1923 after serving as sports editor for the Louisville Herald from 1918 to 1922. At that time he joined the Courier-Journal staff. In 1939, he became manager of the Louisville ball club.

### Wherever You Find Soldiers, You Find Camp Newspapers

It is interesting to note that Army newspapers are not limited to the combat zone inside the United States. Big magazines and newspapers like Yank and Stars and Stripes. Some kind of newspaper is found wherever American troops are stationed throughout the world in this war.

According to an article in the Keesler Field News, we are told that Gen. Eastover carried linotypes, press, paper and newsmen with him into Sicily, and within a week after Palermo fell, an Army newspaper was being printed in Sicily.

There is "The Round-Up" in New Delhi, "The Bleat" in Australia, "The Morning Sun" in Alaska and "The White Falcon" in Iceland.

Putting out papers in the far corners of the world is not an easy proposition. The article advises that wherever possible, and sometimes local labor can perform. For instance in Teheran, Iran, the G. I. sheet is printed by Arabs who can't read Persian; but the sheet gets out in readable form, never the less.

**Draft Dodge 'Teacher' Guilty.**  
New York (CNS)—Stephen Weinberg, who once taught draft law to impersonate 4Fs, will spend the immediate future impersonating a guy in the cooler. He was found guilty here of running a school for draft dodgers.

### Buy More War Bonds

**WAC OF THE WEFK**

Who is she? Where did she come from?  
Above all, she's an American member of the Women's Army Corps—a Freeman Wac.  
She's none other than Pvt. Winifred Bishop of the motor transport section, who you probably have seen driving around the field a score of times. And what a combination she is! Her mother, Hattie Bull, Eatzer Bishop is a full-blooded Sioux Indian, while her father, Clarence Bishop, is a full-blooded Irishman.  
Born and raised in Winner, South Dakota, just outside of the Rosebud Reservation, Pvt. Bishop attended high school there and Haske Business College in Lawrence, Kansas.  
Her grandfather, Chief-Owens-The-Battle, is one of the chiefs at the Rosebud Reservation. Her father who is a cattle rancher met her mother when he was homesteading in South Dakota.  
Not only is Winifred serving her country in the WAC but she also is serving with her brother, Col. Irvin Bishop, who is in the Air Corps at Camp Luna, New Mexico.

### Jumpin' Jive

is the appropriate name of the WAC parachute riggers' mascot at Freeman. Looking much like a small, blowy, white parachute, you can often see him puffing after the Wacs as they inspect the chutes in the various flights. Shown here, is Pfc. Mamie Smith, whom "J. J." admires tremendously.



### Temporary Freeze Holds Up Ratings

In a special telegram from Maxwell Field, Headquarters Eastern Flying Training Command, signed Maj. Gen. T. J. Hanley, all promotions were temporarily "frozen"—just four hours before they were to go into effect on midnight of December 31, 1943. The "freeze" is unexplained, but it is hoped that it is of short duration, since many enlisted persons were affected by the move that postponed their stripes for the present. So if you were one of those who was waiting for promotion, and didn't get it, that's the simple explanation. Better luck soon!

### New Air Fighter Tactics Taught Pilots in Britain

England (CNS)—A post graduate School for airmen where carefully selected British and American fighter pilots are taught perfect tactical cooperation has been established here. Its purpose is to prepare fliers for the air battles which will precede and accompany the opening of the second front in Europe.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tomorrow will be a red letter day in the life of little Miss Mary Ellen Rundquist, daughter of Col. and Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, who will observe her first birthday anniversary. Mary Ellen first saw light of day down at Fort Sam Houston, hospital, San Antonio, Texas, where Mrs. Rundquist was residing at the time with her mother, Mrs. F. A. Thompson, and Major Thompson, U. S. Army retired. The colonel's daughter was the first child born to the family of any Army officer stationed at Freeman.

### Over Half Million Men Discharged

The War Department announced this month that from Dec. 1941, to 30 Sept. 1943, there have been 635,000 honorable discharges from the Army, exclusive of discharges to accept commissions. Of this total, some 200,000 have been over 38 years of age.

Of the remaining 435,000 the majority were discharged for physical and mental disability. Others included in the 435,000 were minors, men discharged as key men in industry, volunteer officer candidate failures, and those who joined other branches of the armed services. Less than 10,000, according to estimates, have been discharged because of battle injuries.

### "E" Pennant Stays

The "E" pennant has been awarded to the 1090th squadron for the month of December, 1943. It will be flown directly in front of the engineering building during the time it is in the possession of the squadron. Following is a report of percentages of efficiency attained by various school squadrons assigned this station:

1090th	85 percent
1070th	83 percent
407th	78 percent
404th	75 percent

This is the second consecutive month that the 1090th engine flying training squadron has held this award.

### These Are The Things We Long To See Each Day

You can get a seat in any Base bus, regardless of which direction it's going.

You wake up some morning and begin to moan and groan, only to realize in a split second that it's Sunday and you can roll over and go back to sleep.

You can talk your barracks chief CO, Fst. Sergeant, or anyone else out of a week end pass.

You study the bulletin board carefully and can't find your name on a single list.

When you open your mail, pieces of nice, green paper flutter out.

The day you are to report to the Dental Clinic, you find you are also slated for some other appointment—and you must "choose" between them.

You have for a pal some Joe who always has money the week before pay day.

A local chick says, sweetly: "Won't you come up to the house for dinner, Sunday?"

Your laundry comes back and you find it's all yours, all there—and all whole.

You can walk into the Base Library and find a copy of "Under Cover"—just try and do it.

An MP on town patrol taps you on the shoulder and says, "It's almost time for the last bus, but I think you can make it, if you run."

You enter your day room and discover someone has broken the "Pistol Packin' Mama" record.

You are notified to report to your 1st Sergeant and you learn—with great relief—that all he wants is to ask you if you are related to a guy in his hometown.

And, it's a good deal if, after wading through this stuff, you think of some better ones.

Jefferson Barracks, Mo. (CNS)—Pvt. Hilton J. Wilson, 18, was in a hurry to get through his Army classification test. He finished in record time with a record score of 161.

St. Louis (CNS)—Cpl. Phil Pine, who plays an expectant father in the show "The Army Play by Power Commission," acted with unaccustomed realism the other night. Between the acts he was informed that he had just become a real life father.

### Scotch Law Makes Tie-Up Quite O.K. During Leap Year

"Say you're pretty cute, brother, How about a dance?" or "Sergeant, we know each other long enough now—why don't we take the vow?"

Don't be surprised men, if you hear these words—these days—this year, because it's permitted. It's Leap Year, brethren.

It is to the Scotch, however, that maidens today may give thanks for their privileges during leap year.

In 1288 a law was enacted in Scotland that said:

"It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist blissit Megeste, for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk mayden of bothe highe and lowe estait shall have liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to talk hir to be his lawful wife, he should be mulceted in le sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be: cept and awis gif he can make it appeare that he is betrothit ane ither woman he then shall be free."

### Engineers Lauded For Snow Clearing

There was a big snow in southern Indiana last week, and no one knows it better than the Freeman Field post engineers. Flying had to go as quickly as possible, and it was up to them to clear the runways at the home field and St. Ann and Walesboro auxiliary fields.

Working for 32 hours without sleep or hot food, 16 men of the engineering detachment, 447th squadron, performed an herculean feat in having the runways ready for take-off within a few hours after the snow stopped falling.

The men were Sgts. McNear, Provencher, Sultan Cpls Visited, Sbraccia, Korton, Holt, Joyce, Hartupee, Tynes, Dunne, Pfc. Sutherland and Pvts, Murray, Rogerson, Bell, Wood and Holt; a "green" crew as far as snow clearance goes—having had only dry runs before.

### No Obstacle.

The task had to be done in fog and zero weather. Light-trucks were set on the taxi-strips at advantageous points, and shed a brilliant glare on the fresh snow. Many snow plows and clearing trucks were busy on all sides of the fields. The total mileage covered and cleaned is equivalent to the distance from here to Indianapolis on a modern two-lane highway, or to be exact, about engineers' figures—64.3 miles.

The machinery used included large rotary plow with 14 forward speeds weighing 11 tons, two small rotary plows, each seven tons and five snow plows, each 2½ tons.

In addition to the job done clearing runways, the engineer detachment, still led by Sgt. William Burns, removed the snow and drifts from approximately fifteen miles of Freeman roads.

Comment and commendation was added to that made by the engineering officer, by Col. E. T. Rundquist for the fine, efficient way in which the task was done without one accident.

Washington (CNS)—The Army and Navy are expected to call 300,000 new men into the service in January, the War Manpower Commission has learned. This quota has been set, according to the WMC, so that the Army may reach its goal of 7,000,000 men early next year.

## New Schools Open For Freeman Men, In Four Subjects

To keep military personnel right up with the latest and best methods in their respective fields is a job constantly being done by Troop Training here at Freeman Field. This section, headed by Major C. N. Rogers is now conducting classes for all mess personnel on the field.

Attended by cooks, bakers, mess sergeants, officers and supervisors of the 320th, Consolidated, Cadet and WAC messes, a course of instruction started December 30 and will run for 60 hours. Two classes are in progress, one at 9 a. m. and the other at 2 p. m.

### Teaching Mess

Evenly divided among Lt. Elizabeth Houpt, Wac mess officer, conducting a roundtable discussion on the Army cook and baker, Lts. Emil Cecere, Charles Gohde and Robert Tiemann giving one lecture a week on Sanitation and Inspection, Lts. Mariano Rada-zo and John D. Willey conducting a course in Mess Management and Training, Capt. Julian L. Wishik, lecturing on Bacteria, and Pvt. Agnes Goldberg, Wac cook and a graduate dietician, teaching dieting, the course covers a wide range of subjects.

In addition, Capt. William H. Lindley, veterinary doctor, will conduct a course in Inspection and Handling of Subsistence, Maj. Ralph Hollister and Capt. Julian Lytle will give lectures in Orientation and Inspection, while Maj. C. N. Rogers, will talk on Mess Personnel.

### Course For Mechanics

Starting January 10, is a Mechanics' Refresher Course, conducted by enlisted men who have passed an Army Mechanics course. Conducted by T/Sgt. Albert Rak-tis, M/Sgt. Keaneth W. Fields, T/Sgt. Peter Portegys, Pfc. Jessie Greenwald and Pvt. Angelo Gallo, this course will run for 65 hours. It will consist of "on the job" training along with academic work.

Among the subjects taught will be; structures, hydraulics, engines, electrical equipment, propellers, and Air Force publications.

### Mock-Ups

Classroom 2 in the Post Schools building will be devoted to "mock-ups" which are actual mechanical instruments made from Class 26 property; i. e. property condemned as not salvageable, and consists of landing gears, engines, and a fueling system. Moreover, there is a classroom in which moving pictures and slides are shown.

### Supply and Personnel

Not overlooked in the training picture, are supply and administrative personnel, who are getting a 36 hour course from 5 to 8 p. m., Monday through Friday; Supply being taught one night while Administration is taught on the alternating evening. Instructors are from S-4 and Personnel, and include Major John G. Morris and Pvt. Ann Clark who teach Supply, to supply officers sergeants and clerks, while Lts. Cecile Martin, Robert Camaish and Joseph Chiappone, conduct Administration classes attended by classification clerks, 1st sergeants and personnel clerks.

## Bathing Suits Sent To Chilly Russians

Santa Barbara, Cal. (CNS) — Residents of Santa Barbara are sending 1,000 bathing suits to the icy steeps of Soviet Russia. "You see," explains Mrs. John A. Jam-son, head of the Russian War Relief drive here, "they'll make nice warm woolen underwear."

## Buy More War Bonds

# Mr. Woods Is Drive Behind Red Cross

With an enormous capacity for hard work, Bernard J. Woods, Red Cross director at Freeman Field, has more than proved, in the few short months he's been here, that he's an "eager beaver."

As the driving force behind the Freeman Red Cross unit, Mr. Woods even took to "stumping through Indiana" in the interests of "dolling up the field—giving new face to squadron day rooms, adding a cheery note where needed with funds furnished by interested individuals and groups.

Over at the station hospital the Red Cross has accomplished near miracles, transforming barren hospital rooms to something akin to home.

With an eye to the comfort of Freeman patients, the Red Cross has completely furnished all wards in the hospital, providing curtain shades for the wards and the administration building, and outfitting the patients' recreation room. Afghans for use as lap rugs by convalescent patients, and a \$300 basic hospital benefit fund for medicines for women patients also have been provided.

Morale, an important factor in a patient's recovery, has not been overlooked either. The Red Cross purchased a movie projector and made arrangements for the hospital to be included on a film circuit which brings the latest movies directly to the hospitalized soldier. A 1,500 volume circulating volume library, boasting the latest fiction and non-fiction, is now in operation, donated partly by various Red Cross camp and hospital service councils throughout Indiana and the Indiana State library at Indianapolis.

The field chapter also provided \$300 for the purchase of such comfort items as cigars, combs,



razors and razor blades for the use of patients.

Mr. Woods also was instrumental in organizing the Gray Ladies, a corps of fifteen Seymour women who alternate in visiting the hospital to minister to the patients' needs. They often are called upon to select a birthday gift for the mother or best girl of a hospitalized soldier and write letters to the folks back home.

Under Mr. Woods' supervision a corps of nurses' aids also was organized, and is on duty nights at the hospital.

The clubmobile, which travels the flight line, will also be a gift of the Red Cross. It will be manned by enlisted personnel and dispensers hot coffee and doughnuts to the hungry men who make the wheels

go around down on the line. Funds also were donated for the purchase of rugs for the chapels and furniture for the chapel consultation rooms.

Completely furnished day rooms also have been provided for the signal corps, the 35th group, Flight A, the 1080th, 466th and 320th squadrons with funds donated by the Hoosier Camp and Hospital Service council, and supplementary furniture has been provided for the Wacs' day room. By Jan. 15 the unit plans to have furnished every day room on the field.

No problem is too great or too small for the Red Cross to solve. The soldier in need of personal or financial assistance need never fear that the Red Cross won't lend a willing ear and hand to lighten his load.

Mr. Woods is well qualified for his present duties, having taken 12 weeks of research work at DeKalb Teachers' College on "Human Relations and Environment." He is a graduate of Oshkosh Teachers' college and DePaul university, Chicago, and took research work in history and social science at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Chicago. At various times he has served as director of the social science department at the New London high school, principal of the Manawa, Wis., public school, supervisor of the Gratiot public school in southern Wisconsin and the Chicago board of education.

Prior to coming here Mr. Woods served for ten months as assistant chief of the Red Cross training division in Washington.

Mrs. Woods and their daughter, Kathleen, are residing in Seymour with Mr. Woods.

## New Weapons Equal Nazis', Say Experts

By Camp Newspaper Service  
The United States Army and Navy have developed a series of deadly new "secret weapons" that equal and even far surpass anything the Nazis

One of them is the 75mm. plane cannon now carried by Mitchell bombers. It already has destroyed a Jap destroyer with a single mighty volley, according to reports. Another is a new anti-aircraft gun which will shoot higher than any plane can fly. A third is the new 57-ton tank, a huge monster built at a locomotive plant which is big enough and tough enough to knock out any known tank the enemy can put on the field.

The Navy has augmented its great warship building program with the development of some ordnance sensations so amazing that they have astounded the world of science.

"There are hundreds of new developments, some refinements and others revolutionary in nature," according to Rear Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, during whose tenure in office as chief of the Bureau of Ordnance much of this progress was made. "Some of the latter, which are fully comparable to the German radio-controlled bomb and acoustics homing torpedo, have been in actual use in the war for many months but even their purpose cannot be revealed."

When the full story finally may be told, Adm. Blandy said, it will be recognized that our "secret weapons" rank "as high or even higher" than those of the enemy. One weapon in particular, the Admiral declared, had been labeled "impossible" by a famous European scientist but nevertheless has been perfected and put into use with telling effect against the foe.

## Tom Harmon Alive To Tell Tale Twice; Back On Duty

Ft. Worth, Texas, Jan. 3—When it happened to Lieutenant Tom Harmon the second time, Army Air Forces trainees couldn't miss the point.

Once in South America, again in China, physical conditioning—the rugged "all out" kind that student pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners and technicians are getting throughout the AAF Training Command's nationwide network of flying and technical schools—had pulled the former Michigan all-American through a lesson and took it to heart.

Forced to bail out of a bomber over Guiana last April, Lieut. Harmon fought his way through jungles and swamps for a week, came out alive to fight again as a Lightning pilot in North Africa, then China. He said his physical condition had saved him.

Downed in a recent air attack on a Yangtze River port, on Oct. 30, he has turned up again.

His faith in peak physical condition had paid dividends again. The men who were his AAF physical training instructors say that as an aviation cadet and flier, Lieutenant Harmon plunged with all his energy into the physical program. A headline gridiron career had given him strength and stamina, and it had also taught him the value of staying in top form.

Back in the summer of 1942, Lieutenant Harmon was a cadet in basic training at Gardner Field, Calif.

"His class in physical training," reports Lieutenant Donald D. George, who directs physical training there, "included vigorous calisthenics, distance running, track and field events, swimming, softball, basketball and touch football" and provided each trainee with the reserve of

energy and stamina "above the immediate needs of routine flying training," which later would prove vital in combat action.

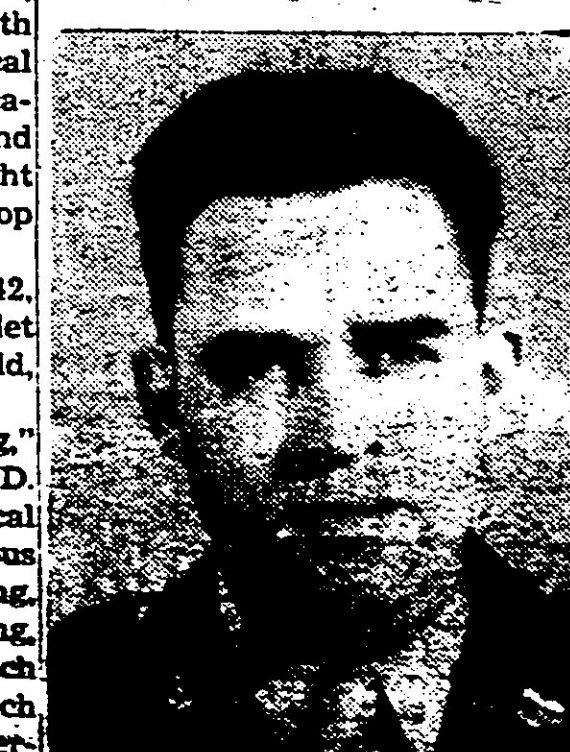
While he was at Oxnard, California, for his primary training, Cadet Harmon wrote a magazine article on the values of the Training Command's conditioning program. "He lived up to the words he wrote by keeping himself in peak physical condition at all times," said Lieutenant Richard E. LaFranchi, who was his physical training instructor at the post. "Had he not done this, the chances are that he would not have been with us today."

Physical training, as the AAF Training Command administers it, is designed to more than just develop muscles. It prepares ground and air combat crewmen for the tough conditions of combat zones and makes them ready to drop a wrench and grab a gun if necessary.

## New NCO Officers

The men who copped the election of the NCO Club

Left to right: The new president, T/Sgt. Frank Masterson; Vice-president, T/Sgt. Forres Burchfield.



## Gooze-bimples and Cold Turkey

Retreat Parade on a cold January night-covered meadow, is like stored ice cubes in an igloo at the North Pole. That just means that you can't get any colder, in a manner of speaking. What good's an overcoat, what good's your glove, you need no overcoat, you're burning with love. You hope. Any other mental condition is powerless to combat the piercing Indiana tentacle of icy air that wraps itself around your midriff, and goes, "Umph". It's even too cold to sigh.

With the premise of the temperature firmly established, this treatise goes on to the less theoretical effects of the bi-weekly parade. You see, you stand around in little frozen puddles of water, until upon the command to take one pace forward, you leave the whole foot, shoe and all frozen to the ground—and advance upon your spiritual pedals.

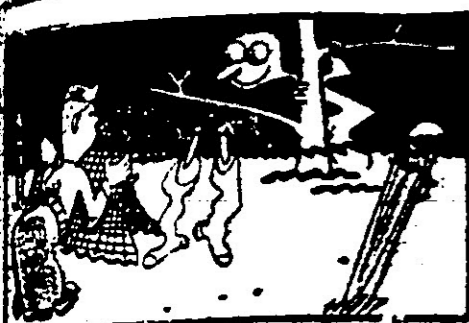
The position of the arm, in "Present Arms", makes an interesting study in below zero weather. Bent at a crazy angle, due to many folds of overcoat, it stands as a semaphore—frozen from the elbow down. At the command to "Order Arms", it is removed from the position it holds at the eyebrow, by gently tugging it with the LEFT hand until it falls into a normal attitude of rest at the right side. This, of course, necessitates a real effort of the left side of the body.

Having been developed as a tribute to the fine, glowing climatic conditions in the area, the Stiff-Legged March is employed to take the troops back to their barracks, where they line up in front of their bunks at attention. In a moment or two, the barrack's chief comes through and touches each man lightly, upon, which they fall directly onto their beds, without any further effort, personally.

## Tongue in Shoe, Odder Tale Than Munchausen

All of the newer girls in the WAC are and have been issued high field shoes, similar to the boots worn by enlisted men. Pvt. Grace Sullivan who has been in the corps about five months, has a pair, which, by the time she arrived at Freeman, needed lifts. So she handed them in for repair to the supply sergeant and was delighted to see, when they came back from the post cobbler, that they not only had put on new lifts, but that they also had resolved the "dainties". They one bettered however, as Grace found out when she tried to get the shoes on one snowy day—they sewed one of the tongues to the sole of the shoe, and all she could get into the shoe was her smallest toe.





# SQUADRON NOOZ

"ALL THE DIRT THAT'S FIT TO PRINT"



## 35th News

By Tomas & Schaffer

Although your news hound is deep in the throes of New Year's Eve misery, progress must go forward, therefore this weak attempt at enlightening the minds of the readers with the latest dirt and mire.

This week no mention will be made of the activities of New Year's Eve, because it is very doubtful if anyone on Freeman Field remembers many details of the evening.

Hot Pilot Damiano has a very charming wife, everyone will agree. Well, after all, what are furloughs for, except to take the "martial step" incidentally, at the time of this writing, Pfc. Damiano's wife has just left Seymour on her trip back home.

An interesting item in group headquarters during the last week or so is the beginning of a news board for the convenience of all interested. On this board the latest war news is consolidated daily, and war news is consolidated daily in the interest of a quick and concise report of the news of the day.

Deepest sympathy goes out to the Sgt. in Flight A who called a certain gal in Seymour, and due to certain mixups in telephone numbers, got the morgue instead. The payoff was when the attendants at the morgue took him at his word, and tried to find the girl.

We also deeply sympathize with the S Sgt. who is sweating out a Seymour gal's case of mumps. Ah well, Sergeant, you need a rest anyway.

Another prospect for Ridgeview, Sgt. Jordan tells us that his wife is on her way to Seymour. Maybe that accounts for his cheerful smile nowadays.

Sgt. "Glider Pilot" Stiger left this organization this week, along with a group of other men who had previously qualified for Cadet training. The following men were selected: T Sgt. Stanley, S/Sgt. Nemanis, S Sgt. Panaro, Sgt. Thomas, Sgt. Fore, Cpl. Evans, Spl. Granger, Pvt. Collins, Cpl. Dunn, Sgt. Sellers, Pvt. Stone and Pvt. Schieler.

Since the cutdown on passes, Pfc. Borski will be out of luck regarding his regular trips to Chicago. Blonde or no blonde, you can't get a pass, Pfc. Borski.

For the information of all concerned, T Sgt. Murdock was elected to represent the 35th Group on the Board of Governor's of the NCO club.

On Christmas eve, Barracks 20, which was inadvertently quarantined for mumps, over the holidays, had a fine party.

A Christmas tree was set up and lighted. Then, from the Red Cross, came two gifts for each

man; also cigarettes, fruit, crackers and candy. The 35th group bought them beer and coca colas.

When last seen, they were having a rip snorting time instead of bemoaning the fact of their forced stay in.

## WACs Works

Get Up, Get Up.

Nobody had to urge the Wacs to get up early New Year's Day. Even though the girls celebrated the previous evening as did most Americans, they jumped out of bed without any urging, when they heard four magical words.

"Lt. Riley—on KP."

Never did people get dressed so swiftly. "Aw g'wan, I don't believe it. You're kidding," were sentences being mumbled as the Wacs flew into their clothes.

But when they arrived at the mess hall, there she was, just like any other member of the company, her green and white-striped fatigue dress already grimy from cleaning the grease trap, no bars on her apparel, cotton stockings, and a big wide grin—that early in the morning.

Also Worked.

Volunteering along with their CO, were Sgt. Winifred Raabe, the top kick, S/Sgt. Esther Fauss the supply sergeant, and Pvt. Marion Gardner. Sgt. Raabe states that she didn't have to do much work, with "Pvt." Riley around. The cooks declared, that Lt. Riley was the best KP they ever had. "She didn't have to be told to do anything, and she took the worst jobs too. And she worked right through the entire day."

What the rest of her company feels about it and their CO, goes almost without saying. "The best sport in the world". She proved to them that she had the main requisite of an officer; namely, the ability and the willingness to do anything they had to do—to do it well and cheerfully.

With Mine Own Eyes.

Some of the highlights of the day, involve the male officers on the field, who with true masculine curiosity—and amazement, didn't believe—till they saw.

Lt. Robert Camaish was the first to break the ice. He was frankly curious, and he was going to see. See, he did. He walked into the WAC mess hall while Lt. Riley was "on" a tremendous vat. But trooper that she is, she just kept washing the thing. Almost simultaneously, Lt. William Kimberlin shyly slid into the mess hall. Just then, the telephone in the mess hall rang. Everybody was so busy

working, that Lt. Camaish answered the phone.

"WAC Headquarters—I mean, WAC Mess. Oh Lt. Raabe, I mean Sgt. Riley, you're wanted on the phone." And so it went.

Scratch Notes.

The tables will be turned when Pvts. Ann Clark of S-4 and Agnes Goldberg, WAC cook, give courses in Air Force Supplies and Dietetics, respectively, to officers and non-coms of the field who are working in Supply or in the Messes.

Conducting a round-table discussion on the Army Cook and Baker, will be our mess head, Lt. Elizabeth Houpt.

Vital Facts.

The WAC overcoat weighs 8 pounds. "T" stands for Taylor, in Lt. Riley's name.

## 405th Band

Sgts. Francis Pahl and Stan Piatas returned from holiday furloughs, and were getting back in the swing of local things about the time the New Year rolled around. Sgt. Pahl purchased a brand new hunk of brass, "King" size, and also brought back some records which the whole area is talking about. We just hope they don't talk too loud.

New Year's Eve and New Year's night were busy nights for the dance men. On New Year's night, Pfc. Klocko made with the valves. Yup, Erwin took up the trumpet and did alright, with the help of his clary when the specks got too high on the ladder.

After Cpl. Meyer ended up a couple of choruses of "1 o'clock" out of meter, he finally decided to end the curse by writing a terrific "in meter" take off. Let's listen for it, huh gates?

Cpl. Abruzzo and Pvts. Leonard Lee and Patsy Burdizzo are the newest members of the organization. All three play reed instruments, and came, indirectly, through Maxwell Field.

In case you haven't noticed, Cpl. Duhaime and Pfc. Johnson are doing a bit alright on piano and violin, respectively. With Klocko, Johnson, Miller, Garner and a few undiscovered virtuosos, we'd have a sizeable string section. Look out, Harry!

Our Sgt. Radian's feud with Sgt. Brush Mush Squitteri of this publication, wasn't even interrupted by the coming of the New Year, or the fact that Brushy was on furlough. Sgt. Radian gave "Shiny Top" an "under the belt" blow while the latter was too far away to do anything. (Censor's Note—We don't believe he could do any-

thing about it, even if he were here).

The new ear training class, with Pfc. "Prof" Klocko presiding, is off to a grand start and has already begun a fair share of the nightly arguments.

Let's do our own hofe work boys. No cheating! No?

## KADET KAPERS

Medal of Merit—To Flight 8 who hiked out to formation at 0525 after entertaining their flying instructors at a flight party until 0145 the same morning. Every member of the flight hit the formation on time. It took some urging on the part of tactical officer, Lt. Waybright, to waken Cadet Yelvington. After being rudely awakened by the Lt., the "eager" cadet jumped out of bed, (still half asleep) and yawns, "If Edgar Waybright, Jr. can make it this morning, so can I, Archie Yelvington."

We've all heard about "eager beavers" but this one tops them all. One cadet was awakened by his roommates at 1 a. m. and told it was time to fall out for chow. Mumbling some unrecognizable sounds, he jumped out of bed, dressed, and ran out to formation; realizing that the rest of the flight had moved off already, he ran over to the mess hall and lo and behold the door was locked and lights were out. After beating on the door a minute or so and getting no answer, he lumbered back to his room, mumbling about something.

This will be the last week post personnel will see Class 44-A trudging the streets of Freeman Field, but the "new underclass" will arrive about Jan. 15. We of Class 44-A can't help but wonder what sort of an impression we made—was it good or bad—Could we be described as "eager or gross"—Were we better than the average flyers or could we take any prizes in composite ground school averages? Not that it matters a whole lot, but we're just curious, I suppose. We've had a good time and it's an experience we'll never forget.....Thanks for the buggy ride.

And to Class 44-C, we say, "Greetings. We are sure you will enjoy your stay at this field, and when you can come to the end of your Cadet Training, you'll feel as we do now. It was worth it in the end."

Famous Comebacks.....Cadets walking tours..... Suppers in the barracks.....Evenings in the movies....."Flying has been called off".....

Things That Make You Wonder.....Flights 6 and 8 holding stag parties and inviting women. . . John Watson instructing the in-

structors in the art of "Chug-a-lugging." Famous last words..... There's a front moving this way.

## CUFF NOTES

It's small wonded Lt. Paul Buskey was so concerned the other day when he thought he had lost his identification bracelet, for the metal from which the wrist band was fashioned has literally been through the wars.

At one time the bracelet was part and parcel of a Flying Fortress which crashed somewhere in England. . . It was given Lt. Buskey by his captain-brother, Douglas Buskey, head of a Flying Fortress squadron. . . Capt. Buskey, who formerly was based in Newfoundland, has over 200 flying hours to his credit which he has piled up on various missions over the North Atlantic.

Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire, never at a loss for an interesting story with which to keep the conversational ball rolling, tells about the summer he was attending Camp St. Mary's, nestled in the central Adirondacks at Long Lake, N. Y., and young King Peter of Yugoslavia paid the camp a visit.

The boy king exhibited an enthusiastic interest in the camping program and at one time during his tour of the camp remarked that it was always so much fun playing competitive sports with Americans, for they entered into the game whole heartedly. Back home in Yugoslavia, just by reason of his royalty, King Peter was always the victor. . . No doubt it would be boring to ALWAYS win merely by virtue of the royal blood in one's veins.

Freeman friends of Mary Jane Woodside (Mrs. William), former secretary to WAC-recruiting Lt. Jack Elkan, will be interested to learn that her husband, Lt. Woodside, is now piloting a Flying Fortress over in England. . . He graduated with Class 43-D, going from here to Moses Lake, Wash. . . Mary Jane is infanticipating down in Jacksonville, Fla., where she is making her home while her flying lieutenant-husband is doing his stint overseas.

Via V-mail Lt. Joe Polk sends best wishes from "somewhere in England." . . Joe's greeting took the form of a Christmas card bearing a block buster inscribed with the words "4,000 pounds of Christmas greetings mixed with best wishes for 1944 timed to explode upon reaching you!" . . Joe still has a warm place in his heart for his many friends at Freeman Field, and far be it from him to let a Christmas go by without sending along his best wishes.

## Male Call

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

## Combat Report





# SPORTS PAGE

## 1943 SPORTS AT POST IS REVIEWED

### Winter Basketball, Spring Baseball Are Chronicled

In Olden Days - - starred highlight of one of the first basketball teams as it prepared to board a fast transport on its way to George Field, for a mighty bout with the snappy Vincennes Quintet. This exhilarating method of travel has since been discontinued, as planes have more vital duties to perform. Nowadays the team travels by bus.



The year 1943 was one of success for the majority of the Freeman Field athletic teams. Starting the season in February, the post basketball team was rapidly whipped into shape and in spite of the late start the team came through with an even break in games won and lost. Starring for the post team this first year were Sgts. Peinable and Cunningham of the 1080th. Sgts. Cecil Davis, Albright and Wolan of the 447th headquarters squadron, Sgts. McCee, Horswood, Upchurch and J. L. Davis of the 1079th and Sgt. Joe Miles of the then 1078th completed the roster.

The 1943 squadron basketball tournament was a complete success from start to finish with many of the teams putting on hard fought basketball games and many of them continuing on with verbal competition for three or four days following the actual contest. Coming into the finish of the competition were the 447th base squadron and the then 1079th "Woodmen". The final championship game was held at Shields gymnasium in Seymour and saw the 447th base squadron emerge as champions. Outstanding for the championship team were Cecil Davis, Albright, "Lefty" Wolan, Eaton, Faraher, Dorman, Patterson and King. The final game saw some excellent basketball played by both sides and was a nip and tuck affair throughout, bringing the stands to their feet throughout the last quarter. Previous to this game the two teams were tied up with two victories apiece over each other.

**U. S. Tradition**  
With the coming of spring, the baseball enthusiasts began frequenting the vicinity of the post gymnasium and under the tutelage of Sgt. Al Swartz the post baseball team rapidly took on an experienced look. With such prospects as Madrid, Wolan, Albright, Pfeffer, Martin, Savicki, Leahy and Gittens among the enlisted men and Lts. Mattes, Crimmins, Tiemann and Schwartz to lend their aid, the team went

### Boxing, Football Events Recall Exciting Moments

There probably is no athletic group at Freeman Field which suffered harder luck than that of the boxing team. Each time engagements were planned the overseas movement managed to break up the team completely. Many good boxers such as Constantini, Carioscia, Plautz and others were transferred to overseas bases, but in spite of these handicaps the fighters managed to bring home the proverbial bacon by winning one match and tying the other three matches despite the fact that they were up against such large camps as Atterbury and Ft. Knox. Outstanding among the men coached by Lt. Vernon Woodard were Greenfield, Peterson and Robinson of the 320th squadron; Effel, Ellison, Hartupée and Paprocki of the line squadrons.

The fights put on by these men

were classics to be talked about for days. More engagements for the '44 year are being arranged if the personnel can be left intact for training purposes. It the last match at this station with Camp Atterbury the winners for the Freeman glove swingers were Pfc. Scott of the 320th in the 150 pound class; Pvt. Hartupée of the 447th in the 150 pound class also, and Pvt. Mack of the 320th in the 180 pound class. The exhibition put on by Don Peterson and the former middleweight world champion, Tiger Flowers, was a thriller from start to finish, with Peterson more than holding his own until forced to quit because of an arm injury received as a result of tangling with the ropes.

In the first intra-squadron boxing tournament held at Freeman, the 320th squadron leather pushers emerged from under wraps to walk up with the post championship. Superiority in numbers as well as ability helped the 320th install the trophy in their orderly room. Pressing the 320th squadron for honors was the 35th group. There was a noticeable lack of participation by many of the other lines squadrons, but promise is given that the 320th will have to do more slugging to retain the trophy now residing in the 320th area.

**Stellar Season.**  
Despite the fine service an collegiate football teams in the country, Freeman Field held its own bloody massacre on the football fields during the months of September, October and November. Riding the crest of the wave practically the entire seasons was the 466th squadron, led by Sgt. Joe Miles of Mississippi fame. Not until the final game was played were the men of the 466th dislodged from the top, but the 35 "A" men rose up, to steal the trophy on a forward pass which bounced from one player to another and finally

### Four Sports Hit Season Limelight

Following closely on the heels of the squadron basketball tournament, was the squadron softball tournament which to many has been the hardest fought of all the tournaments. The top squadrons which fought it out for the championship, were the 35 "A", 1080th, 35 "B" and 466th. After the battle of smoke had cleared away, the "Woodmen" of 35 "A" were wearing the king's crown. Outstanding among the team were Sgt. Cameron, Hudson, Davis, and the outstanding pitcher of the field, Conners. Closely pressing Conners for twirling honors was Mount of the 1080th squadron. The spare parts team, composed mostly of ordnance men, also furnished the top teams with plenty of competition from start to finish.

**Volleyball**  
Volleyball also found its place among the competitive sports and it remained for the 405th band detachment to come home the winner in this game of stretch and more stretch. With the smallest complement of men, the band beat off the challenges of all the squadron teams to win the coveted trophy which rests in the hall of instruments. When seasonal honors are given out, one cannot leave out this group of men from their selection.

**Badminton**  
In the spring badminton tournament held for the officers, many entries were received and some excellent talent was revealed, outstanding of which were Lts. Buskey, Lovitt, Kovacic, along with Col. Rundquist and Major Weiland. The finals of the singles tournament found Lt. Buskey pitted against Lt. Lovitt and when the smoke of the fire cleared, Lt. Buskey was proud possessor of the post championship. In the doubles tournament Lts. Kovacic and Nichols cleared aside the last obstacles by names of Lts. Buskey and Lane. Team play and the

### Flying Officers Run Up Envious Records for Year

The Flying Officers Physical Training began in the direction of Lt. Levich in March and April with gymnastics, basketball and volleyball on a three play basis. Lt. Levich was called into flight training and his duties were taken over by Lt. Lewis M. Hill. Other notable names include Stanley A. Czajkowski.

Intramural sports were organized with teams competing in the various Flight Officer Stars Board. The Flight Officers opened their first season in the League in June and the winners of top honors were a galaxy of diamond stars—Major J. E. Poe, Capt. J. H. DuChaine, McNeely, Chamberlain, Fuller, and Lts. R. Elston and C. O. Williams.

The July Stars went to Flight 2 with Buzzard in their line — up to Capt. Skyrmes, Lt. Katz, Halber, Alford, Flinn, Mattes, Wall, and G. B. Smith and Hardesty.

The August League went to Flight 7, with an upset win over Flight in the final play-off game. The winning team included Capt. Noonan, Lts. C. A. Brooks, F. B. Brooks, Doyle, Fairbairn, Vanderchen, Stainton, Speer, and Schwarz.

Flight 1 dominated the Flying Officer Touch Football Leagues in September, October and November and this great eleven was undefeated for the season. The Flight 1 squad included Capt. Morwood, Lts. Olson, Garrison, Joyce, Gowan, Crozier, Lucas, Hardigan, Matteau, Ronaldson, Wing, Stevens, and Waterman.

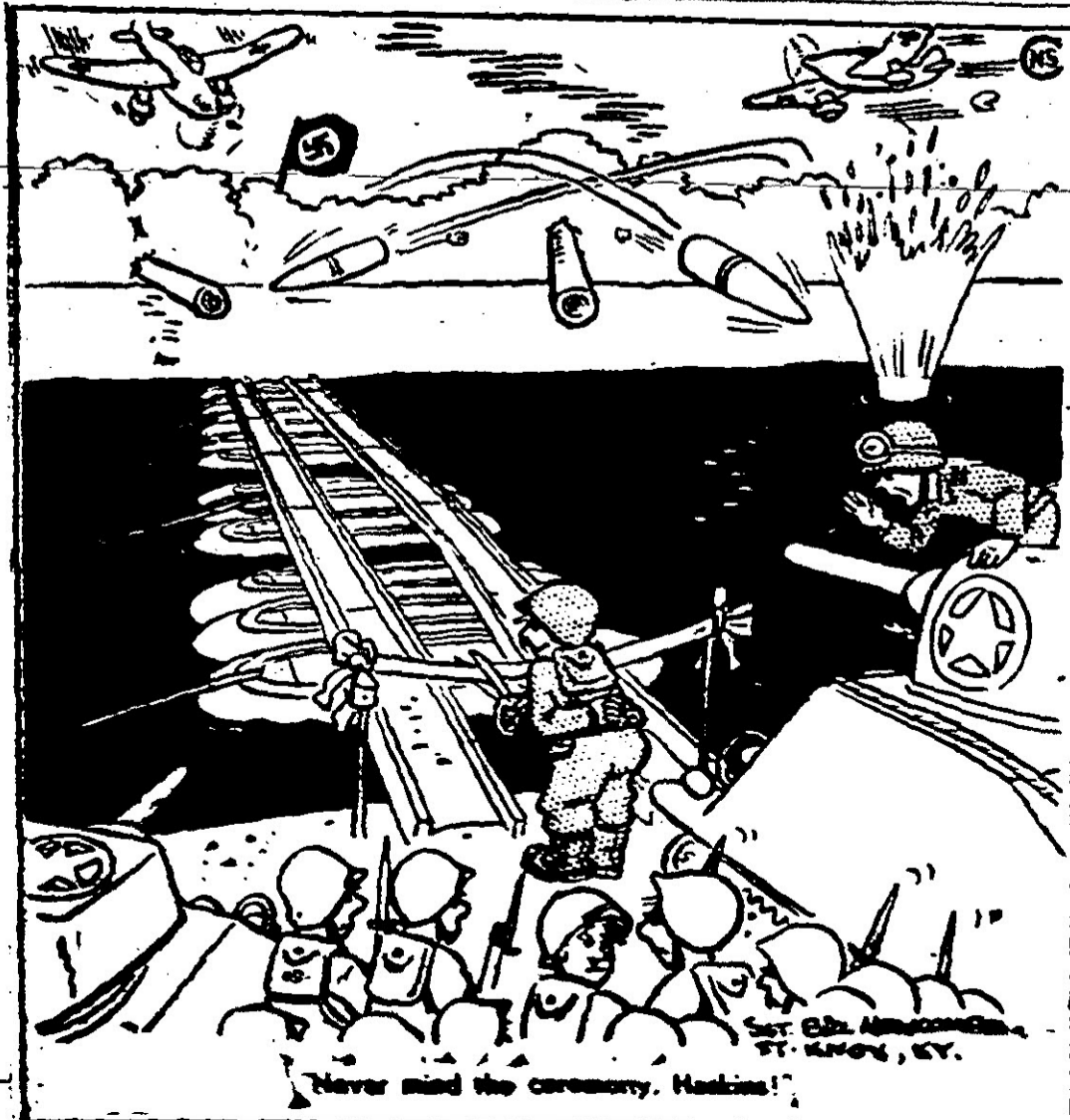
The high point of the Flying Officer season was their Softball victory over a picked team of Ground Officers behind the lawless hurling of Lt. Bowers, Indiana's premier softball pitcher. Flying Officer players were Capt. Buzzard, Lt. Flinn, Lt. Schwarz, Lt. Gottschalk, Capt. DuChaine, Capt. Kornrumph, Lt. Moody, Lt. Bowers, and Lt. Close.

Lt. Wall led the Flying Officers in the August Physical Fitness Tests closely followed by Major Poe. In the October Tests, Lt. Witmer led with 254 points by virtue of 114 Sit ups, 22 Pull ups, and 50 seconds on the run. Major Poe was close behind with 75 Sit ups, 17 Pull ups, and 49 seconds run for 236 points.

Basketball and volleyball leagues are now in progress and moritbly tournaments will be held in these sports.

sensational footwork of Lt. Kovacic turned the trick for the winners.

**Tennis**  
The officer's tennis team, under command of Major Wood, was stocked with collegiate talent and the major's main problem was to find suitable competition for his netters. Lt. Rex Godwin of Tulane played the No. 1 position with Lt. Buskey of Middlebury playing the No. 2 spot. No. 3 position was ably filled by the versatile Lt. Hilley, as was the No. 4 spot, filled by Capt. Julian Wishik. Lts. Lovitt, Close, along with Major Wood and Capt. Lane filled in the remaining positions with the usual victories.



Never mind the ceremony, Mackins!

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# Army Dental Corps Has Unlimited Office Hours

As a civilian, a man seldom thought about his teeth until they bothered him. As a soldier he can't put off that visit until tomorrow. First because check-up is frequent and second, because he can't eat or sleep—and that makes it imperative to have it taken care of quickly.

That's where the Army Dental Corps comes into the picture. Their success must be measured by the magnitude of their task. These facts make their efforts more laudable:

1. 88 percent of inductees have teeth that will be extractions.
2. Approximately 13 soldiers in every 1000 require full sets of false teeth.
3. At least 155 of inductees require plates to permit them to masticate their food satisfactorily.

### No Feather-Merchant.

Reduced to its simplest terms, the Dental Corps handles nearly three million patients a month. Most Dental Officers have come from civilian life. Exactly 97 percent of them. In combat zones they travel about, giving emergency dental treatment. They go with ski-troops, hit the silk with the paratroopers. On the sea they are assigned to hospital ships returning with the wounded.

If in civilian life the dentist had sufficient experience in reconstruction, the chances are that he will become a member of a maxillo-facial team, specializing in jaws and surgery associated with the mouth tissues.

A story is told that depicts the spirit as well as body-saving things these men are doing.

### From The Depths

During the North African landings a young private was hit by a shell fragment, losing most of his lower jaw. Given preliminary treatment in a French hospital he was soon returned to the Army Medical Center. It was a depressed soldier that returned, embarrassed by his injury, afraid of his future life.

The Medical-Dental team went to work. Slowly, but expertly his jaw was rebuilt. Bone, cartilage, skin, skill and patience were applied over a period of one year. The soldier used a mirror for the first time in more than a year. Looking back at him was his old familiar face. . . the one he'd been so used to.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing for this man whose head is held high.

### Dental Dilemma.

All soldiers are given periodic dental examinations, but the fly-

er is an object of special interest, because of the activities of "dental gremlins." The obnoxious little pests are being thoroughly investigated because of their effect on an airman's teeth, since teeth as well as the brain are subject to dive blackouts. The same centrifugal force which pulls blood away from the pilot's brain also affects the blood of the teeth pulp in a like manner. However, research is proceeding successfully on this problem.

Thus the ingenuity, initiative, and skill of the Army Dental Corps is adding its strength to final victory by maintaining fighting strength and morale.

The Freeman dental corps is headed by Major Marcus E. Miller, chief dental surgeon, who practiced dentistry in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., prior to entering the service. Major Miller also was on the staff of Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre for twelve years.

Capt. Edwin W. Lipe, first assistant dental surgeon, was associated with the North Carolina state board of health, with offices in Raleigh, at the time of his entrance into the Army. Capt. Alvin B. Cutler, who is from Buffalo, N. Y., formerly practiced in Tonawanda, N. Y.

General dentistry was Capt. Robert M. Butler's specialty in Scranton, Pa. A former resident of Canton, O., Capt. Emil O. Barsan received his D. D. S. degree in 1942 from Ohio State university, entering the service shortly after. Lt. Alexander Winick was a dentist in Fall River, Mass., in civilian life.

### Army Comes to Rescue Of Jersey Philharmonic

Jersey City, N. J. (CNS)—In desperation J. Randolph Jones, conductor of the Jersey City Philharmonic orchestra, wrote to his ex-bull fiddler, Pvt. Joseph Maino of Bayonne and begged him to get leave from his Army Air Force base at Richmond, Va., so he could play in the opening concert of the season.

"And if there are any other musicians around there, bring 'em along," wrote Jones. "We have gaps in the orchestra as big as your fiddle."

A couple of days later Pvt. Maino arrived accompanied by his bull-fiddle and three other musicians.

During rehearsal Pvt. Maino up and left, explaining he was scheduled to get married. He returned in time to play in the concert which was considered a huge success.

# Hoomans is de Cwaziest Peeples - Campaign Against Allotment Check Forgeries, Thefts

Off on a polar expedition right here at Freeman Field, this he-man defies the ravages of cold and wetness. "I love snow", he asserts. O.K. But you don't has to cwazy mit it, does you? The man with hair on his chest is Cpl. Sam Sbraccio, and Mother's Little Helper standing above him is Sgt. Russel J. Provencher. Winter's Here!



Theft and forgery of Army dependency checks have multiplied alarmingly and the U. S. Secret Service, which handles such cases, has launched a "know your endorsers" campaign as a preventative measure. The Secret Service has propounded a few important rules which if followed by soldiers and their dependents will go far toward eliminating check theft and forgery.

The simple precautions recommended by the Secret Service are as follows:

- a. Be at home, or have a member of the family at home, when your Army check is due to arrive. If you remove it from the mail box immediately it cannot be stolen by a check thief.
- b. Be sure you have a deep, strong mail box, with your name clearly printed on it. Keep it locked.
- c. If possible, arrange with your mail carrier to signal when he delivers your check.
- d. Notify your Postmaster if you change your address.
- f. Cash your check at the same place each month. This will make identification easier. The Secret Service is cautioning merchants to insist upon proper identification.
- g. Do not fold, pin or mutilate your allowance or allotment checks. This is very important to you.

### Boxing, Football

(Continued from page 6) ahead and compiled a record of 25 games won against 12 losses and one tie.

The competition included games against Purdue university, Notre Dame university, Peru Naval Air Station, Camp Atterbury, Ft. Knox, Baer Field, George Field, Stout Field, and many of the independent teams nearby.

### Sluggers

The homerun honors also went to Sgt. Al Schwartz, with a total of 18 for the season. Closely pressing him were, Gittens with 16 and Lt. William Swartz with 15. Gittens' average was handicapped by a late start. Lt. Schwartz held the honors for one game when he stroked a total of four home runs in one day at Redland park.

Leading the rabbit footed men around the bases was "Lefty" Wolan, with a total of 22 stolen bases for the season. "Lefty" was alone in this class as the rest of the piano packers found the footing heavy at the diamond on the field.

The Freeman Field team pushed a total of 319 runs across the triangular plate with an average of 8.4 runs per game. The boys are looking forward already to the 1944 season and some of them are actually wondering who will be able to beat them in the year '44.

The biggest worry confronting the team at the outset of the season was the lack of capable pitchers to carry on the mound work. The drafting of Lt. Mattes and the transfer of T/Sgt. Higgins to Freeman Field enabled this problem to be worked out. Lt. Mattes compiled a record of 13 wins and two losses to be the leading pitcher. Sgt. Albright won six games and lost five. Higgins, off to a late start, won one and lost two, and manager Al Schwartz came through in the dark days with three wins to his credit together with some capable relief hurling.

### Nips In Rush, Loss Pants.

Bougainville (CNS)—When the Marines landed here some Japs left their pillboxes in such a hurry that they scrambled without their pants.

### Post Library News

#### Here Is Your War

is a notable book, written with candor, humor and simplicity, in which Ernie Pyle tells the story of the North African Campaign as he saw it. There are hundreds of little human anecdotes, gathered as the author circulated among all the units of our North African command, moving from hospitals to front-line fox-holes, bunking with generals in Tunisia or with transport pilots in the Sahara, seeing everything and telling as much as was prudent.

Here is a total picture of total war such as few men experience:.....Pictures pinned on tent poles, whether wives or pretty girls.....the great orderly nighttime retreat from Kasserine Pass.....the rhythmic swing and pattern of a huge convoy at sea.....the confusion of the French, some fighting us and some helping.....the Yank's passion for eggs, eating eight at a time and the ensuing stomach ache. Boys from Arizona and New Mexico who found the landscape of Algeria just like home.....the crippled Fortress that came in on two engines at sunset, after all at the air field had given up hope for her.....Ernie's honest admission that he declined to go on a bombing mission because he was scared and thought it useless for him to go.....His little shovel, his only weapon at the front, and how it was envied.....And his great discovery that if you go long enough without a bath even the fleas will let you alone.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith, is the laughing, loving story of the Brooklyn Nolans, which has become the nation's smash hit.

In Bed We Cry, written by the sophisticated and highly entertaining Ilka Chase, is a sparkling novel about the charming Devon Elliott and her business of beautifying American womanhood.

Waitress Pages "Lt. Roger Wilco" Rapid City, S. D. (CNS)—A waitress in an officers club here named "Lt. Roger Wilco" for nearly an hour before a kind-hearted individual explained that "Lt. Wilco" was "on furlough."

### Wacs "Hoof It"

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the men on the field marched for and saluted them; i.e. the day they were sworn into the Army, and on Air WAC day; the many dances various squadrons have had to which they extended an "open invitation" to all members of the WAC detachment, and most of all the grand way in which the Freeman personnel have encouraged them in their work.

### All Out

For these reasons, every member of the WAC Detachment is "all out" for the show. Some you will not see on the stage at all, like Cpl. Marjorie Barnitt, the make-up artist, Cpl. Jean O'Leary, who made the posters and played the piano for the chorus in rehearsals, Sgt. Helen Schmidt, the prop "man", and others.

MC'ing the production will be Cpl. Beatrice Schweitzer, who has the gift of gab and plenty of witty chatter. Other acts are: "The Souze American Way", starring Sgt. Amelia Mancuso, Pfc. Mary Kesselman, and Cpl. Gladys Sotomayer; "Three Blind Mice" arranged by Pfc. Anna Rhodes; the sensational Ta-Ra-Ra-Boom-DY-AY chorus, "Jumpin' Jive", starring Cpl. Helen Isaacs and Sgt. Natalie Hegdal, the Wild West Trio, and some lovely thrushing by Pvt. Winifred Bishop.

On hand also will be the entire post band and its leader, W/O Mitchel Chetel.

See, hear, laugh, with the Freeman Wactresses—on Thursday evening at 7, at the Post Gym, when they present for you, "WAC Acts of 1944".

### The Wolf by Sansone



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Freeman Army Air Field

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## VERY NICE VERA



It's Vera Lane, talented CBS singing star, owner of a warm, vibrant contralto voice, to be heard each Saturday afternoon with tenor William Miller, chorus and the Harry Walsh orchestra.

### Sergeant Freezes Hands Fixing Guns in Flight

Washington (CNS)—S/Sgt. Kaminsky (given name unreported) of Brooklyn peeled the heavy gloves off his hand to repair a jammed machine gun in the waist of a Flying Fortress at a height of five miles and in a temperature of 32 degrees below zero.

His hands froze immediately, swelled to twice their normal size and stuck to the gun metal as he worked. But he finished the repair job and went back into action to help fight off Nazi fighters as the Fortress returned to its base. Now he is recuperating in a hospital.

### 467th Squadron

Well, that New Years celebration is over and our resolutions made, it is time to settle down to business. M/Sgt. William C. Austin, T/Sgt. Richard C. Trost, Sgt. Martin V. Turner, Cpl. Norman F. Bagley, Cpl. Robert H. Graff and Pvt. Daniel Scarafile left this organization this week for Aviation Cadet Training. Good luck, fellows. . . Cpl. Holt has been spending a great many late hours in Seymour lately. Is it serious Jim???? Sgt. Frank Sutton says that his romance is all off. What's the trouble Frank???? Who is the pretty lass that Cpl. Timothy Lorden is courting lately???? She is a swell looker alright. . . When it comes to dancing, you should see Sgt. Yohman doing some pretty fancy steps at the NCO Club. . . Our two Romeos, Bill Glisson and Dan McCarthy slipped into Cincinnati last week. From what they tell me they had a swell time. . . Who is this Dolly that is always calling Joe Kaminski. . . Jim Coker just returned from Tuscaloosa, Ala. off a nice furlough. He said he'd give anything to be away from this cold icy snow. . . Well folks it's time for bed so until next week. . .

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Scarafile, Daniel; Trost, Richard C.; Turned, Martin V.

### 447th Squadron

Barry, Allen G.; Brown, Raymond N.; Gittens, Edward G.; Mackey, Joseph L.; Mosely, Eugene F.; Smith, Hubert R.

### 1080th Squadron

Blodgett, Dana E.; Collieran, Harry J.; Cunningham, Lewis A.; Hall, Floyd D.; Vinzani, William O.

### 35th Group

Collins, Robert H.; Dunne, James N.; Evans, Thomas L.; Fore, Dallas A.; Granger, Kermit W.; Nemanis, Paul G.; Pannaro, Vito F.; Sellers, Edgar W.; Stanley, Earl L.; Stiger, Roger E.; Stone,

### 320th Squadron

Picture of the Week: "Happy Land".

Song of the Week: "My Ideal", Hal McInTyre.

### This and That:

Aside to N. Pryock, I say there stud, what's the idea of monopolizing that fine queen from Hanover? Nice work if you can get it, but be careful, I'm sure the wolves will be knockin' on your door.

Seems to me that the P. X. business has picked up a great deal in the last couple of weeks. Could it be the new interior decorations? and I don't mean that new paint job.

To Cardwell, we've heard that your theme song is "The One I Love Belongs to Somebody Else". How 'bout that? What happened to that ring you were supposed to latch on to?

To "Red" Henderson, What's this about you getting cabbage leaves from that fine Queen over the Elk's Bar in Cintown?

Needless to say I'm a bit short this fishday, and I'm sure youse guys know the reason why. Tally ho for now.

Columbus Comes Through Rensselaer, N. Y. (CNS) — A man named Christopher Columbus whose Selective Service order number is 1942, registered with the Red Cross here for a blood donation.

### Buy More War Bonds

### Winter Basketball,

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nestled in the arms of Jimmie Davis of the 35th for the winning counter and post championship.

As usual the fighting team of the 1080th proved to be the giant killer of the tournament by knocking off the top teams with regularity, but never quite being able to annex the trophy which now resides with the 35th "A" flight. Outstanding among the squadrons were such players as Laska, Matosky, Davis of the 35th; Petraglia and Cunningham of the 1080th; Miles of the 466th, and Madrid and Horswood of the 467th. Other squadrons were equally well represented by similar name players.

Probably tops in savagery of play were the two officer's teams of Freeman, and their encounters always drew like the "Bowl" games. The "Flyers," led by Major Tyler, were beaten down by the ground officers with one defeat and one tie game for the season. The rubber game being cancelled for fear of personal injury to the thinclad boys. Outstanding among the ground officers were Major Hughes, Lts. Shepherd, Crimmins, Kovacic, Estes, Davis, Camaish, Landers, Gohde, Liddle and Hilley. Outstanding among the flyers were Major Tyler, Capts. Duchaine, Igou, Miller, Buzzard, and Lts. Olson, Brooks, Robbs and Knuth.

Algers (CNS) — Pvt. Hazel M. Valley of Orange, N. J., first WAC to step off a train here, announced that the one thing she wanted more than anything else in the world was a good hot meal.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

From Washington comes the news that orders were issued for the manufacture of 2,000,000 electric irons and 50,000 bathtubs in 1944—the first important resumption of civilian manufacture since the war began. The output of bathtubs will be reserved for installation in warhousing projects. The irons will be distributed through normal trade channels, not rationed, and should be generally available by summer.

Orders is orders is the belief of a soldier stationed with the Second Army Field Headquarters in Tennessee and so, when ordered to stay by an abandoned trailer after a heated sham battle near Difficult, Tenn., he obeyed without question—for 17 days when he finally wrote a letter to his topkick—who had forgotten about him.

"What a kid!" Eighteen pounds and 10 1/2 ounces at birth was the weight of the boy born to Mrs. George E. Singer, a 26-year-old wife of a war plant worker in Knoxville, Tenn., New Year Eve—it is the fifth largest recorded birth in history.

New Year's doesn't mean much to the busy Germans. To them every day is the morning after the night before.

Foiled are the penny-ante players, in the Marines' at Guadalcanal, as the 1-cent piece—the penny—is as rare as a coca-cola. The PX has no stock for sale at odd prices except matches and they are sold at 15 boxes for 15 cents. The post office gives change in 1-cent stamps.

The boys at Fort Knox tell of the busy woman who was visiting troops soon due to go overseas. She was intent on seeing the men had the right spirit.

"Young man," she said, approaching one soldier, "are you ready to die for your country?" "No, ma'am," he promptly replied, "but I'm perfectly willing to help some Nazi die for his."

## AT THE POST THEATRE

Saturday, Jan. 8—Double Feature—CRIME DOCTORS STRANGEST CASE with Warner Baxter and Rose Hobart, also THE SULTAN'S DAUGHTER with Ann Corio and Charles Butterworth.

Sunday and Monday, Jan. 9 and 10—LOST ANGEL with Margaret O'Brien, Pames Craig and Marsha Hunt, News, and "This is America".

Tuesday, Jan. 11—TARZAN'S DESERT MYSTERY, Comedy, Screen Snapshots and Passing Parade.

Wednesday, Jan. 12—THE GHOST SHIP with Richard Dix, Edith Barrett, Russell Wade, also "Behind the Big Top" Cartoons and Sportsopes.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 13 and 14—DESTINATION TOKYO, with Cary Grant, John Garfield, Alan Hale, also News.

Edwin J.; Thomas, August A.; Schieffer, John A. 1079th Squadron Derise, John; McDonald, Edward A. Eaton, Alvin C.

Lejeune's Daughter Signs Up Washington (CNS)—Miss Eugenia Dickman Lejeune, daughter of the late Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune, ex-commandant of the U. S. Marines Corps has been sworn in as a private in the Marine's Women's Reserve.

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By Lt. Dave Breger



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