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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1944

Check and Double Check Sgt. Joseph Wilensky is having his blood pressure checked while Cpls. Dewey Mason, William Hoefler and Sgt. Jack Miller await their turn before entering the Red Cross blood bank which was at Freeman four days this week. Sgt. Miller knows the value of blood plasma, and has seen it save the life of many an American fighting man while he served as an armorer for a fighter squadron on Guadalcanal.



Radio School For Mechanics Planned

Course To Cover Three Month Period

A school designed to make radio mechanics more proficient in their assigned duties is being planned by Lt. William H. Burnett, post communications officer. The course, which begins within a few weeks, will be conducted on a two hour a day, three day a week basis, and will extend for approximately three months. All men and women now assigned to radio maintenance, either in the squadrons or PLM, will be required to attend classes regularly.

"Humpty Dumpty" Is Frolicking Show At Post Theatre

HUMPTY DUMPTY a lively, funny and well-costumed vaudeville revue unit will appear at the Post Theater on February 25. This production is one of the newest of camp shows and the standing rule with all these entertainments is — admission without charge to servicemen, at 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

The prime purpose of the course, explained Lt. Burnett, is to give radio mechanics a broader all-around knowledge of radio. Several pieces of equipment have been requisitioned and include some of the latest types of radios used in Flying Fortresses and Liberators. "We understand that a number of men now working on the line," Lt. Burnett said, "have been graduated from radio schools, but because they have been working only on AT-10's, their knowledge of radio equipment has been somewhat confined. We are going to attempt to give them a broader viewpoint on all types of radio equipment in our school here."

Populated by a group of young men, the **"Humpty Dumpty"** maintains the high level of quality that has always characterized camp shows. In it mirth is mixed with sweet song and graceful dancing. The show is topped off with a brilliantly equipped magic act that has amazed thousands. The performers who will appear here are listed as follows: **MILLER and JEAN**—Famous comedy acrobats, **HUNT and JUDITH**—(Continued on page 7, column 5)

Paper Work To Be Kept At Minimum

Pertinent to the salvage drive on at all fields in the command is a letter from Army Air Force Headquarters. It calls attention to the extreme shortage of paper, and requests that attention be given to it, stressing the importance of carefully reviewing all material designed for printing with a view toward keeping quality, quantity and weight of paper to a minimum.

Flying Wagon

Newest innovation down on the flight line is a station wagon, which plies the line from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. transporting officers, cadets and enlisted men from point to point. While night flying is in progress, the station wagon will operate from 6 a. m. to midnight.

The man with the most sweethearts at Freeman Field is none other than a first sergeant—according to the books—a topkicker is a man who has never learned to say yes, and is always gruff, rough and snarling.

However, **F/Sgt. Al Schwartz** of the 108th proved that he is the direct antithesis of the hypothetical hardshelled, hard-headed non-com. Last Monday, he walked into the Personnel section, and handed one of the Wacs there a dollar.

"What's this for, Al I was just paid?"

"I just heard that some of your girls are in working quarantine, because of the mumps, and they have to stay in nights. Buy 'em a box of candy. Please don't say who it came from, though."

Col. J. B. Patrick, commanding officer of the 80th Flying Training Wing, arrived at the field Wednesday, Feb. 16 on an official visit. He is expected to remain here for several days.

Accompanying Col. Patrick on his visit are Majors **R. B. Collins**, **W. Shackelford** and **S/Sgt. Epperson**.

Trunk Which Saw Service With Washington's Armies Is Now Being Used By Freeman Wacs

"This is the fourth war it's been through," said **Pvt. Milburn Divine** of the WAC Detachment here, as she unpacked her antique brown rawhide covered trunk. "It started in the same war in which George Washington rose to fame,—the Revolutionary War, and it has also been carried through the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, by members of my immediate family."

The trunk, which is about one-third the size of a GI footlocker, is lined with French hand-blocked rose and ivory paper, and has Next in line are the new uni-handwrought handles and lock of forms that have been ordered, iron. It is in an amazingly fine condition considering its age, and only the territory it has covered. In fact, one Wac upon reviewing it

A Trunk, a Flag, and a Girl—**Pvt. Milburn Divine** of the WAC Detachment, is shown here, with the flag of the state of Tennessee, given her when she enlisted in the WAC, and her trunk which has been through three other American wars.



Baseball Practice to Begin Monday; Capt. Nichols Calls for More Players

Spring is here. If you don'ters have been sent out to other believe it, tie yourself over to the big time ball clubs for exhibition games, but to date the Cubs have been the only ones to accept. Next in line are the new uni-handwrought handles and lock of forms that have been ordered, iron. It is in an amazingly fine condition considering its age, and only the territory it has covered. In fact, one Wac upon reviewing it

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Capt. Clarence D. Nichols, who the suits will be white with blue trimmings and will be used only for the home games. The gray, during the home games. The gray, during the home games. The gray, during the home games.

all prospective players to come utility uniform, sported by the team last season, will be worn on Monday. There road trips. The baseball diamond near the Oasis is being resurfaced and will be used for the early season. Capt. Nichols revealed to the NCO club, but wasn't ready for use until mid-summer. This diamond will have a grass infield and will not be used until the turf has had a chance to really set in.

remarked: "Why it's in better condition than my suitcases, which was brand-new when I entered the service, a year and one-half ago!"

York Presents Flag
Lying proudly in the trunk is the flag of the state of Tennessee which was presented to Pvt. Divine by Sgt. Alvin C. York, the first enlistee to be assigned to the Air Wac in Tennessee during the current drive to get

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THE CHAPLAIN CHATS

By CHAPLAIN HALL

Prior to the beginning of the war most Americans had a prejudiced feeling toward Russia. Now that a common enemy has placed us on the same side of the conflict we are learning things about our ally that is changing our opinion. After all, a prejudice is nothing more than being down on something that we are not up on, so with the gaining of factual information we should change our opinion.



Chaplain Hall

One of the things we are learning about Russia is that she is not as atheistic as we were lead to believe in former years. Roosevelt startled our nation when he announced that Russia had provided in her constitution for religious freedom. Recently, figures were released by Russia, which are only estimates, but nevertheless they indicate that the number of Christians in Russia run into the millions. Though an atheist may be a Communist we know that not all Communists are atheists. There are at least ten times as many Christians as there are Communists. Of the 200,000,000 Russians only about two to three million are Communists.

For many centuries the established church was allied with the government. Each received support from the other. History reveals that whenever that situation prevails the church always becomes corrupt and abusive and loses sight of its mission. In spite of the fact that the church was allied with the Tsars, the Bolshevik party left the church unharmed at the time of the revolution. It was not until the Volga Famine, when the Church refused to give of her wealth to relieve the suffering, that the Bolsheviks entered the churches by force to take her riches and to expose her corruptness. In the days that followed the exposing of the church in 1921, many thousands cast off all faith and became atheists; whereas millions were oply disturbed and shaken in their faith.

Many of those who would not give up their faith entirely began to right the wrongs of the church and as a result, Russia has today a stronger, purer church than she has known for centuries. Other millions joined themselves to small groups of Evangelical churches that had been springing up for the past 75 years. The Communist Party never aimed its legislation at these smaller groups and on many occasions it has been known to favor and aid them. Though no census has been taken, there are at least 20 million Evangelical Christians in Russia today. No one can estimate how many other millions there are who still believe in the faith

Roving Reporter

Question: Secretary Stimson says that soldiers are in favor of the labor draft for civilians. Are you?



Lt. William R. Kuttner—assistant budget and fiscal officer—"Not entirely. But a survey should have been made by a reliable government agency to determine a fair living wage. Then wages and prices should have been frozen at that level. That in itself would constitute drafting of labor—but in a fairer way."



Pfc. Roy A. Cox—budget and fiscal clerk—"Yes, I'm in favor of a labor draft where strikers and union squabbles impede the war effort. All of us are striving for the same goal—winning the war—and we're all in it, soldiers and civilians alike."



Pfc. Ruth Miller—budget and

Free Mail Privilege Questions Answered By Postal Experts

Numerous questions have arisen as to what may or may not be mailed free of postage by members of the armed forces of the United States. Following is a list of "cans" and "can'ts" issued by the Third Assistant Postmaster General to clarify any questions concerning free mail:

Why not post this list on your barracks bulletin board? It will save both you and the Post Office time and trouble if you adhere to these few rules governing the free mailing privilege.

Acceptable free of postage: Personal letters to relatives, friends, etc., including V-mail. V-mail is intended only for mail stationed overseas. The Post Office will no accept V-mail, postage free, to soldiers still in this country.

Letters, including remittances, to associations, firms or corporations.

Letters sent special delivery, provided the fee for such service is prepaid.

Small photographic negatives and unmounted prints when accompanying letters.

Souvenir and pictorial cards, unless bearing matter of a promotional character.

Greeting cards such as Mother's

Day, birthday, seasonal, etc., enclosed in envelopes.
Election ballots.

Letters mailed while the sender is on furlough.

Letters sent by midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy, cadets of the United States Military Academy, and cadets of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Letters sent by retired or Reserve Naval and Army officers who have been recalled to active duty, including those bearing the designation "U. S. N. Ret." or "U. S. N. R." in connection with the name and rank or rating of such officer on active duty.

Letters sent by members of the armed forces while in hospitals.

Letters from members of the armed forces who may be assigned to some special duty.

Letters from nurses and chaplains who are members of the armed forces.

Postage Required.

Free mail privilege does not apply to the following:

Air mail.
Registered, insured, or c. o. d. mail.

Parcels or packages, whether sealed or unsealed.

Newspapers, magazines and books.

Circular letters.
Newspapers, clippings and printed mimeographed matter, unless enclosed with letters and forming only an incidental feature.

Cards exceeding the post card size (larger than 3 9/16x5 9/16" or smaller than 2 3/4x4") consisting mainly of cartoons or other printed matter.

Pictorial folders.
Envelopes and cards containing extraneous printed matter, stickers, etc., on the face.

Matter sent for philatelic purposes.

Weekdays
Wedding invitations or announcements.

Photographic records.
Photographic films sent for development (Rolls of film.)
Large mounted photographs.

Letters of officers' clubs and other organizations.
Cards and envelopes bearing advertisements or other inscriptions giving the names of donors.

Letters from persons in veterans hospitals who are not members of the armed forces.

Letters, bills and circulars pertaining to the private business or profession carried on by a member of the armed forces.
Envelopes or cards endorsed by a member of the armed forces for use by others, such as members of his family, etc.

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 heard before each Mass.

For Protestant Personnel
In Chapel No. 1

Sunday services at 6:20 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.
220th 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.

of the Greek Orthodox Church.

One of the Four Freedoms for which we are fighting has come and is continuing to come to pass in our ally, Russia. The Providential hand of God has been at work furthering His cause.

Explaining the AER System

"AER contributions"—reminiscent of pay day? So at the pay table your fifteen-twenty cents are collected. This amount that you have given is your contribution to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

The AER has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who deserve their help, whenever and wherever it is needed. New men in the army who are married, at times have a problem when their dependent allotment checks are delayed for the first few months—ofttimes with great discouragement to both the soldier and his family. Here the AER comes to his assistance with a loan to cover the situation until the first check is received.

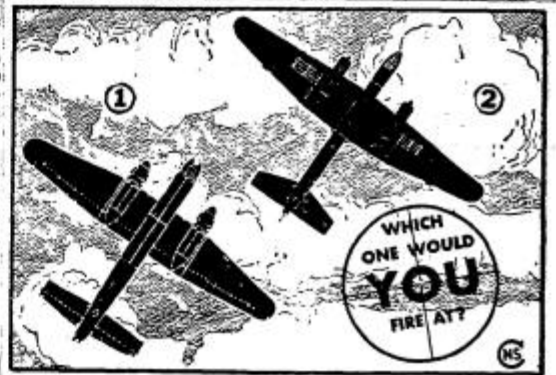
Every army organization in the country has an AER officer to whom the soldier may go in times of financial stress. An enlisted man's dependents may apply for Army Emergency Relief through the American Red Cross nearest their home.

The AER organization is one that is the soldier's own, for his own benefit when needed, or for that of his buddy. Your contribution at the pay table is a contribution to a service towards your friends, family or self. Others give to aid the AER substantially—how many different sporting events have been held for the benefit of the Army-Navy Relief. Even groups in small towns put in their bid to help build the fund that might some day be of assistance to you.

fiscal clerk—"No because it isn't necessary. Men and women are still looking for war jobs. I believe the government has been getting splendid cooperation from all the war workers and the results might be just the opposite if labor were drafted."



Cpl. Clifton Morgan — 907th Q. M.—driver—"Yes and no. I do know one thing that makes the men in the service angry—and that is strikes. Those who strike should be drafted, but I'm not in favor of a general draft law."



Not at No. 11 It's the British Fire at No. 21 It's the Nazi Arvo "Manchester", a mid-wing, Heinkel He. 177, low mid-wing twin engine medium bomber. This plane gives the appearance of being equipped with two engines but each nacelle houses two engines. It has a long narrow fuselage. Both edges of the wings taper to rounded tips. The tailplane is swept back on the leading edge to square tips and it has twin fin and rudders.

Requests Pour in Asking for Design Of Portable Phone

There's an old bromide which says "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery"—and that's exactly what has been happening to Capt. Christian J. Hilliard's new addition to the station hospital—the portable pay telephone.

The photograph of a smiling GI using the phone appeared in TWINGINE TIMES a few weeks ago and also in Indianapolis and Louisville papers. The photo and the idea were also considered newsworthy by the editors of Training News, the paper published by the Eastern Flying Training Command. These photos and stories have started a deluge of requests for information as to how the phone was built. A letter from Capt. Joseph D. Ryle, the public relations officer at Napier Field, requested information about the construction of the device so that he could pass it on to the signal officer at his station. To all of these requests Capt. Hilliard has cheerfully forwarded his design.

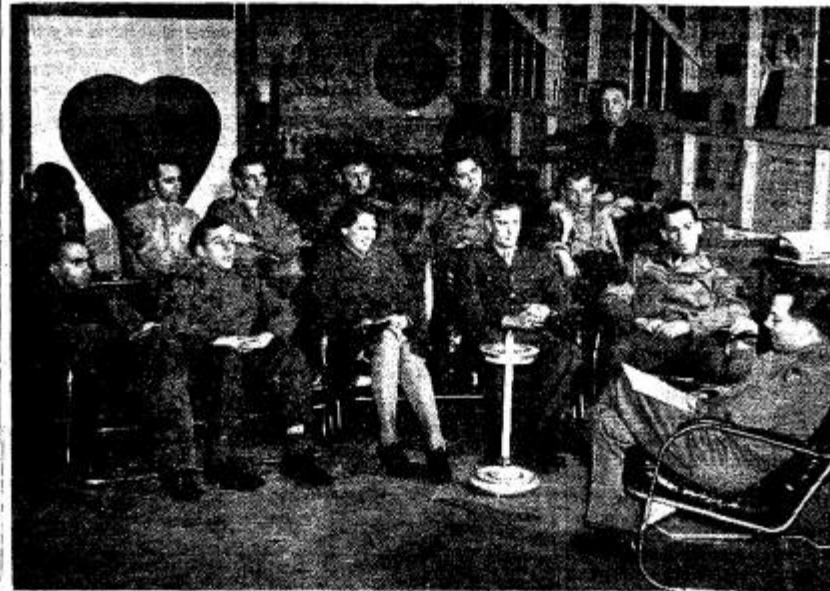
Pfc. Sidney Levinstim, who was the smiling GI in the photo, has also come in for his share of mail. Levinstim reports that he has received two letters from girls who saw his picture in one of the city newspapers. Both letters were almost identical—the girls wanted to meet him in person.

Photo Personnel Attend School in Base Pix Section

A new school of photography is now being conducted for photo-lab personnel, under the direction of Lt. Harry Womeldorf, section head, and Sgt. Herbert Eckert, who has recently completed a special photography course at

The Brains

Behind the activities of Special Service are these members of the Advisory Board who meet monthly to discuss the entertainment facilities on the field and also to air "gripes" which may have arisen amongst the members of their respective squadrons. The group of non-coms are shown here as they met to talk over the anticipated opening of the service club. From left to right, rear row: Cpl. James W. Carter, 320th; S/Sgt. John W. Guder, Q. M.; Sgt. Albert G. Valenza, 1080th; Sgt. William C. Burns, 447th; T/Sgt. Frank D. Masterson, 33th; S/Sgt. Les Siciliano, 467th. Front row, left to right: S/Sgt. Woodrow W. Meyers, 466th; S/Sgt. William T. Robinson, 1079th; Cpl. Lorraine H. Hansen, WAC Det.; S/Sgt. Harold L. Phillip, 1087th and T/Sgt. Kenneth Hartstein, Med. Det. Lt. Jesse W. Cogley (seated foreground), and Lt. Roland O. Davis, rear right, are the Special Service officers pictured below.



Have A Heart

The biggest and prettiest valentine received by any of the Wacs on St. Valentine's Day, came to the CO, Lt. Martha T. Riley. Encased in a box wrapped in white tissue paper with red bows, the valentine, hand-painted by Cpl. Jean O'Leary, was in the main, a soft but bright blue with a red satin heart, a flag, a spread eagle and a verse, written by another member of the Wac Detachment.

To the Top Wac of Them All

It's a well-known fact that this is the year That the WAC is in back of the soldier here But who's in back of the Wacs at this field, Who gives the Free-women the power they wield, Who hops over channels, and scissors tape red To make the girls happy, to get them ahead? We don't have to wonder too long to know who,

Sixteen Officers Get Promotions; 4 Wear Maple Leafs

Promotion of sixteen officers has been announced by Colonel E. T. Rundquist. Four of the men were made majors, nine captains and three first lieutenants.

The men are: captain to major—Robert DuChaine, James Murray, Glenn L. Chamberlain, Garold Buzzard; first lieutenant to captain—John Garrison, Jr., Vincent Horn, James Boggs, Duncan Cushing, Daniel McGuire, Clarence Nichols, William Hale, Thomas Wilmar, William Hartman; second lieutenant to first lieutenant—Donald Bowers, George Smith, Richard Durt.

Several Ace Athletes.

Major DuChaine, operations officer, is from Petoskey, Mich. He attended University of Michigan and Tech. Major Murray, commanding officer, flight three, is a native of Fall River, Mass. After graduation from high school he attended Loyola University, New Orleans. Major Chamberlain, director of flying, attended high school at Sulphur Springs, Tex., and later attended Texas Christian University where he was prominent in athletics. Major Buzzard, air inspector (training), is a graduate of Quapaw (Okla.) high school. He attended Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg where he gained a wide reputation as an athlete.

Capt. Garrison, operations officer, flight one, is a native of Pontiac, Mich. At one time he attended General Motors Institute, Flint Mich. Capt. Horn, operations officer, flight eight, is from Yonkers, N. Y. He attended Manhattan College.

Capt. Boggs, operations officer, flight six, is from Circleville, O. He attended Duke University, Durham, N. C., Capt. Cushing, operations officer, flight four, is from Norwood, Mass. He attended Harvard University and Colby College (Me.) Capt. McGuire, Cath-

NCO Club Kitchen Opens Quietly, No Noise; Just Food

Without fanfare and with smooth efficiency, Sgt. Marion W. Baxter, the major-domo of the hospital mess, and his crew of chefs took over the kitchen behind the bar at the NCO club last Monday night and began dishing out sandwiches and coffee.

Opening of the kitchen had been long awaited by members of the club and the first night's busi-

Lowry Field.

The course is designed primarily to teach the laboratory personnel photography and use of the camera. Topics discussed in the course which is designed to cover several weeks, are care, operation and use of ground cameras, theory of light and lenses, study of film characteristics, effect of colors and filters, exposures and composition.

In coordination with theoretical work, members of the class will actually do outdoor photography and later portrait work.

Members of the class include: Pfc. Helen Wyzynski, Pfc. Mary Kieszkowski, Sgt. Sebina Zitur, Pvt. Nina Timchenko, Cpl. Albert Bayerhen, Pvt. Geofredo Aristarco, and Pvt. Charles Perry.

Buy More War Bonds

WAC OF THE WEEK

Sitting at the switchboard is an old story with Pvt. Beulah Greene, because telephone operating was her occupation before she enlisted in the WAC last November.

The honor of being the first woman to be assigned to the Air Wac in Augusta, Ga., belongs to Beulah, and was one of the proudest events in her life. She has a married daughter, age 18, and says, "I didn't have any sons to send, so I joined the Army myself. Why the WAC? Well my sister is a Navy nurse—and we had to be represented in another fighting branch!"

An expert bowler, Beulah is expected to be one of the top-notch members of the WAC bowling team which is now in its infancy.

We're aware, "Martha T." our valentine is you! AAF, WAC Detachment Freeman Field.

Pinch Me, Percival! It's Breakfast in Bed

Camp Campbell, Ky. (CNS)—Members of Co. B, 27th Tank Battalion, were awakened the other morning by the musical tinkle of a tiny silver bell. While they stirred drowsily, a mess attendant appeared.

"Here's the menu," the attendant said. "Won't you order your breakfast in bed?"

The dog-faced boys gaped in amazement, but it wasn't a gag. Their commander, Capt. Kenneth F. Maxey, Jr., had ordered breakfast in bed for the company because of its fine showing in recent individual gun crew tests.

SEYMOUR WOMAN IS SEEKING G.I. BORN ON FEBRUARY 22

Were you born on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22? If you were you're lucky, for you are going to be the guest of honor at a birthday party at the USO next Tuesday night.

"Y'see it's this way, Mrs. George Henry of the Mothers' Service Organization got into a habit years ago which she finds very hard to break. Her son, Donald B. Henry, was born on Washington's birthday and every year Mrs. Henry used to bake him a special birthday cake—all decorated with red cherries. Well, last year Donald was far away from home—matter of fact he was in Australia completing his officer's training course. But that didn't stop Mrs. Henry. She baked the cake just the same, and then asked for a soldier from Freeman Field who was born on her son's and Washington's birthday, to come down to the USO to share the cake.

The lucky GI last year was Sgt. George Gurdjian of the 447th. He of course, will be celebrating his birthday at the USO again this year. But, Mrs. Henry thinks there might be another soldier, Wac or cadet on the field who was born on February 22, and because of that she has baked a larger cake than usual.

So, we pass this on to you. If you were born on February 22, get in touch with Mrs. Henry or Mr. Bramwell Lundgren at the USO right away.

ness showed that the kitchen will become a bee hive of activity.

Hamburgers, ham sandwiches and coffee were the main items on the bill of fare last Monday, but Sgt. Baxter promised that the menu would increase daily. Within a few weeks the variety will run from plain cheese sandwiches to T-bone steaks and French-fried potatoes.

The NCO kitchen will operate from 6 to 11 nightly and on a non-profit basis, simply as a convenience for members and their guests who are looking for an "after theatre snack."

Cpls. L. H. Snead and Jesse M. Laxon will preside over the white porcelain electric ranges in the kitchen. Both men are on the mess staff of the hospital and know whereof they speak when it comes to preparing fine food.

Service Club Nears Completion As Paint Transforms Interior

The new Service Club is putting on its last smear of make-up in preparation for its debut in a week or so. Paint has gone on the walls and the wainscoting have been stained in the same manner as the NCO Club. A snack and beverage bar has been cut into the far wall, as you enter, and will feed the sweet tooth of the GI's.

One new feature in plan, is a section devoted to the latest news. Maps will be hung on the walls and late bulletins posted periodically during the day.

When complete the club will afford many spots, for lounging, letter, writing, chatting and relaxation.

olic chaplain, attended St. Joseph's Seminary, in his home New York City.

Nichols Tripped to Berlin.

Capt. Nichols, director of physical training, is from Minneapolis. He attended State Teachers College, St. Cloud, and the University of Minnesota. He was a member of the U. S. Olympic team that went to Berlin in 1936. Capt. Hale, school secretary, was a resident of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., prior to entering the service. His family now lives in Atlanta, Ga. Capt. Wilmar, engineering officer of the 1079th squadron, was an enlisted man for eight and one-half years. His home is Atlanta, Ga., where he was graduated from high school.

Lt. Bowers, flying instructor, attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls. He is reputed to be one of the best softball pitchers in the Eastern Flying Training command. Lt. Smith, flying instructor, is from Hollywood, Calif. In high school he was a luminary on track teams. Lt. Dart, flying instructor, is a native of Ridgefield Park, N. J. where he was prominent in high school athletic circles.



Washington—An anonymous pic was a member of a GI band putting on a command performance at the White House. Afterwards he shook hands with the President. "You sent me greetings when I was drafted," the pic said. "Now I'd like to return them, sir."

Army Will Have 5 Million Yanks Abroad in 1944

By Camp Newspaper Service More than five million Americans—two-thirds of the U. S. Army—will be in service overseas by the end of 1944, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson has announced.

The Secretary's announcement followed disclosures by the War Department that major changes affecting both the officer and enlisted personnel of the Army had been ordered as the result of a re-study of troop requirements for the coming year.

Under the new plan, U. S. soldiers stationed at home will be carefully reviewed for physical fitness, well-trained troops. The best men will be sent overseas and their places at home assumed by the civilians, new recruits, members of the WAC and soldiers who are either too old or not physically equipped to withstand the rigors of combat warfare.

As a part of this program, the Army plans to place on the inactive list commissioned officers who are over 38 years old and no longer needed for active duty.

Preparing for this huge exodus of U. S. based troops, the Army already had closed many training camps. About 70 AAF establishments have been relinquished al-

T-Sgt. Everett Thomas Was Hot Tail-Gunner In Fortress That Saw Plenty of Flak Popping

Wearer of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and veteran of twenty-five bombing missions over Nazi-held Europe, T/Sgt. Everett C. Thomas is resting between rounds at Freeman Field, but is still very much in the fight.

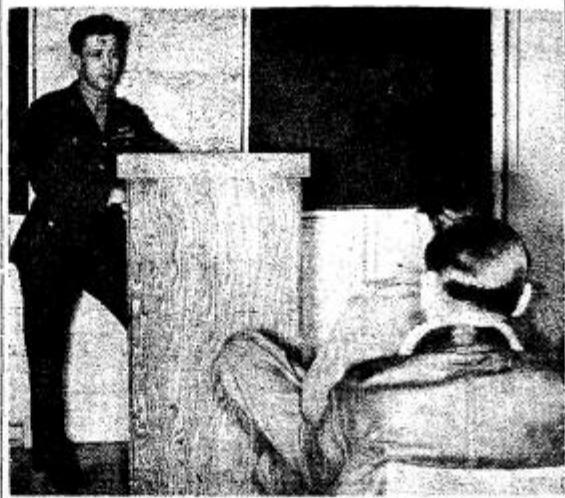
A "tail-end Charlie" on the Flying Fortress "Gremilin Castle," Thomas had a ringside seat for over nine months as the Eighth Air Force wrecked havoc and destruction on Germany. From his perch he was also able to observe the tactics used by the Luftwaffe in trying to stave off the sledgehammer blows on the industrial cities of the Reich. All of this first hand knowledge is being passed on to the officers, cadets and enlisted men at the field as Thomas holds forth in his weekly orientation lectures. These lectures are invaluable, for the very men listening and learning are those who will form the component parts of the tidal wave which will engulf Germany and all of the conquered countries of Europe in the very near future.

Thomas Is Unassuming

Sergeant Thomas, like all men who have returned from combat, is quiet and unassuming. It is only after close questioning that one learns the real meaning of the decorations he wears beneath his gunner's wings. He has three German planes to his credit, but shrugs it off with, "They were coming in at me and I was here

Giving The Lowdown

T/Sgt. Everett C. Thomas, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, is shown here as he passes on first hand information on the nature of the enemy in Europe. Thomas has three Nazi planes to his credit and has participated in some of the hottest air action over the continent.



Post Library News

Books that will divert you whether read on a crowded subway or desert island, or in your spare moments at Freeman Field! You'll find them at the Post Library. "Low Man on a Totem Pole", H. Allen Smith's record of a busy life minding other people's business, is a hilarious book and a permanent addition to the annals of humorous Americana. Here are some screwballs Mr. Smith has met since he began his career as journalist at a tender age in a small midwestern town—people, renowned and obscure, reduced to their lowest common denominator under his mordant pen. Einstein and Gypsy Rose Lee, Nicholas Murray Butler and Sally Rand, Sunday-school teachers and showgirls reveal themselves to Mr. Smith's inner eye as ordinary mortals. The newspaperman who suffered under the delusion that Herbert Hoover had bladders on his feet, the man who thoughtfully and perpetually bounced turtle eggs on a bar, the unsung samaritan who fed chili to a phonograph all are part of Mr. Smith's life and times. Here is a panorama of unlikely people who exist, of inconceivable things that actually happen, of the commonplace rarities of our frenzied epoch.

Other titles recommended for diversion and humor are:

One Foot in Heaven, by Hart-

so as the new program will mean a gradual tapering off of the training program and concentration on the all-out offensive phase.

To carry out the overseas plan the War Department has ordered that physically qualified men who have served more than 12 months at fixed stations or overhead activities in the U. S. be reassigned to overseas duty.

Reassignments to overseas units will not, however, apply to enlisted men who have served abroad since Dec. 1, 1941, or to men of "highly specialized skills" which cannot be utilized to any unit assigned to overseas duty.

Secretary Stimson announced also that the number of men enrolled in the Army's Specialized Training courses is now being reduced. This reduction, he said, will be made, as far as possible, "without interference with men who have already begun their courses." More than 140,000 men are now taking these courses.

enough to get in the first burst."

Thomas was credited with his first plane when the "Gremlin Castle" was on one of those shuttles bombing runs over Hamburg last summer. "We were cruising along at about 25,000 feet," relates Thomas, "when a ME-109 broke through our fighter cover. He made a couple of passes at our ship, and sprayed us with lead each time. Then he swung around and came directly at the tail. I played possum until he was about 100 yards away and then I let him have it. The guns," recalled the sergeant, "caught him square on and the plane blew up in mid-air."

Still another ME-109 was to feel the sting of the "Gremlin's" tail guns. This time the action was over Kassel, Germany. Thomas doesn't recall much of the engagement except that the single engine fighter caught fire and the pilot bailed out. Credit for downing his second enemy plane, coupled with the fact that he had completed fifteen missions earned Thomas the Distinguished Flying

Cross. He was awarded the medal on Oct. 3, 1943.

Gable in Same Group.

Capt. Clark Gable was assigned to the same bombardment group, and Thomas' ship was along on several of the missions in which the captain participated.

Thomas participated in the Schweinfurt raid in which sixty Fortresses were reported to have been lost. "The flak," he says, "was so heavy that you could almost get out and walk on it." It was on this mission that Thomas ran into several close calls. The sky was filled with German fighters and American Fortresses. Also present were those tough Yankee fighters, the P-47 Thunderbolts. The sergeant has heard of those who sing the praise of a P-38, but he'll place his money on a P-47 anytime. "We were deep in enemy territory and I was pecking away at my typewriter" when I saw a P-47 sweep up from my right with his guns firing full blast. I turned to see what was up and as I did a German slug clipped the left shoulder of my

flying suit. That Thunderbolt was after a Nazi fighter which was raking the entire length of our ship. If it hadn't been for that P-47 and the fact that I turned around, I would have been hit in the chest." Upon returning to his base in England, Thomas unstrapped his parachute and found a hole in the covering. Probing with his finger he found a piece of flak imbedded in the folds. He carries the metal as a good luck piece today.

Gets Third Nazi in Prussia

While over Anglain in East Prussia, Thomas got his third ship. This time it was an ME-110—one of the latest two engine Nazi fighters. Several other raids followed, both over the continent and Norway. Each time the "Castle" returned safely from the mission with all crew members accounted for. In all of the twenty-five raids not one of the men on the Fortress was scratched, although they took part in some of the hottest actions of the air war over the continent.

T/Sgt. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Thomas of 57 Judson St., Canton, N. Y., and has two brothers in the service. Cpl. Harold Glenn is an aerial photographer at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma and the other Leonard, age 17, is a petty officer third class, gunners mate in California.

Get Thee Behind Me, by Hartzell Spence.

Private Purkey in Love and War, by H. I. Phillips.

The McKenneys Carry On, by Ruth McKenney.

Many Laughs for Many Days, by Irvin-S. Cobb.

My World—And Welcome To It, by James Thurber.

Radio School

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that military personnel will be able to bring their sets to the school and have them repaired free of charge. This work will give students of the course practice in repairing all types and makes of equipment.

Lt. Burnett is well qualified to conduct this type of course. He is a graduate of the radar school at Boca Raton, Fla., and has been teaching radio in the Technical Training Command for the past year. Some of the stations he has been assigned to include Sioux Falls, S. D.; Scott Field, Ill., and more recently he taught radio at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. Lt. John J. Coyle, assistant communications officer, will assist Lt. Burnett in the school here on the field.

Very Annoying.

Gilbert Islands—(CNS)—Biggest pest in the Gilberts is "Bedcheck Charlie," a Jap bomber that blasts this base at bed check every night.

Buy More War Bonds



Sale! OFFICER'S AND ENLISTED MEN'S WINTER NEEDS.
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RAYON O.D.'S
Pinks and Greens—\$5.25 Value All Sizes — Were \$7.75
\$2.50 \$3.00
Sleeveless Sweaters GLOVES
Brushed wool \$1.00 Leather palm, wool back..\$2.50
Knitted wool \$1.50 All wool knit gloves.....\$1.00
AT THE POST EXCHANGE



SQUADRON NOOZ
"ALL THE DIRT THAT'S FIT TO PRINT"



467th Squadron

I wish that you could have been with us the other night when the Squadron had its big party and dance at Hangar No. 5. A gala time was had by all. There was certainly plenty of rug-cutting performed by everybody. It looked like a dance marathon for some of them. The jitterbugs from the Pre Aviation Cadets certainly put several of us to shame, when it came to dancing a pair of

drug manufacturers had a field day, no less than 14 gallons of arnica and a proportional amount of bandages were used. The team was lent to the Women's First Aid Class for use as willing subjects. Nuff sed:
Advice wanted — Cpl. Eric "The Red" Anderson wants to know where he can buy a baby talk dictionary. He is expecting a diaper wetter very shortly.
Query — Perhaps the high G. C. T. WACs would help our boys out?
News — Frank Sinatra was defeated by "The Crook" in a

From these players, a first team will be selected, which will be ready to play against any other squadron's team on the field, and may we add, beat the—off of them.
SWELL PEOPLE
Coming all the way from Cincinnati, just to pay us a visit were Miss Drucker and Mrs. Hyman, of the B'nai Brith, the organization which donated so many pieces of our dayroom furniture, and the material for the curtains in the mess hall. Shown around by Cpl. Naomi Rose and Pvt. Edith Krawitz, the women expressed

Medics

Valentines Day has come and gone and the Medical Detachment Day Room has a new pool table, at least its new to the Medical Detachment Day Room, and we really do appreciate it. During the past week our front office was getting a furious going over in general appearance. With all that infernal pounding going on up there it's a wonder that our

AACS News

By Pvt. Milburn Divine
Freeman Field, this is Roger Queen, four five with a few tid bits of static about Wac versus the control tower, over...
A pilot called into the tower while in flight and asked the tower for permission to land and taxi on to the ramp, in order for the pilot and co-pilot to exchange places—the actual conversation

When it comes to cutting-in, Homer Grann certainly takes the cake. Bob Maldonado certainly put his opponents to shame in the manner in which he has been playing his game of basketball. Bill Uminski invites a girl to a dance and then loses here overcoat, nice goin' Bill. Who were the two girls that Cpl. Leo Clark and Bob Brooks were escorting the other night. Not bad, not bad, boys. John Kearney regrets that he could not live up to expectations. Perhaps, Bill Powell will do better. How about it Bill, you wouldn't let us down, would you Bill? Fred Mellett has been mighty good these last few days. What is up, Fred? Kal Takvorian just returned from furlough. He said that he hated to leave home because all the girls hated to see him go. Well, that's his story. Cpl. Herb Green says that he is off beer for life. What is the matter Herb, did you have too much the other night? I am told that Jim Ennis is keeping steady company these days. That is the boy, Jim nothing like settling down. Well folks, it is time for chow. Until next week, so long

1080th Squadron

Coincidence — A small world it is! Blondie Evans, one of our field representatives overseas, reports that after a harrowing experience (first time) in fog bound London, he was guided to safety by none other than Capt. Kearney. Evidently the day of miracles is not yet past.

Suggestion — Aside to our British Allies. Isn't there some way our boys can be reeled safely home? We're willing to lend lease five thousand miles of luminous string with the accompanying rods.

Sports — Our basketball team lost a gallantly fought game to the 467th last week. The football wife 467th with its multitude of hips and elbows was too much for our hard fighting stationary defense. The best play of the game was the left hook that sent number ten down for the count. The

command performance bellowing contest that was short waved overseas. Now you guys can rest easy — Crosby still is top man. Orchids — One of the men put it this way, "Let's go to the Freeman Restaurant," and by those very few words expressed the sentiment of the squadron. Congratulations to the Officers and men of the Mess Hall. Quote — S/Sgt. Siegel from overseas says, "I am learning to speak English. I expect to master it by the end of this decade."

WACs Works

SPRING IN THE SEAT
The new furniture for the day-room arrived in time—in time for the girls, known as the "Mumpsydaisies" to enjoy it. These "daisies" are the North Wac Shack inhabitants on the upper floor, who are restricted because one of the members has the mumps. They even eat on their own side of the dining room.

But the furniture—well. These are six soft blue flowered damask single-seaters, some with matching hassocks for your feet, and two blue and russet divans, which encase you and put you into the arms of morpheus when you sit on them.

CLIMBING WALLS NOW!
The bare walls in the Wac messhall around the serving table are going to be dressed. Pvt. Milburn Divine is going to aid Cpl. Jean O'Leary in decorating the bare walls—we know beforehand how attractive it will be, because when Jean does something "arty" she does it right.

STRIKE
Not only do the Wacs have a champion basketball team, but they have a keen interest in forming a bowling league. Last Tuesday night, the bowling alleys were given over to the "mumpsydaisies", and did they look good. Some of their stars are Pfc. Kivi-Jarvi, Cpl. Karwowski, Sgt. M. Williams and a score of others.

When the mumps go away, and peace is again with us, a beginners' bowling league will be formed with five girls playing at each alley, against each alley.

their admiration for us Freeman Wacs, while the Freeman Wacs thought quite a lot of their guests. **SWEETS TO THE ????**
"Say Mildred you have a package!"
"Do I? Oh boy."
Quick like a bunny, Cpl. Mildred Wolf ran into the dayroom to obtain it. Pvt. Edith Ashton, the mail clerk made her sign for it before she would give it to her. Must be something important.
Edith bent down, and came up with a beaten brown package, open at one end. Mildred hastily tore off the wrappings to find the bottom only—empty—of what must have been a heart shaped box of chocolates. They came from Milwaukee, and were sent by her father, so she knew it wasn't a gag. The question of the week, "What rodent ate the chocolates?"

NOTE ON THE LATRINE WALL
"Person—who left her sweater in the wash-room hanging on the nail—please communicate with Pvt. Nina Timchenko, who will retrieve it—also the 'valuable' contents (ed. note: a quarter, a dime, and some tobacco crumbs)." (signed) N. R. T.
P. S. Like a darn fool—I washed it!"
Good deal.

NOT BAD
"Look at that. Say, he's all right. Robert Taylor may be in the movies and the Navy, but give me the Air Force when they look like that!" thus howled the Wolverines of the Wac Detachment when Cpl. Demoville Delaney of the control tower, last week brought in a handsome aviator wearing a pair of wings to lunch at the Wac messhall.
"How did she get him? Did she pick him out of the sky?"
He's Lt. J. Kieth Greene of the Air Transport Command, who proudly wears the silver wings of the RAF on the right side of his shirt, and his American wings on the left side. He has seen three years of action with the RAF. He was just passing through Freeman, here for special business, when he met some of the tower girls, and asked them where the PX cafeteria was. They invited him to lunch, and all Lt. Greene could say was, "Real home cooking!"

wards haven't got their quota of Medics in convalescing. Or have they?

Words of welcome are in store again, this time for Major Walton Champion who joined our staff of Officers: this past week-end. He was assigned here from Maxwell Field, Ala. Welcome, Major, Welcome.

Glad to see you back, was the greeting on everyone's lips to none other than our own Lt. Charles Gohde, who just returned from a brief stay at Maxwell. Hope you enjoyed your trip, lieutenant.

I understand by way of the grape-vine that a certain sergeant, in NCO Barracks 29 is contemplating on moving to Ridgeview—"to get away from it all" . . . what's the matter Sarge, wasn't home ever like this???

It seems as every one is talking about the adventures of our Third Man, Pfc. Wyatt. It seems that last Saturday he went to town to get some varnish, at 4:30 Sgt. Hartstein had to go to town to get Wyatt and the varnish and at 8:30 to top it off, Sgt. Knows, our First Sergeant had to go in town and get Wyatt, Hartstein, and the varnish. If any one would have been at the information desk Saturday night about midnight they would have caught three fine looking soldiers coming from town with a pint of varnish. The moral is, that if a soldier goes after anything he can get it. Has anyone seen Jay Manshill walking around with the gleam in his eyes, isn't love grand? We just about forgot to mention our goat. Our menagerie now has an added attraction. Yes, believe it or not our animal lovers have added a goat to our fine owl and troop of show dogs. Poor Cpl. Reagan—since they built the cage around the information desk, he can't see the . . . ah . . . ah . . . people who go buy.

Speedy Gal Gives Sailors The Slip—but Not Judge
Hollywood (CNS) — Halted for speeding, Josephine Lee, a pretty 21-year-old hat check girl, had a good excuse. "I had to drive fast to keep sailors from climbing into my car," she told the judge who fined her \$30 anyway.

that ensued was thus:
Pilot—"Roger Queen four five from Blank, Blank, Blank, may we have permission to return to the ramp and change our seats?"
Wac Student Controller on duty—"Roger, Blank, Blank, Blank, you have permission to change your pants."

The control tower is such a noisy place, due to the fact that it stands by or keeps a listening watch on so many frequencies. In less technical terms, it's like working in a gold fish bowl on 65 foot stilts with the equivalent of eight radios tuned into different stations all at one time, and a busy telephone thrown in to boot. There are a couple of shifts that have solved the noise problem with the use of a sign language. For instance the supervisor spotting a ship that has no top recognition light puts his finger on top of his head and shakes his head from left to right. If the second ship on approach is too near the first ship, he holds up two fingers, like making a V for victory sign, which means the "second ship is too 'pull up and go around". These are just a couple of samples of a rather complete system worked out to solve the problem of being understood if not heard, also proves their "Yank" ingenuity.

When it's real hectic in the tower, flip your fingers over your lower lip, and the blurrp; blurrp sound means the controller is ready for section eight. Our C. O. says the tower noises sound like gremlins "sand" papering the antenna.

The AACs or "Army Airways Communication System" is now a service in its own right. Their new insignia is really a dilly. You can see one at the entrance to the control tower, just above the sign "no admittance without written permission" — friendly sounding isn't it? Despite the words, AACs is a friendly service that helps allies 'on the wing' all over the world.

Gum Chewing Worries London.
London (CNS) — A London over the spread of the American newspaper became so alarmed gum-chewing habit in England that it asked the Royal Anthropological Institute whether the habit would alter the British profile. The Institute replied that it would not.

Male Call

BASIC FIELD MANUAL
FURLOUGH NOMENCLATURE
(UNOFFICIAL)

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

SECURITY PATROL
FIRE POWER
PAY VOUCHER
CHEMICAL WARFARE
AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT
LOCAL PARTISAN GUERRILLA

Rear Echelon Don Juan

ORDERLY RETREAT
FINE and TENNER — It takes five minutes to get acquainted and ten years to get rid of her. FANK IT, YANK!



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Gettin' In Stride--

The Freeman-nets are warming up at the Post Gym for their torrid schedule of basketball. After winning their first game recently 21 George Field, the Wacs have challenged every Wac team in the Eastern Flying Training Command—and are waiting for the "comers." Their next big game will be right here Feb. 28, when they meet the Great Field team. Eyeing the ball, from left to right, are: Pfc. Betty Lee, Wac Band the Ball, Cpl. Mary Kurwowski (captain), and two guards superior, Cpl. Nora Fields and Pfc. Elizabeth Fields.

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Teams Meet for Loop Crown Monday; 466th Upsets Flight A in Play-Off

Franklin College Measures Freeman With 49-45 Rule

The gromlin which has been following the Yellowjacks around all season was sitting on the baskets Tuesday night, Feb. 15. He was astride each basket and putting in "impossible" shots for the Franklin College quintet, and pushing them out whenever Freeman made a bid. This was the only apparent reason for a score of 49 to 45, in a game which Freeman should have won.

An inspired Freeman team, sparked by Cecil Davis who scored 23 points by himself in a defensive game, used every trick in the bag, but just couldn't seem to make the grade. The Yellowjacks had the end-zone sewed up tighter than a drum, shone on the defense and even had the referees on their side, but were only able to make a bid in the third quarter when they moved ahead for a few minutes of play.

The man with the big smile who has been beaming all over the field this week is none other than Capt. Russell A. Wenzel the "bissman" of the 466th. And the captain is right proud of his boys—especially his basketball team. The 466th walked into a game last Monday night rated as the under-dogs against the 35A powerhouse, scrambled around a bit and came out on top of the heap, 33-23.

Over-confidence on the part of Flight "A" and some "heads up" ball playing by the 466th was responsible for the ten point margin amassed by the winners. Flight "A" is made up of some of the big guns in the field loop world—Davis, Davis and Joesy—but names didn't faze the 466th.

In the first quarter the scoreboard read nine to ten in favor of Flight "A." At the half, "A" still maintained a one point lead, 17-16, but in the third quarter the 466th won the ball game scoring seven points to their rival's two. At the whistle ending the third the tally was 19 to 23 in favor of the 466th. Officials for the game were Capt. James S. Boggs and Lt. Joseph D. Shepherd.

	FG	FT	TP
Sverard	3	1	13
Wills	3	1	7
Newby	3	0	6
Ribbes	3	0	4
Ragusa	3	0	1
Total	14	2	31

	FG	FT	TP
Davis, J.	0	0	4
Joey	0	0	2
Davis, C.	0	0	4
McGuire	0	0	4
Mulhall	0	0	6
Total	0	0	20

In the second game of the evening the 467th stamped all over another of the 35th's fights—this one was Flight "D." The losers put up a game battle but were outclassed all the way by the men of the 467th who were really gunning to meet their arch rivals, the 466th, in the semi-finals. Officials in this contest were Capt. Chester Brooks and Lt. John Olson, Jr.

	FG	FT	TP
Votel	3	1	7
Weller	1	0	2
Saldonado	0	0	12
Shier	2	0	4
Smitherton	2	0	4
Total	13	1	33

	FG	FT	TP
Oca	3	0	7
Davis	1	0	3
Senle	1	0	3
Marasillo	2	1	3
Masteron	1	0	3
Total	12	1	26

Baseball Outlook For 1944 Bright Opines Bill Stern

New York, Feb. 18—What are the prospects for baseball in the coming season, now that the armed services are taking married men with children?

Opinions are varied, not only from the man on the street but among big league owners themselves. Bill Stern, NBC Director of Sports, not only believes that the big leagues will again operate but that one or two class AA minor organizations which did not operate last season will resume this Spring.

Stern believes that, although there will be a serious shortage of ball players throughout the country, the major and some minor leagues will be able to operate by using men in 4F classification, players who are over the age limit, youths under 18 and players who have been discharged from the armed services.

Let's Shine, Bend Down Sister And Wac Working Day Starts In

Bells ringing in the blackness of the barracks. A whimper in the darkness, a sigh, snoring, groans— It's 5:30 a. m. in the Wac barracks, and the working day is beginning for some.

By some is meant the KP's who are getting dressed in the nebulous atmosphere of the barracks.

"Hey, Jennie, ready to go?" "What's your hurry, you eager beaver, the grease trap will wait!"

"Boy, Jen, you certainly get up grouchy these mornings. Let's go."

Off they go into the pitch black yonder and the day starts for the other women. Alarm clocks screaming the fact that it's 6 a. m.—time to "rise and shine". That's what the P. T. instructor "softly" yells as she gives individual service and rouses recalcitrant souls.

"Come on you gals, get up!" Nobody moves.

"All right, if you won't get up—I'll—so you won't get up."

A moment later, women silently slip out of bed. Some hop down gracefully, from the upper beds of the double-deckers—some not so gracefully.

Why? What is this power that prods them out when so short a time before they were extremely reluctant and even stubborn about the whole thing?

Eager Beavers for PT

Not another word has been said—is it mental telepathy? Is it some strong driving force within? Have they suddenly visualized the WAC Circular Letter No. 7, which says in effect: "You'll take three hours of P. T. a week?"

Or is it just the fact that there's a silent figure standing at the rear of the barracks. A figure clothed in overcoat, wearing a crisply starched shirt, a tie, a skirt, a blouse, shined shoes, lipstick, and twinkling silver bars!

Why the change of scene? A Wac snug in her cozy bed, turns to get more comfortable, and happens to open one eye at the moment. She sees the uniformed figure. She flings herself out of bed, bends down and pokes her neighbor unostentatiously, but nevertheless so that it is felt. She says but two words—"She's here!"

"Who?"

"Lt. Riley."

Hopping briskly to the top of a footlocker, the instructor begins. "To a stride standing po-

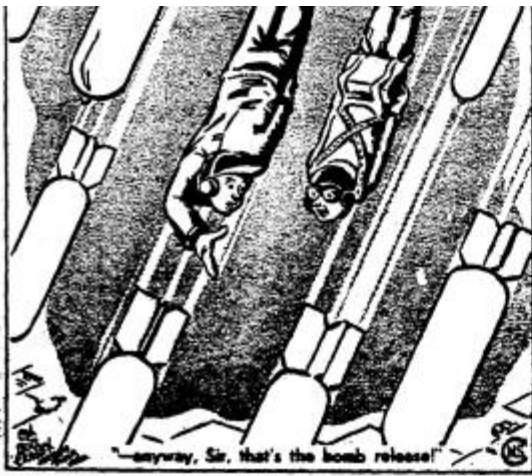
Here's How Things Stand

This is the way the things shape up in the inter-squadron basketball games which reach the climax tonight as four teams battle it out for place in the championship game. The winners tonight will meet at 8:30 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 21, in the gym.

466th.....	466th
35A.....	467th
35D.....	
467th.....	
Ordnance	Ordnance
1080th.....	

The Wolf by Sansone





problems, do not hesitate to ask for aid and advice in making your return. It is suggested, however, that you apply for this aid and advice at the earliest opportunity so that as many taxpayers as possible might be accommodated.

Two Wacs Save Third From Death By Burns

London (CNS)—Two Wacs saved the life of a third here recently when her clothes caught fire while she was undressing in quarters shared by the trio.

Severely burned by an electric heater was Capt. Selma Herbert, of New York. Credited with saving her life were Capt. Frances Sue Cornick, of Norfolk, Va., and Capt. Henriette Horak, of San Francisco, who threw a towel over Capt. Herbert's head, saving her face and shoulder from burns.

member of either family eligible to participate in World War II. Her great-grandfather Milburn was an officer under Mad Anthony Wayne in the Revolutionary War, while her great grandfather Divine was an Army doctor in the same war. Grandfather, Capt. W. E. F. Milburn, at 17 years of age, was a member of the Union Army, and grandfather, Dr. W. N. Divine was a surgeon in the Medical Corps of the Union Army. Her father, Major Paul E. Divine, deceased, fought in the Spanish-American War and was a reserve officer in World War I.

Although Pvt. Divine's mother, Mrs. Lulu Divine, Johnson City, Tenn., hasn't been able to serve as a member of the armed service, she has done her part for her countrymen. She is believed to have been the first woman postmistress of a first class postoffice.

finds that the course she took in pre-WAC days at the Airway Traffic Control School of CAA at Candler Field, Ga., is a great help in learning the "Army way". In addition to this school, she has attended East Tennessee State college for three years and then completed a two-year art course at William and Mary college.

"Humpty Dumpty"

(Continued from page one)
LIET—Only magic act of its kind in the world. JOYCE WILLIAMS—Fiesta Dancer. CHARLIE MASTER—Comedy drummer. SHARON CLARK,—singer. CHARLES RUDDY—Pianist and musical conductor. HARRY ROSE—M. C. and comedy act and the ABDOLLAH GIRLS.

Buy More War Bonds

Triple Threat

Angel Casey qualifies on three counts. A former book critic, she's also one of NBC's best actresses. As for her third claim to fame—as a sweater girl—we'll let you judge for yourself. Now who'll be the first GI to vote her "The Girl I'd Like to Read My Book To?"



USO Sponsors Camera Group Monday Nights

Always on the lookout for new foibles in entertainment, the USO club in Seymour announces the latest development in streamlined soldier education.

A group of men from the Brownstown Camera Club have offered their services to Mr. Bramwell Lundgren, director of the service men's recreation center, and will hold classes on photography each Monday night at eight o'clock. The purpose of the classes is to instruct and entertain enlisted men and women with the tricks of photography, from beginner methods all the way through advanced techniques. They wish to create interest in the hobby, and plan to sponsor contests and feed the inventive inclinations of embryo photogs.

Comprehensive Course.

Discussion classes will be part of the program and will cover procedures of setting up shots and developing them in a sure "professional" manner. Equipment will be available through the courtesy of the club, and will be loaned to those who do not have their own cameras. They will supply film, developing trays and chemicals.

These men from neighboring Brownstown are organizing the club to keep alive the spirit of photography while many of their own members are away in the service. Next Monday night, February 21, will feature a series of slides showing actual processes in the development of film.

The darkroom on the upper floor of the USO building is available at all times to the new members, and any other men who find themselves in town with spare time.

Mr. Lundgren urges all to attend. "There is plenty of room," he says, "I even intend to go to classes myself, and see what its all about."

One man Nazi Division.

Moscow (CNS)—"Where is your division?" Red Army intelligence officers asked a captured German

Gag Makes WASP Flyers Cpl., Sharpens their Sting

The instrument board had its laugh of the week when "Special Orders" No. 900 was issued one day last week. The board, in recognition of the splendid work performed by the two recent WASP arrivals, decided to reward the civilian women flyers, by promoting them from Pvts. to Cpls. Of course a formal document had to be drawn up, so fun-loving Capt. James "Woody" Fuller and his cohort-in-mischief-twinkles, Lt. Berl E. Lightfoot of the Instrument School, got to work, and did it to the letter of perfection as required by the AR.

One slight deviation from formality was indulged by Lt. Lightfoot when he signed the orders as "Honorary Colonel." However, he explained that by saying "Dahn South we ah all Cannels." The (GA) stands for his home state Georgia.

Following is an exact draft of the precious document:
DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING
ARMY AIR FORCES PILOT SCHOOL (ADVANCED 2 ENGINE)
FREEMAN FIELD
Seymour, Indiana

February 11, 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NO. 900)
1. Under the provisions of AR 6015-5 and upon the recommendations of their orgns commanders the following named EM orgns indicated are promoted to grades indicated eff this date. Apmts honorary.

To be Corporal

Pvt. #15349-40) Joslene (NMI) Snodgrass
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Wac Pants Fly At Front

A Fifth Army Bivouac Area, Italy, Jan. 31 — Twenty-three Wacs, moved into this bivouac area today, only a few miles behind the front, and before night fell, panties were flying from an improvised clothes line.

The lack of clotheslines was the first shortage the girls mentioned on their arrival. They are the first Wacs to have been posted in the field, or stationed so close to a battlefield.

The women rigged up their own lines after borrowing several rolls of white tape which the engineers use to mark off minefields.

Thinking that the white tape would be especially appropriate because their area is strictly off-bounds for the scores of GIs who stood at a distance gazing fascinated at the girls and their

"Mental Stimulation"

Mess Hall No. 1 is not content with its new paint job and alteration. Wondering glances have followed the walls all week as day by day small sections of the walls take on freshly applied slogans.

With painstaking care a sign painter has been clambering along the spaces under and around the windows, putting up catchy phrases in red and gray colors. "Think" is the most prevalent one, in large square letters. Another is, "What do you say fellows, let's keep it clean." Above the serving lines, are the familiar, "Take only what you can eat", reminders.

T/S Virginia Sanderlin of Norfolk, Va., who explained that she was in charge of such chores and the Wacs would take care of themselves.

Dead Eye Dick Plugs At Pigeons And Bulls Eyes

Do you remember how the hero of the western novels used to be able to put a hole through a nickle at fifty paces? Well, here at Freeman Field we have a man who could do that too if it weren't for the fact that the Army doesn't hold with the mutilation of legal tender. Instead he confines himself to putting .45 calibre slugs thru the black portion of the target on the firing range and blasting clay pigeons out of the sky on the skeet range.

The local version of "Dead-Eye Dick" is S/Sgt. Ralph Dillard of Flight "D", 35th Group, who emerged as top man on the field in the recent qualification courses fired on the pistol range. His score was 402 out of a possible

one class for each flight and the men were given a five day course in all phases handling the .45 calibre automatic pistol. Description, general data, drift, velocity, penetration and trajectory were discussed. Each of the men was required to field strip the pistol and name each part correctly. The major portion of another classroom period was taken up in the use of the sighting bar, proper positions for firing and also "dry" firing.

That the men benefitted from this course evidenced by the results on the range. Men who had never held a weapon in their hands before that time were able

ble 450 or 89 1/2 per cent. As if that wasn't enough, Dillard, who is the non-com in charge of the skeet range, has recorded a consistent score of 24 out of 25 pigeons with the shotgun. His prowess with the .30 calibre Springfield rifle is reputed to be something that would make even Sgt. York turn green with envy.

They're All Experts.

But Dillard isn't the only one in his outfit who can handle the Colt automatic effectively. Flight "B" and "C" of the 35th Group qualified 56 and 55 per cent of their men, respectively. No small part of this excellent record was due to the pistol familiarization course conducted by F/Sgt. John D. Wooldridge. Sergeant Wooldridge set up classes for twenty men,

to go out and give a good account of themselves.

soldier. "Right here," the captive replied sadly, "I'm it!"

clothes-line, the Wacs went right ahead and hoisted them up.

"I don't get it, but isn't it wonderful?" murmured Pvt. Joe Haas of Philadelphia.

Several soldiers quickly volunteered to gather wood for the Wac's tent stoves, but they were given a fast brush-off by Wac.

Cmdr. Fairbanks Cited.
Washington—(CNS)—Lt. Comdr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., former movie star, has been awarded the Silver Star for "outstanding service during action at Salerno," the War Department has announced.

AT THE POST THEATRE

Saturday, Feb. 19—TIMBER QUEEN with Richard Arlen, Mary Beth Hughes and June Havoc—**BEAUTY BUT BROKE** with John Hubbard and Joan Davis.

Sunday and Monday, Feb. 20 and 21—MADAME CURIE with Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon—**RKO Pathe News.**

Tuesday, Feb. 22—RACKET MAN with John Neal and Jeanne Bates—**Color Cartoon.**

Wednesday, Feb. 23—CONEY ISLAND with Betty Grable, George Montgomery, Cesar Romero and Charles Winninger—**Pop-eye Cartoon.**

Thursday and Friday, Feb. 24 and 25—STANDING ROOM ONLY with Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard and Roland Young—**Army, Navy Screen Magazine—RKO Pathe News.**

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