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Five Weeks Added To Flying Training Program

Measure Taken Because "Army Reservoir of Pilots Is Filled"

Students in the Eastern Flying Training Command pilot schools will be retained in the phases of training in which they are currently engaged for an additional five weeks commencing Oct. 16, it was announced last Monday by Brig. Gen. William S. Gravely, commanding general.

Local announcement of the five-week extension period was made by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field, when he read a letter from Lt. Gen. B. K. Yount, commanding general of the AAF Training Command, to members of classes 44 I and J and all members of the pre-aviation cadet group assembled in the post gymnasium.

The announcement stressed that the additional training period will be used to the fullest advantage to "polish" the flying ability of the students.

Major Robert J. DuChaine, deputy for training and operations, and Capt. James W. Fuller, director of flying, also addressed the group and urged the men not to relax or "let down" in following the high training standards established on the field.

By this action, graduation ceremonies in which advanced students get their wings and appointment (Continued on page 3, col. 4)

New CO of Medics Was Enlisted Man In South Pacific

"The most difficult thing a soldier has to fight in the South Pacific is loneliness—it was lonely like mad in that tropical hob, but still we always had the feeling of making a direct contribution in this war," said Lt. Irwin Wexner, new commanding officer of the Medical Detachment and convalescent training officer.

Lt. Wexner, who was a sergeant in charge of the sick and wounded office of an evacuation hospital on a small island near Guadal-



Lt. Irwin Wexner

canal for one year, adds that although the life and sights were really rough, the men stationed on these islands know and feel that they are "really in it."

One of the most interesting cases he remembers was the "removal of a 20 mm shell from a sailor's gut. Rugged it was."

Adventure did not stop for him when he received orders to come back to the states for M. A. C. Officer Candidate School. For the convoy that he was on

Major Tyminski Awards Mother; Knows Her Son

O'Hara was just another good Irish name to Maj. Edward F. Tyminski, commandant of students at Freeman Field, until last Sunday afternoon, when he was sent to Bicknell, Ill., to award an Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

He pinned the medal on Mrs. Icy N. O'Hara, whose son, Lt. Irvin G. O'Hara, a navigator on a Flying Fortress, is a prisoner of war in the European theater. As he bent over to pin the medal on her dress she asked the major, "Do you know my son?"

He thought for a moment and answered slowly, "No, I don't think I do," wondering why she asked.

She then told him that his name—even his initials, too, were on some of her son's papers. Papers which he had sent

Girls, Girls, Girls--- That's what you'll be seeing at the Service Club this Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p. m. when Belle's Sharps and Flats, the all-star orchestra shown below, take over the bandstand. And just to make sure that all your attention will be focused only on the belles in the orchestra, the Service Club hostess has invited fifty of the finest girls from Indianapolis to come down and act as dancing partners for all you GI's.



Freeman on Air Next Thursday

The national spotlight will center on Freeman Field next Thursday when Major Bowes will stage his advanced flying training program during his regular coast-to-coast radio broadcast from New York.

The special program will be broadcast by all United Stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System and may be heard over WIBC, Indianapolis, at 8 p. m. on the "War Time" program.

The special music will pay respects to Col. E. T. Rundquist and his command, and as a special feature the program will present the winners in Freeman Field's recent talent competition. Clyde W. Bagley of Sec. F, who stopped a packed theater at the final tryouts here last week with his rich baritone rendition of "Tramp, Tramp," will headline the trio of local

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Seeing Red

Those many to whom a fire truck isn't a fire truck unless it's red will welcome a new army order re-establishing red as the official color for GI fire-fighting equipment.

Already six of Freeman Field's eight trucks and water wagon have donned the new color and in short time all nine pieces will be easily discernable from other army rolling stock.

Conventional red was originally the official color, according to Fire Chief Jesse Hutsell, but recently all apparatus has been the familiar GI olive drab.

The painting is being done by Harry Grider and newly promoted S/Sgt. Reece Stowe under the supervision of Capt. George Spies, post ordnance officer.

Stripe Sewers Get Busy, Many Upped

Four officers donned their silver bars and 57 enlisted men and women sewed on new stripes here last week. The four lucky shavers were: Lts. Preston G. Anglin, post administrative inspector, who holds a permanent rank of master sergeant in the regular Army, and three flying instructors, Lloyd O. Peterson, Wesley E. Sande and William J. Schwarz.

To T/Sgt. went: Kenyon M. Reece, and Martin A. Farraker of Section A, Erle H. Clemence Unit Headquarters, Calvin R. Moul Section B.

To S/Sgt. Paul M. Zipprich, Robert E. Cadenhead of Section A, and James F. O'Neill of Section C.

To Sgt. Eddie Najjar Section B, Malcolm M. McCrady, and (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

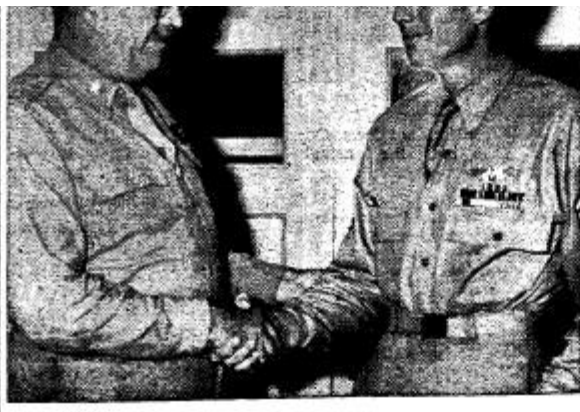
Old Friends Meet--

when S/Sgt. Ralph Dillard and Major Norman Woods, his former CO, shake hands in front of headquarters here. Sgt. Dillard who left Freeman five months ago for overseas duty, returns a hero with a chest full of ribbons, and a rebuilt face. He had nine combat missions as a nose gunner in a Liberator in the European Theater. See story on page 2.



Mending Service

...ered At Service Club
 The advent of autumn and the
 of the OD uniform this
 also heralded the return of
 Red Cross ladies to the Service
 Club on Wednesday afternoons.
 In the absence of several
 the women voluntarily set
 up again to aid Freeman
 personnel with their
 problems. They will be at
 Service Club from 2 to 4 p. m.
 Wednesday afternoon to
 to stripes, replace a button
 to minor repair work on uni-
 The service is absolutely free
 all men and women on the
 are urged to take advantage



was just 24 hours behind the one
 which became a part of the Coral
 Sea Battle. "We were thankful
 to be out of gunshot, if not out
 of earshot of the battle. We
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Special Peace Mass Will Be Held on Wednesdays

A special mass offering prayers for peace will be held every Wednesday night at 7 p. m. in Chapel No. 2.
 Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire has been saying the prayers after each mass on Sundays but this week set aside a special night in the week to invoke the attention of God to our desires for an early and just peace.

ner from Seaman field where he had trained.
 She showed the operational orders for cross countries, which were issued Lt. O'Hara when he was a cadet at Selman back in the spring of 1943, at which time Maj. Tyminski was post operations officer at Selman. Maj. Tyminski saw his name on them.
 Thinking back, he did recall the man. When he saw Lt. O'Hara's picture he remembered him. He also remembered that he had been the only instructor at that time at Selman giving instruction on crash landings, high altitude flying and parachute jumping — instructions which may have saved the lieutenant's life in combat.

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THE CHAPLAIN CHATS

CHAPLAIN HENDERSON

Two people have sent me the following poem within one week. One copy came from England and the other from Massachusetts. It spoke so well my convictions that I felt I must pass it on to all who read this column. This bit of faith, written in combat, was found on the body of an American boy killed in action.

WITH A FRIEND

"Look God, I have never spoken to You,
 But now I want to say "How do You do?"
 You see, God, they told me You didn't exist,
 And like a fool I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw Your sky

Sgt. Ralph Dillard Back Home A Hero After Five Months

With the DFC, Purple Heart, Air Medal, North African campaign, American Theater, Before Pearl Harbor and the Good Conduct Ribbons over his left pocket and the Presidential Citation over his right pocket, S/Sgt. Ralph Dillard, formerly in charge of the skeet range here, returned to Freeman to say "hello" last week after five months overseas.

He left Freeman last April for a P.O.E., spent a month there qualifying in every weapon, and from there he went to Italy, where he applied for aerial gunnery.

In his months overseas, he actually saw ten combat days during which he was B-24 nose gunner on nine combat missions. On the ninth mission things got very hot for him, when a shell burst in front of the nose turret. "If it hadn't been for the armor plate and bullet proof glass around me I wouldn't be here now, for they stopped most of the fragments. My face was pretty chewed up though," he added. "I want you to be sure and tell everybody how great the medics are. In the five weeks that I was in a hospital in Italy, they rebuilt my whole face, and put a new cornea in each one of my eyes. At first I thought I'd be blind—but the doctors restored the sight of my right eye, and I can see partially out of my left."

After seeing his old buddies, Major Norman Wood, his former

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And figured then they had told a lie.
 Had I taken time to see things You made
 I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand.
 Somehow I feel You will understand.
 Funny I had to come this hellish place
 Before I had time to see Your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say
 But I'm sure glad, God, that I met You today.
 I guess the zero hour will soon be here
 But I'm not afraid since I know You're near.

There's the signal—I've got to go . . .
 I like You lots, I want you to know . . .
 Look now, this will be a horrible fight,
 Who knows? I may come to Your House tonight?

Though I wasn't friendly to You before,
 I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your Door?
 Look, I'm crying—me!—shedding tears!
 I wish I had known You these many years.

Well, I have to go now, God, goodbye . . .
 Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid to die."

Many would not call this poetry, but I believe it rates with the greatest poems ever written. As an expression of simple faith, in the language of a real American soldier, it is an example of courage and conviction to us all. And we know that this brave man on whose body the poem was found is in His Father's House and that God met him at the door.

Why Buy War Bonds

You hear people talking about when the war is going to be over. Everybody's guess is different and runs from three months to three years.

The war is not going to be over when our boys march through the streets of Berlin and Tokyo. That is only the day we celebrate. That is the day we go on parade. Following the parade we have 11,000,000 men in uniform starting down the street looking for jobs, and with them will be millions of war workers. When it comes to people looking for work they all look alike.

The Series E War Bond is the only financial effort made in the history of the world to lick a depression before it starts. Whether or not there are jobs for all of us, whether there are jobs for the boys coming home is absolutely dependent on whether or not the people of America have any money to buy things that are worn out. After the last war we had a depression—not because the banks didn't have money, not because the government didn't have money, but because the people of America didn't have money in their pockets.

You and I are crusaders. We are fighters of depression. This war will not be over until every man and woman in America is settled down and living a normal life. You and I are fighting that battle.

Chicago (CNS) — A couple of Bing Crosby fans broke into a music store and stole 300 recordings of Crosby's version of "L'Amour Toujours L'Amour."

Boston (CNS) — Thieves broke into a local tavern, stole 25 cases of liquor, then carted it off in a hearse they stole from a South Boston funeral parlor.

commanding officer, and Col. E. T. Rundquist; Sgt. Dillard got a cross-country to Texas, his home, where he plans to spend a thirty day furlough. After this, he expects to be sent to a rest camp.

G. I. Confucius Say.

The Lord gave us two ends to use, one to think with, one to sit with, the War depends on which we use, heads we win, tails we lose.



HOW COME THE

By PROGNOSTICATOR

Terrific fighting is going on all along the Siegfried Line from Belfort in the south to near Arnhem in the south. This line-in-depth has been pierced in at least four places but to date the Nazis have assembled enough strength at these dangerous points to prevent the allies from exploiting these breakthroughs. It has become a battle of attrition with the Germans less able to stand the terrific manpower and material losses involved.

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In China the news is bad for us

Freeman On Air

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band. The delegation will leave here Monday, arriving in the Big City Tuesday night. Prepaid accommodations will await them at Gotham's finest hotels and in addition each will receive \$5 per day rations as well as a \$50 cash bonus.

They will meet with Major Bowes at 9:45 a. m. Wednesday at which time the program will be rehearsed in its final form. On Friday, following the actual broadcast, they will start on the return trip.

In a letter received this week by Col. Rundquist, Arnold S. Ritzenberg, Major Bowes' advance representative who made preliminary arrangements for the try-outs here, expressed thanks for the cooperation extended their organization by the enlisted personnel and officers of Freeman Field.

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Interest Runs High As Bowling Alleys Open

One Champ Set As Golf Series Reaches Climax

One champion was named and no others will be determined by next week as competition reached the decisive stage this week in Freeman's Open Golf Tournament.

Crowned champion in the third flight was Maj. Marcus E. Miller, dental surgeon, who sewed up honors last Friday with a 5 and 4 rout of Lt. John Sanford, flying officer.

One semi-finals match remained to be played in the championship flight, with Capt. Stainton slated to meet Lt. Waterman, whose sparkling last round 72 recently won for him the Seymour Country Club title. The winner will oppose Lt. Stanley Walker, commander of Sgt. John Gaudaskas, the enlisted hope.

Three matches were played in the second flight. Maj. DuChaine and Lt. Terrell opened their bids for the title with victories over Capt. Davis and Lt. McCormick, respectively, while Lt. Knothe gained the finals by a close squeak over Capt. Mosley.

The Knothe-Mosley dogfight was the best match of the tournament to date, with the winner being decided on the last hole. Lt. Knothe will engage the winner of DuChaine-Terrell for the championship.

Band Aids Fayetteville Achieve \$1900 Quota

The 79th AAF Band led by F.O. Mitchel Chetel last Friday night helped the citizens of Fayetteville, Ind., oversubscribe a \$1900 quota for the purchase of an ambulance, by playing a one hour concert in the high school gymnasium at that city.

Described by band members as one of the most appreciative audiences they had ever appeared before, the people of Fayetteville loosened their purse strings to the tune of \$2250 to purchase the ambulance which is to be presented to the American Red Cross.

After the concert, members of the band were guests of the Home Economics department of the high school, and enjoyed a chicken dinner.

Bedford Dance

Bus transportation will be provided 40 GI's who wish to attend the dance in Bedford, Ind., tomorrow night.

The bus will leave the Service Club at 7:15 p. m. Saturday night. All those who wish to attend the dance may contact Mrs. Alex Kramer, Service Club hostess, before that time.

One can envy a chiropractor. He gets paid for what others get stepped.

Low Scorer--- and third flight golf champ is Maj. Marcus E. Miller (right), dental surgeon at the station hospital. He recently defeated Lt. John Sanford (left), flying officer, five up and four to go in Freeman's Open Golf Tournament which is still raging. Champions of the other flights will be determined by next week.



WACs Works

RETURNERS

Welcome back to Lt. Gladys E. Gette, from Maxwell Fields' C & B School. Her new job is adjutant, mess and supply officer of the WAC Section. She formerly was assistant War Room officer here. Another returnee is Sgt. Amelia Mancuso, mess sergeant, who was on recruiting duty for many a month.

THIMBLE WEARERS

And new stripe sewer-owners are the lucky quartet of new corporals, Una Parker, of the Helicopter Section, Virginia Kerth, dispatcher in Post Operations, Maria Della Vecchia, first cook in the WAC mess, and Ann Clark, of S-4. Congratulations.

HEAVE-HO

The basketball team is in its formulative stage, with the Roger Queens most eager to play. Of the tower girls, many have voiced their anxiety to be on the Freeman-nets, the Wac basketball

team. Pfc. Frances Blackwell, Mary Tymchyn, Carrie Bishop, Helen Johnson, are among the embryonics. In addition, there are the old stand-bys of Pvts. Tex Brooks, Evelyn Johnson, Cpl. Ski Karwowski, Pfc. Elsie Kivijarvi, Cpls' Betty Lee, Virginia Kerth, Pfc. Florence Pawlak and many others.

LOVELIES

Pictured this week as Freeman's finest, examples of the prettiest and most typical Wacs in EFTC in and "Training News" were, Pfc. Eve Everett and Frances Blackwell and Lt. Verena Simpson. The paper brought out the fact that although Freeman was in the north we picked two southern belles, Blackwell from North Carolina and Everett from Missouri. A-hem. Our information tells us that history books say that Missouri did not secede from the Union during the Civil War — they did guerrilla fighting, some for the south and some fighting for the north. Thus it would not be journalistically correct to call Everett a southerner. Wanna fight?

Enlisted Men to Inaugurate League Competition Monday

The familiar rattle of hardwood which sends a thrill racing up and down the spine of every true bowler, resounded again at Freeman Field this week as the bowling alleys near the Post Exchange flung open wide its doors for the 1944-45 season.

Undefeated!

It's an undefeated season for Freeman's tennis titans!

The Superbombers kept their perfect record intact as uncertain weather brought about the cancellation of their return match last week-end with the Meridian Hills Tennis Club of Indianapolis.

In their first meeting, Freeman defeated the Indianapolis club handily. The season's record also included a 5-4 triumph over the strong Purdue team, two wins over the Louisville Boat Club and a pair of victories over the Pastime Tennis Club of the same city.

Tourney Table Tennis Entries Close Tuesday

Entries must be received by next Tuesday to be eligible for the Enlisted Men's and Officers' Table Tennis Tournaments to be contested soon, Lt. Lewis Hillely, post athletic and recreation officer, reminded this week.

Meanwhile, plans are going forward for the organization of both enlisted men's and officers' teams which will engage in outside competition.

Tentative arrangements have already been made for officers' matches with Indianapolis teams at the Officers' Club on party nights. Enlisted men's matches will be scheduled for the Service Club.

Cadet Training

Continued from page one) ments as flight officers or second lieutenants, are postponed from Oct. 16 to Nov. 20.

The War Department announcement from Washington, D. C., said that the temporary retention in phase was directed by the Army Air Force Headquarters "because the Army's reservoir of pilots is filled." The announcement emphasized the fact that the five-week limit set for the period of additional training was based on a continuing war with Germany, and that, in the event Germany is defeated during the interim, the situation will be reviewed again.

The directive applies only to undergraduates in pilot training. It does not apply to bombardier and navigator training, nor to training programs for Air Transport Command, foreign and women pilots.

Veterans of last year, straining at the gate and eager to try muscles which for long months had been in idleness, reported the alleys in excellent shape for the winter wars after getting in their first licks at the game Wednesday and last night.

First group to inaugurate league competition will be the enlisted men who will open their schedule Monday at 7 p. m. with Sec. A meeting Sec. B and C-1 locking horns with C-2.

Remaining league entries, with the exception of Pac 6, will see first action on Friday when Sec. E is scheduled to meet Pac 5 and C-3 will test the all-star Wacs of Sec. D, who will attempt to match strikes and spars with the enlisted men this season. Friday league matches will be contested from 6-8 p. m. as the hours from 8-10 have been set aside for family bowling.

In addition, the Wacs will maintain a four-team league of their own which will hold forth at the alleys Thursdays from 7-9 p. m. A colored (Sec. F) league will function Tuesdays between the same hours, while the Officers' Bowling League will complete Wednesday nights. Saturday evenings will be reserved for post team matches and open play.

The complete enlisted men's schedule follows:

- Monday, October 9
 - Sec. A vs. Sec. B, 7-9 p. m.
 - Sec. C-1 vs. Sec. C-2, 4-9 p. m.
- Friday, October 13
 - Sec. C-3 vs. Sec. D, 6-8 p. m.
 - Sec. E vs. Pac 5, 6-8 p. m.
- Monday, October 16
 - Sec. A vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. C-1 vs. Sec. C-3
- Friday, October 20
 - Sec. E vs. Sec. D
 - Sec. C-2 vs. Pac 5
- Monday, October 23
 - Sec. B vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. A vs. Sec. D
- Friday, October 27
 - Sec. C-2 vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. C-1 vs. Sec. E
- Monday, October 30
 - Sec. C-1 vs. Sec. D
 - Sec. A vs. Sec. C-3
- Friday, November 3
 - Sec. B vs. Sec. E
 - Pac 5 vs. Pac 6
- Monday, November 6
 - Sec. A vs. Sec. C-2
 - Sec. E vs. Sec. C-3
- Friday, November 10
 - Sec. B vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. D vs. Pac 5
- Monday, November 13
 - Sec. E vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. C-3 vs. Sec. 5
- Friday, November 17
 - Sec. B vs. Sec. C-1
 - Sec. C-2 vs. Sec. D
- Monday, November 20
 - Sec. A vs. Sec. C-3
 - Sec. B vs. Sec. C-2
- Friday, November 24
 - Pac 5 vs. Sec. C-1
 - Pac 6 vs. Sec. C-3
- Monday, November 27
 - Sec. D vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. B vs. Sec. C-3
- Friday, December 1
 - Sec. A vs. Sec. C-1
 - Sec. E vs. Sec. C-2
- Monday, December 4
 - Sec. A vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. B vs. Sec. D
- Friday, December 8
 - Sec. C-1 vs. Pac 6
 - Sec. C-3 vs. Sec. C-3

Male Call

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

Dry Run - But All Under-water Shots



...will soon learn of his experiences when he goes back on duty there.

Maybe we have told you before but here goes again. Our illustrious shoe repair chief S/Sgt. Gross has finally tied the knot. Congratulations Sgt. and, "where are the cigars?"

S/Sgt. Fiedler is stepping high wide, and handsome now with two girl friends at once.

Saturday, October 7—A WAVE, A WAC, AND A MARINE with Sally Eilers, Elyse Knox, Richard Lane; also ONE MYSTERIOUS NIGHT with Chester Morris, Junis Carter, George E. Stone.

Sunday and Monday, October 8 and 9—THE MERRY MONAHANS with Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan and Jack Oakie; also K-9 Kadets, RKO-Pathé News.

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 10 and 11—SWEET AND LOW DOWN with Linda Darnell, Jack Oakie, Benny Goodman and Orchestra; also Army-Navy Screen Magazine, Issue No. 36.

Thursday and Friday, October 12 and 13—OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY with Diana Lynn, Gail Russell, Charles Ruggles; also Army-Navy Screen Magazine, Issue No. 37.

Edward Langlais has become en-

The Wolf

by Sansone

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... but I do not see Meesky Mouse!

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