



Strother Field Forwards Victory

Out west on the plains of Kansas, deep in the heart of the wheat country has been established a network of the Armed Forces. A vast area that once consisted of plains, prairies, wheat fields and homesteads has now been cultivated for the use of the government's Air Bases.

Here has been established Strother Air Field with men from all parts of the country, as mechanics and fliers, clerks and other specialists—all organized to give again to the world the peace and safety for which our ancestors so valiantly fought.

It is a national emergency that exists and one that requires the cooperation of every American citizen. As Strother Field moves toward victory over the Axis powers, emphasis is given to the important job of the Army Air Forces.

Heading the personnel of Strother Field is Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, a man of high military bearing and intelligence, who holds the position of Post Commander. Colonel Carroll, long experienced in the operation of military posts and training units, has the assistance of an efficient staff which has made Strother Field one of the important training centers of the Gulf Coast Area.

As Director of Training, Lt. Colonel Douglas C. Polhamus prides the essence of his military leadership in giving to the world, members of the American Air Forces, the future "men of tomorrow."

On the flight line, Major Leon R. Vance, Director of Flying, exercises his ability to train men as expert fliers. His exemplary leadership has established a very definite record for safe flying.

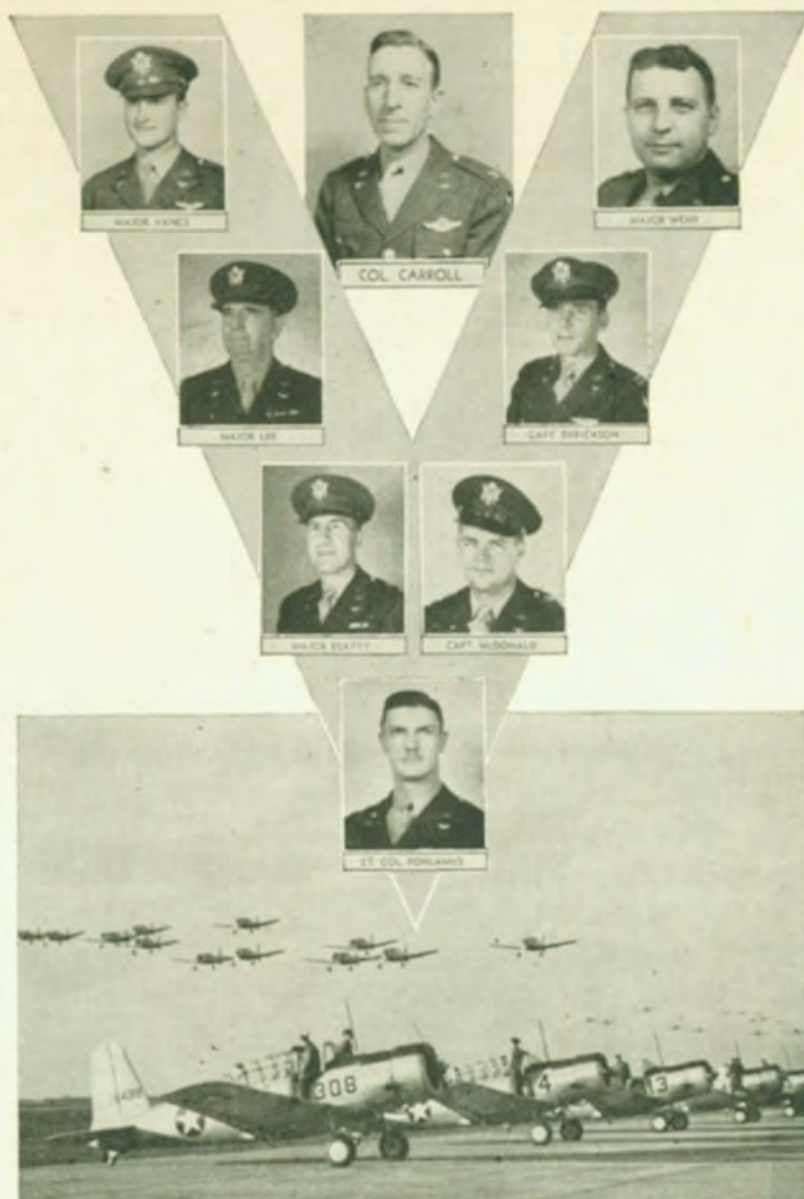
The Administrative Inspector's Department headed by Major Jason L. Beatty holds its place in the efforts of coordinated operation, not to mention the necessary services rendered by the Special Projects Office of which Major Marcellus P. Lee is supervisor. Major Lee, a veteran of three previous wars, is now forwarding victory in his fourth.

In the Station Hospital, we find Captain John W. Erickson, an experienced and well-trained physician and expert director of surgical procedure, who plays an important part in the physical fitness of Uncle Sam's Army.

Strother Army Air Field has progressed rapidly during this period of activation with the experienced executive aid of Major Robert L. Wehr, Executive Officer, and Captain Joe B. McDonald, Post Adjutant.

United, to add to the powerful strength of the American Armies, are these military leaders and their assisting group of red-blooded soldiers who realize their country's need of their services. We salute these Officers, their Departments and their duties as we march forward to victory.

"Music Appreciation Hour" featuring classical recordings will be heard on Tuesday's and Friday's from 1200 to 1300 in the Post Theater. Everyone is welcome.



HEADQUARTERS JFC/bj
STROTHER ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of the Commanding Officer

In Reply
Refer to—

WINFIELD, KANSAS
April 9, 1943

SUBJECT: Inaugural Message

TO : The Officers, Cadets, and Enlisted Men of
Strother Army Air Field.

1. This field was named for a gallant and courageous young American, Captain Donald Strother.

2. Today at this field, which during a comparative short period of time has been converted from farm land to one of the nation's leading flying schools, the training program is dedicated to the defense of the liberty and ideals for which our nation is fighting and for which he gave his life.

3. On this occasion of the inauguration of our Post Newspaper I wish to take the opportunity to convey my sincere appreciation to all the personnel of Strother Army Air Field for their splendid effort and cooperation in placing this post on an operating basis under adverse conditions.

JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

Prairie Flier Solos

Hi there gang! Here it is—the very first issue of our own paper—the Prairie Flier! We hope that you're thinking about the same thing we are at this moment: that it's not bad for a start, and what's more, it's the promise of a lot to come! And that's the main reason for this article, guys, we'd like to talk with you sort of seriously for a second or two about the Prairie Flier's past and future.

We must admit that the Prairie Flier hasn't much of a past to speak of, but it can boast of those fellows who generously gave of their time and effort to make possible its birth from the black, steaming printer's press. Special thanks go to Sergeant Morrey who designed the cut of the paper's name on page one, and to the Public Relations Office, without whose efficient assistance we certainly would have been lost. Bouquets of hearty gratitude go to those many anonymous and unnamed contributors who have given us so freely their ideas, advice and technical knowledge. These are the type of "swell" people to which the success of our paper is largely due. With such splendid cooperation at the beginning, we feel confident of the future of our literary venture, the Prairie Flier.

But we must speak a little more of the future, fellows. A newspaper, like all public organs, is dependent entirely upon its people for support. Our Prairie Flier is no exception. It looks solely to you fellows who work down on the line preflighting and servicing those BT-13's, those in the H Q Squadron offices, and those on K P or Squadron detail for its support and ultimate success. Why? Well guys—here's the slant: A paper isn't its staff, its scribbles or reporters. It doesn't exist because of its ink, paper or fancy type. It lives because its readers, *you fellows, make it live*. How? You boys are not only its source of material, news, but its very objective—its reason for publication. You guys, all of us, not just Droopydrawers in the next barracks who has an "in" with the top-kick, or Fatty Fooligan who softsoaps the USO Chieftess so's he can get to know that big beautiful blonde, are its life's blood pulsing warmly thru its black printed veins. Without *you* the Prairie Flier cannot be, cannot survive. Get us?

Darn it guys, we fellows on the staff want to make this a hum-dinger of a paper—the kind you want to read, the sort you wait for, the type you laugh and think with, and maybe send home to the family. And I think we can, if you'll all help us. And just how can you help? First of all, get acquainted with the Prairie Flier. Talk it over with the boys and see what they think, too. Next, if you have any suggestions or ideas for gosh sakes bring or send 'em in. We're looking for fellows who are interested from all the organizational units of the Field to help us get the news. In other words, we're soliciting and inviting your cooperation, contributions, aid and criticisms. That's the only method by which the Prairie Flier can be truly a success—it's up to *you* and to *us*. What do *you* say?

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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PRESENTING THE PRAIRIE FLIER

In presenting this, the first issue of our Post newspaper, to the personnel of the Strother Army Air Field, we are offering to you a medium for the interchange of ideas and opinions, and hope that this publication will be for you a source of pleasure and entertainment in your leisure hours.

We welcome all contributions from any and all sources as we realize full well that for this newspaper to be successful, it must have the interest and support of all the members of this command. We feel that this stimulus will be forthcoming.

The Special Service Department joins hands with the personnel of the Field in viewing continued success for the Prairie Flier with each succeeding issue.

J. W. BOXLEY

Capt. Air Corps

Special Service Officer.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	WINFIELD.....	Choir, Dancing
	ARK CITY.....	Open House
Sat.....	WINFIELD.....	Dancing—Show
	ARK CITY.....	Dancing—Eats
Sun.....	WINFIELD.....	Picnic 6 PM
	ARK CITY.....	Bingo 9 PM
Mon.....	WINFIELD.....	Bridge Party
	ARK CITY.....	Do As You Please
Tues.....	WINFIELD.....	Dancing Class
	ARK CITY.....	Popcorn Party
Wed.....	WINFIELD.....	Dancing
	ARK CITY.....	Ill and N.Y. Night
Thurs.....	WINFIELD.....	String Quartet
	ARK CITY.....	Ping Pong and Bridge

The latest news report—
Japanese people want peace—piece of America, piece of China, piece of anything.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

SATURDAY APRIL 10—Double Feature
Mysterious Doctor Keep Em Slugging

SUNDAY & MONDAY April 11—12
Matinee 2 PM Sun.

IT AIN'T HAY with Abbott and Costello
Plus News and March of Time

TUESDAY APRIL 13

"THE CRAZY SHOW" 6:30 and 8 PM
Vaudeville with Gusto—FREE

WED. & THURS. APRIL 14 & 15

FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM . . . Ros Russell
Plus News and "At the Bird Farm"

FRIDAY APRIL 16

PRIDE OF THE YANKEES . . .

GARY COOPER

Plus COLOR CARTOON

Our Times

(Editor's note: We are happy to welcome to our staff a man who is widely known in the South as a writer, linguist and commentator, Lt. Adras P. LaBorde. Besides being a keen observer of current history, Lt. LaBorde has traveled extensively throughout the World, and his commentary on current events should be of interest to his fellow-men in the service. JWB)

THIS WEEK: Some time ago Prime Minister Winston Churchill referred to the Mediterranean area of Europe as the continent's "soft underbelly." It remains a matter of conjecture whether Mr. Churchill was speaking from a knowledge of the facts or expressing unsupported opinion. Be that as it may, Hitler and his stooges divined that the defensive weakness of Southern Europe had been detected. Nervous conferences were held, and a hastily-concocted program of fortifying the shores of Mare Nostrum was launched. It is now reported that Field Marshall Erwin Rommel has been named commander-in-chief of all Axis armies in Italy and the Mediterranean region.

Time will tell whether the outwitted "desert fox" has been given the new assignment to permit him to lick the gashes of a crushing defeat in North Africa. But the week-end raid by Flying Fortresses of Major-General Doolittle's command on Naples tends to verify Prime Minister Churchill's description of Southern Europe. One wonders what refutation Hitler and Mussolini will offer. The raid on Naples was four times as heavy as any previous attack on that important port, and damage was admittedly widespread. Despite the magnitude of the raid, all Fortresses returned safely to their North African bases. Can it be that Hitler and Mussolini have not been able to agree on defensive strategy, and that the actual work of fortifying the "under belly" has lagged?

The kids' coin-banks will come in for another debit in the near future. They will probably be cleaned out this time, and the banks themselves thrown into the scrap pile to become less mercenary but more effective gadgets in some implement of war.

Uncle Sam on Monday announced the launching of a drive to raise something like 13 billion dollars through a Second War Loan Drive, to start on April 12. Newspapers have been asked to play the leading role in fostering the campaign, through editorial and advertising support. Maybe this newcomer in the journalistic world can do its share.

Americans in uniform will do their part, as they have done in the past. Unless, perhaps, as often heard dissatisfaction is not alleviated. It appears that few of the millions on government payrolls, civilian and military, have been given a good explanation for the delay in getting the bonds for which they have paid as much as 14 months ago.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: For the first time in World War II a foreigner has been awarded the Navy Cross. He is Rene Malavergne, a French Moroccan who volunteered as pilot of the U. S. S. Dallas during the occupation of North Africa.

This is just another in a series of minor incidents reminding Hitler of the weather-vane in France. The way it points is clear. France will fight again, with everything it has, until the day it becomes once again the glorious symbol of Democracy it has always been.

TRIVIA: The New Republic magazine announces the opening of a department called "Soldiers' Prose Competition." It invites contributions in fact and fiction from anyone in the Armed Services. Prospective scribes can secure complete details from this writer.

P.X. to Add Tailor Shop

Notice is given to Officers and Enlisted men that anyone planning to purchase summer clothing in the way of shirts, shoes, Officers blouses, etc., will be glad to know that the Post Exchange will be open for the sale of said items sometime this month. A new display and tailoring shop is being constructed for this purpose, so watch for further notices concerning your PX.

Father: "The man who marries my daughter will get a prize."
Sgt. Bass: "May I see it please?"



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

Alonzo Stagg, one of the greatest of all athletic coaches in American history has a down-right honesty that is to the point. When the University of Chicago retired him because he had reached the retirement age, Stagg liked the thrill of the good game too much to sit back and take life easy. So he took up a coaching job at the College of the Pacific.

During one of the championship baseball games back at University of Chicago, the score was tied. One of Stagg's men was racing toward home for the run.

"Get back to third. You cut it by a yard," yelled the keen-eyed coach.

"But the umpire didn't see it," retorted the player.

"That doesn't make any difference. Get back! Chicago has more at stake than this run!"

The game was lost but a greater game of life was won. Every soldier who ever thought seriously knows he can get by with a lot of things about which no one will ever know. But privilege, rank, honor, and acclaim will in the long run mean something only if obtained by playing the game of life fairly and squarely.

SAAF GAFF

By CPL. HAYLEY

Public announcement: Major Leon Vance has been looking for a place to go fishing and anyone who might suggest a likely creek or even a bucket with fish in it, shall be highly rewarded.

From the walls of the post theatre rings out the voice of Pfc. Theodore J. Naman with his leadership in the singing of the new army Hit Kits. . . .

The name "Willie" gives Willie the willies. Sgt. Bill Anderson from the post gymnasium wishes to inform everyone that his name is definitely Sgt. Bill Anderson. . . .

The 1084th BFT Squadron prides itself upon being 99% in buying government War Bonds. Congratulations to the fellows who know that Bonds are a safe and sound investment in their country.

It has also been noticed that the 1084th squadron area is very neat and it is one of the best kept areas on the post.

The Sub-Depo weeps this week over losing "Butch" to the Quartermaster. But his one ambition has been to drive a jeep, and his chance came while he was still anxious. . . . Happy days are here again, now that Mary Louise Carnes, Vera Fiske, Elizabeth Higley, and others have returned from Kansas City where they have been on detached service.

One outlandish lad from the 1084th Squadron states that he likes calisthenics but that he prefers blondes. His colleague comments that he enjoys the gas mask drill although he had rather participate in bunk fatigue.

A man is not really a failure until he blames some one else.

By CPL. HAROLD KOWNICK

Pvt. Norman Sirota of 1083'd just back from New York on furlough, tells of two out of towners who climbed on a 5th Avenue Bus and decided to sit on the upper deck. They went gingerly up the narrow stair—and apparently sat down. Suddenly they came clattering down, eyes wide with fright. The conductor inquired, "What the matter—no seats?" "No seas!" screamed the out of towners, "Plenty seats, but its too dangerous up there. No driver!" . . .

A Red Cross worker just back from North Africa reports about seeing a film "Keep Em Flying" over there. It took place on a pitch black night on a field near Tripoli for American flyers awaiting orders. Some Arabs, passing by in the night and hearing the motor noises from the sound track, thought the Nazis had arrived and scurried for cover. . . .

Rationing is playing havoc with slang. What will happen to the man who always knew which side his bread was buttered on?

Do you remember way back when only babies had A-B-C books.

Neighbor: "Have you a bottle opener?"
Mrs. Naman: "Yes, he's off on maneuvers."

Discover Your Library

Fellows, we're from the Post Library. I realize some of you haven't heard much about us, so we set about writing an article for this, our new paper, to help us get better acquainted. There's quite a bit to tell about the Library, and we think that it will be of considerable interest to all of you.

First, what is a library, anyway? Is it a collection of stuffy books in fat and heavy bindings? Heck no! That's what most fellows take it to be, but that's not our Library. We like to think that our Library is a nice, quiet, and comfortable place where you can come to read, and relax from a busy day on the Field. You can study too, if you wish, or browse around perhaps chase a few of those rainbows of pleasurable reading like we used to when we were kids.

You see, fellows, there are two main sections to the Library. There is the technical part containing reference material for those who desire to study, which consists of many manuals and volumes on the branches of Army life and other scientific subjects. (This will probably aid the birds who are taking all sorts of tests for further Army training.) And also there is the regular popular reading section of all types of books: fiction, mystery, short stories, biography, history, and many, many others.

You can't possibly overlook our enlarged magazine-newspaper section either! We subscribe to ten of the largest and well known newspapers from various parts of the country and we feel certain that you will like finding a paper from your home locale. Magazines are another specialty of the house. Sixty-four popular periodicals are included in this group, among which are not only the best and better aviation magazines, but a cracker-box selection of all those—like Time, Life, Esquire, (I know you won't pass that one by) The Post, Colliers, The Reader's Digest and others that you are already familiar with.

Gosh guys, there's no end to the enjoyment you can have here in our Library just browsing around the stacks. After all, it's here for you, for our satisfaction and pleasure. Think it over, and drop in on us sometime and meet the gang. The staff will always be eager-beaverin' to help you find exactly what you want.

We're located on the first street south of the P. X. one block west of Main street, on the southeast corner. There's a large sign just outside, and you can't miss it so come on over and let's make this really a Post Library!

383rd AAF Band

The 383rd Band has been activated at Strother Field, under the command of Capt. J. W. Boxley Special Service Officer and Chief W. O. William F. Baker Band-leader. The band will make its initial appearance on April 24, to play a review for the General Inspection. The Post Orchestra appeared at the Officer's dance on Sat. Mar. 27 and were cordially greeted by the Officers and their wives.

W. O. Baker is interested in anyone who would like to become a member of the band, so if you can play a musical instrument contact S/Sgt. Calhoun at the Band Orderly Room. Phone No. 326.

A note on American Legion slot machine: "In case of air raids, stand next to this machine. No one has ever hit it."

Institute Offers Opportunity

What's the matter, Soldier? Tired of going to town? Wondering what to do in the evening? Well, here's the answer. The U. S. Armed Forces Institute can help you devote your leisure time to advantage. Yes, it can help you earn a promotion, finish your high school or college education or prepare for a better job after the victory is won.

The U. S. Armed Forces Institute is your government's answer to your educational problem in the Armed Services. You will find over 700 hundred correspondence courses available in such essential subjects as mathematics or foreign languages or anything else you may care to learn.

The price? Soldier, that is the best part. For all Army Institute courses the price is just \$2.00. On the college courses offered through cooperating Universities, the government pays 50% of the enrollment cost up to \$40.00. That is, if the cost of your course is \$10.00 you pay only \$5.00. Think of it! This is an educational opportunity that is open only to men in the service. You are eligible if you have been in the Army four months.

Go to the library today and get enrollment blanks and information. You owe it to yourself and your country to provide the knowledge that is needed to win the war and make the post-war world a better place in which to live.

1083rd BFT Squadron

By CPL. HAROLD KOWNICK

Special Orders was the topic, and chevrons on parade, during the past week in the 1083rd squadron. Recommended from the Engineering office were, To Master Sergeant, T/Sgt. Edward L. Arnold; To Technical Sergeant, S/Sgt. John E. Turner, to Staff Sergeant, Sgt. John C. Anderson, To Sergeant, Cpl. George W. Edlemon Jr.; To Corporal, Arnie L. Cauthen, Pvt. Ted Oetting, Pvt. Orville L. Van Hooser, Pvt. Francis B. B. Brawn, Pvt. Clarence M. Greer, Pvt. Leo E. Getta, Pvt. Fenton G. Overly, Pvt. Norman G. Burdette, Pvt. Joseph P. Mahoney, Pvt. Eugene C. McManus; Recommended from the Link Training Department were, To Sergeants Cpl. Samuel W. Junkin Jr. and Cpl. Clifford L. Moore, and to Corporal Pvt. Edward W. Heney. Recommended from the Flight Office was Pvt. Francis J. Martin To Corporal. Cpl. George I. Brickley clerk at Post Headquarters was promoted to Sergeant. Pfc. Howard H. Black Mail Orderly promoted to Corporal. And Pvt. John W. Watkins Charge of Quarters also promoted to Corporal.

Congratulations are in order for the following named enlisted men who graduated from the Post Mechanics Crew Chief School. Cpl. Earl C. Brewton, Cpl. Austin Nelson, Pfc. Neil J. Powell, Pfc. Edwin T. Jennings, Pvt. Archie W. Craig, Pvt. Charles J. Paskett, Pvt. Loader L. Hickerson, Pvt. J. D. Taylor.

IS THIS YOU?

If enemy agents had to depend solely on traitors for their information, they would probably have a lean time, for it is a tragic fact that the majority of what they learn is given to them by those people whose patriotism is beyond question.

Prairie Flower Names Prairie Flier

The name of Wilma Jean Cook should mean something to all of us. Along about the middle of March, when we were dodging the last blasts of a wintry Kansas wind, a young girl of five-feet-three, working as a civilian employee connected with the Post Engineer's Office, busied herself and submitted several



WILMA JEAN COOK

entries in the contest of naming our literary infant.

At the close of the contest, a committee consisting of Colonel Carroll, Major Wehr, Captain Boxley, and Lieutenant Hall, chose her idea, The Prairie Flier, as most outstanding, and awarded her the prize offered by the Special Service division, consisting of five dollars in War Stamps.

Much gratitude is due this unassuming lass with soft hazel eyes, who has contributed so graciously her bit to help our newspaper on its way. And we know we'll agree that the name of Wilma Jean Cook, the prairie flower, will always be warmly regarded as synonymous with—The Prairie Flier. Thank you, Miss Cook!

Deadline For Strother Sweetheart

The deadline for entries in the beauty contest to determine Strother Field's "All-American Sweetheart" is drawing near, the Public Relations Office announces along with the suggestion that those interested—and who isn't!—should get on the beam and submit their honey's picture.

Closing date is April 17th to bring the picture you want to submit direct to the Photo Lab, which houses the Public Relations Office. Response has been good so far, but many more entries should be turned in. The girl's name and address is desired, but only for mail purposes, in case the picture is a winner.

Eleven winners in all! First prize will be an 11 x 14 hand-tinted portrait of the winner which the boy-friend soldier will receive. She in turn will be mailed a portrait of the boy-friend. Ten additional photos of the boy-friends will be awarded to the runner-ups and mailed to the girls.

W. F. "Bill" Frailey, editor of the Arkansas City Traveler and Harry Hart, managing editor of the Winfield Courier will be the judges. In case of a tie, Col. Carroll will decide the winner. All entries will be returned to their owners, so let's go, fellows—maybe your pretty kitty will be the Sweetheart of Strother Field!

908th Detached QM Corps

The Detached 908th QM Corps has been at Strother since October 3, 1943. When we first arrived to establish our base, we found no available barracks in which to live, and so for a time we lived in the town proper of Winfield.

Since our arrival, we have been busy setting up our branch service of supply. Our work includes supplying the different organizations of the base with clothing, food, equipment and other properties.

Link Trainer at Strother Field

The Instrument Training Department, perhaps better known as the Link Trainer Department, began operation at Strother Field on January 11, 1943 when the first group of anxious Cadets settled into the cockpits of fifteen shiny new Link Trainers. Since that time the Link Trainer Squadron is happy to report no losses and instead has expanded until its present strength rests at twenty-seven trainers.

Lieutenant Sherman L. Elliott, Jr., the Officer in Charge of the Instrument Training Department, is a native Texan and quite capable of defending that fact, having been a star football player for Austin College of Sherman, Texas. Lt. Elliott received his training in Link at Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas, and at Kelly Field, Texas. Under his direction the department has almost doubled in equipment and personnel.

S/Sgt. R. L. Walker is the N.C.O. in Charge of the department and the 27 trainers operate and are maintained more or less under his immediate supervision. He is a graduate of the Army Air Corp Technical School at Chanute Field, Illinois. A native Missourian, Sgt. Walker has led many a squadron of Link trainers into action and returned safely, a trait which he smilingly attributes to the fact that anyone who can handle a Missouri mule can surely ride herd on a pack of Link Trainers.

The Link Trainer itself is a unique device designed to test the skill of "Men with Wings" in instrument or "blind" flying. Considering the conditions in which combat pilots today are flying, a thorough knowledge of instruments is becoming more and more a definite necessity. With this knowledge of instruments a pilot can safely navigate a plane under extreme weather conditions and return to his base even though he may never see the ground.

The Link Trainer instructor can at any given moment apply wind, rough air, or icing conditions to the Link Trainer and follow the progress of the student with the aid of remote instruments located on his desk. Through a microphone he can direct the actions of the student. With the aid of a radio control box he can simulate a radio beam and instruct students in radio range flying.

The department personnel at the moment numbers some 70 odd men all of whom have been trained as instructors and who are capable of adequately instructing Aviation Cadets in the art of instrument flying.

Each member of the department under Lt. Elliott is working toward that aim of all aims, the winning of this war.

GUARD GOSSIP

Sgt. Duward P. Canada, one of the first 30 men on Strother Field, has transferred to the 448th for duty with the Transient Aircraft Service.

The 1088th Guard Squadron has a new squadron adjutant. He is 2nd Lt. Bertis W. Jacobs who's home is Chicago, Ill.

S/Sgt. Benjamin J. Kehoe, Cpl. Anthony C. Furlow and Pvt. Troy W. Vance have gone on furlough.

There's a rumor that James E. Johnson might get married in the near future. His girl friend hails from Beaumont, Texas, and we believe her name alone will keep Pvt. Johnson in line. It happens to be Slaughter.

P. T. Has "Fleetfoot" Stoner

"Fleetfoot Stoner" they called him at Kansas State. That's Lt. Oren P. Stoner, now head physical training director at Strother Field, and one of Kansas' best known athletes during his colorful sports college career.

He started at Sabetha High School in the late twenties, where he won 16 letters, and was captain of the football team that took 33 games in a row through 1930.

Moving on to Kansas State in 1931, Stoner picked up eight more major letters, in football, basketball, and track. He was first string half back on the conference champion Wildcat eleven of 1934, and was selected as All-Big Six half that year by the sports scribes and coaches.

It was in that year too, in the Spring of 1935, that Lt. Stoner captained the basketball squad, earning his third letter in the sport. No sooner was basketball season over than he entered his third year of competition in track, ran a leg on the Kansas State hurdle shuttle relay team which set a new world record at the Kansas Relays that year, and won points in the shot put and broad jump also.

Lt. Stoner graduated in 1935 with a degree in physical education and a commission in the organized reserves of the army. He went to Eureka, Kansas, as coach for the high school, and then moved over to Coffeyville, where he was co-coach with Lt. Bill Kincaid, who left here a short while ago for the physical training director's job at Dodge City. In April of last year he entered the service, was stationed at Randolph, Ellington, Enid, Coffeyville, and then Strother.

The "Fighting School Teacher" in 322nd

Did you know that the 322nd Sqd. has as its asst. athletic director Pvt. Johnnie D. Johnson, known to the fight fans as the "fighting school teacher." Pvt. Johnson, who gave up a teaching career for the fight ring, attended two universities with the hope of becoming a teacher, but abandoned those plans when he discovered he could give a few lessons with his fists.

Pvt. Johnson, was a outstanding athlete while in school making letters in football, baseball and track.

Before turning pro, Pvt. Johnson, fought as an amateur with the Savoy A. C. team as middle-weight and won the championship. Also he won the welterweight championship in the Golden Gloves. He fought one year as an amateur before turning pro. and for six months as a pro. before hanging up his gloves to answer Uncle Sams call. He lost only one fight. He had on his string of victims such fighters as Earl Anderson, Jesse Jackson, Teto Taylor, Luther Brent, Horace Gresson and Barney Barnes.

Pvt. Johnson was trained by Larry Adams, former trainer of Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis.

Heard this in the Mess Hall: Pvt.: Is this supposed to be coffee? It tastes like kerosene!

K.P.: If it tastes like kerosene, it's tea. The coffee tastes like turpentine.

BOXING TONIGHT

S. A. A. F. vs. COFFEYVILLE

Southwestern Gym

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Soldiers Admitted Free

Benefit S.A.A.F. Athletic Fund

BOXING NOTES

Regular workouts under the expert tutelage of Lt. Gilbert Black, known in boxing circles as "some shakes" from the early thirties until his recent and regretted retirement, show the local Air Corps pug to have rounded rapidly into shape. Latest reports say they will be ready to go full steam against the veteran Coffeyville Air Base boys tonight in Winfield.

In Coffeyville a couple of weeks ago, the Strother Field boxers put up some game but green fights, and came back with a 2-5 loss stinging their pride, as well as numerous bruises stinging elsewhere. There's a determination to start hitting the ball, the bag, and the road to get in condition to last the full three rounds in the return engagement.

A more even weight matching is assured for tonight's card. In Coffeyville, several of the Strother boys were pitted against opponents obviously a weight class heavier. Still, two of them managed to come through winners. Georgie Gaynor, hard punching light-heavy, took on heavy-weight Clarence Musil, and in 1:56 of the first round had the big boy on the canvas. Gaynor appears to be in good shape, and is anxious to go again.

Frank Telles, old-timer of the squad, with Golden Gloves and AAU titles to his credit, outpointed bulk Dean Sorensen in three rounds, and made "Mean Dean" who had nine straight k.o.'s to his credit until that night, look pretty impotent with his shifty footwork and left jabs. Frank kept a grin on his face all through the fight, and had the crowd with him all the way.

Cpl. Ray Muchowich, big 190 pounder from Freeport, Texas, will

be looking for his first fight, since the Coffeyville team couldn't furnish opposition in their camp. From reports, they're grooming a hefty bruiser for him this time, a lad named Russell. "Much" hasn't had too much experience, but he's brawny, fiery, and packs a wallop guaranteed to fell an ox.

Only a bad cut over the eye, sustained in a head-bumping clinch, kept James Canty, rough light-heavy with the 322nd, from winning his bout, although he was up against a heavy-weight, Randy Griffin. Canty has done a lot of fighting in the past, around Detroit, and will be favored to whip the big boy when they meet tonight.

Coffeyville boasts a pair of former Kansas Golden Gloves' champs in Pancho Hernandez and Batts Cullison, who won their fights in their home camp, but who will be in for a lot more opposition this second meeting. Cullison dealt Strother's Barber a mess of misery with hard body blows and dropped him for the count in the first canto, though Barber was putting up a good fight till then. Tonight Batts will be up against Crow, imported from another field for the match.

Hernandez had a weight advantage over game little Don Kenney in a welterweight tussle, but he will be matched against Telles in a middleweight fight this trip, and it looks to be a good battle. Both boys know their way around the ring pretty well.

Melvin Harper, scrappy 135 Paul Burk, who decisioned him at pounder, will meet his arch rival, Coffeyville, when Mel gave out after cutting Burk's face up in the first round and a half. With Harper in shape this time, he figures to be punching all the way.

322nd News

The members of this sqdn. are really enjoying the recreational facilities available for their use. The day-rooms are filled with men enjoying themselves at pool shooting, music, checkers and card playing. The north day-room is reserved for letter writing, ping-pong playing and quartet and choir rehearsals.

It will be interesting to note that the members of 322nd were instrumental in the contributions necessary for the opening of the U.S.O. in Winfield. Programs rendered by the quartet and speakers, on various programs, were the means by which some of the funds were raised.

The civilians of Arkansas City have made themselves popular with the men by opening a U.S.O. in their city, for the comforts and convenience of the men on pass there.

448th Speaks

It has been said that: "In the spring a young man's fancies lightly turn to thoughts of love" (or something). We can't vouch for the truth of that statement, but we do know, positively, that in the spring the sap rises, and the 448th is no exception. One of our saps has jumped right up and is going to get his fool-self married to one of the nicest girls on the post.

The hitch will be made Saturday, April 10, 1943, but we are not at liberty to say who it will be, as it is strictly a personal matter. Seriously, though, we wish both bride and groom the best of luck and hope all their troubles will be little ones.

Our congratulations go to Sergeant Eric S. Ericson! We know you will make a fine officer and that we will be proud of you!

Crazy Show Tuesday

Hold tight, men. "The Crazy Show" is coming to the Post Theater Tuesday with a sparkling array of Broadway talent that will keep you glued to the edge of your seat.

Heres the line up:

Ben McAtee—M. C. comedian of the Milton Berle type—

Wilbur Hall and Renie—man and woman comedy act with instrumental selections on the violin, bicycle pump, etc.

LEE BARTELL—Exotic young songstress.

Arken and Roberts—Boy and Girl Jitterbug dancing team—nuffed—

Vivian Frances—Acrobatic and tap dancing—

Eddie Hanley—comedian.

That's it, Boys. It lines up to be one of the best USO Camp Shows so far. You are all invited—Two shows 6:30 and 8 p.m. and it's FREE.

From The Station Hospital

Something to keep the wolf away from the door this winter, is fast developing in the way of the Victory Garden on the North Side of the hospital. The cabbage patch is already showing the results of the handi-work of Pvts. Gregory, Hill, and Hamilton, not saying anything for the wonderful supervisory work by our good friend, Corporal Gleason.

Belated congratulations are in order for Sgt. Lang, who recently figured two could live as cheaply as one. Good luck to you Sarge and lots of it.

Congratulations to Gilbert and Fagan on their recent promotion to corporal.

We welcome Captain Jack Hartman as a member of the staff of this hospital.

Congratulations, Lt. Winters, on being made detachment commander.

We wonder who Corporal Plowhead is interested in at Winfield, —???

1081st Squadron

SGT. JAMES E. BATES

A second period of restoration is being entered into the squadron historian's notes. Two weeks ago we relaxed in a plain and unattractive day room of four blank walls. It was as the engineers left it. Lt. Roy W. Sillings, our adjutant, began altering from ceiling to floor. We are now enclosed in brightly painted walls, decorated by colorful and attractive paintings accomplished by a real soldier artist, Pvt.1 Cl McLane of the Special Service Dept. Colonel Carroll's picture rests in a gold tinted frame as a center attraction. Beautiful red leather furniture creates a warm comfortable setting. The floor was scraped and given an even shade of red paint to match the furniture. Floor lamps, reading tables, rugs, waste baskets all blend in a scheme to arrest anyones lack of relaxation and meditation. We are very grateful to Lt. Sillings for his unlimited persistence in every effort to provide us a temporary home. We too wish to thank Pfc. George R. Gaynor, Pvt. Marvin C. Levy, Pvt. Walter B. Mott, Pvt. James W. Savage, and Pvt. Adam Patton for their cooperation.



Khaki Replaces Olive Drab For Summer Wear

In the springtime a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of—nope, you're wrong! Love and romance are in second place in the thoughts of Strother Field men. First comes the wonderful feeling in getting out of heavy, warm OD uniforms into khaki shirt and trousers, the regulation summer uniform.

Perhaps the girl friend or little woman may think you are so handsome when wearing a blouse that there may be an argument as to your running around in just shirt and trousers, but there is a 15-day period in which you can gradually get her used to the summer style.

General Orders issued at Strother Field on April 8 state that "For the period April 15 to April 30 inclusive, the winter or summer uniform may be worn optionally." To relieve any argumentative situations on the part of the opposite sex, doing away with wearing blouses is not the reason for this order, but it sure will help, nevertheless. After May 1 the summer uniform will be worn exclusively until further announcement by General Orders of Strother Field Headquarters.

In addition to the GI khaki clothing, Enlisted men will be allowed to purchase summer clothing at the P.X. Complete lines for both enlisted men and officers will be on display, according to Lt. G. A. Mueller, Exchange Officer.

"Some merchandise has arrived and we hope to have on display complete lines by May 1st. All types of summer clothing have been on order for some time, and the arrival depends on the ability of manufacturers to meet the purchasing demands," Lt. Mueller said today.

Mr. Reid Turner of Arkansas City, who has been in the clothing and tailoring business for many years, will be in charge of the Exchange clothing and alteration departments. The latter will be open in about 10 days. Emphasis is to be made on proper fitting of articles of clothing purchased at the Exchange.

Doggone—Dogs Gone

"Damit," the tan collie of dubious background who recently presented the field with nine pups of even more obscure ancestry, is now gradually losing her offspring to a pet-hungry group of officers and enlisted men. The pups, now six weeks old, are being parcelled out to such reliable persons as Capt. Dunn, CO of 1081 and Sgt. Bass who recently became a husband. Pvt. Neil Davis is schooling "Pat" in the niceties of life and Saafy, who at the present writing is still rather unreliable, has been taken in by Mrs. K. S/Sgt. Bravo has "Dog" to worry about. For those who were disappointed, have patience. "Damit" has that old glint in her eye.

The 322nd Quartet entertained the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ark City last Wednesday night.



RAF Cadet Eric Vowles, who celebrated his birthday at the SAAF Hospital, beams approval over his birthday cake. (Story on page 3.)

"Air Raid" Is Success

A two minute blast of the fire siren at Strother Field Tuesday afternoon set into motion protective measures against a 50 minute "air raid" and "gas attack," and the enlisted personnel and officers are to be highly complimented for their fine work.

The screaming wail of the siren had hardly been heard when hundreds of soldiers could be seen running in every direction over the base, not in confusion, but to the station assigned to each man.

Before the last moaning sound of the warning had faded away every building on the base was being guarded and protected by soldiers assigned to the job. Each stood at attention in front of his building, wearing his gas mask and ready for any eventuality.

Civilian personnel on the field gathered at designated locations and were taken by army trucks and cars to a point of safety where they remained until the "all-clear" signal was given.

The "gas attack" took place over the entire field. Lt. J. D. Williams, Chemical Warfare Officer and members of his staff drove over the base in a jeep on which four pots of HC mixture poured out dense clouds of smoke. The wind, which was from the northwest, blew the "gas" southward as it was released from the pots on the jeep.

"There were a few skeptical persons who had not as yet donned their gas-masks when we came along in the jeep, but before the smoke reached them they had their masks out, tested and on. They were not taking any chances," said Lt. Williams.

"Tear gas would have no doubt been more effective, but the 'attack' was a success in every way," concluded Lt. Williams.

Victory Garden Planted at SAAF

The odds are 17 to 1 that the peculiar odor which will become noticeable over the base area in the near future will not be on the identification list of chemical warfare gases.

Onions, identified by the letters PU, have been planted in Strother Field's 17-acre Victory Garden, the new project recently started under the direction of Capt. E. E. Breisch, officer in charge of officers' mess and transient personnel, and Lt. Milton A. Stice, general mess supply officer.

Potatoes, radishes, tomatoes and onions have been planted in the garden which is located on a tract of land east of Main street, north of the Hackney gate and south of the post hospital. Eleven acres are in potatoes, three acres in tomatoes, two acres in radishes, all of which are in addition to the one acre in onions. The Irish Cobbler potatoes planted in the garden were procured by government purchase from a Kaw Valley commission house at Topeka, Kans.

The technical advice of the vocational agricultural instructors of Winfield high school greatly assisted the two project officers in the planting of the various vegetables. Cecil L. Thomson, leading member of the Winfield high school Future Farmers of America assisted in the work.

Potato machinery, including cutter and planter, was loaned to the field for the occasion by the Winfield high school.

The four kinds of vegetables grown in the garden will be used in the post mess halls, therefore aiding the national effort of growing more foodstuffs for our army manpower.

Buy YANK at the PX . . . only 5c.

Review to Climax Annual Inspection

On Saturday, April 24th, a review of the entire station's complement will be held on the ramp to climax the annual inspection of Strother Field by an officer of the Inspector General's Office.

During the week beginning April 19th, the inspecting officer will be on the field making his routine investigation of the various organizations and their activities. The purpose of this inspection is not only to make certain that all groups are complying with Army and Air Corps Regulations, but to observe the Post's appearance, and to take any specific complaints.

Along with the forementioned duties, the representative of the I G's office will check on the welfare of the personnel. He will take note of the general morale, living quarters, meals, physical appearance and program of training.

A detailed audit of all post and organizational funds will be made to be positive that the monies of the government and personnel are handled in an efficient and businesslike manner.

Throughout the field, the squadrons are busy completing last minute arrangements for the inspection, taking caution that the members of their various commands are informed of official propriety. The men themselves are conscientiously polishing their brass and giving full cooperation to their squadron leaders in preparation for our official visitor. We know that the inspecting officer will find us in A-1 shape.

Planes Collide In Mid-Air

Shortly after noon Tuesday two training planes from Strother Field crashed in mid-air at the west edge of the army base. In one plane was Lieut. Fred R. Hundley of Canon City, Colo., and Pvt. Alvin W. Eggers, a mechanic of Dickinson, N. D. Lieutenant Hundley rode his ship in to the runway at the field where it crashed. Both men were unhurt and able to walk away from the plane.

Cadet Chester S. Weeks of St. Louis, who was piloting the other plane, saw he would not be able to land his ship so he parachuted to safety. He came to earth northwest of Strother Field. His plane crashed some distance from the scene of the accident. The cadet also was unhurt.

The plane piloted by Lieutenant Hundley lost part of a wing in the midair collision and as he brought it close to the ground more of the wing fell away. That caused the trainer to crash. It was considerably damaged.

Major H. G. Stein, Chief of the Special Service Branch, Gulf Coast Area, visited Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, the first of the week to check on activities of this branch at Strother Field.

Major Stein was particularly pleased with the high morale evidenced by the men and complimented Capt. Boxley on the varied program.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of—Editorials

This is the editorial column, where every issue you will find discussed a topic relative to Army life at Strother Field. Our main objective is to present the Prairie Flier's candid opinions about the activities and attitudes of the personnel, often to give praise, and sometimes to give helpful suggestion.

To anticipate complete acceptance of or agreement with our editorial interpretations is a grand folly. We expect, rather, that perhaps our perspectives will provoke both thought and comment, which will lead in the long run to a higher morale, a more efficient and happy stay here at Strother, and a progressive motive among the personnel.

The editorial department of the Prairie Flier welcomes comments in regard to its arguments, and announces that the best of these will probably be published in succeeding issues.

Have You Read

GUADALCANAL DIARY by Richard Tregaskis.

It's a Cinch, Pvt. Finch! Sgts. Stein and Brown.

The Seventh Cross—Anna Seghers.

The Human Comedy—William Saroyan.

They're in your Post Library!

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, April 17, Double Feature
AFTER MIDNIGHT WITH
BOSTON BLACKIE
and HI YA CHUM—Ritz Bros.

Sun. and Mon., April 18-19
Matinee Sun. 2 PM
HELLO FRISCO HELLO . . . Alice Faye
Plus News and Mighty Niagara

Tuesday, April 20
CORREGIDOR . . . Plus Sportlight,
Travelogue, and INA RAY HUTTON'S
ORCH.

Wednesday and Thursday, April 21-22
HIT PARADE OF 1943 . . Plus
News and This is America

Friday, April 23 . . . Revival
DESPERATE JOURNEY . . Flynn and
Reagan plus Color Cartoon

Our Times

LT. ADRAS P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: Boulder Dam, Barnum & Bailey, Golden Gate Bridge, Yankee Stadium,—all of these are big American things. They are big; and they are truly American. But they are dwarfed in magnitude by the thirteen-billion dollar War Bond Drive launched this week by our government. This is big business. And America is accustomed to big business. It has become proficient in big operations because every individual has been accepted as a vital cog in a giant machine. That system is not only a by-product of Democracy; it is also a requisite of Democracy.

It is important that each and every one realizes his importance in this stupendous task. None should think himself too small or unimportant; nor should he undervalue his contribution. A dime contributed daily by each of fifty million Americans will mean \$150,000,000 a month. The modern American bum will learn to say, "Dime for a War Stamp, mister?"

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: Before the flora and fauna of Spring have left the Mediterranean shores of North Africa, the Axis will have learned something of the power that free man can muster when his freedom is challenged. This week's events assure us of that fact. Either the North Afrika Korps will suffer annihilation, or it must surrender in mass to the Allied troops pushing it into the sea. Military experts can see no chance of a Dunkirk here.

The Axis high command can foresee trouble beyond North Africa, too. Across the Mediterranean Sea are millions of Frenchmen eagerly awaiting the opportunity to fight again. And millions of Italians await just as eagerly a chance to cast their counterfeit "Duce" into his Mare Nostrum, and again join a free and peaceful world.

TRIVIA: The up-and-coming crop of politicians should take notice. At Matfield Green, Kansas, last week, the town's 182 inhabitants set a record for light voting. They forgot to hold their election. . . . In Stockton, Mo., six officials made ready to handle the casting of votes for several candidates for county offices. One vote was cast. . . . And from Missouri City, Mo., comes bad news for anti-Fourth Termers. Mayor Charles Shaw of that city has just been elected for his 34th consecutive term.

A Thought For Today

Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through his cypress trees!
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play!
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own!

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Liftings

Pvt. Guth was writing a letter home to his mother. "The food in this camp is absolute poison," he complained. Then he added, "and such small portions!"

The company's clumsiest recruit was experiencing his usual difficulty in executing the command, "Present arms." The drill sergeant studied him with disgust. "Where is the balance of your rifle?" he inquired. "Honest, sergeant, I don't know," stammered the recruit. "This is all they giv' me."

Lieut. (in a rage): "Who told you to put flowers on the colonel's desk?"
Orderly: "The colonel, sir."
Lieutenant: "Pretty, aren't they?"

The chap with bad eyesight was examined by the draft medico—and placed in 1-A. "But my eyes are terrible," he pointed out. "I can hardly see anything."

"Look," said the doctor, "we don't examine eyes any more—we just count them."



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

It wasn't a pilot who said he would believe only in what he could see, else he would have never taken his plane off the apron. Though no one can explain it satisfactorily to all, enough is understood of the earth's magnetism for all practical purposes. Especially in the absences of the beam when one can't see land marks he can rely upon this force as it registers itself on the compass.

The operation of the magnetic force does not do away with the storm or does it dissolve the obstacles in flying. It does lessen fear, giving the pilot such ease of mind that he can concentrate upon flying and thus accomplish his mission.

Even more mysterious than the magnetic forces which surround the earth is the Spirit of God which undergirds all human life. For all practical purposes it can be relied upon to give direction to those seeking the way of real life. The Spirit of God doesn't do away with the storms or the obstacles through or over which all men must sometime pass. It does lessen fear, giving calmness so one can concentrate upon his mission.

The thoughtful man knows he can't begin to explain all the methods of the working of the Spirit of God. It is enough for him to know that for all practical purposes in life it is reliable.

A Letter From Dr. J. O. Strother to Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer

Dear Captain Boxley:

Your pride in the first issue of your new paper is well justified, tho not surpassed by my own pride in it.

Truly, I do appreciate the consideration you boys have so consistently shown me. I shall read every word in each issue of your paper with high pride and intense interest.

These extra copies of Vol. 1, No. 1, I shall carefully save for each of my other sons who are now in foreign lands and are collecting "interest" on Donald's death. They will get to the "principle debt" later!

Of course I realize that I "rank" these considerations only because I stand in the military reflection of my sons.

Here at my office I have all of Donald's flying equipment, which was returned from Java, and many interesting items concerning his activities in Java obtained from boys who were with him there. This is simply for your information in case you should, at any time, need any details for any reason.

Please extend my appreciation to the staff of the paper. I know you all will do a fine job of editing it.

Thanking you again for your consideration, I am

Yours truly,
DR. J. O. STROTHER.

USO Activities

FRI.....WINFIELD.....Folk Dancing
ARK CITY.....Sister Susie.....Eats
SAT.....WINFIELD.....Dance.....Floor Show
ARK CITY.....Formal Dance.....Show
SUN.....WINFIELD.....Aft.—Roller Skating
Eve.—Educated Dogs
ARK CITY.....Singing.....Bingo
MON.....WINFIELD.....Do-As-You-Please.....Eats
ARK CITY.....Do-As-You-Please
TUES.....WINFIELD.....Dancing Lesson.....Choir
ARK CITY.....Square Dance.....Eats
WED.....WINFIELD.....Orch.....Dance
ARK CITY.....Ark., Calif., Ind. Nite
THUR.....WINFIELD.....Program.....Eats
ARK CITY.....Dance Class.....Bridge

RAF Cadet Celebrates Birthday at Strother

"This is the first birthday cake I have received since the start of World War II, and it is a thrill I shall long remember," was the comment of RAF Cadet Eric Vowles, stationed at the Royal Air Force Training School in Ponca City, Okla., who was dismissed from the station hospital at Strother Field this week following an emergency operation three weeks ago.

The Britisher with his engaging smile and most unusual "walrus" type mustache, celebrated his thirtieth birthday on April 10th with an attractive cake presented by members of the hospital personnel.

Cadet Vowles has had enough happen to him since the start of the war to rightfully wear an expression of bitterness instead of one showing ambition and thorough joy of everyday living.

Married on Sept. 2, 1939, Eric Vowles and his bride awakened the next morning to read the newspaper headlines of the declaration of war. Vowles had received a 48-hour leave from the British army for the marriage ceremony and short honeymoon, but the state of war necessitated his immediate return to his station.

Bristol, England, subjected to many bombing raids by the Luftwaffe, is the home of Eric Vowles. It was there where he had a thriving tailoring business and where his wife established residence. In the bombing raids, the tailoring shop was destroyed and their home demolished by fire caused by an incendiary bomb. The bomb came through the roof of their home, and lit in a room exactly where the couple had been seated, a few seconds before. Most of their possessions were destroyed in the fire.

Cadet Vowles has been stationed in Ponca City for the past 2½ months. His training will be completed at the end of 6½ more months. He is very anxious to return to England and do his part as a member of the RAF in bringing the war to an end. "When this is done, I want first thing to return to America with my wife for a visit that I know we both shall enjoy. I want her to see the many, many wonderful things that make this country the great nation that it is," commented Vowles. Mrs. Vowles is a fire-watcher in the home defense in Bristol, and according to her husband, is typical of all English women who today are doing men's work with never a complaint.

High praise was expressed by Cadet Vowles in regard to his fine care and attention at the station hospital at Strother Field, and to Capt. C. E. Drysdale, Chief of Surgical Service.

Moon Makes Merger

The Kansas moon has intervened again and caused a merger of moonlight moods. S/Sgt. Mike F. Pellerite of Fairmont, West Virginia, and Miss Doris Kern of Oxford and Winfield, Kansas, are the victims. Several weeks ago they were strolling under the trees of Winfield while the moon played hide-go-seek among the branches. Quite suddenly a star appeared in his hand. Several seconds passed and their eyes became adjusted to the halo rays of a beautiful diamond engagement ring. For several seconds following her surprise, they and the moon became one. The bells will chime on May first. Good luck, Sarge.

1 Furlough = 1-5 Scotch

By SERGEANT TELFORD SLATKIN
Sgt. (beautiful head of skin) Monroe Horn of 448 is extremely fond of Scotch. It is not what he says prior to the delivery of the furlough but rather how he says it that makes it sound so much like a command.

Why does "Willie" say, "Good Afternoon," every morning as I come to work? It's most irritating.

Says Cpl. Kell, "I've eaten breaded tomatoes many times before but never tomatoed bread."

Pfc. Francis Abate: The unusual as usual.

The CO of 448 believes that he has been placed upon every board imaginable on Strother Field. He was caught last week walking across the "Keep off the Grass" area on his way to one of them.

Cpl. Burnett returned from Buffalo, Wyo., sans spirits, a sober sane sergeant. Strange?

W/O Baker Organizes Band

The 383rd band has been working very hard the past week getting ready for the work ahead.

With what musical talent there is available on the field, Chief Warrant Officer Baker has been doing a wonderful job.

W/O Baker, born in England, has been in the United States Army for 29 years. He has been a Warrant Officer for 22 years and has had the privilege of being the leader of several fine military bands, some of which he developed himself. Having been stationed in foreign service for the past 20 years, Warrant Officer Baker is glad to be back in the states.

Having a good record behind him, the members of his organization are with him 100% to help him keep it that way. So men get ready to hear some fine music from your band.

'82 Entertains at Post Theatre

By CPL. ROY T. RUMSEY
Last Thursday night, the 1082nd put on a show for the entertainment of the personnel of Strother Field. This was an in-between-shows act by Pfc. Fricke and Pvt. Richard E. Jones at the post theatre. After each squadron has sponsored one program and the winners are chosen, the successful candidates will then compete for the \$25.00 war bond first prize.

On the 10th of April the 1082nd formally opened its day room. We are proud to say that there is to our knowledge no other day room to compare with it.

Sgt. Judd N. Womack, now on furlough, has passed his examinations for aviation cadets.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Rainwater, 1082nd supply sergeant, left last Friday for O'Reilly general hospital for an operation on his throat. He will return to Strother Field soon after the operation.

POST CHAPEL

Every Sunday

- 7:00 Catholic Confession.
- 8:00 Catholic Mass.
- 9:00 Negro Protestant Service.
- 10:00 General Protestant Service.

See Daily Bulletin for schedule of Holy Week Services.

'C N' Brings Tears to SAAF Eyes

Strother Field's "Horror Chamber" has this week been the scene of several "tear-jerking" episodes, according to 1st. Lt. J. D. Williams, Chemical Warfare Officer.

The gas demonstration building, which is comprised of two sealed rooms, is located in the southeast corner of the base area. It is supposed that the building was constructed in that location so that the soldiers who have and will go through it can get as far away from it as possible, once they are at liberty to return to their squadron area.

CN gas, commonly known as tear gas, will be used in the chambers according to Lt. Williams. The two rooms were completely sealed last week by members of the Chemical Warfare staff.

The gas is used in capsule form in demonstrations for the military personnel which will include all enlisted men, and members of the Unit Gas non-commissioned officers and Unit Gas Officers classes.

Procedure in the gas demonstration is as follows: The men are lined up outside the building wearing their gas masks. Inside the chamber, capsules of the gas are placed on the top of cans in which holes have been punched. A lighted candle under the can dissolves the capsules, releasing the gas into the chamber. The men enter the chamber where they remain a few minutes following which they return to the outdoors and check their masks for any leaks or improper fitting.

Again the chamber is entered by the men wearing their masks. When within about ten feet of the exit door, they remove them and cover the remaining distance to the door without the protection of their masks, thus experiencing tear gas and its effects. No serious discomfort or after effects will be noticed.

The classes will also have field gas demonstrations, in which detonation charges will explode containers of various gases, the wind carrying the gas formations through the air toward the training groups of soldiers. This will teach the men to identify the various gases under actual field conditions.

"There is one very important thing I want the men to remember following the tear gas demonstrations, and that is not to rub their eyes. This is very important," concluded Lt. Williams.

Mulvey Takes Over Medics

Through an oversight last week, we failed to commend a work well done. Therefore we take this opportunity to pass an orchid to First Sgt. Mulvey, who since his appointment has shown by actual achievement that he has what it takes. His acumen for work demonstrates that he is well acclimated to the duties of a 1st Sgt., and in doing so he commands the respect of all the men of the Medical Detachment.

We hope that Nurses Kallenberger, St. Martin and Scharmer had an enjoyable time during their visit to Wichita.

Corporal Shoemaker is up and going again at his old job.

Another chap who deserves a big hand is Sgt. Earls, who since taking over his duties as night C. Q. has proved very capable.

Close Contest For SAAF Beauty April 17

When the midnight moon casts its pale, lurid light over the steps of Strother Field tomorrow night, that's all, brother!

It will be too late to enter your sweetie's picture in the big beauty contest, which is only for the most beautiful girl in the world by the way, so you can just go off and eat worms all day Sunday. Your girl will never forgive you. Next stop, Tunisia.

Numerous "most beautifuls" have already been entered, but there's always room for just one more. How the poor judges will decide which one is SAAF's "All-American Sweetheart" is not known, but the latest latrinogram has it that they will merely declare everybody the winner, pack their bags, and pray for the boys in the Photo Lab.

"Sweetheart" will get swag what am, with a big hand-tinted (by Pierre) portrait of her khaki kid, and said kid will get same (by Pierre) of her.

Six Officers Promoted

Five First Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Captain, and one Second Lieutenant has been made a 1st. Lieutenant at Strother Field, all within the past week.

Promoted to Captain are the following: Joseph V. Farmer, CO of the 1088th Squadron, whose home is in South Portland, Me.; Howell Cobb, Assistant Administrative Inspector, from Brady, Tex.; Leslie T. Allsbrook, Jr., CO of the 322nd Squadron, from Houston, Tex.; Guilbert R. Graham, weather instructor in ground school, from Zanesville, Ohio; John Hueners, Engineering Officer of the 1081st Squadron, from Medford, Oregon.

Promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant is Woodrow Cox, ground school instructor, from Oakwood, Texas.

Pigeons Make Mascots

Cpl. Elmer (Wyniewood) Saxon has left for Tulsa, Okla., to spend his furlough with his parents.

Marksmanship among the Guards is being shown on the firing range which started last week. Several men have made perfect scores.

We believe that the Guard Squadron has the most original mascots on the field, pigeons! Sgt. Breedlove, whose hobby is pigeons, has acquired two real thoroughbreds.

Sgt. Maxwell would like to know if there is anyone on the field besides himself that hails from Wyoming.

IS THIS YOU?

Most of us consider that we are pretty good judges of character and not easily fooled. We forget that an enemy agent, if he is to be successful, must be such a plausible and convincing person that no one suspects him, least of all those who pride themselves in being good judges of character. Don't talk to strangers.

They say that people with opposite characteristics make the happiest marriages.

Is that why S/Sgt. Tutt is looking for a girl with money?

More unhealthy than eating between meals is drinking between drinks. . . Thanks Keith.

SPORTS



Out On A Limb

Batter up! Throw 'im out! Who's going to win that pennant this year? Looks like the Yanks and Cards again from way out on this limb, but Brooklyn's still in the league, and so is an up and coming Brownie team from St. Looie. No kiddin! Old Man Baseball is about to shave off that long winter beard and break out with a bang next week in a somewhat curtailed but non-the-less exciting race for the flags in the various circuits still operating. Kansas City seems to be the only pro club around these parts that we might be able to see over the week-end, now that the Texas League has called it quits for the duration, cutting off Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Strother Field's little major loop is raring and ready after just a few days spring training, and is on the books to begin intra-squadron play right away. Fact of the matter is, a couple of the field teams are already feeling their oats enough to want to take on any and all comers for the title now. They're not just feeling frisky with the spring though... especially those Medics, who look to be the team to beat during the coming campaign. T/Sgt. Roswick up at the hospital, called down the other day, and issued a challenge to the field in general and warned the rest of the league that they had better watch out for his boys. This bunch is a combo of championship Medic teams down at Randolph Field and Enid, and boasts several all-star members of those fields on its roster.

The obstacle course up close to the hospital (thank goodness it's close to the hospital) is beginning to look ominously ready, we poor Air Corps commandos will be high-tailing it over those ditches, hurdles, ladders, walls, and what have you. He who thinks that he can do that measley quarter mile in three minutes—give him room!

Boxing's still in the Strother Field sport spotlight, what with another fight card due to come off in Winfield in the near future, maybe next week. With that City's Chamber of Commerce backing it like they did the first one and our boys putting on the same whale of a show. Lt. Stoner ought to be netting another large haul of fish like he's doing now.

We'll have to string along without "Freight Train" Muchowich though, since big Ray left for the NCO physical training school at Miami Beach last Monday. Ray was chosen by the PT Department here to go to the school, and according to the bulletin about it, he stands a chance of coming out with a proficiency rating up to and including Master Sergeant. We're just liable to be saluting "Much" one of these days.

Jim Canty, bruising lightheavy from the 322nd, who put the bee on a bulky Randy Griffin last Friday, hails from Detroit, Joe Louis' home town, and has had some training under the Brown Bomber. He flashed form the other eve that reminded one of Joe too, keeping a dead pan throughout his bout, and packing a lethal one-two that had Griffin pretty wobbly at the end.

Volley Ball Results

The results of the Volley Ball games played in the base gym Wednesday night resulted in a tie for third place and sixth place in the standings.

The 1082nd team forfeited to the 1084th, placing the latter team in a tie for third place. The 1082nd team also forfeited to the 1088th, placing this team in a tie for sixth place.

In other games played, the 1081st boys defeated the Medical Corps 15-5 and 15-2. Link I won from Link II by scores of 15-1 and 15-8.

448th I won their game with the Quartermaster team by forfeit, and the Ordnance team won from 448th II by forfeit.

Standings

Team	APRIL 14th	Won	Lost	Pct.
Link I	8	7	0	1.000
448 I	6	1	1	.864
Ordnance	6	1	1	.864
1081	5	2	2	.720
1084	5	2	2	.720
Link II	4	3	1	.576
448 II	3	4	1	.432
1083	2	5	6	.288
1088	2	5	6	.288
Quartermaster	1	6	7	.144
Medical Corps	0	7	8	.000
1082	0	7	8	.000

He Riseth With The Dawnth

Pity the poor despised physical training instructor. He basketh in the favor of no one. But understand his plight.

Though he maketh us to lie down on the cold gym floor, it is not of his own doing. It is the devilment of the War Dept. And it is for thy own betterment. Though he giveth counts by the three score, believeth ye, he does it only to get thee out of his sight quicker. His mind runneth over with thoughts of new exercises, but only to give thee variety.

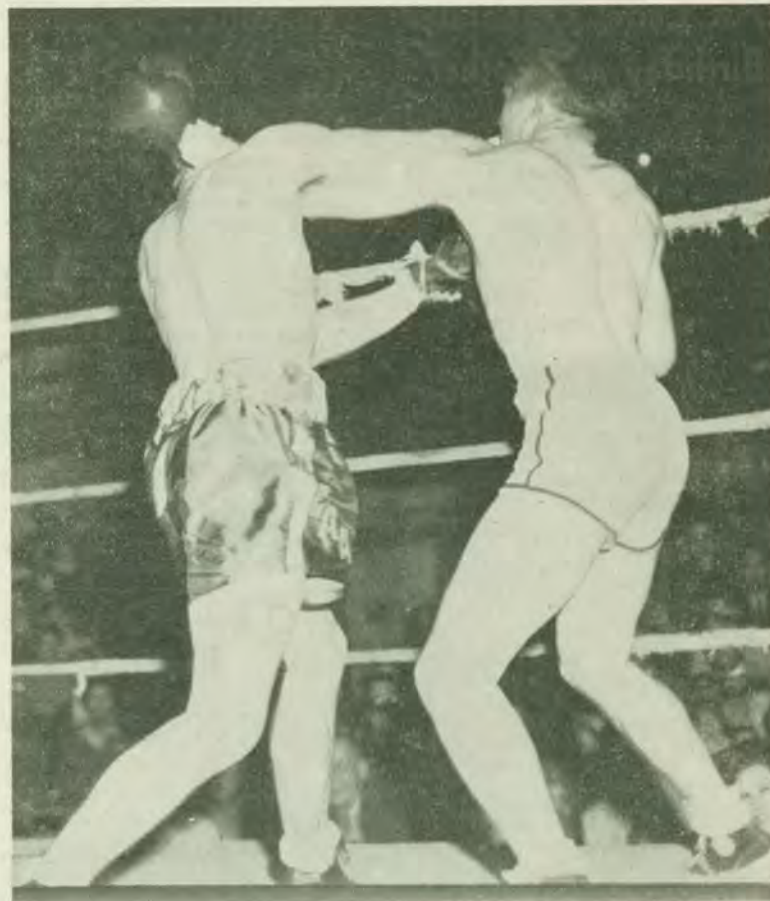
The lonely PT instructor rises and greets the sun early, yea, so early that he often beats the rooster. He arrives in the gym at 6:30 AM (after midnight) for his first class. He leaveth at 6:30 PM (past morning) after his last class. He doeth the strenuous back breakers at each and every hour so that ye poor unguided soldier may see the process.

Eight is the number of instructors. Eight muscle men for the hundreds of instructees, cadets, enlisted men, officers all come and go under his "hup, twoup, threep, fourp," and yet he falleth not to the floor with fatigue. For he is strong.

Pity the poor despised physical training instructor. What he doeth, he doeth only for thy good and well-being. For the rest of his life he will be doing exercises in his dreams. But he can resteth in glory. He hath done his job well.

Tonight at the Post Theater
... Gary Cooper in *Pride of the Yankees* ... See it again!

1938 Dodge Sedan ... Four new tires ... Excellent condition
... Like new ... \$500.00 Cash
... Max Hanson ... Phone 298.



Pfc. Paul Burk, Coffeyville Army Air Field, 135 pounder, and Pfc. Melvin Harper, Strother Army Air Field, each miss hard blows to the chin in their well-fought lightweight bout during the boxing show held in Stewart Gymnasium, Winfield, Kans., last Friday night.

BOXING NOTES

Before a large, enthusiastic crowd in Stewart Field House last Friday, the SAAF boxing squad took six out of nine bouts from a fighting but outclassed Coffeyville team in a return engagement.

Two of the fights ended via the knockout route, with Strother Field's hard hitting Georgie Gaynor dropping Guy Russell to the floor for the count in 46 seconds of the second round, his second straight k.o. in his campaign for the Kansas light heavyweight title.

The other knockout came in the wind-up bout, when Batts Cullison, bantam vet from Coffeyville, earned a technical k.o. over Don Crowe, civilian from Hutchinson. The fight was stopped after the first round because Crowe had a bad cut over his right eye.

Big Ray Muchowich, who fought his first and last battle for quite a spell, since he will be in training at the Miami NCO physical training school, battered Butch O'Kane all over the ring for three rounds to get an easy decision in the most one-sided match of the evening. James Canty, colored lightheavy, gave SAAF another victory with a decision over ponderous Randy Griffin.

Pancho Hernandez, former Kansas AAU champ, had to give way before Strother's Andy Matthews in a middleweight bout that really wowed the crowd. Andy had Hernandez down for eight counts in the first.

Other fights, all won on close decisions, gave Roosevelt Johnson of SAAF a win over Hubert Tyler; Paul Burk over Mel Harper of Strother; Brown of CAAF over Thrower; and Kemper of SAAF over Garbea.

Pvt. Bill Reed and Cpl. Chas. Kiehl won the Ping Pong Tourney at the Winfield USO last Tuesday night. There were 16 entries.

Wilfred Kinzer, cadet from Minneapolis, had quite a record around that part of the country in Golden Gloves tourneys, winning the Minneapolis lightweight title in '39, and going on to the Northwest meet, where he was eliminated by the champ. One of his G.G. bouts ended in his favor in 17 seconds, one of the quickest k.o.'s in ring history, since that gave him only seven seconds to tag his man.

Kinzer fought Dick Delaney, who went on to win the belt at Chicago, and later boxed the European champ for the international crown.

QM Wants Ball Games

The Det. 908th QM Co. was scheduled to play with the 448th Sunday afternoon April 11, at the Winfield Ball Park. Due to the rain the game had to be postponed to a future date.

This will be the first game for the Quartermaster boys this season, and although they do not as yet have their regular team picked out, the boys are beginning to show up in fair shape.

Sgt. Padovano is managing the Quartermaster ball team and is very interested in getting some games booked for the future. Any one wishing to schedule a game with the Quartermaster may do so by calling Sgt. Padovano at 259.

EDITORS RULE

I write as long as I can hold my breath and put in a comma; when I yawn, I insert a semicolon and when I want to smoke, I make a paragraph.

Buy coupon books at the Post Theater—10 tickets for \$1.20.

The U. S. Armed Forces Institute offers educational opportunities to enlisted men.



SAAF To Add Bowling Alleys

The beauty of nature at Strother Field with its carpet of green grass and landscaping will soon become a second place attraction for many of the soldiers here. Instead of their sauntering around the base admiring the results of spring, the men will be found playing on the alleys.

We do not mean making mud pies and throwing rocks at one another's head, but sending the ball smashing into the pins for a strike on any one of the six shining, new bowling alleys to be installed in the south wing of the original 450 man mess, located at the north end of the field.

Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of the alleys and bowling equipment from the Brunswick-Balke-Callender Co., manufacturers of this type of equipment, and sometime following the next sixty days, the equipment will have been delivered and installed, ready for use by enlisted men and officers of Strother Field, according to Lt. G. A. Mueller, Exchange Officer. The Post Exchange will handle the financial end of the project, which will be a Special Service activity under the direction of Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer.

All organizations at the field are urged to begin the formation of their teams at this time, so that when the alleys are completed a red-hot schedule of league keggers will be ready to initiate the maples.

200,000 Lbs Ain't Hay— It's Grass

For weeks now, the Special Projects Office, under the capable leadership of Major Marcellus P. Lee, has been gradually transforming Strother Field from a dusty plot of ground to an establishment of beauty and good taste.

Some weeks ago, when we were angrily brushing the Kansas soil from our eyes, the S P Office was busy arranging the final details of a plan to beautify the field. To date much has been accomplished;—grass is growing, tiny trees are sprouting, and Strother is assuming the air of "a place in the country."

Here is what has been done up to now: The 3000 acres of the Field and the four auxiliaries have been seeded with six kinds of grass, totaling 200,000 lbs., and stage houses have been built at the auxiliary fields. Strother itself has had 3000 elms, hackberry, and pine trees planted; together with 500 ornamental saplings, which include: green ash, Russian olive and silver maple; and various types of shrubbery: lilac, sumac, and sand cherry.

The S P Office and Major Lee have done their task well. Mother Nature, grand partner to all such deeds, is at present carrying out her end of the bargain.

On sale at the PX today . . . a special Coast Guard edition of YANK—5c.

Cadet Training Available To Enlisted Men

Enlisted men of Strother Army Air Field are indeed fortunate to be located in one of the very few air fields fully equipped to examine the mental, physical, and moral qualifications of candidates desiring air crew training as pilots, bombardiers or navigators.

Because of the rapid growth of the Army Air Forces, essential requirements have been reduced to such a minimum that many enlisted men, unable to meet the former rigid standards, may now very easily qualify. Candidates, single or married not yet 27 years old, may submit an application together with the written approval of the squadron CO, birth certificate, and three letters of reference. Although there are no educational requirements, applicants must take a fairly simple examination which anyone with an average background should be able to pass.

Further information can be secured by consulting Lt. Carl C. Banno, Recorder of the Aviation Cadet Examining Board . . . phone 309.

His Door Is Always Open

If you should chance by the chapel and walk in the tiny office to the front, you would find the Post Chaplain, Lt. Donald E. Wineinger, busy with his many thoughtful activities.

Lt. Wineinger is a native son of Texas, being schooled at Amarillo High and Junior College in Amarillo, Texas, and later at McMurry College in Abilene and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He took his clinical training under the Federal Council of Churches in Ohio and New Jersey, and later gained ministerial experience in the various parsonages of Port Sulphur, Cuydan and Kaplan, Louisiana.

The chaplain arrived at SAAF in December of '42, directly after completing the Chaplain's Course at Cambridge, Massachusetts, bringing with him his wife and, now, sixteen months old daughter.

EM Dance With 300 GSO Girls To Be Held in SAAF Gym Wednesday

342 Men

342 men, today, are clutching a few extra pennies from their pay-checks. 342 men are forgetting their obligation to their loved ones at home. 342 men have overlooked the possibility of not coming back. These men have failed to take Government insurance on their lives!

ARE YOU ONE OF THE 342?

Easter Services

The following schedule of Easter church services to be held in the post chapel Sunday, April 25 has been announced by Lt. Donald E. Wineinger, Post Chaplain.

- 0600 General Protestant Easter Sunrise Service.
Rev. E. W. McNeil, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans., will be guest speaker.
- 0700 Catholic Confession.
- 0800 Catholic Mass.
- 0900 Negro Protestant Service.
- 1000 General Protestant Service.
- 1400 Congregational Church Communion Service.
Services by Rev. John P. Weeke, Pilgrim Congregational Church of Arkansas City.
- 1500 Church of Christ Communion Service.
Services by Rev. E. W. Hampton, Church of Christ of Winfield.
- 1545 United Brethren Church Communion Service.
Services by Rev. D. E. Young, United Brethren Church of Winfield.

Jewish men on the post were issued passes to attend Passover services held at Eldorado, Kans., on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The second in a series of dances for enlisted men at Strother Field, their wives and GSO girls from Arkansas City, Winfield, Wellington and Oxford, will be held in the post gym Wednesday night, April 28th.

Listeners of radio station KFH, Wichita, Kans., will start jiving with the news that the Boeing Employees Association Orchestra, Wichita's outstanding musical organization, will play for the big affair. It is a swell orchestra and will give everyone a grand evening's entertainment.

An added attraction to be held in connection with the dance will be a floor show presented by Boeing entertainers. There will be several outstanding acts that are certain to win the hearty applause of everyone attending the party.

Arrangements are being made for the serving of soft drinks in the gym. A stand will be built for this added feature.

The dance is being sponsored by the Special Service Department of Strother Field and the USO. The first enlisted men's dance, held several weeks ago, was a success, and the one to be held next Wednesday night promises to outclass the first one in every way. All EM are urged to attend this dance 100 per cent.

Three hundred GSO girls are expected to attend the party. If you are a hep-cat or enjoy slow-dreamy music, you'll find just the dancing partner you want and have the type of music you enjoy most.

In case you are one of those individuals who says, "I don't want to dance with that girl, she is too tall, or she is too short," just rest at ease—get a lot of sleep Tuesday night and come prepared for a full evening of dancing. You will have your choice of blondes, brunettes and titian-haired lovelies, short, medium and tall. There is absolutely no reason for you not having the evening of your life.

Come To Church On Easter



News Maps Keep Men Informed

Where is Dnepropetrovsk? Obviously, it's in Russia, and if you've been reading the weekly NEWSMAP you can probably point out this German-held Russian town in an instant. NEWSMAPS are kept right up to the minute. They are drawn by the Information Branch of Special Service and sent air mail to the printer in Chicago. The copy beneath the map is teletyped in on Thursday and the map arrives at Strother Field on Monday. The large colored map of the world, with the location of current actions clearly marked by arrows, is then rushed to your dayroom to keep you posted on current events. Its usefulness doesn't stop there either. On the reverse of each map is a poster designed to increase your knowledge of the enemy and yourself. Keep up with the news by reading NEWSMAPS.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of---Khaki

You know, I like the Army! Now don't get me wrong—it's not like home, it can't be, but a lot of the fellows have the idea that the Army is something to be suffered through, and they have no fun at all.

Yes, I know that war is—what Sherman said it was—but you can't help matters by looking on the dark side.

Sure our work is tough! You can't be a khaki and a softy too, but there are many things which make life easier. I like to get out after a hard week and have a beer with the fellows—dance with those USO cuties—and have a swell time!

And then, when the day's work is over, I can settle down on my bunk, know that I'm doing my part, and yet enjoying life a bit. I hope that you are too, buddy!

Have You Read . . .

What the Citizen Should Know About the Army—Harvey S. Ford.

What the Citizen Should Know About the Air Forces—Lt. Col. Harold E. Hartney.

Cannibals and Orchids—Leona Miller.

Thesaurus of Humor—Mildred Meiers and Jack Knapp.

They're in your Post Library.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, April 24—Double Feature
THE PURPLE V and IDAHO . . .
Roy Rogers

Sunday and Monday, April 25-26
Matinee Sunday 2 PM
THE DESPERADOS . . . Glen Ford
News and Community Sing

Tuesday, April 27
CABIN IN THE SKY . . . Ethel Waters,
Rochester, Louis Armstrong
plus Superman and Diving Daredevils

Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29
MY FRIEND FLICKA . . . Rita Johnson
News and Madcap Model

Friday, April 30—Revival
SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES
Betty Grable and Carmen Miranda
plus Mr. Chimp and Color Cartoon

Our Times

LT. ADAS P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: "Send us the bombs and we'll drop 'em!" That, in effect, appears to be the slogan of all American fliers in combat zones. Last week-end saw Flying Fortresses playing havoc with airplane factories at Bremen; Warhawks shooting down two-thirds of a flight of 74 Junkers transports in the Mediterranean; a mixture of U. S. fighting craft making it hot for the Japs in the cold Aleutians, and everything but comfortable for the Yellow Plague in the South Pacific.

And as if that were not enough to disturb the Axis, RAF planes pitched in to hammer at targets in Western Europe, Italy and North Africa, while Red Army fliers made it a three-base hit by attacking Eastern Germany. We are beginning to wonder what has become of that Luftwaffe Hitler was supposed to be keeping in reserve. At least we know what's becoming of that part of it which dares to come out into the open.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The Japs have, at long last, learned of the location of Shangri-La. What they have not learned, and probably will not for a good while, or until it is too late, is where so many planes and so many bombs can come from. That will be the big question when Tokyo is bombed again. And there is a good chance, from all indications, that the Japs will experience a shower of something besides rain upon their iniquitous lair before another winter sets in.

TRIVIA: Tom Harmon of Michigan has found a good application for his line-bucking tactics, to wit: his experiences in the jungle of Dutch Guiana. . . . Sunday's air debacle off the Tunisian coast has given Rommel a foretaste of what he can expect should he attempt an evacuation of North Africa. . . . A pat on the back to the guys who are gradually pushing the Axis into the sea in Tunisia; a bat on the pack to those who gripe because they are asked to sign pay reservations for the purchase of War Bonds.

Thought For Today

Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead:

He is not here, but is risen.

—LUKE 24:1-6

Liftings

Sergeant: Give me a sentence using the word, "Miniature."

Private: The miniature asleep you begin to snore.

Cpl. Dean: Was the party last night a good one?

Sgt. Markham: It was great—while I lasted.

She's a model—models lingerie. Sort of a model of the undie world.

Drill Sergeant: I did not say he was dumb—I said he was 16 years old before he could wave goodbye!

He: What's your name?

She: Mary.

He: No, I mean your full name.

She: It's Mary—empty or full.

Why did he go into the Air Corps?

He was no earthly good!

What is the greatest comeback in history?
Rommel's retreat in Africa.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Tall, sleepy trees stretch out their rather barren arms and yawn after the winter's sleep. Dormant seeds push back the heavy cover of soil and rear up their heads as if sitting up in bed. The brown husk of the seed, and the dark, tightly drawn bark of the tree have given way to the surge of the life within. Spring is here.

Easter has also come. Easter always comes in the Spring of the year. The work of nature seems to illustrate the message of Easter. (1) Natural forces in the world are friendly to growth and development of life. (2) No growth or development is possible unless the potential life yields to the forces which make for life.

With plant life the process of yielding to the warmth of the sun and the moist elements of the soil seems automatic. Man, however, can refuse to yield to the life-giving forces which react upon his life. Whether a man expects a sustaining and joyfully abundant life now, or whether he lives for an immortal life hereafter, the method of obtaining each is the same. It is a life-long process of yielding to that spirit which says: "I am the resurrection and the Life. He that believeth on me shall never die. He that liveth and believeth on me, though he shall die, yet he shall live."

The one seed yields to the forces of nature and from its life comes numerous other seeds. Man yields his life to the Great Spirit, and from his life's work comes numerous activities and thoughts which have no end.

SAAF GAFF

pvt knuth and pvt firth were seen entertaining one of the witches of wichita last sat. nite. . . . it seems she had a fortune (in gold teeth) and both of the boys were broke. . . . every pay day, pvt nelson holladay is awakened by his wife singing "get out of here and get me some money" . . . she gets it. . . . on several warm days pfc theo naman was seen running about the field wearing an overcoat and a turkish towel. . . . when asked what was the matter he whispered "laryngitis" . . . it must have been a new species. . . he spent 8 days in the hospital for measles. familiar quips . . . 1st sgt williford . . . that d—sick book . . . cpl shouse . . .

in the old army sgt fink of pub rel awoke one cold morn last week, yawned and prepared to start a fire. . . . as he approached the stove, he let out a terrifying scream awaking all the g.i.'s in the barracks. . . . "look" he said "the flies are ice-skating on top of the stove!" . . . we are wondering if urban II (deceased as of 1099AD) would like to begin another crusade . . . only this time against hitler and his buddies? . . . or is that necessary with the U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS on the job? . . . the opportunity to attend aerial gunnery school applied itself like the cuttle-fished octopus and the opening reached to all sqdns . . . there should be no trouble filling the quota this session. . . . so long.

USO Activities

FRI.....WINFIELD.....Folk Dancing.....Eats
ARK CITY.....Sister Susie.....Eats

SAT.....WINFIELD.....Formal Dance.....Show
ARK CITY.....Jitter Bug Contest

SUN.....WINFIELD.....Easter Tea and Program
ARK CITY.....Stunt Nite.....Free Call

MON.....WINFIELD.....Bridge Party.....Choir
ARK CITY.....Do-As-You Please

TUES.....WINFIELD.....Dancing Lesson
ARK CITY....."Record Your Voice"

WED.....WINFIELD.....DANCE AT SAAF
ARK CITY.....GYM—8:30-11:00

THUR.....WINFIELD.....Game Nite.....Program
ARK CITY.....Ping Pong Tourney

You'll Get A WAAC Out Of This

The following story may be hard to believe, but nevertheless, here it is. This morning the WAAC'S arrived at Strother Field. Not just a few, but in numbers nearly equal to that of the manpower stationed at this base!

They are red-heads, brunettes, blondes and platinum blondes—all with Varga (Esquire) figures and (your favorite brand toothpaste) smiles.

Remember the burst of activity when the "air raid" and "gas attack" took place last week? Brother, there is a lot of difference in the movements of snails and "wolves"! No, the gals did not break ranks. They withstood the charge of the Air Corps boys and marched proudly up Main street, their teeth gleaming brightly in the sunlight.

According to the report, their arrival here is not just to take over various jobs now being held by enlisted men, no sir. Their hours are to be arranged so that every man can have a companion at breakfast, lunch and dinner. In case you desire to eat at the PX, all costs come out of a special government allowance given each WAAC for such expenses.

In the evenings you men can have a companion to attend the post theater, lights to come on periodically every 5 minutes, so get a luminous dial on your watches.

There will be dances in the post gym every other night lasting from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Don't worry about oversleeping the next morning, because regulations state that your companion of the evening before will come by for you in a peep, gently calling your name to arouse you for breakfast.

Work? Who said anything about work! The Army wants to build up the soldier's morale, and believe us, this "dood it."

All furloughs and passes are to be discontinued, as the demand for such will cease to exist. The only passes allowed will be those made on the field!

There no doubt are other interesting details to tell concerning this new set-up, but the soldier who gave the Prairie Flier this interview said that activity along this line ceased when the "5-15" came through his barracks—the man with the whistle. Anyway, it was a lovely dream, wasn't it?

Lt. Carswell Wed Sunday in Winfield

Miss Jacqueline Morrison, daughter of Mrs. T. J. Atkinson of Ponca City, Okla., and Lieutenant Robert E. Carswell, Jr., of Strother Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carswell of Carthage, Tex., were united in marriage Sunday at 8 p.m. in Winfield by Probate Judge Sally O. Athearn.

Matron of honor and best man were Lieutenant McDermott of Randolph Field, San Antonio, Tex., an army nurse, and her husband. Lt. Donald T. McDermott of Strother Field, Lt. and Mrs. James Thompson also attended. The newlyweds are making their home in Arkansas City.

Three Canadian soldiers sleeping in an English camp were awakened by a terrific crash nearby. "What was that, thunder or bombs?" asked one. "Bombs," was the laconic answer. "Thank heavens!" said another, "I thought we were going to have more rain!"

No Med Exam For GI Insurance

Legislation has just been approved which provides that any person in active service and while in such service shall be granted National Service Life Insurance without medical examination and without medical history statement upon application therefor in writing made before August 10, 1943.

This right can be exercised notwithstanding rejection of any prior application for such insurance on any ground whatever. This right covers increases in amounts of existing insurance as well as procurement of new insurance.

Eleven Girls Entertain Boys

By CPL. HAROLD KOWNICK
"Something for the boys"—the reduction of a mathematical formula meaning anything for a laugh. With a lilt and a laugh we amazed ourselves when the 1083rd opened its first engagement on the stage of the post theater last Thursday night, April 15 to the fancy tunes of past musical favorites, romantic in spots. We tried to ride the high road of psychopathic stuff and got lost in a melee of meditating medievalism.

It took eleven men to put the show on. Cpl. Harold Kownick, the handsome Dance-An-staire, played the part of Bluebeard, or the sweetheart of seven girls; Cpl. John May was Margie, the baritone torch singer; PFC Benjamin L. McGee was sweet and innocent Mary; Frivolous Sal, quite an eye-ful, was portrayed by Pvt. David Hoag.

The buxom lass, Sweet Sue, was played by Pvt. William I. Chandler; Pvt. Edward C. Henry was the lady with the great felicity of movement—The Lady in Red; Dinah, the enticing lady in dark, was portrayed by Pvt. Norman Sirota; Pvt. Del Mar Tanck, moppper-strutter-wiggle-topper played the part of the hula dancer.

The man in the barrel was none other than tall, lank and leany Pvt. Everett L. Erekson; Esquire's carbon copy, Pvt. Leo A. Piazza was Shorty in the black satin bloomers.

Red Cross Gives Aid

The Red Cross Field Director's Office, now located in the middle wing of building 401 at the corner of 7th and School street, has been a very busy office according to Mr. Walter J. Hedberg, Field Director in charge.

Furlough investigations are being handled at the rate of fifty per month. These investigations are for the purpose of determining the true situation as it exists at the soldier's home. In the case of illness, the family physician is contacted through the local chapter of the Red Cross, and his statement regarding the conditions and necessity for the soldier's presence are accepted. In no case does the Red Cross "approve," or "recommend" the furlough. Red Cross obtains the facts and the Military Authorities decide whether these facts justify the furlough. In order to carry on this phase of the work, approximately 160 telegrams and long distance telephone calls are handled each month. If the soldier's presence is necessary and he does not have sufficient funds, the Field Director will make a loan for travel and maintenance.

Farewell 43-F Welcome 43-H

43-F, the largest cadet class thus far at Strother Field, moved on Thursday to attend, the final stage of their cadet training. After about 70 hours in Vultee Valiants they are ready to tackle those hot single engine pursuits and twin engine bomber ships. We wish them good luck and jolly hunting!

We take this opportunity to welcome 43-H, new group of lads direct from primary and Fairchild Cornells, who will soon arrive to follow in the footsteps of 43-F to Victory!

Check and Double Check

The theme song of the Station Technical Inspection Department is "Check and Double Check." From day to day, week to week, month to month, the personnel of this department is busy checking, correcting and offering suggestions to all activities connected with flying. As the church has its Bible, so does the inspector. His Bible being in the form of Technical Orders and Army Air Force Regulations. These directives are studied and re-studied until each man becomes thoroughly familiar with his required work. A progress chart is maintained on each man until he is not only completely familiar with the operation and inspection of aircraft, but all departments and activities connected with flying.

Each month all airplanes assigned to this field are given an inspection by personnel of this department either after completion of the fifty (50) hour inspection period, or "spot checked" on the flying line. All other squadron equipment is given an inspection at least once a month. Other departments inspected are Photography, Weather, Operations, Link Trainer, Field Lighting, Technical Library and Fire Station.

The department is under the capable direction of Captain Jennings, with Warrant Officer Pierce as his assistant. The enlisted section is taken care of by T/Sgts. Copeland, Krejnik, and Leach; S/Sgts. Broskovak and Brumfield; S/Sgt. Silverman, Communications Inspector; T/Sgt. Kreuter; Chief Clerk; Cpl. Pease (department morale builder) and Pvt. Stewart, Technical File Clerk.

Check—Check—Check.

1-2 of 1% Goes Far

You are probably wondering what becomes of the money that is deducted from your paycheck each month for the Welfare Fund; well, here's the dope.

Of the one-half of one percent of your pay, which you voluntarily contribute, 15 per cent goes to the Post Chapel for its maintenance and activities. Another 15 per cent goes to the Post Library, where it buys supplies, aids in the library's general improvement, and buys books not otherwise accessible through the government facilities.

The Welfare and Recreation Fund claims 15 per cent of the money remaining, so that contributions to worthy national and local charities may be made in the name of the personnel.

The balance of the fund is employed in purchasing athletic equipment, publishing the Post Newspaper, and other items that promote the general welfare of the personnel.

This is one instance where a little bit goes a long way.

Qm's Loss 82's Gain

A Strother Field romance, of which there seem to be quite a few, will culminate in the marriage on May 7th of Miss Betty Jean Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Hughes of Arkansas City, Kans., and Lieutenant Robert E. Melbourne, Lima, Ohio. The ceremony will be solemnized in the First Presbyterian church in Arkansas City.



MISS BETTY JANE HUGHES

Miss Hughes, who is employed in the Quartermaster department here on the base, is an attractive member of the younger set in Arkansas City. She was graduated from the local high school in 1942. During her senior year she was cheerleader and football queen.

Lt. Melbourne, Adjutant of the 1082 BFT Sq., is a graduate of the Lima schools, and attended Officer Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla. He has been stationed here since December, 1942.

3594 Hours 5 Minutes Without Mishap for '84

The North Stage 1084 B.F.T.S., Major Markland commanding, have a safety minded group. The "A" Flight, commanded by Capt. Garrison, boasts of 91 days, or 3594 hours and 5 minutes without a mishap. This is a record to be proud of. They were awarded a silver plaque for 43-E and are on their way for a second trophy.

SAAF "On The Beam"

Strother Field is now really on the "beam"—in fact a split beam, and "sending" for a distance of at least 25 miles in every direction from the base.

It is the new beacon light recently installed at the field by the Night Lighting Unit under the supervision of Major C. F. Breden, Post Engineer. A 1,000 watt bulb is used in the beacon.

IS THIS YOU?

Of all security lessons, this is the hardest to learn: That military information must be shared with no one, not even with those you love, not because you don't trust them, but because you have no right to share it with them.



Lt. Oren P. Stoner, former Kansas State basketball player, eyes the basket as Coach Adolph Rupp of the University of Kentucky and his former pupil Capt. J. W. Boxley look on.

Kentucky Mentor Shows Kansas How

Coach Adolph Rupp, basketball mentor of the University of Kentucky, was in Kansas last week to secure outstanding high school talent for the Kentucky Wildcat's cage team. Rupp, affectionately called "the Baron," recently was named as one of the greatest net mentors of all time by the Collegiate Basketball Record published by the Helms Athletic Foundation in Los Angeles. His 1933 team was described as National Collegiate Champion and eight of his former players were listed as All-American.

"The Baron's" last season's team, which went to the South-Eastern Conference finals, was the only team last year to down the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Coach Rupp visited Strother Field to see one of his former players, Capt. J. W. Boxley, and showed a great deal of interest in the physical training program under the direction of Lt. Oren P. Stoner.

Medics Plan "Coup" Of Baseball Title

SPORTS: The Medics had a bad basketball season and won only a single game of volley ball, and that by virtue of a forfeit. However, that should be the end of our bad season because the Roller's baseball team has won all of their practice games and expects to win the Post championship once the season gets under way.

PERSONALITIES: Mr. Five by Five, full of pep, fun and friendliness, a native of the North and praying for foreign service, is Sergeant Joseph Fink. When it comes to fixing our ball diamond, our front driveway, our Victory garden, or anything else that needs attention, Sergeant Fink is always ready and willing and a good leader.

Link I Volley Champs

The Link I Volleyball team is the proud possessor of a beautiful trophy designating it as champion of Strother Field.

The Link boys have played and defeated all the top-ranking clubs in the league, dropping the Ordnance team from the unbeaten list last week to eliminate its closest rival.

The Ordnance team won second place with seven wins and one loss. There was a tie for third place between the 448 I and 1084 teams, each having won six games and lost two during the schedule.

	W.	L.	Avg.
Link Trainer I	8	0	1.000
Ordnance Dept.	7	1	.875
448th I	6	2	.750
1084th	6	2	.750
1081st	5	3	.625
Link Trainer II	5	3	.625
448th II	3	4	.429
1083rd	2	5	.286
1088th	2	6	.250
Quartermaster	1	6	.143
Medics	1	7	.125
1082nd	0	8	.000

Cadet Wins Fights But Loses Pants

Husky Virgil Johnson, 43-G aspirant for wings, used to heave lots of leather down at Norfolk, Va., against the navy boxers. The army came out in fine shape too. Johnson won 50 fights, twelve of them by the knockout route, in the 63 matches he was in as a heavyweight.

Besides those few fights he lost, Virgil remembers the times he lost his pants in a couple of the bouts. "About the most embarrassing moments I ever had," chuckles Johnson.

TONIGHT—POST THEATER
Ronald Reagan
Errol Flynn
DESPERATE JOURNEY
See it again!

SPORTS

Baseball League To Start Soon

The Strother Field soft ball league is to get underway as soon as the play areas are ready, according to 1st. Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Director of Physical Training on the base.

The various squadrons interested in entering teams are asked to cooperate in giving the beautification program here a good start before beginning the schedule of play. The grass seed planted recently over the base is showing great results, and until it has grown enough to withstand damage, the play areas are not being used.

Lt. Sawyer Subs In Right Field

The 908th QM's played the Medics, Sunday afternoon, in a rousing soft-ball game. The majors don't have a thing on our spring season grapefruit circuit. Although the QM's were a bit ragged in spots, by the time the season opens they should have a team the equal of any on the post. Best hit of the day, Pvt. Hester's home run, best substitute, Lt. Sawyer, who played a bang-up game in right field the last two innings.

Everyone is glad to see Capt. Wolf back after his trip to Randolph Field. He says that the place looks much the same, which brings back some fond memories to the fellows that were stationed there for a while.

Bad Impression Cleared By Confession

When two members of the Special Service Department at Strother Field turned and ran for the exit in the gas chamber during a demonstration last week, humiliation was cast on the honorable name of the organization.

It was with bowed heads and beaten spirits that these two so-called sissies trod the streets and alleys of Strother Field, but truth will out, as the saying goes, and once again they are normal GI soldiers, or is that good?

During a class on chemical warfare the first of this week a statement was made by the non-com who had been in charge of the tear gas demonstration which clarified the embarrassing situation.

The quantity of CN gas used in the chamber had been purposely increased. Not enough to cause any physical injury, but to let the men know what the stuff is really like.

The order at that time to leave the chamber in an orderly manner failed to stop the mad rush of the two victims of the non-com's surprise party, even though they were first in their group to remove their masks and feel the effects of the gas. Their exit was later duplicated by many others, it is understood.

Today, whenever the Special Service Department is mentioned the response is "Bravo"! The other victim? This is one case where no by-line was requested.

Heard in the PX: The man I marry must be a hero.
Oh, you're not so bad as that!

Chilocco Braves Brave SAAF Mitts Thursday, May 6

"Get Out Your Old War Bonnet With the Red Feathers On It, and Swing a Right Hook for the Slay" is the theme song of the Chilocco Indian boxing team which meets the mighty men of Strother Field on a rip-roaring fight card Thursday, May 6, at Winfield, Kans.

Ten three-round bouts are being scheduled at the present time by 1st. Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Director of Physical Training at Strother and Ray Colglaiser, Athletic Director at the Chilocco Indian School.

The card, which will be free to all enlisted men, will take place in Stewart Gymnasium in Winfield. Col. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, desires an even better turn out for the event than the large-sized crowd that attended the first show held in Winfield on April 9th. According to reports, the event will pack the gym to its rafters; as this card promises to be a slam-bang affair.

The Chilocco Indians have made boxing history in the southwest, and in fact wherever their teams have appeared. It has been a period of years since they have suffered a defeat on their own stamping ground, and their losses have been very few in matches elsewhere.

The schedule of bouts for the card will be announced in next week's issue of the Prairie Flyer.

All profits from the boxing cards are to be used for the purchase of athletic equipment for use by the various squadrons on the field, Lt. Stoner said today. So, not only do we soldiers get to see some real entertainment free, but the admission price paid by civilians means more equipment for entertainment here on the field.



After all, this IS the sports page!



Chicago Girl Wins Contest

"Tenshun," remove caps and bow graciously because on this page you have come face to face with Strother Field's "All-American Sweetheart," Miss Ruth Sorenson of Chicago, Ill., and brother, her's is a face you would gladly make a left or right face for—any place, day or night!

W. F. Frailey, editor of the Arkansas City Daily Traveler and Harry Hart, managing editor of the Winfield Courier, were judges of the contest. They eliminated the contestants to just two, then called upon Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, to cast the deciding vote. The colonel made his decision commenting, "I've been framed!" Their selection shows they have keen eyes for a beautiful face and figure—what are we saying! The picture of Miss Sorenson shows only her beautiful face! Anyway, imagination is a wonderful thing.

Pvt. Norman Peterson of the 1081st squadron submitted the winner's picture in the contest, feeling certain that his entry would win—hand downs—and she did, but the two newspaper representatives raised their hands and said, "Never again! Here is the selection of the winner, but believe us, she had a world of competition. We are going back to the task of correctly spelling the names of Russian villages—peace, it's wonderful!"

Many pictures of gorgeous girls were entered in the contest, and the staff of the Prairie Flier wishes each portrait could be printed in the paper. You will have to take our word for their beauty—perhaps the fact that we uncontrollably uttered guttural noises, similar to that made by a certain animal, as we drooled over each portrait will convince you of the elegance of the contestants from 16 states!

Lets see, a 3 day pass to Chicago might work. A day to get there, and—oh, oh! there is a ring on her left hand!

An 11 x 14 hand-tinted portrait of the winner will be given to Pvt. Peterson. Miss Sorenson is to receive a portrait of him, and ten runners-up are to receive pictures of their boy-friends, all through the courtesy of Lt. Robert E. Lynch Jr., Public Relations Officer and the Strother Photo Lab., sponsors of the contest.

Army Air Forces Administration OCS Reopens

Army Air Forces Administrative Officer Candidate School has reopened, and applications are now being accepted from the personnel at this Field as in others in the Gulf Coast Command Area for appointment.

The requirements have not been changed; candidates must still have a General Classification Score of 110 or better, and be able to pass a 63 physical examination.

Any member of the personnel of Strother Field desiring to make application for this school must contact Lt. Rood in the Classification Office to secure information about filling out the necessary forms.

Strother Field All-American Sweetheart



MISS RUTH SORENSON

Miss Ruth Sorenson, Chicago, Ill., who has been selected winner in the contest sponsored by the Public Relations Dept. and Photo Lab.

EM Invited To Hear A. P. Moscow Chief

An opportunity to see and hear the man who wrote a letter to Joseph Stalin, Russian leader, regarding news concerning the second front—and RECEIVED AN ANSWER. will be presented all enlisted men of Strother Field the evening of May 6th.

Henry C. Cassidy, Chief of the Moscow Bureau of the Associated Press, is now on leave in the United States, and will appear at the Auditorium-Gymnasium in Arkansas City at 8 p.m. on that date. All enlisted men of Strother Field are to be admitted free of charge.

Not only was one letter received from Mr. Stalin, but this was followed by a second letter to Mr. Cassidy. In the first reply, Stalin said, "We are calling on the Allies to fulfill their obligations fully and on time." In his second letter he complimented the Allies on their victorious achievement in Africa against the Nazis.

Mr. Cassidy's talk promises to be of interest to everyone, and all men are urged to attend this outstanding event.

What Happened !!!

That is what you will be asking when you see the "Wizards of Wichita" at the post theater Sunday evening at 6 p.m.

It seems the "slight of handers" had a get together and decided they had some pretty good stuff on the ball—and they have—so they formed a show—a real killer diller. After their usual appearances, for which all comers had to dig and shell out the shekels, they decided to donate their time to the boys in the service.

It seems we are lucky enough to be on the list, 'cause they will be here to entertain us with the super-super-natural, and a full quota of laughs.

If you want to forget your relatives or lose yourself, maybe one of the performers will be able to help you solve your problem. If he can't, then it is a sure thing just looking at the girls will obliterate all your troubles, and all FREE too.

"Hangmen Also Die" will be shown at 2 and at 4 o'clock. At 6 we will have our guest performers and at 8 o'clock the "Hangmen" will reappear on the screen.

Memorandum To All Concerned:

I wish to express my appreciation to all the officers and men of this post for the cooperation which they showed prior to and during the annual inspection by the Inspector General. The appearance of all personnel at the Review and Inspection Saturday was excellent. The Review itself was evidence of much worthwhile effort by all concerned.

JOSEPH F. CARROLL,
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding.

Annual Inspection Completed With Review on Ramp

The official representative of the Inspector General's Office of the Gulf Coast Command Area at Randolph Field completed his annual check of Strother Field with a review of the personnel on the concrete apron last Saturday, April 24.

During the previous week, the Inspector's party, headed by Major Allen K. Brown, and accompanied by his aides Captain Frank E. Brown, M/S C. A. Malesky, and Corp. H. S. Maerkin, had made a thorough examination of the Field.

The review on the ramp, which began at eight-thirty Saturday, lasted about an hour, and was completed with a personal inspection of men and Cadets in the Ground School area.

The inspecting officer was well pleased with the appearance of the grounds, and was very much satisfied with the progress that has been made here at Strother Field.

This is the second large review which has been held at Strother Field, both of which have been accompanied with a hellish wind. This time however, the blowing dust and dirt was not quite as severe and the cruel bite of the wind was not present.

An amusing incident occurred during the parade on the ramp, when the 322nd Sq's mascot dog joined with his group and did his share of the marching, even to pass the reviewing stand.

Civilian Mess Opens Monday

The civilian mess-hall at Strother Field will be opened for the first time Monday, May 3rd, when the service of noontime meals to civilian employees of the base will commence.

A test-period during which only noon meals will be served is to be tried out, according to Lt. G. A. Mueller, Post Exchange Officer.

"If it is found that the food rationing point system can be so handled that food may also be sold to the military personnel, the mess-hall will then be open for catering to the latter group," said Lt. Mueller.

The building will accommodate 112 persons at one time and service will be cafeteria style. There will be an attractive variety of food from which to select.

Mrs. A. F. Neuman of Arkansas City will manage the mess-hall. Her years of experience in the catering line assure the civilian personnel of Strother Field the serving of correctly prepared food.

Plans call for the selling of sandwiches at the mess-hall and also at the PX, both in the soft-drink and beer departments, according to Lt. Mueller.

Aux. Field Completed

The west auxiliary field, known as No. 5, has been completed and flying from it commenced the first of this week.

There are two concrete runways approximately 4,000 feet in length and a stage-house on the field.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

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A Message From General Arnold

The outstanding impression gained during my visit to the African Middle East, and Far Eastern Theatres was that every young officer and enlisted combat crew member had the utmost confidence in himself, in his fellows, and in the equipment he was using so effectively.

Every Army Air Forces man preparing for combat should gain increased inspiration from the supreme confidence and fighting spirit of our comrades overseas.

Those who have fought the enemy have no doubt as to the outcome of this war. Combat crew members know they can meet any enemy on equal terms. They praise their equipment and would not exchange types of airplanes. Their intense loyalty and mutual confidence is everywhere apparent.

I proudly commend the glorious combat spirit of Air Forces fighting men overseas. Their admirable example should inspire every officer and enlisted man to new zeal and greater enthusiasm for the challenging task ahead."

Have You Read . . .

The Moon Is Down—John Steinbeck
Command of the Air—Giulio Douhet
The Jew of Rome—Lion Feuchtwanger
Miracle on the Congo—Ben Lucien Burman
They're in your Post Library.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, May 1

MURDER IN TIMES SQUARE
Edmund Lowe—Marguerite Chapman
MY SON THE HERO
Patsy Kelly—Roscoe Karns

Sunday and Monday, May 2-3

HANGMEN ALSO DIE
Brian Donlevy—Walter Brennan—Anna Lee
News of the Day No. 265

Tuesday, May 4

TAHITI HONEY—Dennis O'Keefe
Simone Simon—Michael Whelan
Spook Louder - Stoooge Comedy
Trout - - Sportscope
Poney Fables - Merrie Melodies

Wednesday and Thursday, May 5-6

DESERT VICTORY—Special
News of the Day No. 266
SHERLOCK HOLMES IN WASHINGTON
Basil Rathbone—Nigel Bruce

Friday, May 7

USO Presents—"BUBBLING OVER"
Two Shows—6:30 and 8:00 p.m.
It's Free!

Our Times

LT. ADRA S. P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: American planes dropped explosive Easter eggs over Jap bases in the Aleutians and the Southwest Pacific, while at home millions observed the greatest feast days of the year by worshipping, the way of free men, in the churches of their choice. In North Africa, the Allies kept pushing the Axis forces slowly toward the Mediterranean, while Hitler was telling German youth again that there was no such thing as Easter, because there was no such thing as Christ. From Tunisia came the only bad news; Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, commanding general of the U. S. Army Ground Forces, has been severely but not critically wounded.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: Sweden's growing boldness in the face of ominous Nazi designs can mean but one thing. The Germans are weakening fast. Stockholm is the number one listening post and sounding board in Europe, and the Swedes know something about what's going on. It is now apparent that if she discards her neutrality, Sweden will join the Allies, precarious though her position may seem. . . . Breaking of relations with Poland by Russia will have far-reaching consequences. Paper politicians will find that fact a big headache at the peace table. . . . Unless labor leaders rationalize their war-time operations, organized labor will lose some of its prestige when peace is restored. Few loyal Americans can see any valid reason for strikes in these towns.

TRIVIA: A sign of democracy: On April 21, the Consolidated Steel Company at Orange, Texas, launched a destroyer escort vessel which was named the "Chatelain." The ship was named after a home-town farm boy who was killed in action in the Southwest Pacific in October, 1942, while he was a gunner's mate aboard a U. S. cruiser. Chatelain had never even finished high school. He had no designs on fame and fortune. He was satisfied with his day-to-day existence among the folks he loved back in Louisiana. But he had the spirit of America, which will continue the fight against the enemy in his namesake, the U. S. S. "Chatelain."

"Pilot From Strother Field"

By MRS. LEONA CRANSTON
of Atlanta, Kansas

While I hang the wash in the yard to dry,
I watch the mechanical dragon fly
That flits through the cotton fluff clouds in
the sky—
Fledgling pilot from Strother Field.

What wouldn't I give for those silver wings,
To be able to loop, do rolls and swings,
While the clouds stream by and the wild wind
sings,
Like that pilot from Strother Field!

Then it comes as a shock—not for fun are
you there,
Soaring, cavorting through keen spring air:
The whole future wealth of the world is your
care.
Young pilot from Strother Field.

God bless you, lad. You're a knight of Now
As you soar forth to combat to keep your vow
That no slave of Might shall a free man cow,
Brave pilot from Strother Field.

Liftings

When asked why he wouldn't take out
GI insurance, Sgt. Enegren said, "I've got
Fire Insurance. I know where I'm going."

Be it ever so homely, there's no face like
one's own.

Pvt. Mahoney: A funny thing happened
to my mother in Paris.
Pfc. Hudson: I thought you said you were
born in Ohio.

PFC. Overstrom: You look good enough
to eat.
Pick-up: I do eat; where shall we go?

She looked like she was poured into her
dress . . . and someone forgot to say when.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

Few people have ever heard of John Rowlands, but even school children know about Henry M. Stanley, the American journalist and African Explorer. Yet these are the same person.

Born in Wales, John Rowlands was left an orphan at two. Early in his teens he shipped to New Orleans as a cabin boy. There he found employment with a wealthy merchant, Henry M. Stanley, who encouraged him and entrusted him with great responsibility. The merchant's kindly disposition and fair dealing with all his associates made a very real impression upon the young man. So great in fact, that when the foster father died, the young man took his name for his own in order to perpetuate his memory.

For several years the young man worked as a journalist, part of the time on staff of the New York Herald. When Robert Livingston was lost in the heart of Africa, Stanley, believing the great missionary-explorer to be alive, begged to go on the searching expedition. There he found and carefully collected and edited Livingston's journals which have served as a handbook for future exploration, medical and missionary work among the peoples of Africa.

Except for the good influence of the wealthy merchant, the improvement of conditions in the heart of Africa could have been long delayed.

The good example has no end. Years after the exhibitor has passed his action continues to advance the cause of humanity.

SAAF GAFF

By CPL. H. C. HAYLEY

cpl lester beam wants a few g.i.'s to "get on the beam" and join his friends and he in a game of bridge . . . his bridge manners have been improved lately due to the interest held at the Winfield u.s.o. club. . . . it is directed that all civilian personnel familiarize themselves with the fact that some of our boys (namely; sgt. john c. liddell, cpl. neal w. oliver, and others) are not escapees from alcatraz, but have merely adorned g.i. haircuts for the summer season! . . . t/sgt. herbert c. pennington (mess sergeant) has requisitioned a few stickers labeled "property of u. s. government—severe penalties for unlawful use," only after he discovered that one kitchen helper, who has become somewhat liquor-minded, had been partaking of the vanilla extract . . . heres hoping this will do the trick. . . . intoxicating.
. . . henry behney, new guard, has been snowed under with letters . . . received all of two during the past month. . . . with pipe lit, a strong determination, and a will to make the 1081st a top notch squadron, it is idore brown has taken command of that squadron upon recent transfer from the 448th where he presided as adjutant. . . the peep of the week is a peek up the street in winfield at the spring time atmosphere that has accumulated itself in this southern kansas city . . so with a stroll in mind we close our scroll until next time.

USO Activities

FRI.....WINFIELD.....Tournaments—prize nite
ARK CITY.....Sister Susie

SAT.....WINFIELD.....May Day Dance
ARK CITY.....Birthday Party for May

SUN.....WINFIELD.....Mexican Dancers
ARK CITY.....Chilocco Indian Revue

MON.....WINFIELD.....Choir.....Informal
ARK CITY.....Do-as-you-please

TUES..WINFIELD.....Variety Nite..Dance Inst.
ARK CITY....."Record Your Voice"

WED...WINFIELD.....Dance.....Program
ARK CITY.....Dance.....Col. & Conn. Nite

THUR.WINFIELD.....Do-as-you-please
ARK CITY.....Ping Pong and Susie

Kownick's Korny Kollum

By CPL. HAROLD KOWNICK

The desire to look pretty and gay is greater than ever. The girls of Winfield had their Easter preview last Saturday night at the dance for the boys from Strother Field. They sure were neat and crisp. One of them said they had to match the boys bedecked in their bright summer khaki.

Did you hear about the story of the two soldiers who called up for a date? "If a man answers," said the first soldier to the second, "Ask him why he isn't in the Army!"

One of the boys asked the 1st Sergeant. "What's the secret of your success?" "He said: 'It's no secret. It's just doing, every day, two things a person always dislikes doing . . . going to bed each night, and getting up each morning.'"

Private Wilben Gathings finds the hardest thing he has to deal with is an old deck of cards.

Private Everett Erikson has a girl friend in town whose hair is turning gray with worry . . . over whether to be a blonde or a red head.

Sgt. Johnson: "Would you like to see a model home?"

Sgt. Peterson: "Glad to. What time does she quit work?"

One of the boys just back from across was asked, "Why do the people of Samoa wear so little clothing?" "Guess it's too hot for Samoa," was the reply.

Swank New Cadet Day Room Nears Completion

The new combined day room and barbershop for Cadets, being built in the Cadet area between Cadet Headquarters and the Cadet Mess, is rapidly nearing completion. This structure will consolidate the now-existing squadron day rooms into one enlarged lounge and recreation room.

The main lounge and recreation room is 20 feet wide and 94 feet long, and has a ceiling height of eight feet. Here the Cadets will relax from a busy day "upstairs" and entertain their guests. The room will be furnished by money taken from the Cadet mess fund.

The annexed barbershop is 20 feet wide by 40 feet long, has a higher ceiling than the lounge, and is built to hold four or five chairs.

Major Dickey, Commandant of Cadets, remarked that the new day room "was really going to be something!"

IS THIS YOU?

Report to the Intelligence Officer.

People who ask too many questions about what is going on at the Field;

If you see anyone taking pictures of the Field or military equipment.

Send It Home

After you finish reading this issue of Prairie Flier, send it home to the folks. Incidentally, the Prairie Flier wants to know what is happening. If you hear or see something that you think is interesting, call our office. . . Phone 297.

Fly Flag For 12 Weeks

The 322nd Aviation Service Squadron has piled up an enviable record. For twelve consecutive weeks the 322nd has proudly flown the Chaplain's flag in its squadron area. The Chaplain's flag is given each week to the squadron that shows the greatest percentage of attendance at Chapel.

Major Wood Zooms In On Martin Marauder

Major Frank L. Wood Jr., formerly Post Operations Officer at this base, made a stop at Strother Field last Wednesday the 21st, while on a routine cross-country flight with his giant Martin.

Major Wood, a graduate of Kelly Field, was stationed here when the Post was first opened, and he led the first aerial review when the Field was dedicated in January.

About eight weeks ago he left for Martin bomber transitional school, and at present he is in his last phase of training. From bomber school he will travel to Tampa, Florida, where he will complete his combat training in gunnery, and then leave for active fighting.

While here he made a local hop in the company of some of the Staff Officers of Strother Field.

To Improve Taxi-way

Capt. O. C. Helseth, Area Engineer, has called for contracts for the extension, widening and paving of the west taxi-way on Strother Field. The taxi-way is approximately 4,000 feet in length.

Complete Gas Training

Enlisted men of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron this week completed an 18 hour course in chemical warfare, under the able tutelage of Cpl. Ronnie (Kentucky) Shouse.

The course was divided into three classifications: 9 hours of basic training in the proper use of the gas mask; 7 hours classroom training in the detection, identification, and characteristics of various chemical agents; 2 hours in gas chamber and field work.

Records are to be kept on each man in the squadron, showing his hours of training, grades, condition of gas mask, etc.

Similar training is being given in all other squadrons on the field. It is understood that the 448th is the first squadron to complete the 18 hour course at this time. New classes are to be organized in the 448th in the near future.

A. C. Officer's Wives Entertain

The officer's wives residing in Winfield were the guests of the Arkansas City officer's wives at the officer's club Tuesday afternoon as the result of a Red Cross contest held between the two groups during the last month.

The Winfield ladies accumulated a total of 960 hours devoted to Red Cross activities while the Ark City group contributed 704 hours.

Among the individual winners, Mrs. Eugene Graebner was the highest with 63 hours, Mrs. Douglas C. Polhamus was second with 51 hours and Mrs. Foster R. Dickey and Mrs. Harry Strouse tied for third with 50 hours each.

303 EM Volunteer As Blood Donors

Over 300 enlisted men at Strother Field have responded to the call for volunteers as blood donors in the event of any emergencies that might arise here.

The original request sent out to the various squadrons asked for the names of only 100 volunteers. In true Strother Field spirit, three times the number of volunteers needed signed up, each man gladly willing to donate his blood whenever necessary.

Following are the squadrons and the number of volunteers in each: 448th, 51 men; 1081st, 49 men; 1082nd, 69 men; 1083rd, 18 men; 1084th, 16 men; 1088th, 12 men; Band, 15 men; Medics, 30 men; Quartermaster, 3 men, and the 322nd Aviation Service Squadron, 40 men.

It was originally planned to publish the names of the blood donors in the Prairie Flier, but with the greatly increased number of volunteers, space prohibits listing the names.

Second EM Dance Success

Over 400 GIs had the time of their lives last Wednesday night as Strother Field was visited by 300 beautiful maidens. The second EM dance held in the post gym was a tremendous success with the Boeing Bombers furnishing the musical portion of the program. A concession stand erected in the gym dispensed soft drinks throughout the evening. The dance was sponsored by the Special Service Dept. and the USO. Another dance will be held in the near future.

Service Clubs Plan Active Summer Program

Soldier — would you like to go swimming or on a picnic this summer? Well then, you're going to like what the Service Clubs of both Ark City and Winfield are arranging for the boys in khaki!

Temporary plans are now in order to make the natatorial facilities of both cities available to the lads of Strother Field for parties and all around swimming. These two pools, both of recent construction, will be an excellent escape from the summer heat.

In addition, picnics, bike trips, hikes and outdoor get-togethers are planned for the week-ends, and attempts are being made to secure grounds for outdoor sports.

All these will supplement the usual evening fun on the dance floor. The Service Centers urge all soldiers to participate in the summer's program, and to take advantage of the opportunities at their disposal to have an enjoyable summer.

Rommel's Retreat At Post Theatre

Field Marshall Rommel's dash across Libya has been photographically preserved in the highly interesting film, "Desert Victory," to be shown at the Post Theater Wednesday and Thursday, May 5 and 6.

The motion picture was photographed during actual combat operations by members of the British Army. It runs one hour. "Sherlock Holmes in Washington" and "News of the Day" will also be shown.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR L. R. VANCE, JR.

"Coming in on one cyclinder" was the way Major Leon Robert Vance Jr. arrived at Strother Field on Dec. 1, 1942, to take over his duties as Director of Flying and Operations Officer.

His arrival did not bring out the crash truck, fire trucks and ambulance—nor did he appear in a BT airplane with eight of its nine cylinders missing. He came in riding a one-cylinder, lightweight motorcycle, all the way from Enid, Okla., his home town.

Today, Major Vance can be seen daily, riding his sleek, black mount over the base, immaculate in his uniform and losing no time in getting from place to place. His motorcycle is the ultimate in gas conservation, traveling 100 miles on a gallon of gasoline. Top speed is reported to be 35 to 40 miles per hour.

Expertly handling a motorcycle is not the only sport at which Major Vance is very adept. While attending the University of Oklahoma, he was awarded a gun as a member of the college champion-



MAJ. L. R. VANCE, JR.

ship skeet team. He also won awards in fencing, tennis and football. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at the university. His hobbies are golf, fishing and hunting.

After two years at the university, he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Graduating from the school in 1939 with the commission of second lieutenant of infantry, he took flying training as a student officer at Tulsa, Okla., and then at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas.

In 1940 he graduated at Kelly Field as a second lieutenant in the air corps. In September of that year he was commissioned as first lieutenant while a flying instructor at Randolph Field.

In January, 1941, Major Vance was assigned to Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas, as provost marshal, flight commander and squadron commander. In February of 1942 he was promoted to captain and in July of 1942 was commissioned as major. He came to Strother Field from Goodfellow Field.

Major Vance is now Director of Training, BFT Group, and Operations Officer.



"Well, well!—Th' foist robin! Who whistled?!!"

Non Stop Exercise Conditions Cadets

The Cadet Physical Training program is under the able supervision of Lt. Henry C. Mittermeyer, former Texas University Athlete, who really believes in conditioning our Cadets with his famous commando non stopping exercise conditioner. He states that the Cadet exercise program is more than a mere warm up, actually a workout.

With the arrival of Class 43-H Lt. Mittermeyer expects some of the records set by Classes 43-F and 43-G will be broken. The following records are the best so far.

The seven conditioning tests:

1. Standing broad jump, 9 ft. 9 in. K. C. Rhodes, Class 43-G.
2. 75 yd. Dash, 8 seconds. J. E. Harris, Class 43-F.
3. 150 yd. dash, 15.8 seconds J. L. Harris, Class 43-F.
4. Chinning the bar, 20, R. J. Wells, Class 43-F.
5. Push up, 50, M. Lerrea, Class 43-G.
6. Modified burpee, 16, E. Welkowski, Class 43-F.
7. Leg lifts, 122, O. L. Perriman, Class 43-F.

The best all around performance for the 7 conditioning tests is held by D. D. Stephenson, Class 43-G: 1. Chins, 11; 2. Standing broad jump, 9 ft. 4 in.; 3. Push ups 27; 4. Modified burpees, 15; 5. Leg lifts, 64; 6. 75 yd dash 8 seconds; 7. 150 yd. dash, 15.9 seconds.

This is very outstanding considering the size and weight of Stephenson. He is 6 ft. 2 in. tall and weighed in at 197 pounds. He has lost weight since being stationed here and now weighs 190 pounds. Stephenson also holds the obstacle course record of 1 minute and 45 seconds.

SUNDAY NIGHT 6:00 PM
POST THEATER
A 90 Minute Magic Show
"THE WIZARDS OF WICHITA"
On The Stage
FREE!

Q. M.'s News Nil

Don't know a bit of news. We've been so busy with different inspectors that we just haven't been able to get out and make any news, at least the kind that one can print. 'Course the fact that 'tis so near the end of the month may have something to do with it, too. There was something said about us losing another ball game, but about that we just won't say too much. We will talk about our new conditioning program, what with these two hour jaunts that we take in the afternoons around the fair countryside, we're generally too tired to enjoy any social life. So we have been living the good quiet life of the soldier. Ah, good old payday, may it come, but quickly.

Ark City USO Holds Pow-wow

The Indians are coming! Never mind the six-shooter, brother. They're not on the war path. They come to entertain. Sunday night at the Ark City USO the Chillico Indian school will present a program complete with colorful costumes and native tribal dances. Beautiful Indian maidens will be on hand. The ceremonies start at 8 o'clock sharp.

SPORTS

Strother Sluggers Ready To Socko Chilocco Indians

Physical Training Program For Enlisted Men

AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

To develop that state of physical fitness and mental alertness essential and required for military effectiveness of all enlisted personnel at SAAF and those particular physical skills and coordinations required for combat activity.

PROGRAM:

The program includes a coordinated, progressive, and graduated plan of physical conditioning and hardening exercises. Activities offered during off-duty time are considered an integral part of the SAAF physical training program.

HARDENING, CONDITIONING:

All exercises and activities are selected on the basis of their value in improving strength, endurance, agility, and physiological function of the body. The program is introduced on a graduated basis, beginning with mild forms of exercise and gradually increasing the amount and degree of performance.

Be Patient

The newly-sown grass is growing—and so is the impatience of Strother Field softball players who want to get a league schedule underway.

It will not be long until the play areas are ready, but until that time activity along this line will have to be confined to rounding up a good team in each squadron and department to make the league a really hot one.

Quartet Entertains

The 322nd quartet has been rendering numerous programs since its organization, under the direction of PFC. Ashton J. Williams. A few appearances were for the officers club, Kiwanis Club and various churches of the adjoining communities. Personal thanks goes to the members of the First Methodist Church, of Winfield, for the manner in which their recent program was received.

Tuesday night, May 4th, will not be the first time that Indians and soldiers have come to blows, but the deadly sting of arrows and bullets will be replaced by the lethal effects of boxing gloves.

What promises to be the most exciting fight-card seen in the southwest is scheduled for 8:15 p.m., in the Stewart Gymnasium at Winfield, when the warriors from Chilocco Indian School meet the Strother Field team in nine great 3-round bouts. The original date of the card had been set for Thursday, May 6th, but was advanced two days in order to not conflict with the appearance of H. C. Cassidy, A.P. chief in Moscow, who will speak in Arkansas City next Thursday evening.

Every single blow dealt Tuesday night will be a potential knockout blow, on the part of each fighter. The Indians are known for ability to eliminate their opponents in quick fashion—with the fewest amount of punches necessary.

Members of the Strother team have been training hard for this card—and are showing that they are ready to dish out plenty of punishment to the Indians. The boys are serious about coming out the victors in this fast engagement. The long standing record of the Indians as being best in the southwest will suddenly be ended if the Strother team members have their way.

Coming from Chilocco are such outstanding fighters as Charley Jones, one of the hardest hitting boxers ever produced at Chilocco. J. A. Mills, Tige Jefferson, Chief Locust, Oklahoma Champion in his weight; Sam Cockey, undefeated in amateur fighting; Raymond Isaac and others.

In the ring to win for Strother Field will be Slugger Gaynor, KO Canty, "Mike" Mathews, Terrible Telles, a classy fighter who is to make his first appearance before a local audience, and other outstanding members of the team.

The Winfield Municipal Band will play a concert at 7:30 p.m., as an added attraction on the program. Men in uniform are to be admitted free.

Proceeds are to go to the Winfield USO and Strother Field Athletic Fund. Let's really have a turn out this time men. This entertainment is free to we soldiers and an exciting evening is promised. We also profit from admission charge paid by civilians. It means more athletic equipment for our use, so lets go.

Chilocco vs. Strother Field

CHILOCCO	VS.	STROTHER
R. Sockey128 lbs.....		J. Kemper
R. Isaac130 lbs.....		G. Caligiur
V. Jefferson 135 lbs. R. Johnston		
J. A. Mills135 lbs.....		R. Beaty
B. Evans135 lbs.....		M. Harper
B. Bumler150 lbs.....		J. Thower
C. Jones155 lbs. A. Mathews		
H. Tripp165 lbs.....		F. Telles
W. Locust175 lbs.....		G. Gaynor

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BOXING TUESDAY NIGHT S.A.A. F. vs. CHILOCCO INDIANS

Southwestern Gym

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Soldiers Admitted Free

Benefit Winfield USO and S.A.A.F. Athletic Fund



Mess Procedure Streamlined For Better Service

Gone are the days when the men of Strother Field took their leisurely time in going to the mess hall for meals — squadrons are now marching to their chow, in accordance with the new meal service schedule, as set up by the Mess Council on the field.

We have all heard complaints about food being cold. Of course it never occurred to us that the fact we were going to the mess hall exceedingly late for each meal might have anything to do with this condition.

The mess hall is run on a time schedule that must function perfectly every minute of the day and night. Food, to be properly prepared, takes time. When the breakfast period, as well as other meals runs overtime, it is impossible to have the next meal ready, with everything cooked as you like it. This is the main reason for the new time schedule for the various squadrons, according to Lt. W. C. Doody, Assistant Mess Officer.

A new feature in the mess hall is that of self-service, in most instances, of the various foods on each meal's menu. In this way, you can take what you want—and be able to eat what you take. It is the one way to greatly eliminate the waste of foods.

It will be impossible to allow self-service of butter and milk, however, as the allowance of butter, for instance, is three pounds for one hundred men for the breakfast meal, and two pounds per hundred men at the noon and evening meals. A "free-for-all" by the first twenty men in the line would no doubt cause a shortage for the remaining men.

Prairie Flier Adds CNS

Hold on to your hats men and get ready for a new thrill. The Prairie Flier has added a news service. That in itself is a rather prosaic happening on all papers, but this time it's different. Not only will we be able to bring you news from other camps and interesting features, but also we will have Milton Caniff's strictly GI comic strip, THE MALE CALL! That's where the thrill comes in. Milton Caniff is the creator of Terry and the Pirates and if you haven't privately thrilled to his beauteous babes then you are eligible for a Section 8. Miss Lace is the comely heroine of this strip and confidentially, she out-Burmas Burma. Last week the "Wolf" made his debut. This week on page two and three we proudly present "The Male Call."



Cpl. and Mrs. Leslie Ellard emerge from the Post Chapel after first wedding on field.

First Wedding In SAAF Chapel

In the first wedding ceremony to be held at Strother Field chapel, Miss Helen Laverne Frueh, daughter of Mrs. Daisy Frueh, Winfield, Kans., became the bride of Corp. Leslie Clarence Ellard son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ellard, Houston, Tex., last Friday at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Representatives of the 1088th. Guard Squadron, of which the groom is a member, took part in the military ceremony, and stood at "present arms" as the party left the chapel after the wedding.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Diebel of Winfield, as best man and matron of honor.

"I Love You Truly" was sung by PFC. Theodore J. Naman. Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played by PFC. Ashton J. Williams as the recessional and processional.

Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger performed the wedding vows.

Following the bridal dinner held in Winfield, the couple left on a two week honeymoon to Houston, Texas.

Captain Strother Again Honored

Capt. Donald Strother, the war hero whose name our field proudly bears, was honored again by Frank Kurtz in the book "Queens Die Proudly" by W. L. White currently appearing in the May Readers' Digest.

Kurtz says "... our own pilot, Captain Strother—a brave, skillful pilot (who was presently to die, and every man of his crew feels he gave his life to save ours) ..."

Sub-Machine Gun Training For GIs

That roar and clatter you've been hearing from the north end of the field these days may be a slight cause for irritation but we hope some day for it to be more than that to the Japs or Nazis.

Exact location of the din is the firing range and the noise is generated by what is familiarly called the "Tommy-gun," but what is officially the caliber .45 Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, Model 1928A1, and the new M1A1. The three major changes in the new model (if you know anything about Tommy-guns) are the lack of a Cutts Compensator, lack of cooling flanges on the barrel, and the placement of the actuator which is now on the side of the gun.

Training in the use and operation of the sub-machine gun is being carried on under the able supervision of the Director of Training, Lt. Col. Douglas Polhamus, with the aid of the Ordnance Department and individual Squadron range officers. The Ordnance section will give initial instruction to the range officers and three non-commissioned officers from each squadron who, in turn, will instruct the other members of their respective squadrons.

The course consists of eight hours of Mechanical Training i.e., nomenclature, care and cleaning, stoppages, safety precautions, etc., and two hours of preparatory marksmanship and actual firing.

The Guard Squadron is the only squadron to have completed the course, and will continue their training with the caliber .45 pistol, automatic, and the caliber .30 rifle, according to Lt. Bertis W. Jacobs, 1088th adjutant.

"Bubblin' Over" Free USO Show Here Tonight

Filled to the brim with all-star talent, the cream of the vaudeville and night club worlds, the USO-Camp Shows production, "Bubblin' Over," will be presented to SAAF at the Post Theater tonight at 6:30 and 8 p.m. Performers who have amused and delighted audiences all over the globe will be on hand in this merry musical show.

From the musical comedy and variety stage are Les Ghezzis, one of the greatest acrobatic and equilibrist teams in the world, whose exhibition of hand balancing and feats of strength and agility is astounding.

Tap dancer, Catherine Harris, who taps on her toes, blends the twin arts of toe and tap dancing into skilful routines that are marvels of beauty and rhythm.

An expert on everything in general and nothing in particular is "Senator" Murphy, who admits that he is "the man who can out-argue anybody on anything."

"Sense and Nonsense" is the name that the comedy team of Ross and Bennett have given their act, but actually there is much more of the latter and little, if any, of the former.

Vivacious and versatile Rosalind Gordon is a young tap dancer whose creative routines and original delineations are done in whirlwind, rhythmic tempo. Rosalind has appeared with Bob Crosby, Harry James, Will Osborne, and Charlie Spivak.

The most unique hoop juggler in show business is Howard Nichols. His act is considered the most breathtaking of its kind as he juggles as many as 20 hoops simultaneously.

Last, but not least, are those six dainty misses, the Madelyn Wallace Girls, a sextette of specialists in tap, acrobatic and ballet dancing.

So get to the theater early boys. There will be two performances of "Bubblin' Over" at 6:30 and 8:00.

Join The Cadets And See—Well!!

A Sunday school picnic was almost immodestly disrupted last Sunday by several unidentified, but friendly, airplanes. The Winfield girls, taking advantage of the (censored) weather, allowed temptation to overrule their lack of preparedness. The outward aspects of the case were all in their favor. The only entrance to their secluded picnic ground was through a seldom travelled road, so a sentry was posted to forestall any invasion from that quarter. The girls then submerged themselves in the river in various stages of undress. Despite the aforementioned precaution, the girls soon found themselves in hot water . . . and we don't mean the river. True to his nature, MAN arrived on the scene. Low swooping aircraft caused turmoil among the bathing beauties and screams filled the air at each new swoop. The girls had to remain in the water for 45 minutes before they dared to emerge. GIs can apply for cadet training if they have not passed their 27th birthday.

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Speaking of Murder

The Japs have changed their tactics. The infamous "stab in the back" of December 7 has been superseded by the latest international crime—the murder of the American fliers who were captured following the first Tokyo raid. With smug self satisfaction the Japanese radio announced their latest action. They threw it in the face of the American people and settled back as if to say, "What are you going to do about it?" Well, here's the answer. We, in the army as well as civilians, can buy war bonds to the limit of our ability . . . and then a little more. We can each do our job just a little bit better no matter how unimportant it may seem to us now. We can prepare for the day when we can have the personal satisfaction of pushing the buck teeth of some damned Jap back down his throat.

The Armed Forces Institute can help you to brush up on your Algebra. The Library has the information.

Have You Read . . .

A Thousand Shall Fall—Hans Habe

Global War—Edgar Ansel Mowrer and Marthe Rajchman

The Cup and the Sword—Alice Tisdale Hobart

My World—and Welcome to It—James Thurber

They're in your Post Library!

USO Activities

FRI.....WINFIELD.....Tournament Nite
ARK CITY.....Sister Suzie

SAT.....WINFIELD.....Dance.....Program
ARK CITY.....Dance.....Eats

SUN.....WINFIELD.....Aft.....Fishing Picnic
ARK CITY.....5:30 Wiener Roast

MON.....WINFIELD.....Bike Ride 8 p.m.
ARK CITY.....Do as you please

TUES.....WINFIELD.....Dancing Instruction
ARK CITY.....Record Your Voice

WED.....WINFIELD.....Dance.....Program
ARK CITY.....Dance.....Gingerbread

THUR.....WINFIELD.....Record Your Voice
ARK CITY.....Ping Pong.....Eats

Tonight at the Post Theater: USO presents Bubblin' Over. . . It's Free.

Our Times

LT. ADRA S. P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: The good old American way of doing things is beginning to manifest itself in Africa. The Yanks have captured the strategic road junction of Mateur, and at the time of this writing they have advanced 8 miles beyond that key point on the road to Bizerte and Tunis. By the end of this month, —if not by the time this goes to press,—we should be talking about operations other than those in Tunisia. You just can't beat that American way of doing a job. And it's beginning to look as if it would take something more than Hitler, Hirohito, and company can muster to stop the Yanks, now that they have begun to move. What with Joe Stalin making pretty eyes at us these days, and the coal miners back in the pits, we might have a good summer of it this year.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: Fuel Coordinator Ickes has stopped eastbound movement in railroad cars of fuel oil for home consumption; reason: to permit greater volume of oil for military use to move to the Atlantic seaboard. Herr Shickelgruber doesn't like the looks of that. . . . Admiral Land of the Maritime Commission announces that U. S. shipyards have smashed all shipbuilding records; they have achieved this acme of production by building five ships a day. More discomfort for the Axis. . . . Strikes and truces notwithstanding, it is extremely unlikely that coal miners will ever get their \$2-a-day wage increase.

TRIVIA: Tojo's Tons, or Where's That Ship. That would be an appropriate caption to the history of recent events in the Southwest Pacific. The Nips have lost almost 100,000 tons of shipping in April alone. . . . Japanese propagandists had a field day when they heard of the coal strike. The complete collapse of American economy, they called it. And today we learn that in Japan electricity is now available only to war plants. Perhaps the Jaundiced Jackals call that the peak of economic stability in Japan. . . . Any wonder that point-value of applesauce has decreased?

Thought For Today

God made a wonderful mother,
A mother who never grows old;
He made her smile of the sunshine,
And He molded her heart of pure gold;
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
In her cheeks, fair roses you see;
God made a wonderful mother,
And He gave that dear mother to me.
—Pat O'Reilly.

Liftings

Sgt.—Do you know why the farmer bought his son a boot-black stand?
Pvt.—No, why?
Sgt.—So he could make hay while the son shined.

Not mentioning any names. (But) I know a man that's such an early riser. . . If he went to bed a little later, he'd meet himself getting up in the morning.

Instructor: "Great Scott! The engine is missing and the propeller blade has snapped."
Cadet (on first flight): "Thank goodness! Now we can go down."

According to an examination paper: "A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle."

Cpl. Radley: "Capt. Frederick wants a pane of glass 9 by 11."

Sgt. Price: "Aint got any that size. Will an 11 by 9 pane do?"

Cpl. Radley: "I'll try her. Maybe if we slip it in sideways he won't notice."

According to Pvt. David and Pvt. Conrad a former milkman in their barracks wrote home: "Gee, it's swell here. We don't have to get up until 5 o'clock."

Guard (at 4:30 a.m.): "Halt! Who goes there?"

Voice in the dark: "Only the cook with doughnuts for breakfast."

Guard: "Pass cook. Halt, doughnuts."



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

"Mother's Day" this year should be of special importance to each of us as soldiers. It should be a day of deep and solemn contemplation.

When we consider the many sacrifices that have been made for us by our mothers throughout our lives and the extreme anxiety now felt by them for our welfare, we cannot but resolve to justify such unselfish devotion and love by consecrating ourselves to the highest ideals of manhood, which are the prayer of every mother for her son.

A sincere determination to live the fine moral and spiritual life taught by one's mother is indeed the most appropriate and welcome gift for "Mother's Day."

POST CHAPEL

Every Sunday

7:00 Catholic Confession.
8:00 Catholic Mass.
9:00 Negro Protestant Service.
10:00 General Protestant Service.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, May 8—Double Feature
HENRY ALDRICH GETS GLAMOUR
and RHYTHM OF THE ISLANDS
Jane Frazee

Sunday and Monday, May 9-10
Matinee . . . 2 p.m.
REAP THE WILD WIND
with Ray Milland, John Wayne and
Paulette Goddard
Plus NEWS

Tuesday, May 11
A STRANGER IN TOWN
with Frank Morgan
Plus Ski Soldiers, Johnny Long's Orch,
and Color Cartoon

Wednesday and Thursday, May 12-13
EDGE OF DARKNESS . . . Errol Flynn
Walter Houston and Ann Sheridan
Plus NEWS

Friday, May 14 . . . Revival
GENTLEMAN JIM
Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith
Plus Madcap Model

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, Cre



"Never Fear Mother, Dear"

Here is cheery news for all mothers of GSO girls who might have disturbing thoughts as to the conduct of their daughters when attending social affairs at Strother Field.

During the EM-GSO dance sponsored by the USO and Special Service Dept. held last week in the post gym, members of the 1088th Guard Squadron were on duty at each door to see that there was no "going" on the part of the dancers—just "coming" into the gym only.

A young married couple from Arkansas City deciding to get a breath of fresh air and a few minutes off duty as chaperones, walked to one of the doors and started out.

One of the alert guards shook his head and said, "No, no!" explaining that couples could come in but there was no leaving until the dance was over.

He did a noble job and convinced the couple that their proper place was on the dance floor and no doubt smiled with deep satisfaction in doing his duty.

The couple smiled too—in fact they have had a lot of good laughs out of the incident, due to the fact that they are anticipating the arrival of their second child in the near future!

New Service System In PX Coffee Shop

Service in the PX restaurant has been greatly increased since the start of a new service system this week.

Formerly, the first twenty persons who arrived occupied all space in front of the counter. Others who came in for service formed rows sometimes four deep.

Not only was this confusing to the waitresses, but you were lucky if the malted milk you ordered was not way-laid before it reached its destination.

In the new service system, orders are taken for soft drinks at one section of the counter, for coffee at another. After you receive your cup of coffee you move down the counter to where the cream and sugar are located.

Not only do you get your order filled rapidly, but you end up away from the service counter, making room for the next customer.

The system is working well and there is now no excuse for your not getting back to your job on time.

Kownick's Korny Kollum

By CPL. HAROLD KOWNICK

A certain carpenter saved a bunch of Cadets from getting in dutch the other day. They forgot to yell—ATTENTION—when the CAPTAIN walked through the Dispatching-Room. The carpenter was on the beam. He saw the boys miscued, so HE called attention. It Ain't Hay got (3 Stars) This would get 4.

Sgt. Max Meyer's retired uncle was down to visit him. . . He told Max about his servant help. The last maid they had they treated like a guest . . . and she stayed almost three weeks. Tech Sgt. R. L. Walker a buddy of Max says, "Speaking of the scarcity of servants, I saw a house-maid that was so overworked she had circles under her knees."

Cpl. Boyd Carssaw asked a bystander the meaning of the three balls in front of a pawnshop in Wichita. The bystander said, "It means three to one you don't get it back."

One of the boys met an old actor friend who used to appear in the back-end of a horse act. Now he's a tail-gunner on a Bomber. Looks like he's been typed.

Lost one beautiful baby doll—Staff Sgt. Walter D. Warren.
Found one beautiful baby doll—Pvt. Norman L. Sirota.
(Guess that old saying still goes) Finders keepers, losers weepers.

PFC. McLeod says with all the girls in defense plants, it's hard to get a date. They don't want to go out for a time anymore. They want time and a half.

Pvt. Arthur Falke met a lady in a Cafe the other night who told him the best 10 years of her life were between 28 and 30.

Cpl. Francis J. Martin knows a gal who thinks the Mason Dixon line is a proposition with a drawl.

S/SGT Tutt To OCS

S/Sgt. Thomas H. Tutt, NCO in charge at the Post Intelligence office has been accepted for Infantry Officer's Candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga., and will report there on May 12. Sgt. Tutt was one of the first men on the field having arrived with the initial Enid cadre in November.

No Letters? Read This

Everyone likes to get letters, but the Post Office isn't a magician and can't spend days tracking down a man whose mail is incorrectly addressed. The folks at home don't know the proper method. It's up to you to get it right.

There are just three simple rules to follow: (1) First name, middle initial, and last name with your army serial number. (2) The full name of the squadron or detachment to which you are assigned. (3) The name of the field and the town and state where the field is located. That's all there is to it. Don't blame the mail orderly when you don't get any mail. Maybe you haven't given the proper address to those people that you should receive letters from.

Versatile Four Sing on Air

The "Versatile Four Quartet" of the 322nd. Avn. Squadron of Strother Field, rendered a varied program of classics, folk songs and spirituals over station WBBZ in Ponca City, Okla., April 24, 1943. The program was dedicated to Capt. Leslie T. Allsbrooks C.O., and the 322nd. Avn. Squadron. The quartet was highly complimented by the station manager and a congratulatory phone call was sent by Capt. Allsbrooks. The quartet is planning a series of broadcasts in the near future. The members are Pfc. Ashton J. Williams, first tenor and director, Pvt. Charles F. Pryor, second tenor, Cpl. Meredith D. Knox, baritone, and Pvt. Hiram Black, bass.

Work Started on Runway

On the basis of bids submitted May 1st. for the paving of a west runway, the contract was awarded to the Hargraves Construction Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The contract calls for completion of the project within 40 days. Work was begun on May 2nd. The paving is to be the blacktop type.

The Mores Bros., Contractors, Rochester, Minn., have been awarded the contract for grading work on the runway. This concern recently completed the grading contract on auxiliary field No. 5 west of Arkansas City.

IS THIS YOU?

Every bit of military information is of value to the enemy, no matter how small it is. It might be just the missing item an enemy agent needs.

Cleaning Contract Let To Ponca City Firm

The United Cleaning Company, Ponca City, Okla., has been awarded the contract for dry cleaning from Strother Field, and delivery and pickup for each squadron will take place on Tuesday and Friday of each week. Following is the price list for dry cleaning:

Blouse	20c
Shirt, Khaki	20c
Shirt, Wool, OD	20c
Pants, Khaki	25c
Pants Wool, OD	25c
Cap, Garrison, Khaki	15c
Cap, Garrison, Wool, OD	15c
Tie	10c
Overcoat	50c

Laundry will be picked up from each squadron as above scheduled and delivered to the Winfield Laundry, Winfield, Kans., or the Domestic Laundry in Arkansas City, Kansas. This schedule is on a three day basis. Following is the laundry price list:

10c per lb.—5c extra on finished shirts, pants, caps, and ties.

Soldiers Sheltered

The soldiers of Strother Field owe a vote of gratitude to the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce and L. M. Bryant, owner of the Bryant Hardware Company in that city.

Through their consideration for the men of this field, two shelters have been constructed for use by the soldiers. The one furnished by the Ark City Chamber of Commerce is located at the north end of Summit street.

The shelter donated by Mr. Bryant is located at the entrance to Strother Field on highway 77. Both this shelter and the one in Arkansas City are attractively painted and decorated, calling attention of motorists to give the boys a lift.

Just Like a City Shop

One of the busiest places on the field is the newly opened clothing department in the Post Exchange.

In appearance it is the equal of any men's wear shop to be found in large cities. The room is attractively decorated in pastel shades of cream and green, and together with the light khaki-color clothing for officers and enlisted men makes quite a picture.

Merchandise is arriving daily, according to Lt. G. A. Mueller, Post Exchange Officer, but sales are so great that it is a job to keep up with the demand.

The alteration department is doing a large business but no cleaning or pressing work is being done in this department.

New Photo Officer Arrives at SAAF

Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, whose home is in Wichita, Kans., has arrived at Strother Field to take over his duties as Photographic Officer. 1st. Lt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., has been the photo officer as well as Public Relations Officer here. He will continue as officer in charge of the latter department.

Lt. Armstrong recently completed a course in the technical training school at New Haven, Conn., and this is his initial assignment as photo officer.

A graduate of Wichita University, Lt. Armstrong was instructor of chemistry at the school prior to his entering the service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Armstrong of Wichita.

Creator of "Terry and the Pirates" . . . But The Situation Is Well In Hand



Out On A Limb

Not much to be said about last Tuesday's fights except that our boys really put up some game, courageous scraps against the touted Indian boxers. Chilocco has turned out more Golden Gloves champions and contenders than any college in the country—which speaks well for the Redskins and their coach. Boxing is to Chilocco as football and basketball are to other schools.

New physical training instructor Emil Dalak, who blew in a while back, is having his worries giving calisthenics to the patients up at the hospital, bedridden and all. Cpl. Dalak was quite an athlete back in his college days. A former footballer at Wayne U. in Detroit and captain of the grid squad his senior year, Dalak has had lots of experience in physical training. These poor patients released from the hospital are just liable to come out in better shape than the soldiers tearing around the obstacle course, located conveniently close to the infirmary.

Talking about the obstacle course (we'd rather talk about it than do anything as drastic as running that mad-man's dream), try to figure out where Cadet Dore Stephenson picked up the time to run it in 1:45. The course is 440 yards long—a quarter of a mile. Darn good time for a flat quarter on dirt is 55 seconds, which leaves him only 50 seconds to get over, around, and under those 17 obstacles—or, a trifle over three seconds per obstacle. He must have been leading this Kansas dust by a nose when he came around the last turn. Stephenson is an old hand at sports, though. At Eastern New Mexico College, he was a basketball whiz, and was voted all-conference in 1941.

Lots of queries have come to our always-open ears about the "burpee" mentioned on last week's sports page. Lidsky knows what a "burpee" is—that's his favorite physical maimer. There are three principal positions in the "burpee," though there are liable to be any number of intermediate poses not endorsed by the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps. First, you're standing unconcernedly with your hands on your hips. Suddenly you make like a push-up. Then you're squatting. At "fourp" you resume pose number one. So much for the "burpee," and that's more than it deserves. Well, nothing like a good muscle massage and burping bee to aid one's digestion.

Those who got in on the ball game Sunday afternoon at Wichita saw some of the best ball players in the country tangle, as the Army team from Ft. Riley eked out a 2-1 win over the Navy nine from Norman, Okla. All the Houston boys here will recall the days when Johnny Rizzo patrolled the gardens for the Buffs. Johnny banged out a couple of bingles for the Navy's lost cause. So did Pete Reiser, ex of the Dodgers, for the Army. George Archie, who used to hold down first for Beaumont and then for the Washington Senators, teamed up with Creepy Crespi of the Cards and Glen Schaffer, who was all set to move up to the Senators, in some snappy fielding for the Ft. Riley team. Big Al Benton of Detroit's Tigers and Kenny Heintzelman of the Pittsburgh Pirates, hooked up in a swell pitching duel, with Benton tossing to Ben Warren, formerly of the Phillies and the Dallas Rebels. Joe Gantenbein, who played for Connie Mack's A's, really sent one for a ride over the right field wall, but the strong breeze blew it foul just before it left the park.

SPORTS

Add PT Instructors

The Physical Training Department has an addition to their personnel as Physical Training Instructors. Cpl. Emil J. Dalak, PFC Paul K. Rukavena, and Pvt. Dillon J. O'Brien have attended Physical Training Tech. School in Fresno, California. The course which these men attended was a six weeks course in Physical Training Instruction.

These men who are in the 448th Base Hdq. and AB Sqd. are not new recruits in the service as they have all been in the Army Forces for a period of 14 months or over.

EM Zoot Suits Out Under AR 600-40

The GI Beau Brommel is out. Effective this week all enlisted personnel will "not wear an article of uniform of a type different from that which is issued to the organization to which they belong." Out of the window or lovingly packed in moth-balls will go the groovy tropical worsted and khaki gabardine uniforms that have caused so much feminine heart fluttering in the past. The khaki service cap also falls under the ban. Military Police have been instructed to report any person who violates the order.

The PX, however, does have a complete line of acceptable khakis that are guaranteed to be within regulations. A complete stock of sun helmets, which are authorized for wear, will be in the clothing dept. within a very few days.

Mess Schedule

BREAKFAST

TIME	ORGANIZATION
5:45.....	Maintenance
6:00.....	1088th
6:00.....	1081st
5:45.....	448th

NOON

11:15.....	Maintenance
11:20.....	1081st
11:45.....	1088th
12:00.....	1081st
12:05.....	Maintenance
11:15.....	Night Maintenance
11:45.....	448th
12:30.....	448th

SUPPER

16:00.....	Night Maintenance
17:30.....	1081st-1088th
18:10.....	Day Maintenance
18:10.....	1081st
16:00.....	448th
17:30.....	448th

NIGHT FEEDING

22:45.....	23:45
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Message Center Has Chicken Party

The Message Center forgot their troubles last Sunday to invade the house of S/Sgt. Bass' mother-in-law, Mrs. Pearson, for an old fashioned chicken fry. Thirteen of the noble group wallowed in chicken for over an hour and emerged into the cool crisp Kansas air with fowl bones emerging from their collective ears. A good time was had by all.

Work Progresses On Play Areas

Work is progressing on the outdoor play areas at Strother Field, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director. Five are to be constructed—one for officers, one for cadets, one for colored enlisted men and two for enlisted men.

There are to be outdoor surfaced areas also, for calisthenics, basketball, volleyball, tennis and handball courts. Chinning bars and climbing ropes are to be installed in the areas.

Work is to start immediately on the softball diamonds. The various squadrons are urged to have their teams ready for play upon their completion. Athletic equipment, principally for softball playing, is to be checked out to squadrons at this time.

The names of 15 men interested in playing hardball have been turned in to Lt. Stoner. Any other men on the base interested in playing should submit their names at this time.

Winfield has donated baseball suits and equipment for hardball games to Strother Field.

Sunday evening, a full house at the Post Theater was magically mystified by the Wizards of Wichita in a 90 minute program of fun and frolic. The cast included many prominent Wichita business men who have taken up magic as their hobby. They appeared at the station hospital in the early afternoon. The appearance of the Wizards was arranged by the Special Service Dept. and the Red Cross.



WOULD THIS be termed a wartime sacrifice, when pretty Kay Aldredge keeps her shoulders warm and lets her ankles freeze? Sacrifice or not, be sure to buy your War Bonds and Stamps today, she says.

Indians on Warpath Take 8 of 9 Bouts

The Chilocco Indian boxing team left its reservation Tuesday night to visit Strother Army Air Field, and made deep impressions in the form of body and head blows on 8 out of 9 members of the local team.

The Braves took no scalps home with them, but they might as well have—taking practically everything else in the form of two technical knockouts, three knockouts and three easy decisions.

Regardless of the one-sided victory, the bouts were exceptionally good. Several of the Strother boxers entered the ring for the first time Tuesday night, and it was a tough assignment for them.

In the light-heavyweight bout between Chief Locust of Chilocco and George Gaynor of Strother, there was plenty of action while it lasted—which was less than one round. Locust, Oklahoma champion at his weight, was too much for Gaynor, who after being dropped near the edge of the ring with a series of hard blows to head and body, crawled out of the ring. Not that anyone could blame him—we hurt all over just watching the blows he absorbed.

Charlie Jones, 160 pounder, met Mike Mathews in a good bout that went all three rounds. Jones, who for several years has been used to seeing his opponents drop early from his terrific punches, found Mathews a stubborn opponent. The Strother Field middleweight landed several good blows on Jones, but was unable to connect with a knockout sock. In the second round Jones floored Mathews who had grown tired. The decision went to Jones in a darn good bout.

The one and only bout that Strother Field succeeded in winning was between Frankie Telles of Strother and Howard Tripp of Chilocco. There was a lot of swinging in all three rounds but neither landed a damaging blow. Telles' aggressiveness gave him the judges nod.

In the opening bout on the card, a 120-lb. event, Sam Schweigler of the Indians won a TKO over Gene Kemper in the second round.

Ray Caligiuri of SAAF and Roy Sockey of Chilocco put on a slam-bang three rounder in their 125 pound bout, the decision going to the Indian.

J. A. Mills of Chilocco floored Roosevelt Johnson for KO in their 135 pound bout.

Melvin Harper of SAAF lost by a decision to Buster Jefferson.

Roy Beaty of SAAF, entering the ring for the first time, lost by a TKO in the second round of his 135 lb. bout with Ray Isaac.

Newman Hill of Strother was knocked out by Ben Evans of Chilocco in their 147 pound bout. It was Hill's first bout.

Five members of the SAAF boxing team are to appear on a fight card in Blackwell, Okla., tonight. They are Melvin Harper, Roy Beaty, Mike Mathews, Frank Telles, George Gaynor.

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Another USO Camp Show
"BUBBLIN' OVER"
Two shows—6:30 and 8 p.m.
On The Stage
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Ginger ale, please.
Pale?
No, just a glass.



All Enlisted Men To Attend Lectures

The first of a series of army orientation lectures were held in the post gymnasium last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, conducted by Lt. W. G. Seale and Lt. G. W. Collinsworth.

The lectures, which are of approximately 30 minutes duration, begin at 7:15 p.m., and all enlisted men of this post are required to attend at least one lecture each week, either on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

The objectives of the army orientation lectures are, first, to acquaint all enlisted men with factual information as to the causes and events leading to the United States becoming a combatant in a global war in December, 1941.

Second, to inform the men on the course of military actions, particularly those in which United States forces have participated since December 7, 1941, and on other phases of the war effort of the United States.

Third, to give information on the principles for which we are fighting and of the dangers to American principles arising from Axis policies and Axis aggressions.

Fourth, to fix in the mind of the American soldier a sense of the importance of his personal role and responsibilities in the current struggle.

Films, lecture outlines, "News-maps," maps, and other printed materials used in the course are provided by the Information Branch of Special Service Division, Washington D. C., through the Special Service Department of Strother Field.

123 Service Mothers Attend Church Services

Revealing the source from which their sons derive courage and spirit, 123 Winfield and Arkansas City servicemen's mothers attended special Mother's Day services held at the Strother Field Chapel. All service mothers of this area had been invited to be the honor guests of the soldiers on this occasion.

Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger in his sermon, "Why Mother's Day?" discussed certain Biblical and other historical facts which show the great part mothers have always played in shaping world events through their influence upon their children.

Mrs. Ulys Ward of Arkansas City, representing the mothers, spoke briefly. She said every mother has the right to expect that her son or daughter live a good moral life at all times. Mrs. Ward said she did not believe American mothers could over-emphasize the need for good clean living and reverence toward God, as these are the very things for which their sons and daughters are now fighting and dying.

"That Wonderful Mother of Mine" was sung by Pfc. Theodore Naman, who was accompanied by Pfc. Ashton J. Williams, pianist, and Pvt. Frank Fenwick, cellist.

Tonight at Post Theater . . . Gentleman Jim with Errol Flynn.

HATE YOUR ENEMY

When John Dillinger was Public Enemy Number One, the American people had no personal hatred for him. He was impersonal in their minds as Jesse James or Robin Hood. So long as he let them alone, they were not concerned. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, and the police, hated John Dillinger. Their own friends had been shot down by him. It was not only that he was a law-breaker, and it was their business to capture him. It was much deeper than that. There was not a man in the F.B.I. who would not have been supremely happy at the opportunity of filling Dillinger's body with lead.

Because they hated him, their efforts to corner the bandit were intensified. They finally killed him like a mad dog in a Chicago alley—and were happy in his death.

That is the way you've got to feel about the Germans and Japanese and Italians.

War is a business of killing or being killed. Those enemies of ours don't fight by the book. They have a brutality never known before in warfare. Remember what the Goering's bombers did to Warsaw and Rotterdam, when those cities were helpless to defend themselves? Suppose your wife or mother or children had died in the blazing ruins. You wouldn't think the war was impersonal then, would you? Suppose your family had been in Lidice, when Hangman Heydrich killed everyone, and left not even a stone of the town standing. Wouldn't you be in a mood to bathe a bayonet in German blood?

An eye for an eye, says the old Mosaic Law, a tooth for a tooth. The hell with that! Two eyes for one. A whole jaw for a tooth. Our enemies taught the world a savagery that most of us thought had died with Attila, the Hun. They must be paid for it.

The man at the front soon develops a personal hatred for the enemy. All you have to do to learn that is to lie in a fox-hole for half an hour while dive bombers come over, and machine guns chatter. The only thing that counts after a little of that is to get out of that fox-hole, and kill the men who are trying to kill you. No, war isn't impersonal. It is the most deeply personal thing that can come to you as long as you live.

Just because you are on this side of the water don't feel that the war is far away, and the dead and maimed are only rows of names in a newspaper. Before they died, those men found out what sort of dirty swine we are fighting. You'll find out, too, before the last shot is fired. Then you'll hate them, as everyone who has gone into battle against them, hates.

Think of that now. Think of it whether you fly with a combat crew . . . dig a ditch . . . or beat a typewriter. In one way or another, we are each of us doing something to beat the enemy. We'll do it better here, and in theaters of operation, if we hate the bastards, as they deserve to be hated.

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"Annual" of Field To Be Published

How would you like to have an attractive book relating the history of Strother Field and containing yours and every other enlisted man's and officer's picture along with many splendid "shots" taken of various activities on the base?

Such a priceless possession is to be made available to every man at Strother Field in the near future. Representatives of the Army and Navy Publishers Inc., of Baton Rouge, La., have this week been taking pictures, including yours, and gathering interesting reading material about the base, through the cooperation of Lt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., Public Relations Officer and Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, Photographic Officer.

Samples of the type "annual" to be printed were shown in the post theater by representatives of the publishers on Wednesday. It was explained that every man's picture would appear in the book, and that it was not compulsory to sign for the purchase of a copy, yet practically every soldier was eager to order his book. Purchase price of the "Annual" is \$4.25 of which 25c is to go to the squadron funds.

The book will have a blue colored imitation leather cover bearing the Gulf Coast insignia.

Cadet Training for Eligible E. M.

There is not a pair of eyes among the enlisted men at Strother Field that do not follow a formation of BT planes in flight—Eyes that express the same thought—"Wish I could be up there."

Your chances of having this desire fulfilled are much better than you imagine. Uncle Sam needs you in our country's ever-increasing Army Air Forces, and requirements essential to your entrance for pilot, bombardier and navigation training have been greatly reduced.

If you are single or married, not yet 27 years of age, submit your application today. All you need is the written approval of the squadron CO, three letters of reference, and a birth certificate.

Strother Army Air Field is one of the very few air fields equipped to examine you for mental, physical and moral qualifications, so there is no better time than the present to fulfill your desire to fly for your country.

In case there is further information you desire in connection with cadet training call Lt. Carl C. Banno, Recorder of the Aviation Cadet Examining Board, number 309, who will gladly assist you in every way possible.

Overnight Passes Are Granted Married GI's Living in Two Cities

Privates, Privates First Class and Corporals who are married and whose wives live in Arkansas City or Winfield have been buying whistles this week for their new CQ's, the little women, because it will be up to them to see that their GI husbands are on the job each day at Strother Field.

A memorandum issued by headquarters last week-end announced that all enlisted men below the grade of sergeant who are married and whose wives live in either of the two cities MAY be granted the privilege of remaining off the post overnight every night by squadron and detachment commanders.

This privilege, which has been received with sincere gratitude by the men of the lower three grades, will be granted only to those men who merit it and it may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the organization commander when circumstances arise warranting such action.

Men of these grades must prove that they are married and that their wives are living in Arkansas City or Winfield in order to be granted the privilege. If your wife is not already living in this area you must secure permission from your organization commander before bringing her here and also evidence that suitable living accommodations have been secured must be given.

For this purpose a new salmon colored card entitled "Special Privilege Pass" is to be used. This pass will be surrendered by any man whose wife leaves this area, so you better think twice before letting her "go home to mamma."

This new pass is not to be used as an overnight pass for single men. The method of handling the salmon colored pass is to be left to the discretion of organization commanders.

The blue permanent pass will continue to be used by married enlisted men of the first four grades as in the past.

Single men of all organizations (their number to decrease daily, no doubt) will be restricted to a maximum of two overnight passes per month, except for special cases. The form of pass now being used for this purpose will be continued.

Three-day passes are to be restricted to a maximum of one per month except in cases of emergency, for all men on the field. The white card pass will continue to be used for local passes as in the past.

SAAF Open House Set For May 30

"Open House" is to be held at Strother Field for the public on Memorial Day, May 30th, weather permitting, according to announcement made by Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of the field.

Details of the program will be announced in the Prairie Flier next week.

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Speaking of -- Hate

Is it "wrong" to hate your enemy?

Philosophically speaking, yes. Our Christian ideals, being the foundation of our great Republic, forbid us to think or do evil to anyone. If we did, it would break the Mosaic Decalogue — the Commandments, and this would be sheer hypocrisy.

Psychologically speaking, no. It is not wrong to hate your enemy. In fact, we can do no other than to hate our common foe; for hate, in this instance, is nothing more than a righteous emotional conviction that the forces of evil—murder—rape—slaughter of the innocent—must be destroyed.

Yes, it is controversial. But let us remember: It takes solemn conviction for a Christian to kill; so let us destroy evil before it destroys us.

Have You Read

Black Martinique — Red Guiana — Nicol Smith

Storm Over the Land—Carl Sandburg
Thorofare—Christopher Morley
Plume Rouge—John Oton Terrell
They're in your Post Library.

SAAF GAFF

By "KENTUCKY"

As a new writer for this paper I would like to start by saying, "Brethren I beseech ye, if you are mentioned in this column or the columns to follow, yield not to temptation." If you are one of these persons who makes mistakes, and don't we all, then the proper thing for you to do is to tell everyone all about it before I get the chance to do so. I'm going to snoop, squint, and squat to find out all about you and then I am going to tell everyone at Strother Field. I sincerely hope that you receive these remarks in the same manner that I pass them out.

1st. Sgt. James T. Williford sweating a furlough to keep his people from visiting him here and finding out the lowdown on their beloved son—Sgt. Sapio sleeping on the pool table in the 448th day room with a cue stick in his hand—Arthur Larivee (Boston) from the band trying to borrow a guitar to strum on—Sgt. Price trying to find someone to shoot craps with. It seems he always wins when he uses his own dice—Pvt. Andy Matthews herding a truck around the field, and in his off time taking a beating from anyone who will offer to teach him to box, (believe me, he can take a lot of teaching)—Pvt. Portugal has changed his job. He grew tired of cleaning the day room so now he is cleaning trucks—M/Sgt. Showalter taking out his notebook to locate his boys and then finding out that they are not where they are supposed to be—Sgt. Paulk checking the supply room and then going around all day with his head in his hands—1st. Sgt. Atkins making an early rush for the mess hall—Cpl. Friedman escorting his wife around the field at lunch time—Sgt. Steward, Marvin J., if you please, trying to get his laundry money straightened out—
Watch for SAAF GAFF next week and get the low down on yourself and your buddy.

Our Times

LT. ADRA P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: As Allied armies close in on the trapped hordes of Axis soldiers on the Cap Bon peninsula of Tunisia, propaganda from Axis capitals reaches a new peak. Fact and fiction are echoed with equal excitement as invasion jitters increase. It is amusing to hear what some of the propagandists have to say. Saturday night, for instance, I listened to an American broadcasting over the Rome radio.

"With the termination of our patrol in North Africa the war has just begun," said the counterfeit Yankee. "When the Americans and British hurl themselves against the fortress of Europe they will be sorry that they ever entered a war against the Axis. . . . When it is all over maybe we can get America and England to join the new order; but it will take a long time to clear these countries of the vicious influence of Roosevelt and Churchill."

Funny, isn't it?

The part of the broadcast I enjoyed was when an unidentified station came in on Rome radio's frequency and began to bellow "Vive La France," followed by the strains of "La Marseillaise."

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The withdrawal of the Luftwaffe from Tunisia while it was still possible to withdraw proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Axis' once invincible airpower is quickly becoming a has-been. . . . Expect Giraud and DeGaulle to meet soon, not so much to cement unification of French forces, but to map out a plan for an uprising in France when the Allies set foot on European soil. . . . Malta will soon have its chance to avenge the merciless pounding it has received at the hands of Axis raiders for three years.

TRIVIA: They're beginning to feel the war in the old home-town. This week's edition of the 4-page Weekly News laments the fact that much of the news will have to be carried over to next week's edition. Not so much the paper shortage, says the editor, but "the war has caused this office to lose a thoroughly trained force . . ."

The folks will just have to learn to take the gossip second-hand, that's all.

The Winds of Fate

One ship drives east and another drives west,
With the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life:
'Tis the set of a soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Liftings

Married men may have better halves but bachelors have better quarters . . . unless they live at BOQ.

Sgt.—"At poker I win one night and lose the next."
Pick-up—"Why don't you play every other night then?"

Pvt. Wallace—"I'm a man of few words."
Pvt. Maddox—"I'm married too."

A dusky young man was a whiz
With girls, and he tried kissing his.
Said she, "Dat can't be,
'Less you's stronger dan me—
An', honey, Ah reckons you is."

Many privates at this field are alike in many disrespects.

Lady—"And this, I suppose, is one of those horrible caricatures that you call modern art?"
Art Dealer—"No lady. That's just a mirror."

Little Willie in the best of sashes
Fell in the fire and was burned to ashes.
By and by the room grew chilly,
But no one likes to stir up Willie.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

One tiny amoeba is isolated and placed in a good environment with food. It should have a paradise, with apparently everything conducive to its growth. But such is not the case. The experiment is repeated many times, and the results are always the same. Stewed in its own juice, the one-celled animal is dead.

The experiment is repeated placing together two or more amoebas in the similar environment. Simple cell division, along with all the other apparently normal functions has taken place after several days. The juice in which the creatures live and move seems to be made liveable by the interaction of the others in the same medium.

At the other end of the scale of animal development, similar experiments have taken place. Man has tried living to himself. Usually he stews in his own juice.

Man is a social creature. He simply has not been able to live independently of others. Every situation however hard in which he finds himself is made more pleasant and livable because he shares congenially with others like himself who also are in the same circumstances.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, May 15

CHATTERBOX

Judy Canova—Joe E. Brown
and TAXI MISTER—Grace Bradley

Sunday and Monday, May 16-17

Matinee 2 p.m.

WHITE SAVAGE

Maria Montez—Jon Hall—Sabu

News of the Day No. 269

THE MARCH OF TIME NO. 9

Inside Fascist Spain

Tuesday, May 18

SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS

Lana Turner—Robert Young

Walter Brennan

Grantland Rice Sportlight

Looney Tune

Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20

THE MORE THE MERRIER

Jean Arthur—Charles Coburn

Joel McCrea

News of the Day No. 270

This Is America No. 6

Friday, May 21

THE DARK COMMAND

John Wayne—Claire Trevor

Walter Pidgeon

Merrie Melodies

Screen Snapshot No. 8

Male Call

by Milton Caniff



Presenting The True "Butch"

"Butch" is the nickname with which several of M/Sgt. Charles F. Robinson's friends have tagged him. He's a popular fellow, this Sgt. Major of ours; he's had his life story and army career published a number of times in the local papers, but there is something which they overlooked.

There is more to the story of "Butch" Robinson than is printed about his boyhood in Dakota, Montana and Washington;—his enlistment in the Field Artillery in '37;—his stretch in Hawaii; and his return and reenlistment in the Air corps in 1939 and the later events which brought him with the first group of enlisted men to the SAAF.

Yes, there is more. In Sgt. Robinson we find again the healthy picture of an average American like ourselves. He's married, and lives in Winfield with his wife and two children, a boy and a girl. He loves his pipe, fishing, and a spot of rum. "Butch" is a man's man. He likes the States; California and its San Francisco the best, but Hawaii's climate to him remains ideal.

Yes, "Butch" is like you and I; he's here—fighting, doing his part in the war, so that the ideals we all cherish "will not perish,—from the earth." This is the true picture of an American.

Granted Wearing of OD's

Perhaps it was an old Indian custom picked up from members of the Chillico Indian boxing team, but a "smoke" message of discomfort was answered Saturday when Colonel Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field issued an order allowing the wearing of OD clothing on that day and Sunday. The smoke of course was pouring out of the stove pipes in each barrack, signaling that it certainly was a short summer.

2,000 More Books

Additional reading material in the form of 2,000 books has been shipped to Strother Field, according to a letter received by Colonel Carroll, Commanding Officer of this base from Headquarters Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Neb.

The books, surplus CCC library reading material, are to be placed in day rooms and the library for use by men of this field, according to Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer.

Guards Guard Future With 100% Insurance

The 1088th has gone over the top! With a concentrated effort on the part of Lt. Bertis W. Jacobs, Adjutant-Insurance Officer of the Guard Squadron, the Guards have the honor of being the first squadron on the field to have every man protected by National Service Life Insurance.

During the month of April, thirty-three men who previously had not been protected were contacted by Lt. Jacobs and Sgt. William Maxwell. All thirty-three went through the now simple procedure and the 100% flag can now be flown over the 1088th. What squadron will be next?

Due to a recent order, no medical examination is necessary if the application is made before August 10, 1943. This right covers increases in amounts of existing insurance as well as the procurement of new insurance.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Army vs. College ping pong
Ark.....	Sister Suzie
Sat.....Win.....	Dance.....program
Ark.....	Dance, Orch., Show
Sun.....Win.....	Dramatic show
Ark.....	Bingo.....Free call
Mon.....Win.....	Informal.....choir
Ark.....	Do-as-U-please
Tues.....Win.....	Do-as-U-please
Ark.....	Record your voice
Wed.....Win.....	Dance.....Program
Ark.....	Missouri homecoming
Thurs.....Win.....	Bridge party.....show
Ark.....	Dance instructions

Red Cross Aids Impecunious GI's

Enlisted men of SAAF have received more than \$1700 in loans since the Red Cross office has been established here. This figure does not include loans made by local chapters to soldier's dependents. Red Cross loans involve no interest or collateral and are not deducted automatically from the soldier's pay. Repayment is made at the Red Cross office unless unusual circumstances prohibit. The Field Director's office is operated on a revolving fund basis. Should loans become delinquent, a large percentage of the revolving fund becomes inactive, and the handling of current problems becomes increasingly difficult. However, the men of SAAF requiring loans have realized their obligation and all payments are in order.

Periods of Wearing Gas Masks Increase

Recognition of the fair sex by figure is not only easy, but a lot of good clean fun—in a wolfish sort of way. But when this means of identification includes the men of Strother Field—it is a different story.

Yet, in order for you to know your next bunk mate you better study his walk, because beginning next Monday, May 17th to the 21st all enlisted men are to wear their gas masks for two 2-hour periods daily.

For some time now the procedure in gas mask training has called for the wearing of masks each day, beginning with a period of only a few minutes and increasing daily until the lengthened periods on schedule for next week.

The week of May 24th masks will be worn for one 3-hour period and during the following week, May 31st to June 4th the masks will be worn for one 4-hour period, concluding the time periods of mask-wearing. So, if you see soldiers stopping on the streets to shake hands and slap one another on the back, felicitations will be the result of "long time no see—your face."

Record Your Voice At Local USO's

The local USO clubs in Winfield and Ark City are really "on the ball." The latest additions to the houses of fun and frolic are those talking letter machines that mean so much to the folks at home. One night each week at the respective centers is devoted to the recording of soldier's voices to be sent to whoever they designate. Imagine the thrill for Myrtle—the hypothetical girl-friend—to receive your voice all wrapped up in a brown envelope. Imagine your thrill to be able to talk to the little lady without interruption. Yes, boys. Ain't science wonderful?

USO Show Success

"Bubblin' Over," was a big success with all the boys and the fast paced action and humor of the troupe kept them on the edges of their seats waiting for the next laugh. They didn't have long to wait for as soon as one performer left the stage with the boys in "stitches" another came out to sew some more. The strong men and jugglers left the boys realizing what the PT instructors meant by co-ordination and building up the body.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—
MAJOR OLIVER R. SMOOT

In civilian life today such a man as Major Oliver Reed Smoot would be a one-man city council, and representative of all civic organizations. That is, if civic activities were on an equal with his many duties at Strother Field.

Being commanding officer of the 1082nd Basic Flying Training Squadron would in itself be enough duty for many men, but in addition to this responsibility Major Smoot is a member of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board, Enlisted Men's Classification Board, President of the Warrant Officers Candidate Examining Board, President of the General Mess Council, and Member of the General Courts Martial Board.

Coming to Strother Field on December 1, 1942, with the rank of Captain, this popular officer became Commanding Officer of the 1082nd BFT SQ. He was promoted to the rank of Major on January 12, 1943.

A native of Alabama, Major Smoot comes from a family of military background. His father having served in the Philippine Insurrection. Others of the Smoot family who have had military careers are a great-grandfather who was Chief of Staff and four great uncles who were Captains in the Confederate Army.

Major Smoot attended high school at Carbon Hill, Alabama. He enlisted in the 66th Light Tanks at Ft. Benning, Ga., August 14, 1934. Transferring to Maxwell Field, he became a student at the University of Alabama while still enlisted. He was accepted for Cadet training March 1, 1939, and received his commission at Kelley Field, November 29, 1939. He was promoted to the rank of captain on February 2, 1942.

Major Smoot was stationed at Randolph Field, Tex., from Dec. 9, 1939 until February 1, 1941, following which he served as a flight commander at Goodfellow Field, Texas, until December 1, 1941. He then was stationed at Perrin Field, Tex., as Operations officer prior to his transfer to Strother Field.

The Smoot residence is in Circle Drive, Arkansas City. They have a son, Oliver Reed Smoot Jr., who is two years and nine months of age. The youngster's snappy salute and terse command, "As you were, soldier," indicates an addition to the line of military members in the family.

Visits Strother Field

Capt. Robert J. Nelms, head of the Information Section of the AAF Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas, visited with Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer of Strother Field last week. Capt. Nelms is Insurance Officer of the Special Service Division and also is editor of the "Bulletin Board," Special Service magazine.

IS THIS YOU?

Become safety conscious yourself—keeping your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut about military matters. Then see that everyone you come in contact with does the same thing.

on Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Wearing Pinks, No Doubt





"My friend has a swell idea for after the movies!"

448th Giant Bridge "Washed Out"

The "sunny month of May" did not do well by the SAAF, and once again our homeland was invaded by those tyrants of the weather General Mud and his aide Colonel Wisheewashee.

Temporarily put out of service was the noble wooden bridge of the 448th Squadron. This excellent structure; this immovable bulwark of our Kansas country club stood gallantly against the torrential downpours for three entire days of last week. But on Sunday, during that nocturnal hurricane that swept the Field (Did you get wet too?) it could bear the preponderous pressure of natural forces no longer—and was swept away.

Oh yes, the wooden bridge (six feet long, two feet wide) is being recommissioned for service.

Obstacle Course Run in 1:40

Cadet R. G. Oldham, Class 43G, has established a new obstacle course record by completing the seventeen obstacles in 1:40 beating the old mark held by Cadet D. D. Stephenson by 5 seconds. The 24 cadets making the best time have been awarded a free pass to the post theater effective until Sunday.

Novotany, L.	2:01
Wells, J.	2:11
Stephenson, D. D.	1:45
Gilbert, W. W.	2:07
Rhodes, K. C.	1:48
Williams, L. J.	2:09
Wilson, C. F.	2:08
Bunten, H. H.	2:12
Hall, B. J.	2:03
Carlson, R. F.	2:08
Bedard, R. R.	2:10
Hardlick, D. E.	2:11
Venters, H. E.	1:42
Tucker, T. A.	1:53
Kinzer, W. J.	1:50
Oldham, R. G.	1:40
O'Neil, J. W.	1:46
Wigg, D. S.	1:49
Wing, R. B.	1:44
Pitman, M. H.	1:52
Gladwell, C. F.	1:52
Bogle, F. C.	1:47
Wahl, W.	1:44
Wanamaker, W. H.	1:47

Offer Accommodations For Visiting Mothers

Free accommodations for mothers of Strother Field soldiers who plan on visiting their sons will be provided by members of the United States Army Mothers, Jack Horton Post No. 18 in Arkansas City, according to word sent the Prairie Flier by Mrs. Lewis Bordreau, Commander and Mrs. Ulys E. Ward, Adjutant of the local chapter.

If your mother is planning on visiting you, arrangements for her having a home in which to stay will be taken care of by either of these ladies. The telephone number of the Bordreau residence is Arkansas City, 1670. Mrs. Ward's number is 2674.

Trees Provided Shade For Many Years

A great deal of comment has been heard since the arrival of summer-like days, as to the history of the beautiful trees that stand so majestically at the north mess-hall.

For many years these trees afforded protection from the summer sun to a pioneer family well-known in this vicinity. An attractive wooden-frame farm house painted white, stood there. The trees, heavy with green leaves and branches swaying gently, cast moving shadows over the carpet of blue grass in front of the homestead.

There formerly was a country road that ran past the house, east to the Hackney road. Horse-drawn vehicles, then automobiles traveled this road until one day last summer when mechanized contracting equipment came lumbering on the scene.

Mrs. Elsie E. Snyder lived in the house at that time, the Snyder family having built and occupied the house for many years. In the auction of the property, the house sold for \$175.00. Less money than was bid for each of two box cars used for storing grain on the farm.

Today, these trees stand proudly in remembrance of the beautiful setting they afforded this farm home, and no doubt proud to be a spot of beauty at this ever-busy training center for Men of Wings.

SPORTS

Organize Hardball Teams

Forty-four enlisted men have signed up so far for the organization of a hard-ball team on the field. Many of these men have played a lot of amateur and semi-pro baseball, so the prospects of an outstanding organization are very good. Plans call for the entrance of a team from Strother Field to play in the Arkansas City league this season. It is hoped that Winfield organizes a city league so the boys may participate there also. Every man interested in playing hard-ball is requested to send in his name, organization, and baseball experience, if any—to the post gym.

New PT Officer Here

Strother Field's newest physical training instructor is 2nd. Lt. Horace H. Cummings who recently completed training at the Officer Candidate School in Miami Beach, Fla. Lt. Cummings is a graduate of North Carolina University. He and Mrs. Cummings and their 6 month old son are making their home in Arkansas City.

Wear New Uniforms

Enlisted men who are physical training instructors here at Strother Field have been issued grey gabertex cloth uniforms consisting of jacket, pants and caps. The outfits are trimmed in blue and gold and have the Air Corps instructors insignia on the jacket. The athletic shirts and shorts worn by the men when teaching in the gym are also issued by the PT department of the field.

Check Out Equipment

The PT Department is now in the process of checking out to the various squadrons, basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, softballs, bats, gloves, masks and horseshoes. This equipment will be used by the enlisted men of all the organizations on the field.

Leave for PT School

Pvt. Robert E. Bailey and Pvt. Dillon J. O'Brien, physical training instructors left Strother Field Tuesday for Miami Beach, Fla., where they will take an eight week course of training in the Non-Commissioned Officer's Physical Training School.

PT Training 3 Days Week

In accordance with Army Regulation 50-14, physical training classes for enlisted men and flying officers are to be held only three days each week instead of the daily routine as in the past.

You may think that having to grunt and groan every other day will give you time to replace the bones in your body back into their proper sockets, but this new schedule is not for that purpose. You will get the extra three hours in physical exercise such as squadron softball games, tennis, golf, badminton, etc.

Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of Strother Field, said today that all squadrons were being asked to appoint an athletic officer for the purpose of organizing teams and planning athletic activities. If you men think you swing a wicked bat, racket, or golf club, the opportunity to strut your ability will soon be at hand.

"Life Begins at Thirty-six"

Enlisted men of Strother Field who are past 35 years of age and men of all ages who have permanent medical excuses from attending physical training classes, are to be formed into a special class.

Their training will consist of exercises that are not too strenuous, eliminating cross-country runs and the obstacle course. In instances where individuals desire to take part in the latter two types of PT training, whether to "shoot the works" or go part way, permission will, of course, be granted by the instructors.

A special class of training for hospital patients will also be organized. By this it is not meant that each morning the patients are rolled out of their beds and commanded to do 50 push-ups by a PT instructor waving a horse whip in the air. However, there are certain types of simple exercises that convalescents can easily do which will keep them in good condition and make their regular training periods easier when they return to duty.

Girls who marry SAAF soldiers are "well groomed."

LET
JINK
FALKEN-
BURG
VISIT
ENID
AND
DODGE
CITY
TOO,
WE
LIKE
THIS
PICTURE
OF
ALEXIS
SMITH.
DON'T
YOU?

(Wonder if
she is mak-
ing a camp
tour?)





Uncle Sam Shells Out For Expectant GI Wives

A number of inquiries have recently been made through the Red Cross office at Strother Field in connection with maternal and infant care for wives of enlisted men of the lower four grades—private through sergeant, in connection with Public Law No. 11, effective last March.

This law allows grants for hospital maternity and infant care to the State public health agencies, through the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. At the present time however, there are only 15 states offering these services, and it is not yet effective in Kansas.

However, pre-natal care is available at the SAAF station hospital for the wives of enlisted men.

In cases where the enlisted men's wives are living in one of the states in which services are being offered through Public Law No. 11, the same will be made available to them, according to Mr. Hedberg, Red Cross Field Director at SAAF. This includes medical, nursing and hospital care as long as similar services are not available through medical or hospital facilities of the Army or Navy or by, or through, official state or local health agencies.

States in which such service is available are: Arkansas, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia and Wyoming, all as of May 5, 1943.

When these services are made available in Kansas, the complete plan will appear in the Prairie Flier. Until such time however, any additional details desired will be gladly given you by Mr. Hedberg.

Bond Delivery Speeded; Bond Purchases Lag

There have been numerous inquiries as to the delivery of War Bonds purchased here on the Post and to clear up the situation Lt. Edwin S. Vicars, War Bond Officer at Strother Field, has made the following statement.

Bonds purchased in May will be delivered by the fifteenth of the following month, or in many cases several days sooner.

It may have been due to the lack of understanding about the delivery that the sale of Bonds has not been up to expectations. Only 79% of the personnel on the Field, including officers, cadets, and enlisted men have purchased Bonds, the percentage of the pay invested being 10.7%.

Sales of Bonds among the civilian Personnel have been much better. 96.7% of that group having made purchases with 12% of their pay.

It is expected that the prompt delivery of Bonds will result in a decided increase of purchases in the future, said Lt. Vicars.

Morning Report



Four SAAF Men Make W/O Rating

As stated in orders from Randolph Field, Headquarters of the Gulf Coast Command Area, four GIs of Strother Field have been appointed Warrant Officers.

In the early part of March, the four men took proficiency examinations given by this station to determine their knowledge and abilities in an attempt to qualify as W/Os. M/Sgt. K. Wolfe and S/Sgt. A. R. Gruber, both of the Administrative Inspector's Office, took quizzes in Clerical Administration; T/Sgt. A. L. Wheeler of the Finance Office took an exam in Fiscal Administration; and T/Sgt. E. L. Arnold of the Technical Inspector's Office took a test in Technical Inspection and Aviation Engineering.

Using their service records and test grades as a criterion, the AAFGCTC has seen fit to appoint them Warrant Officers. These men were "technically" discharged on Thursday of this week, and sworn in as W/Os today by Colonel Carroll. They will remain at the SAAF until dispatched for other duties by the AAFGCTC.

Since ARs state that only a select number of enlisted personnel may hold the grade of W/O, it is well that we recognize and applaud these fellows for an excellent accomplishment. Nice work, boys!

Lt. Arthur C. Knauff, SAAF Salvage Officer, and Rosemary Cuthbertson of QM were married last Saturday evening in Newkirk, Okla., the local Gretna Green. Alta Mae Morton and Lt. James S. Long Jr. were witnesses.

"Divide And Conquer" Here Next Week

The third Army orientation film, "Divide and Conquer," will be shown during the day at the Post Theater May 25, 26, 27, and 28. The first two pictures in the series of seven on "Why We Fight" have already been shown at this station and drew much favorable comment. Lt. Col. Frank Capra, famed movie producer and director, supervises the production, which presents a clear, logical sequence of events that brought us into the present war. Although the attendance of all personnel is compulsory, the men of this station should welcome the chance to see such an outstanding motion picture.

The schedule of the showings will be posted in the Daily Bulletin. "Divide and Conquer" is a product of the Information Branch of the Special Service Department.

First ASTP Group Leaves For College

Twenty-five men, the first group of SAAF men under the Army Specialized Training Program, have left for college.

The ASTP as you recall, sends qualified soldiers back to school to study in their chosen field at Army expense. Some of the courses include: Medicine; Veterinary Medicine; Civil, Mechanical, and Chemical Engineering; Mathematics; Government Law and many others.

The former stiff exam has been lifted and now all you must have is a GCT of 115, and then pass the screening test at the college.

New U.S.O. Show "Going To Town" Here Tuesday

Girls, girls, and even more girls are coming to Strother Field next Tuesday, May 25th to entertain us soldiers with "Going to Town," the latest USO camp show to appear at SAAF under the auspices of the special service department.

Hit tunes, the favorites of service men all over the country are to be presented in vocal and musical numbers, in addition to which there will be comedy dancers, ballroom dancers and a musical clown and pantomimist.

An all-girl orchestra will beat out novel arrangements of solid swing and popular classics for our entertainment.

Featured artists are Ariana, violinist; Lillian Anderson, singer; Gertrude Hopkins, harpist; Diane Bernhardt, pianist; the Singing Strings, six girl violinists.

Other members of the troupe include Betty Raye, Pat Henning, the Albins, all dancers, and Joe Termini, a pantomimist.

Two presentations of the show are to be given in the Post Theater, the first at 6:30 p.m., and the second at 8 p.m.

The show rates as being very outstanding according to reports from various camps at which it has appeared, and remember, all this swell entertainment is free, so get here early and be sure of finding a seat.

Road Saves Three Miles To Winfield

The opening of the new road from Strother Field to the county highway north of the Hackney community will take place as soon as the inclement weather ends.

The gravel road has been constructed under the supervision of the resident engineer of Strother Field. It is for the convenience of military and civilian personnel living in Winfield and particularly those whose duties are performed in departments located in the north section of the base. Approximately three miles of driving will be eliminated by their use of the new road instead of entering the base by the main gate at the south entrance.

In the past it has been possible to enter the field from a road on the south edge of Hackney, but the new road which enters the field just south of the hospital area eliminates extra driving made necessary on the former east approach.

The new road is one-half mile in length and necessitated the construction of a bridge over a drainage ditch, but the project is considered quite an improvement.

There will be a small guard house at the new entrance to the field. One guard will be on duty.

Visitors to the field will use the south entrance as in the past. Reason for this is that more guards are stationed there and facilities for handling the pass situation are better.

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Speaking of--Waste

In getting out a paper, a full day has to be devoted to the Printer. That naturally necessitates a meal away from the base. In munching on the rather meatless meat sandwich and sipping on the milkless milk shake that it is my custom to indulge in, my eyes wandered to a waitress. Now, that is quite natural. However there was something rather unnatural about this girl. Instead of toting back what some agency has rather whimsically called "Victory plates" (ie . . . without waste of food) she was carrying back enough food to feed one GI for a full week—and good too! After seeing the cooperation in our own mess to avoid just such waste I began to wonder if Westbrook Pegler shouldn't start another crusade. Or, perhaps, we should allow the civilians this one right. They do lead a pretty tough life.

Have You Read . . .

Test Tubes and Dragon Scales by George C. Basil.

A Leaf in the Storm by Lin Yu Tang.

Democracy's Battle by Francis Williams.

White Cliffs by Alice Duer Miller.

They're in your Post Library.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, May 22—Double Feature

SHE HAS WHAT IT TAKES

Jinx Falkenburg

I WALKED WITH A ZOMBIE

Francis Dee

Sunday and Monday, May 23-24

Matinee 2 PM

LADY OF BURLESQUE

Barbara Stanwyck

Plus—News and Road to Tokyo

Tuesday, May 25

USO CAMP SHOW

"GOING TO TOWN"

6:30 and 8:00 PM

It's FREE

Wednesday and Thursday, May 26-27

THE HUMAN COMEDY

Mickey Rooney and Marsha Hunt

Plus—NEWS

Friday, May 28

MY SISTER EILEEN . . . Ros Russell

Patriotic Pooches . . . Cartoon

Plus—Unusual Occupations

Our Times

LT. ADRA P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: The German people who have idolized and blindly followed Hitler have been given the most bitter taste to date of the poison their leader has been meting out to unsuspecting peoples for four years. Many of their cities have been blasted to charred ruins, their homes demolished, their kin maimed and killed by a rain of bombs from Allied planes. And worst of all thousands of acres of their homeland have been inundated by the demolition of two large dams by Allied bombers. Perhaps that part of the German race who can still use common sense and judgment will awaken to the truth before it is too late, and maybe lead a move that may save Der Deutschland from total ruin. But that matter is left entirely to the few courageous Germans who will launch such a program when the opportune time arrives. Hitler will not. Dictators never give up; they cannot give up, because their power is based solely upon their ability for conquest and breach of international law.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The rumored shuffle in the Italian royalty is ominous for Mussolini, regardless of the amount of truth there is in it. It shows conclusively that Italy as a nation is fed up with Il Duce, and may try to get rid of him in a subtle round-about way. Don't be surprised if Germany is left to fight the battle of Europe alone. . . . The Nips in the Aleutians will find it a long way back to Tokyo, so much so in fact, that few of them will ever get back there. They will learn what it means to attempt to establish a grip on something that belongs to Uncle Sam. . . . The greatest internal debacles in history will eventuate in occupied Europe when an Allied invasion is launched. It is becoming more and more difficult to keep down uprisings in France and the Low Countries until the time to strike is at hand.

TRIVIA: A farmer in Idaho was given a new gasoline ration book without much delay when he told his local rationing board he had lost it while plowing. Wonder if the AAA will grant him payments under the Soil Conservation Program?

Thought For Today

Where are you going, Greatheart,
With your eager face and your fiery grace?
Where are you going, Greatheart?

"To fight a fight with all my might.
For Truth and Justice, God and Right,
To grace all Life with His fair Light."
Then God go with you, Greatheart!

Where are you going, Greatheart?
"To beard the Devil in his den;
To smite him with the strength of ten;
To set at large the souls of men."
Then God go with you, Greatheart!

Liftings

"You down there!" shouted father from upstairs. "It's 1:30! Do you think you can stay all night?"

"Er, thank you," said Sgt. Cooper. "But I'll have to call Willy first."

"For goodness sakes, use both hands," shrieked the Ark City lass.

"I can't," quoth Cpl. Simmons, "I have to steer with one."

Sgt. Gay—"Gosh, you have a lovely figure."
Girl—"Oh, let's not go all over that again."

Lt. Stoner—"Where did you learn such awful language?"

Pfc. Lidsky—"Learn it, Hell. It's a gift."

Starkle, starkle little twink
Who the hell you are, I think?
I'm not under the alcohfluence of incohol
Although some thinkle peep I are
I fool so feelish, I don't know which is me
The drunker I sit here, the longer I be.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

"You may have to change your plan several times because of the weather, but unless you have an original plan on which to base your changes you can get wound up in a hurry." So spoke a veteran pilot, Lawrence Chiappino, after numerous flights over the big pond with the Air Transport Command.

This advice so graphically illustrated in May issue, Air Force, for the benefit of future transport pilots, is also applicable to day by day living. The element of the accidental in living has to be kept at the lowest possible minimum. The man who has thoughtfully come to some conclusions about the way of life does not rely upon luck or breaks to get to his goal. He is a man who can and does change his immediate plans because of developing circumstances over which he has no control. And yet he does not become confused about his goal because he has made some changes.

Only knucklehead believes in the futility of a plan or the uselessness of making necessary changes in plans because of the weather. And usually knucklehead gets wound up in a hurry.

Your Analysis Of Army Life

What's your gripe? Each week the Prairie Flier will throw open this column to receive your literary criticism on some particular thing that burns you up. Letters must be short and concise and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater by Tuesday noon.

This week's letter—

I'm boined up. I go to the Post Theater quite often and when I do go it's obviously to see the picture. Way back in the days of silent pictures I went to the show. If I might delve into history just a little more, quite a momentous revolution occurred in the motion picture industry a few odd years ago. They called it, "Talkies." Now, I will get back to the present and to my gripe. I should have said above, that I go to the Post Theater to see and HEAR the movies. At times, that is as impossible as an honest, modest victorious Hitler. Why? It's feet. There is absolutely no reason for it. Besides leather and rubber is a little hard to get now—or have you heard? If only to be patriotic, let up! I realize that sometimes there is no need for quiet. On something like that picture blasphemously called "Corregidor," a little noise might have relieved the dullness. But boys, please, this Sunday and Monday when Barbara Stanwyck appears as the burlesque queen in "Lady of Burlesque," I'll personally take the (editor's note . . . the rest of the letter is deleted in deference to the sensitive nature of our readers).

Male Call



Sgt. J. A. Crew Has "Racy" Past

Speed should be the given name of Sgt. J. A. Crews, crew chief and squadron draftsman of the 1082nd Basic Flying Training Squadron.

Having sped 122 miles an hour on his racing motorcycle at Dayton Beach, Fla., and guided his inboard hydroplane motorboat down the Mississippi river at 101 and 2/10 miles per hour places Sgt. Crew in a class of his own among the enlisted men of Strother Field.

Leaving last Monday on a 15 day furlough for his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, his one desire is to dust off his chromium, white and black racing motorcycle and speed around the 1/2 mile racing track in his home town where he was treasurer of a motorcycle club previous to enlisting in the army. Several trophies won by Sgt. Crew for his ability as a motorcyclist will also be dusted off and admired by their owner, no doubt.

The inboard hydroplane motorboat owned by Sgt. Crew was built by him at a cost of \$3,500.00. The boat was powered by an airplane engine which he rebuilt and had nearly 300 horsepower. Entered in one of the races sponsored by the Mississippi Power Boat Assn., and the American Power Boat Assn., the speedy craft came in first, winning a trophy for its owner. The boat was piloted by a more experienced speed boat racer during this event, however, said Sgt. Crew, but the craft had what it took to win the contest.

Previous to entering the service, Sgt. Crew was a journeyman machinist employed by the Iowa Manufacturing Co., of Cedar Rapids, builders of quarry and gravel machinery. The company is now building equipment used in war work, according to Sgt. Crew.

When asked if his former job would not now be classified as defense work, he remarked, "Sure, but I wanted to be in the air corps, and that still goes."

New ground school officer at Strother Field is 2nd. Lieut. Norman C. Webster, whose home is in New Brighton, Pa.

Lt. Webster is well known in the state, having been instructor of public speaking at Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans., from 1937 to 1943.

Sgt. J. O. Robinson and Margee Runyon of Ark City were married Sunday in Winfield. Cpl. Lester Harrison was best man.

Midweek Matinees? It's Up To You!

The Post Theater is mulling over an idea. Through necessity a good many men on this post have to work at night. These men are the ones to whom this question is addressed. How would you like a couple of midweek matinees? The idea that the theater officer has in mind is a Tuesday and Friday afternoon showing of that night's film to start at 2:00 o'clock and run until approximately 4:00. In this way you could have plenty of time to eat chow and get to work. Talk it over and see what you think. This would be strictly a convenience for the night-owls so if you want to see an occasional show in the afternoon, let us know. Just call the Prairie Flier office, phone 297, or bring any collection of names to the Post Theater. If you want it—We'll get it!

What Next—Mud Pies?

There is no army regulation providing for play areas inside the barracks, as one group at Strother Field found out when every man was restricted last week-end.

The inspecting officer of this particular squadron no doubt puts up with a lot of things, but finding "sand piles" at the base of each stove in one barrack was too much.

Everyone can recall having lots of fun in a sand pile but when they become master sergeants, tech sergeants, staff sergeants, buck sergeants, corporals, privates first class, and even lowly privates, then such things must cease, as they found out.

Moral: If you insist on having dirt in your barrack, leave it scattered smoothly over the entire floor area—it is not quite so noticeable that way!

P.S. Seeing Marie Montez at the picture show didn't help being "caged" for the week-end, wooof!

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....Tournaments.....Dancing
Ark.....Dancing.....Eats
Sat.....Win.....Formal Dance.....Show
Ark.....Dancing.....Eats
Sun.....Win.....Play by GIs and GSOs
Ark.....Bingo.....Free Call
Mon.....Win.....Informal.....Popcorn
Ark.....Do As You Please.....Eats
Tues.....Win.....Variety Nite.....Show
Ark.....Record Your Voice
Wed.....Win.....Dance.....Eats
Ark.....GA. and IA. Nite.....Dance
Thurs.....Win.....Record Your Voice
Ark.....Ping Pong Tourney

Service Men Praised For Conduct In Travel

Only 23 cases of misconduct on the part of traveling servicemen was reported for the Seventh Service Command area during April. None was from SAAF. As 905,674 men were transported in the nine states comprising the command, the percentage of misconduct was only .0025.

Maj. Gen. F. E. Uhl, Commandant, complimented the men for the fine showing and said the trainmen and station workers have been generous with praise of the way the soldiers are conducting themselves.

High VD Rate Puts 322 Behind "8 Ball"

In an effort to bring home to the men the dangers of venereal disease, Lt. B. H. Bloom, venereal disease control officer, has set up a trophy to be awarded monthly to the squadron on the field with the highest VD rate. The trophy will be in the form of a large 8 ball.

Lt. Bloom said, "It is without pleasure that I award the 322nd squadron the '8 Ball' for the month of April. However, from reports reaching our office so far this month, the 1088th squadron has piled up a sizeable lead and is coming down the home stretch well in front."

SAAF has been making progress on the VD front. April's percentage figures were the lowest in the field's history and compared favorably with other well-regulated stations in the training command. Simple precautions, that every man is aware of, can make the VD rate still lower and keep the "8 Ball" from adorning the walls of your day room.

IS THIS YOU?

A vast number of people are going about the country today giving away vital information simply because they have no knowledge whatsoever of the way enemy intelligence service works. They just cannot understand that it is all a matter of putting two and two together, of filling out the pieces in a picture puzzle, of going around and collecting bits and pieces of information from a thousand different sources, and then cleverly evaluating them into a dangerous report. Don't talk to strangers.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

LT. COL. D. C. POLHAMUS

Young, aggressive, and anxious to get into action to smash the Japanazis is Lt. Col. Douglas C. Polhamus, a West Point man. Behind the story of his appointment to the responsible position of Director of Training and later Group Commander of the Basic Flying Training Group here at Strother Field, is the warm story of another young American.

Lt. Col. Polhamus was born in Berryville, Virginia, where he spent most of his boyhood. He attended Shepherd College at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, which he left to accept an appointment to the United States Military Academy in 1934.

He graduated from West Point in 1938, taking his B. S. degree in math and engineering. Upon receiving his commission in the Regular Army he left for Randolph Field for flight training. After a "session" at Randolph and later at Kelly Field, he got his silver wings and returned to Randolph for instructor training. Later, he was stationed at the then new Waco Army Flying school as Ass't Director of Training and Squadron Commander under Col. Carroll.

When the SAAF was activated in October of '42, Lt. Col. Polhamus was chosen as one of the ranking officers on the staff of Col. Carroll. He has helped to build Strother Field from a rugged country farm site into one of the fastest growing fields in the AAF.

Lt. Col. Polhamus, like most men, enjoys the outdoors with his rod and a gun, and takes an active interest in most sports, especially riding. He is married and lives in Winfield with his wife.

His highest ambition is, of course, flying for the U. S. Army, and soon he hopes to leave for four-motor bomber training and then into combat.

Flagstone Walks Add Beauty

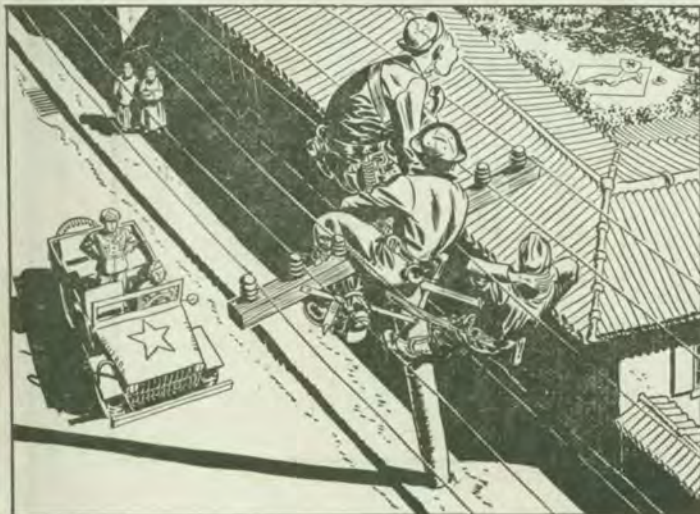
Major Lee and the Special Projects Office are at it again, this time with the addition of many new flagstone walks distributed throughout the field.

The walks, built with limestone rock strata from the Beers Quarry just east of Winfield, may be found near the BOQ; down by the Sub-Depot; and near each of the stages down on the flying line.

Another item in accord with the SPO's policy of "cleanliness and beauty" is the construction of the many new corner heads at the streets intersections. These, too, are of a limestone rock, and have just been completed.

Other such projects to enhance the appearance of the SAAF are also being planned. More flagstones are to be placed around the many mess halls, Cadet, Officers, Civvie, and Enlisted Men's, and another one to be built around the Chapel. Of course, all these developments are dependent upon the supply of limestone from the quarries.

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



Television Snafu



SPORTS



SAAF Team To Enter City League

The Arkansas City baseball season is to get underway on May 31st and a team representing Strother Field will participate in the city schedule.

Every man on the field who is interested in playing hardball is urged to contact Lt. Stoner at the post gym. The players who are selected to represent the field in the A.C. league will be put on special duty to allow them to play ball.

Plans call for the invitation of out of town teams to come to either Arkansas City or Winfield for games with the SAAF team. Suits for players on the hardball team are being contributed by the cities of Arkansas City and Winfield.



Batter Up!

The Strother Field Softball league will open the 1943 season next Monday, providing the weather allows play on the squadron areas.

The total number of teams entering the season's schedule is as yet not complete and opponents for the first game of the season are to be announced later.

Athletic officers of each squadron are urged to form as many teams as possible, as it is desired that every man on the field who wants to play softball be given the opportunity to join a team.

Lt. Stoner, Athletic Officer, requests that all teams comprised of administrative and flying officers which are being organized, report to him so that a schedule can be organized for their play.

Standings of the softball teams will appear in the Prairie Flier each week. Awards are to be made at the end of the season.

SHOULDER ARMS!



USO Summer Pool Plans Now Definite

Mr. Arthur Lokensgard, director of the two local service centers, announced recently that the USO plans for the use of the city pools by soldiers have now taken a concrete nature.

Arrangements have been made whereby service men may use the excellent pools of Winfield and Ark City any time during "open periods" when they are off duty, as well as during their "exclusive" period. During this weekly period the pools will be taken over by the USO for parties and such for the khakis.

Of course there will be the usual small charge for the use of the facilities plus a little extra to rent a swimming suit if'n you don't bring your own.

The pools will open about the first of June and a large party is tentatively planned to initiate the season.

So if yuh wanna have fun and keep cool this summer, join the crowd for the big splash party! Watch the Prairie Flier for later details.

Officer's PT Notes

By NACL

Every morning at 9:30 o'clock or every afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock, the officers of Strother Field head for the post gym in an endeavor to get back into fine physical condition.

To hear their remarks as they go through their calisthenics one would presume that they are getting ready to pounce on a much alive but sleeping Jap.

Stories about the officers while in the Strother "sweat box" are many, and NACL, the Prairie Flier's new sportsnews contributor, will have much interesting news concerning the officer's PT at Strother.

Firm believers in calisthenics—Capt. E. V. Garrison, Capt. R. D. Graves, trying desperately to keep in cadence. Capt. R. E. Anderson and Major H. E. Markland taking calisthenics in typical cadet style. Lt. Bob O. Bower, a good example of a finely conditioned officer. If you do not believe it try guarding him in basketball or challenging him in any sport!

Commando basketball sharks—largest player and one who most other officers run away from for fear of injuring themselves—Capt. J. W. Boxley. Best shot and smallest player—Capt. D. E. Dunn. Toughest and hardest to guard under the basket—Major L. R. Vance. Best ball handlers, Lt. M. A. Toombs and Lt. W. H. Carlisle. Best dribbler—Lt. H. C. Mittermayer.

A coach's dream team—Lt. O. P. Stoner, Lt. M. L. Mize, Lt. M. A. Toombs, Major L. R. Vance, Lt. W. A. Dietrich and Lt. W. H. Carlisle.

Champ badminton players—Lt. Col. D. C. Polhamus and Major L. R. Vance? Ping pong demons—(don't bet against them!) Lt. S. W. Key and Lt. R. S. Quisenberry. Watch for more news next week.



It's Rugged, Boys!

We realize that military officers are required to do everything perfectly—much better of course, than enlisted men. That is the reason they are officers—it says here.

An outstanding example is the result of PT training, one subject on which officers and EM have the same answer—Quote, there is no need in carrying a thing too far, unquote.

We're not mentioning any names, but during the past few weeks several officers have been overheard complaining of knocked-down ribs, some have been seen carrying canes and another carried out of the gym a section of a fellow-officer's bridge work—imbedded in his arm.

Okay, you officers, go on and play rough. We'll let you set an example for us not to follow!

Appearance Timely

The arrival of the new rowing machine to be used by officers and enlisted men in the post gymnasium could not have been at a more appropriate time. Wonder if the gadget would float on some of the inundated areas!

Take Your Choice

With the installation of climbing ropes, chest weights and rowing machine in the gym the variety of exercises is just about tops for officers and enlisted men who enjoy different types of athletics.

Available now for use by the men on the field are the following: striking bags, punching bags, skipping ropes, wrestling mat, ping-pong, badminton, volleyball, basketball, tumbling mats, all in addition to the three new items mentioned above. There is a CQ at the gym every evening and the place is open for your entertainment.

Newest physical training instructor added to the staff at SAAF is A. J. Oleszewski, of the 448th squadron.

New PT Schedule Is A Success

"All squadrons on the field are to be congratulated on the fine turnout of enlisted men for physical training classes," reported Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of Strother Field, when asked about response to the new three-hour-weekly training program which went into effect this week. If attendance continues at the peak reached during the first week, the program will be a complete success, according to Lt. Stoner. Classes are held at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. Classes for men over 35 years of age and those having medical excuses are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

New Gym Standards

New volleyball standards have been received by the gym to replace the old wooden ones which have been in use since the base opened.

DAMIT IS DEAD

Damit is dead. Last Sunday night while a driving rain poured down on the field Damit was hit by a car. Damit was the non-descript dog that had been a fixture around SAAF for six months. She wasn't a pretty dog, rather shaggy and odd-colored, but she was always there to listen to some GI's talk as he petted her and thought of the dog he left at home. The boys took care of her too. Her regular morning visit to the PX always netted an adequate breakfast of rolls and doughnuts. The hardboiled cooks at the mess hall would go out of their way to hunt down some scraps to sustain her.

Ten weeks ago, Damit presented nine pups to the field. They're all alive and happy. The car didn't even stop. Damit is dead.



SAAF Originally Civic Airport Site

Many visitors who are to be our guests Sunday will travel great distances to attend the Open House.

Guests from this locality have watched SAAF rise from a prairie field into an active military center, and know the history of the field. It is for the former group that a resume' of this history is printed.

The Strother Field location was originally the site of a joint airport to be built by Arkansas City and Winfield. 240 acres were to be purchased for the construction of a Class II airport. These plans were made in December of 1941.

April 1, 1942 found the first machinery on the grounds, ready to begin construction work. Ten days later officials met to discuss the acquisition of 1 400 more acres, all 1640 acres to be leased to the government for the construction, operation and maintenance of a basic flying school. The decision was of course favorable and a lease was later entered into.

In the space of a few months, construction of the base was completed and the first cadre of soldiers arrived in November. Lt. Col. Joseph F. Carroll arrived as post commander of the base, coming to Strother Field from Waco, Tex., where he was director of training.

The field is named for Capt. Donald Strother who gave his life in heroic action in the battle of Java. His home was in Winfield.

The first Open House, held in connection with the dedication of the field on January 24th of this year was ended abruptly by a change in the weather. It was decided at that time to give the public another opportunity to visit the base.

Strother Field extends its welcome to the many visitors who will be our guests.

Exact Manning Now In Effect

Being a member of one squadron yesterday and another today may be confusing to many men at Strother Field, but there has been a very good reason for this and other recent changes—The Exact Manning Table.

Long discussed and the source of numerous rumors, this plan of organization for a flying school that places the right man on the right job is now being placed in effect at Strother Field.

The plan is designed to accomplish more work with fewer men in a shorter length of time. This does not mean that there are to be mass shipments of men from this base, but rather that there is to be a definite plan to put each man now at Strother Field in the job which he can best do.

Under the plan every man at SAAF is to have a special, particular job to do. A job for which he has been selected because of his ability, character and willingness to do his duty.

The base is to be streamlined in the following manners. The line crews will be consolidated, and the personnel working in the line crews will live in the same barracks, as members of other departments will live together on the field.

There are to be no competitive squadrons. All men working on the line will form a single maintenance

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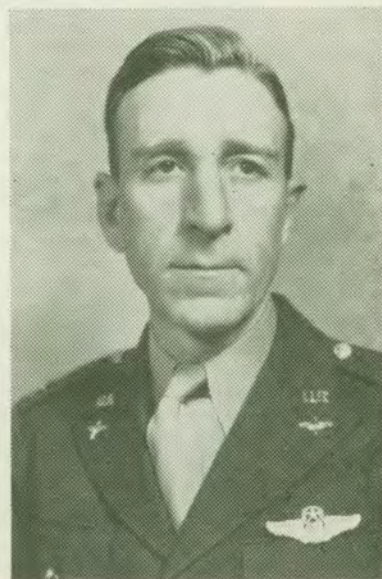
NEW USO OPENS

The formal opening of the colored USO in Winfield was held last night. The program included talks by Colonel Carroll, Capt. Allsbrook, and Lt. Wineinger. The USO is located above the Safeway store on the southeast corner of Tenth and Main.

Thousands of Visitors Expected for "Open House"

Thousands of citizens from Cowley county and surrounding territory are to be our guests this Sunday, in response to an invitation issued by Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer, who has designated Memorial Day as Open House at Strother Army Air Field.

The gates will be opened to the public at 10 a.m. Sunday morning and will be closed at 5 p.m. Visitors arriving from Winfield and the north will use the new entrance north of Hackney. This road enters the field just south of the hospital area.



COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL

Official host to visitors attending the Open House at Strother Field this Sunday will be Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of the base.

Col. Carroll is a graduate of West Point Randolph and Kelly Fields, and has seen active service in the US Army Air Corps in this country and Hawaii prior to his arrival here last November to assume his duties.

Picked crews of enlisted men will greet arriving guests at both entrances. Visitors in each car will be given maps showing locations of various buildings open for inspection. These include the station hospital, gymnasium, mess-halls theater and other buildings.

There will be guides stationed in buildings open to the public for the purpose of explaining the various business activities to the visitors.

No set program is scheduled for the day, according to Col. Carroll. In reality, it will be an opportunity for the public to see the customary procedure of a normal "working day" at Strother Field. Flying will take place as usual and the field will be in full operation.

On the ramp will be two BT-13 Vultee Valiant planes, the type flown by cadets during their basic training course here. Sidewalks will extend over the planes so that the public can see the interior of the aircraft.

Automobiles will be parked east of Post Headquarters unless the area is too soft for traffic in which case parking facilities will be made available on one end of the ramp. There is to be no parking of cars west of Main street unless the ramp is used.

An endeavor is being made to have a Flying Fortress plane on the field for the Open House event. The army air base at Oklahoma City has consented to send one here providing one of the bombers is available.

GATES TO SWING OPEN FOR MEMORIAL DAY VISITORS



Two members of the 1088th Guard Squadron, Pvt. Joe Verbrugge and Pvt. Gerald Swords, open the gates at SAAF for Open House.

(Photo courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

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A Tribute to "The Skipper"

Through his intelligent selection of men for positions of greatest importance, Colonel Carroll has forestalled in Winfield and in Arkansas City many problems that have plagued other communities around army posts. They have worked in closest co-operation, at considerable personal sacrifice as well as in line of duty, with city and county officials, club and welfare leaders to anticipate situations which might prove embarrassing either for civilians or the military. Where a difficult course of action seemed necessary, that course has been followed unhesitatingly and in a soldierly manner, with full devotion to the cause to be served.

It's a feather in the cap of Colonel Carroll and the staff of Strother Field that no serious problems have come up in either Winfield or Arkansas City, law violations and delinquencies are at minima and only the most cordial relations exist between civilians and the military, officers and enlisted personnel.

These are but a few of the blessings for which Cowley county may thank the commandant of Strother Field and his staff of intelligent supervisors. Fewer people in Cowley county are busier than Colonel Carroll. Except they show him by their presence at the field open house Sunday their appreciation of his courtesy, he may never know the gratitude residents of this county feel that the army post—temporary though it seems, permanent though it may become—is in capable, sane and sympathetic management. In Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Cowley county has that confidence.—Winfield Courier.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, May 29—Double Feature
THE FALCON STRIKES BACK
Harriet Hilliard
AIR RAID WARDENS
Laurel and Hardy

Sunday and Monday, May 30-31
THE OX BOW INCIDENT
Henry Fonda and Mary Beth Hughes
Plus—News and The War

Tuesday, June 1
NIGHT PLANE FROM CHUNGKING
Robert Preston and Ellen Drew
Color Cartoon . . . Eagles of the Navy
Popular Science

Wednesday and Thursday, June 2-3
CRASH DIVE
Tyrone Power and Ann Baxter
News and Community Sing

Friday, May 4—Revival
PANAMA HATTIE
Ann Sothorn . . . Red Skelton
Plus—THE UNBEARABLE BEAR,
Moments of Charm and Romantic Nevada

Our Times

LT. ADRA P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: The grim specter of defeat looms ever closer to the Axis. American forces have just about cleared Attu of Japs, and in Europe Allied air power is blasting merry hell out of the enterprises of Hitler and Mussolini. All in all, it doesn't look like much of a vacation this summer for those guys. They're getting what they asked for, and as the year gets older the ferocity of the Allied attack will increase. Bombs are punctuating Mr. Churchill's assertion in Washington that it would be worthwhile trying the military experiment of beating the Axis from the air. Maybe we won't beat them that way; but we'll surely make them weak in the knees. Two thousand pounds of bombs is not an April shower; that was the last notch carved on the Allies' gun, by the super-duper raid on Dortmund, Germany, Sunday. And the worst is yet to come, Adolph.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The once big-bellied, bumptious, ballyhooing Italian Duce is fast being reduced to frying size. Expect peace feelers from his side from all directions and in all manners within the next few weeks. . . . The Japs won't suffer the loss of both Attu and Kiska without some kind of show to save its face, especially after the demise of one Admiral Yamomoto. Look for the Nips to bring planes and ships into the fray in the Aleutians. That, of course, being just what we want; the more they come with, the more they'll lose. . . . Don't be surprised if Stalin agrees to meet FDR. Dissolution of the Comintern is the latest step by the Soviet in the right direction. Joe might become a pal yet. . . .

TRIVIA: Ballyhoo over the farm and food problem remind me of the young chap who came out of the confessional after his first visit with a priest, laughing like a hyena. "What's the matter?" someone asked him. "He almost got me," answered the bad boy. "When he asked me if I had ever stolen anything I told him, 'Yes, a rope.' It's a good thing he stopped there, because there was a cow at the end of that rope."

He Who Knows

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool, shun him;
He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a child, teach him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep, wake him.
He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise, follow him.

—Persian Proverb.

Your Analysis Of Army Life

Last Friday when time for the weekly Gling arrived, there were only eight EM on hand in our barrack to do the job. Knowing that some of the absent group were actually detained by work, we directed our verbal wrath upon the few members who intentionally stayed away until they thought all the dirty work had been completed.

This is an old story in every barrack and while discussing the situation we suddenly realized that eight men are enough at one time to do the job, and do it well. If there had been more help we would have run over one another.

From this realization came the following idea—why not have barrack chiefs appoint a group weekly to do the GI work?

As an example, men in each barrack could be divided into units of 8. Each unit would do the GI work on Friday of each week. Say that there were 32 men in a barrack—there would be four units to do the work during a month's time, and each unit would only have to GI one week in the month.

On weeks that three of the units did not have the GI work to do, the barrack chief could notify the orderly room that these men were at liberty on Friday evenings to leave the base early, eliminating the necessity of remaining on the field until the barrack was completely cleaned.

This is my answer to a gripe of long standing. What do you think of the idea?

SUDSY.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

What do the four freedoms mean to the average soldier? Who has any understanding of them except the man who has experienced those liberties?

What can freedom from want mean to the man who never has known the pinch of poverty or who has not entered sympathetically into the problems of those in need? What can freedom from fear possibly mean to the person who has always felt secure and self-sufficient, who has never known how even ideals, one's whole future, as well as fortune have been sacrificed for mere existence before tyrannical fear?

How can freedom of speech and expression have any meaning to the person who has always assumed he can speak freely his mind or prejudice on any subject?

How vague and devoid of meaning must be the freedom to worship God in his own way to the man who has never known the lift of sublime thoughts or felt the need of strength beyond his own to accomplish a worth while goal?

One way of conserving the peace when it shall surely come is that now while we fight we know the value of the things for which we are willing to make the supreme sacrifice. If the freedoms have any meaning now any cost will be insignificant to conserve them.

Have You Read . . .

Caribbean Treasure—Ivan T. Sanderson
Dago Red—John Fante
Lord of Alaska—Hector Chevigny
Hotel Splendide—Ludwig Bemelmans
They're in your Post Library!

Liftings

Pvt. Broadnax—"Shay, buddie, call me a cab, will yuh?"

Lt. Jackson—"Sorry, I'm not the doorman. I'm an Air Corps officer."

Pvt. B.—"O.K. Call me a plane. Gotta get home."

Cpl. Reed—"Know what the ceiling said to the four walls?"

Sgt. Phillips—"Nope."

Pvt. Etgen—"I know. It said, 'Hold me up, I'm plastered.'"

Cpl. Mulqueen—"Say, you look like Helen Green."

Sub depot deb—"So what! I look worse in pink."

Typographical errors . . . It is against the law for a woman to be a hell-hop in Ohio.—Salamanca (Va.) paper.

Male Call



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UNSUNG HEROES The Post Office

Keeping track of the mail and seeing that it is properly and carefully handled; that is the job of the SAAF Postal Station. It is no simple task, but under the capable leadership of Postal Officer 2nd Lt. J. R. Miller and his staff, which includes: S/Sgt. E. Elmore (non-com in charge); Sgt. H. Z. Johnson; Cpl. J. J. Zatorsky; Pvs. L. J. Straub, W. J. Gustafson, and L. W. Sams and the 39 organizational members, this job is being well done.

In most respects, the work of the SAAF postal unit is that of a permanent station in the U. S. Postal System. Every incoming letter must reach its proper destination; every outgoing letter must be accurately and legibly addressed. Records must be kept of insured and registered parcels; and an active and inactive file must be kept containing the name of all workers on the field, both civilian and Army. So you see, with the continual shifting of the Cadet classes; with the constant stream of personnel coming and going, their job is not an easy one.

To say their part is not a significant one is foolish. How would your morale be buddy, if you didn't get those letters from home that you look for? How would you feel if that package of cookies did not arrive?

Four more ambitious GI's have left for Officer Candidate Schools.

One of them was M/Sgt. M. L. Hammond, late of the Cadet Detachment and one of Major Dickey's right hand men, who left for Army Air Forces Administration School at Miami Beach, Florida. S/Sgt. Hershell B. Bricker and Pfc. Paul Sutoris were also called to the Administration school.

The other was S/Sgt. Leroy W. Parker of the 1082nd Squadron, who left for OCS in the Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....Tournament nite
Ark.....Informal.....Eats
Sat.....Win.....Dance.....Show
Ark.....Dance.....Eats
Sun.....Win.....GI & GSO PLAY
Ark.....Bingo.....Free call
Mon.....Win.....Informal.....Choir
Ark.....Do as you please
Tues.....Win.....Variety nite
Ark.....Record your voice
Wed.....Win.....Dance.....Eats
Ark.....Kans. nite.....Dance
Thurs.....Win.....Voice record.....Bridge
Ark.....Ping pong tourney

Exp. Manning

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squadron. All men engaged in actual flying training activities will form a single flying training squadron. Other men who hold administrative offices likewise will be in a single squadron with the result that considerable bookkeeping and paper work will be entirely eliminated.

The plan will affect the enlisted men of this field in the following ways:

1. We will work harder, but we will work at jobs we are best suited to do and a job, therefore, in which we are interested.

2. There will be no change in promotions. Men will be promoted as rapidly as vacancies appear, with the lifting of the present "freeze" made necessary during the installation of the Manning Table. OCS applications will be handled in the same manner. In fact, better individual recognition of we men will result from the "trimming off the fat."

3. Married men will still be eligible to live off the post.

4. There will be no changes in other policies, such as passes and furloughs.

The Manning Table comes to us as a challenge and an opportunity for us to show our character and ability. It is an opportunity for every one of us to do outstanding work at Strother Field. It is up to us to accept this challenge and if we perform properly under the set-up we will be honored and respected throughout the Army Air Forces.

Following are the squadron numbers and titles under the Manning Table at Strother Field:

Headquarters and Headquarter Squadron (1083rd BFTS)
Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (1082nd BFTS)
Station Service Squadron (1084th BFTS)
Flying Training Squadron (1081st BFTS)
Station Guard Squadron (1088th Guard Squadron)
Station Supply Squadron (448th B.Hq Air Base Sq.)
(Ordnance, Finance, Quartermaster, Chemical Warfare, Signal)
Station Utility Squadron (322nd Aviation Squadron)
Station Hospital—Medical Corps.

Eight States Added

Eight more states have been added to the previous lists of fifteen states that have adopted a plan for maternity and child care for wives and children of service men. They are: Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Utah and Wisconsin.

Post Library Moves To New Quarters

The steadily-growing SAAF Post Library will be moving to new and enlarged quarters soon.

Slowly but consistently, through contributions of thoughtful civilians and purchase by the Army, its collection of volumes has swelled in number. To date the library has about 3000 volumes of fiction, non-fiction, and technical books in addition to an equal number of manuals in the Technical Library, plus a smart array of 64 magazines. All this has caused the Library to outgrow its old quarters near the Post HQ area and plan for larger accommodations.

The site which has been chosen is a barrack in the former 1082nd area. At present it is being refurnished and redecorated in preparation for its new "tenant."

Under the skilled direction of Miss "Gerrie" Tuttle, civvie post librarian, the library is now polishing its rougher edges, making new improvements and additions in order that the Post Library may be more streamlined and comfortable, and more inviting to the men of the Field.

North Gate Open

The new north gate and road is now open for traffic. A guard will be on the gate from 5:00 AM until 7:00 PM each day to take care of the military and civilian personnel going to and returning from Winfield. Extra caution should be exercised in crossing the railroad tracks directly outside of the post.

New W/Os Assigned

The four new Warrant Officers recruited from the ranks of enlisted men at this post are already assigned and have taken over duties in various departments on the field. W/O Alfred L. Wheeler Jr. is now Assistant Personnel officer while W/O Edward L. Arnold is an Assistant Engineering officer under Lt. C. H. Pierce of the 3rd Maintenance group. W/O Kenneth Wolf is Acting Adjutant of the 1083d and W/O Abraham R. Gruber is Assistant Adjutant of the 1082nd.

Sgt. Robert Breedlove formerly of the Guards and Pvt. Peter S. Giamo have left SAAF to join a Signal Pigeon Company. Breedlove left word that after he was settled at his new station, he would send for and enlist the Guard's pigeon mascot. Ain't that a bird!

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

CAPT. T. R. HOTTENFELLER

The ambition of Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller, Engineering Officer of the 1082nd BFT squadron to get into combat duty is typical of the spirit of American military officers.

"I want to ascertain whether or not my ability is the same with the present day aerial machine gun as it was during my qualifying days. This time with a Jap Zero as the target!"

While serving his third enlistment in the air corp from 1928 to 1931 with the 72nd Bombardment Squadron in Hawaii, Capt. Hottenfeller, who was then a corporal, qualified as an expert aerial gunner (flexible) at Luke Field.

During the years between 1924 and 1942 he ran the gamut of non-com ratings from private to the rank of master sergeant, following which he was discharged in order to accept a commission as first lieutenant. On May 20th of this year Capt. Hottenfeller completed 18 years of service in the air corp, having enlisted 7 times and is the possessor of 7 discharge papers.

Highlights of this well-liked officer's military career include the following: Assisting in ground work on aerial demonstration given by the late Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell before a Congressional Committee at Langley Field, Va.; helping to salvage and bury the Roma, formerly the largest rigid airship in the US which burned near Norfolk, Va., some years ago; cracked up in a C-1 Douglas transport, escaping injury with other crew members, but the ship was demolished.

Having served as apprentice airship and balloon rigger, crew chief on De Havilland, Martin bombers, Douglas and Fairchild transports, attack, pursuit, observation and various types of primary and basic training planes, station aero engine instructor, flight chief, hangar chief, technical administrative inspector and line chief has given this officer a wealth of knowledge which he so capably applies in his duties at Strother Field.

Before entering the service he worked for eighteen months as a freight brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. His chief hobby is game hunting.

Coming to Strother Field Dec. 5th, 1942 he was later promoted to the rank of captain in April of this year.

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

Wrong Jive—Take Five

Hiya, Johnny One Stripe!
Just to let you know the steam
is still beamed your way—Action, Jaxon!
I'm staying out from under the
apple bush—and I don't want to
hear that you reached like a leech
for some peach on a beach—
Kipper the Nipper till it's MUR-der.
he says—Meanwhile, no nation of
passion in these parts—but when the
4-F's come around I say, Stay away
from my block, Buster!—You have to
be under arms before you get into mine.
Finish that thing and get back.
There's something about you that makes
my joints jump.
Your 5-foot-5—Alive as a hive
D. H.

...I LEARN YANKEE TALK
FROM CROSSED WORD PUZZLE.
CODE MESSAGE PLAINLY SAYS:
VESSEL NAMED "JAXON" STEAMS
TOWARD YANKEE BEACH-HEAD...
"KIPPER" IS YANKEE SUBMARINE,
WHICH ARE NAMED FOR FISH...
BLOCK BUSTER BOMBS WILL BE
USED. TIME OF ATTACK IS 5:05!



Graduate Fourth Class

Class 43-G, fourth class of cadets to graduate in basic training at Strother Army Air Field, completed its training last week-end.

According to indicated preferences for advanced training, the cadets were sent to either Eagle Pass, Tex., where they will receive pursuit ship training, or to Altus, Okla., where their instructions will be in twin-engine planes.

Of the 48 states in the country, there were representatives of 36 in Class 43-G. Four of the cadets were born in countries now allies of the United States. These include England, Canada, Norway and Czechoslovakia.

Welcome is extended to the class of 43-I, the new arrivals and underclass, who arrived on Tuesday of this week.

SPORTS

Strother Field-Kanotex Open Ark City League Play

The Strother Field baseball team will open the 1943 season against the Kanotex Refiners in the Arkansas City League, Monday evening, May 31st.

Selected to play in the opening game is another fine gesture on the part of Arkansas Citizens toward the soldiers of this field. The Chamber of Commerce and city merchants are providing new uniforms for team members while Winfield will furnish practice uniforms for the men, both of which are outstanding examples of civic cooperation.

Five weeks of fast play are scheduled for the first half of the season, according to the league officials. The Strother Field team will play each week during the opening half. Tentative plans call for a similar schedule during the second half of the season.

Manager of the field team is Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller, Engineering Officer of the 1082nd BFT squadron, who has had a wealth of baseball experience during his 18 years service in the air corps.

Offered a contract to play professional ball in the Texas league during the spring of 1927, Capt. Hottenfeller did not accept as he had definitely planned on an army career with the air corps.

He played ball at every station to which he has been attached while serving in this country and Hawaii. His most enjoyable playing days were in the Sector-Navy league in Hawaii, during 1927-1931, according to the captain.

Four baseball games with out-of-town teams are to be sponsored by the city of Winfield for the Strother team. The receipts, minus expenses, are to be given to SAAF.

First Half Schedule

Strother Field vs. Kanotex
May 31st.
Strother Field vs. A.C. Co-op
June 6th.
Strother Field vs. A.C.
Thunderbirds
June 15th.
Strother Field vs. Maurer-
Neuer Packers
June 24th.
Strother Field vs. Dubbs All
Stars
June 29th.

Tentative lineup for opening game:

DeRasmi, center field
Hottenfeller, right field
Loughner, third base
Padavono, left field
Dalak shortstop
Bourbouse, first base
Dombroski, second base
Ebert, catcher
Harding, pitcher
Reserve Pitchers—Curtis, Westcott
Utility Infielder—Seller
Reserve Catchers—Haungs, Teeters
Utility Outfielders—Simunic, Beahm

Additional players on SAAF roster:

Pitchers
B Chernushin
H Knittle
J. Pastorik
First Base
E. J. Stewart
Second Base
Bollen



Lay Foundation For Bowling Building

Foundation work on the new theater-of-operations type building which is to house the new bowling alleys at SAAF started Wednesday by the engineering department.

The location of the building is across the street south of the post gymnasium, on the corner of Exchange street and Fourth street.

Original plans called for the installation of the alleys in the 450 man mess located at the north end of the base, but with a central location being more desirable, the decision was reached to house the alleys in a separate building.

The alleys and bowling equipment have been purchased from the Brunswick-Balke-Callender Co., manufacturers of this type of equipment and will be installed soon.

The project, an activity of the Special Service Department is under the direction of Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer of SAAF.

14 Teams Ready For Softball Play

Fourteen softball teams representing the various squadrons on the field are ready to start the SAAF league schedule.

There will be two teams representing the Link Trainer department; one for the 1081st squadron; four teams from the 1082 squadron; one team each for the 1083rd, 1084th and 1088th squadrons, and four teams from the 448th squadron.

Plans call for a practice round next week, which will not count on the league standing. It is hoped that soon after that regular play will start.

Organizations having additional teams to add to the league should report to Lt. Allen within the next few days, as the schedule of game play is soon to be compiled.

So far, there have been no entries of teams composed of officer players turned in to the PT department. Officers desiring to play softball are asked to report to Lt. Allen. It is hoped that a league schedule for officer teams can be made up in the near future.

Bases and home plates for 12 softball diamonds have been received by the Physical Training Department and are now being installed, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Physical Training Director of SAAF.

Athletic Medals To Be Awarded

Medals are to be awarded the individual members of championship teams, winners of individual sports events and to the outstanding cadet in sports, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director.

The medal is to be approximately the size of a 25 cent piece, made of green bronze and bearing the figure of an airplane and air corp insignia with the words "Strother Army Air Field" inscribed on it. The medal may be worn on a watch chain. On the back of the medal will be inscribed the sport participated in, and space for the name and organization of the winner.



GIs! Air crew training (pilot, bombardier, and navigator) is available to you if you are not yet 27 and can furnish three letters of recommendation and your birth certificate. The Cadet Examining Board—phone 309—has the information or see your 1st Sergeant. Do it today!

Presenting—

M/SGT. JOHNNIE HARDING
SAAF Pitching Star

The only pitcher of last year's Enidair baseball team, Enid Army Flying School, Enid, Okla., to win a game in the National Semi-Pro tournament in Wichita, is now a member of the SAAF ball team playing in the Arkansas City league.

M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding of the 1082nd is the pitcher whose ability should lead the Strother team to many victories during the season.

Harding played professional ball with El Dorado, Ark., a member of the Cotton States League; San Antonio and Beaumont, Texas, in addition to army league play at Fort Sam Houston and Randolph Field.

Along with Dizzy Dean, former big league star, Harding got his start in baseball under the tutelage of M/Sgt. Jimmy Brought, who is now retired.

Structural engineering is just one of the subjects you can take through Armed Forces Institute.



SAAF GI School To Start Soon

The school bells will soon ring out over the quiet Kansas prairie, and GIs will once more resume their educational pursuits when the new SAAF educational program begins in the near future. The "back to the books" movement is being instituted by the Special Training Division of the Special Service Department and was originated to provide enlisted personnel the opportunity to learn and better themselves in the Army.

Publishing of the exact curriculum will await the filling out of application forms by the interested men and the tabulation of the courses desired. However, the tentative line-up of available subjects will include such courses as mathematics, typewriting, orderly room forms (morning report, sick book, duty roster, etc.), Army correspondence, foreign languages, machine shop practices, and many others. The courses will be offered in the evenings, and there will be no charge for tuition. Men completing the individual courses will be awarded certificates.

For practical purposes, the program may help you as follows:

- (1) To prepare for OCS, ASTP, or cadet training.
- (2) To get a better understanding of the job you now hold and to work for promotion in that job.
- (3) To become eligible for a better job in the army by supplying the required knowledge the job demands.
- (4) To understand jobs allied to your own so that a clear understanding may be had of the reason for doing things in a prescribed manner.

Your squadron orderly room has application blanks to fill out if you are interested. An opportunity like this is too good to pass up. Expert training is going to win this war and every man must do his part.

There is a need for more qualified teachers to assist in the program. Anyone with specialized knowledge in some particular field is requested to call the Special Service Office, phone 297.

Low Quarter Shoes Available to EM

Good news for panting dogs! The Special Projects office of SAAF is now issuing ration certificates to all enlisted personnel to take the place of the coveted coupon No. 17 given out to civilians. The certificate will entitle the holder to purchase one pair of low-quarter shoes. However, they must be similar in appearance and color to the low-quarter "issue" shoes. Pointed toes, perforations, and side buckles are not authorized, and military police have been issued orders to pick up anyone who violates this edict. Married men who possess a ration book will not be given this extra certificate.

Miss Margaret Creel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Creel of Miami, Fla., became the bride of Lt. George Nelson, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson of Rusk, Tex., in a ceremony at the parsonage of the Central Christian church last Saturday evening. Lt. Nelson is acting CO of the 1083 BFTS at Strother Field.

AN INVITATION

The downtown USO in Wichita is giving a formal dance for the men in service tomorrow night at the Midian Temple in Wichita. The junior hostesses are sponsoring the party and have issued a personal invitation to all the GIs of Strother Field who have passes on Saturday.



Col. J. F. Carroll presents Safety Plaque to 1st. Lt. J. F. Thompson.

Group Receives Safety Plaque

Flight "A" of the 2nd Basic Flying Training Squadron was awarded the Strother Army Air Field Safety plaque in a joint presentation made Saturday afternoon.

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, Major L. R. Vance Jr., Director of Training, BFT Group, and Operations Officer, and Capt. Dale E. Dunn, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Basic Flying Training Squadron, presented the plaque to 1st. Lt. J. F. Thompson, Flight Commander of "A" Flight.

The plaque is awarded to the flight of each class showing the best judgment and safe operation by the students in addition to outstanding supervision by instructors. There were no accidents of any type during the approximate 3500 hours spent in the air by the winning flight.

Flight C of class 43F formerly held the plaque. Capt. Dunn was also commanding officer of the squadron to which this flight was attached.

"Black Magic," Gala 322nd Free Show Here Thursday

It's on the way! Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock in the Post Theater the 322 Squadron will present a free ninety minute review entitled BLACK MAGIC. For several weeks now during the daytime, the Post Theater has been transformed from its usual stately quiet into a temple of jazz and boogie-woogie as the versatile boys from 1st and Main Streets get hep for the big show. Here's the line-up so far with more acts to be added later, and man, it's groovy.

Leading out and strictly solid will be the 322 orchestra lyrically named the Galloping Dominoes. Their opening selection will be the rendition of that classic jazz tune Nakisaki and hold on to your seats. Pfc. Richard Bennett will hold the stage with his interpretation of "Black Magic" and "In My Solitude."

Mr. Five by Five will be brought to life with Pvt. John D. Barber playing the title role. For the sake of accuracy Pvt. Barber is in reality only five feet tall by four and one-half feet wide. However, the half-foot discrepancy does not in any way detract from the effectiveness of the presentation.

Pvts. John Nash, Philip Roe, William Byrd, and Radium Nalls plus two unidentified hep-cats will be transformed for the evening into a fast moving chorus line. Two of the "girls" are tentatively named Miss Winfield and Miss Arkansas City in honor of our fair neighbors. Shoulder shakes, shimmies, and "bumps" are being mastered by the boys for the coming event.

Pfc. Ashton J. Williams will bring the house back to normal when he sings Joyce Kilmer's "Trees."

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General Hornsby Inspects SAAF

A routine inspection of Strother Army Air Field was completed Wednesday by Brigadier General Aubrey Hornsby, commanding general of the 32nd Flying Training Wing, and his aide, Major K. L. Johnson. Both are from Perrin Field, Texas.

The General and his aide arrived here last Sunday by plane and devoted the first three days of this week to inspection of various departments on the base.

This was the second time that SAAF has been honored with a visit by Gen. Hornsby, his first taking place in January of this year.

A veteran army man, Gen. Hornsby has been in service since receiving his commission as a second lieutenant on Nov. 17, 1917. His duties as commander of the 32nd Wing are as supervisor of training activities of all basic flying training fields in the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center.

Known as originator of an "assembly line" system of maintenance for basic flying fields, which resembles factory assembly lines, Gen. Hornsby put that system into operation at Gunter Field, Alabama, where he was commanding officer from August, 1940, until December 26, 1942, when he was transferred from that post to the 32nd Wing.

A native of Eclectic, Alabama, he graduated in May, 1918, as an (Take-off to page four)

SAAF Open House Postponed Indefinitely

The GIs were ready—haircuts and all. The grounds were ready—grass cut and all. In fact, Strother Field had never been quite so spick and span as it was last week-end in preparation for Open House on Memorial Day.

Then came the bad news—rains predicted for Sunday and the area to be used for car parking muddy from recent moisture.

Now, for the second time, Col. Carroll has had to again postpone the event, this time indefinitely. The parking area is still too muddy for use and with weather forecasts issued for short periods only, it is impossible to plan on conditions being right for an open house.

It is hoped that in a few weeks time weather conditions will be more normal—dry and warm, and more suitable for such an event.

The postponement is a disappointment to the men on the Field, but perhaps in the future we can have the public as our visitors.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.
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Speaking of— Understanding

"The ability to find and hold the right mental attitude toward a subject." There in a few words taken from the dictionary is the definition of "Orientation." The Army Orientation Course is something new in the army. It was created through necessity to bring home to the men just why we are fighting. Too often, we list Hitler or Hirohito or Mussolini as our enemy without knowing the scheming, well-planned background that each of the "Unholy Three" spent years to perfect. Too often, a man in the army loses touch with the outside world—doesn't touch a newspaper or a worthwhile magazine from the day he sets his civilian clothes aside. That can't be. The axis is clever—damned clever, and it will take all our cleverness and knowledge to beat them. Follow your weekly NEWSMAP in your dayroom. Attend the orientation lectures held in the post gym each Tuesday and Wednesday night. Don't miss a single release in the excellent "WHY We Fight" motion picture series. Understand this war and with understanding will come Victory.

Have You Read . . .

Why the Weather by Charles Franklin Brooks
The Donkey Inside by Ludwig Bemelmans
How to Live in the Tropics by Virginia Hunt
Don Pedro and the Devil by Edgar Maass
They're in your Post Library.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, June 5—Double Feature
TONIGHT WE RAID CALAIS
and A GENTLE GANGSTER

Sunday and Monday, June 6-7
Matinee 2 p.m.

THIS LAND IS MINE
Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara
News and Merchant Seamen

Tuesday, June 8
THEY CAME TO BLOW UP AMERICA
George Sanders and Anna Sten
Plus—Cartoon, Sportscope, and Ozzie Nelson's Band

Wednesday and Thursday, June 9-10
MISSION TO MOSCOW
Walter Houston and Ann Harding
News

Thursday—8:15 p.m.—FREE
BLACK MAGIC . . . 322 Show

Friday, June 11
HIGH EXPLOSIVE
Chester Morris and Jean Parker
Plus—Cartoon, Passing Parade, and Leon Errol

Our Times

LT. ADRA P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: Contrary to popular opinion, I firmly believe that Germany will crumble internally before its armies are completely liquidated. There is an element in the German people which is not Nazi, and can never be. I first visited some of those people in 1932, and last in 1934, in the German Alps near the Swiss border. Those people are democratic, and live by hard work and a love for freedom. They can never approve of Hitlerism. And late information advises us that the plain country homes of some of those folks are virtual arsenals, and the peasants eagerly await the opportunity to overthrow the shackles of Naziism. Maybe that does not have anything to do with this week's occurrences; nevertheless, it is passed on to you as a personal observation, and one that will be worth recalling later.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: Expect Italy to abandon even sham resistance on the islands around its southern tip. Defenses will be pulled in against an invasion of the mainland—and to maintain order at home. . . . Don't be surprised if the Turks enter the fracas on our side within the next sixty days; that country's trouble with Axis-controlled Bulgaria will be the deciding factor. . . . Look for Uncle Sam's Navy to show its worth in the Pacific this summer; some of its activities will surprise you.

TRIVIA: Who said there wasn't going to be a strike in government-operated coal mines? . . . Probably the same guy who said it was dry in Kansas. I brought along a respirator. Now I'm trying to swap it for a canoe. . . . The difference between Cupid and the Draft Board was made clear to me in a telegram received from a friend. It said: "Rejected Stop Married today Stop Regards."

There Is A Grave In Java

(The following poem was written by Mrs. Anne R. Strother for whose son, Captain Donald R. Strother, the Strother army airfield was named.)

There is a grave in Java
That I shall never see.
Love's imag'ry defines it
And makes it clear to me.

On guard stand giant mountains;
Near by the ocean sighs,
A wistful, mourning mother,
Who sleepless, softly cries.

Fierce tropic rains, recurrent
As tears of unchecked grief,
Fall on the constant verdure
Of unknown grass and leaf.

Bright plumage darts and flutters
Across the alien skies.
Queer tongues converse, indifferent
To earth where stranger lies.

In death he is not lonely—
Close comrades share his bed.
A valiant group from Homeland
Keep this stronghold of the dead.

A grave in hostile country,
Remote from tender care.
But still in Love's large circle—
A piece of my heart lies there.

Liftings

A wonderful bird is the pelican!
His mouth can hold more than his belican.
He can take in his beak
Enough food for a week—
I'm darned if I know how the helican!

WAAC—Why didn't you find out who he was when the Sergeant called the roll.
Another WAAC—I did try to, but he answered for four different names.

Cpl. Martin: "Here it is Monday morning and tomorrow will be Tuesday, and the next day Wednesday—the whole week half gone, and nothing done yet!"

Pfc. Benjamin McGee has a new girl friend—she's the quiet type of girl who has nothing to say . . . and says it.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

What actually do Catholics, Jews, and Protestants have in common? This question was put to Chaplain Daniel A. Poling of the North African area. The chaplain quoted a Jewish leader. Here it is:

"Protestant, Catholic and Jew, we agree upon the following affirmations: We believe in God. We believe that all men are His children, equal in His sight. We believe in the spiritual worth of the individual soul and in the inviolable freedom of the individual conscience. We believe that the earth and the fullness thereof are the Lord's, to be made available to all who need."

This statement taken from the June issue of The Christian Herald is all the more important when the world is being drawn so closely together by its mutual problems and sufferings. Organized religion can be one of the strongest of uniting forces for making a better world if religious persons of different faiths discover in each other a similarity of statement of basic belief and goal.

Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession	-	Sunday 7 a.m.
Catholic Mass	-	Sunday 8 a.m.
Protestant Negro Service	-	Sunday 9 a.m.
Protestant General Service	-	Sunday 10 a.m.
Jewish Sabbath Service	-	Friday 7:30 p.m.

Tech. Sergeant Walker met a gal who invited him into her home. He said she laughed when he sat down at the piano, but when he came over to the sofa . . . she screamed!

"Your Analysis"

There have been a lot of complaints about GI's coming into the barracks late at night, slamming doors, turning on lights and carrying on loud conversations.

I know that this is not done with malicious forethought, but it is damn annoying when one has been sound asleep for awhile to be suddenly awakened by such unnecessary disturbances. Lord, only knows, we get routed out early enough in the morning as it is.

Screen doors in the barracks are taking a terrific beating by being shoved wide open and then let slam with all the force that can be mustered up by the door spring, and so are the GI's who retire early in the evening.

Why not hold the door until it is closed, as well as holding your tongue until everyone is up in the morning. I appreciate the fun you've had in town but I'd just as soon hear about it the next day, if you don't mind.

INSOMNIA.

Male Call Milton Caniff, Creator of



UNSUNG HEROES: The SAAF Fire Department

Little or no mention is ever made of the worthy civilian workers who stand behind the lines of battle ready to meet the hazards of fire which may disable an army in training to defeat the foe.

Such is the case with the SAAF Fire Department. With skill, experience and courage, these men, under the supervision of the Post Engineer's Office, and with the leadership of Fire Chief James A. Leach and his two assistants, Harry Chapman and Ellis Norton, are prepared to face any contingency which may take place. The staff of the Fire Crew consists of 32 regular civilian firemen, supplemented by an organizational group of ten GIs from each fire zone.

The regular crew has two duties: the general field alert and the crash alert. The general field alert is responsible for the prevention and elimination of fires which may occur in the areas of the field proper; the crash alert, a special group on constant watch near the line and on the auxiliary fields when flying is being done, is responsible for handling any fire accident which may happen during the flying routine.

The civilian workers have had special training and schooling for the elimination of airplane fires. They are always watchful for new techniques for the prevention of fire and fire hazards on the field. Close contact is maintained with the fire departments of both Winfield and Ark City so that no lapse in inter-departmental liaison might occur. The Department has instigated a program of "fire education," and drills have been held to impress upon the military and civilian workers the importance of acting with unity and without confusion in case of fire.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Ping Pong Tourney
Ark.....Informal.....	Eats
Sat.....Win.....	Dance.....Program
Ark.....June Birthday Dance	
Sun.....Win.....	Amateur Nite
Ark.....Golf.....	Bingo
Mon.....Win.....	Informal.....Eats
Ark.....Do as you please	
Tues.....Win.....	Swimming Party—Free
Ark.....Record Your Voice	
Wed.....Win.....	Dance.....Eats
Ark.....Dance.....	Game Nite
Thurs.....Win.....	Record Your Voice
Ark.....Free Swimming Party	

Splash Parties Open USO Pool Program

The USO-sponsored "swim and keep cool" program will open next week with two splash parties given in the local pools.

One will take place Tuesday night, June 8, at the Winfield pool from 8:00 to 10:30, the other occurs Thursday night, June 10, at Ark City's outdoor water arena from 8:30 to 10:30.

The same hours will be reserved for the GI's every week for their swimming pleasure.

The cost is practically nothing. At the two parties, no general admission will be taken, but a fee for rental of suit (ten cents) and towels (five cents) will be asked. On other "exclusive" days, there will be in addition to the charge of rental, a ten cents general admission charge. The supply of suits available for rental is limited, and the GI's are asked to try and use their own trunks if at all possible.

The local Service Centers have spared no effort in planning a program of splash parties, contests and water games, so that the men at Strother Field may enjoy the summer. They and the GSO girls urge all SAAF personnel to jump in with the gang!

Enough and On Time

A new Army radio program entitled "Enough—and on Time," produced jointly by the Technical Information Division, Army Service Forces, and the Radio Branch, War Department Bureau of Public Relations, is now being presented over the Blue Network each Saturday night from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. CWT.

The Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, will direct the dramatizations and music on the program.

Still He Has Friends

Alexander Dumas, author of "The Three Musketeers" would turn over in his grave if he could hear some of the remarks made by the men of Strother Field toward another bearer of the honored name of Dumas.

The namesake, who daily attempts to "arouse mankind," can rest assured of a very short-lived career, even though he is only doing his duty as CQ of the 1083 BFT squadron, with a tiny whistle as a weapon. Why do the men continually respond with "blow it out!" when he is doing his very best? Huh?

Red Cross Gives Hospital Equipment

New table model radios have been furnished by the Red Cross to each of the hospital wards now in use. In the few days they have been used, they have proved a most welcome gift. It is believed they will provide real enjoyment to the convalescing patients.

The furnishing of these radios is a part of a general program of the Red Cross service to the Station Hospital which includes complete furnishings for the four sunrooms, potted plants and ferneries for all wards and sunrooms, bedside kits and other comfort items. Requisitions have been made for a 16mm movie projector, screen and bookings for late popular releases. Twenty-five or thirty magazine subscriptions have been ordered and the first issues have started arriving.

'Fort' Engine Exhibited

Lectures were given in the Post Theater today for members of the 1082 BFTS Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Cadets and Pilots by R. E. Perkey, Service Engineer of the Studebaker Corporation of South Bend, Indiana.

One of the Army's great Flying Fortress engines was on display in the theater. Cut away so as to expose its internal parts, the engine was operated by an electric motor so that those attending the lectures could see the application of many engineering principles and theories.

The program was of a strictly educational character and has been presented to many universities, colleges and army airfields throughout the country.

The Bells Are Ringing

Miss Dorothy June McMullin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McMullin of Tulsa, Okla., became the bride of Lt. Thomas W. Cosgrove, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cosgrove, of Buffalo, N. Y., last Saturday night in the parsonage of the First Methodist church in Arkansas City. Lt. Cosgrove is a flying instructor at SAAF.

Miss Lucille Vining, daughter of Luther Vining of Lyons, Kans., became the bride of Cpl. John E. Birdwell, Strother Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Birdwell of Palestine, Tex., last Saturday night in the parsonage of the First Methodist church in Arkansas City.

OFFICER PROFILES

Presenting—

MAJOR MERLE W. ALLEN

Major Merle W. Allen, the jovial and well-liked Director of Ground School Training, is a native of Kansas.

Major Allen was born and raised in Manhattan, Kansas, where he attended lower school, high school, and later Kansas State College. Even then the Major's winning personality was in evidence, for he was twice elected to the presidential chair of his fraternity, the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Major Allen took his Bachelor of Science and Master's degree in Entomology at Kansas State College, and immediately after he began to teach in these fields. He has taught at the Junior Colleges in Fort Scott and Coffeyville, Kansas, and also at Kansas State and Kansas State Teachers' Colleges.

Major Allen received his reserve commission in the Army in '32, but it was not until 1941 that he entered the Air Corps to aid in their training program. Since his assignment to active duty he has been at many stations and performed numerous duties. He has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kans., Brooks Field, Texas., Lubbock Army Flying School, Tex., Coffeyville, Kans., before being transferred to Strother Field. Since then, the Ground School has shown the beneficial effects of his influence.

Major Allen is married, and he has moved his family consisting of his wife and two sons from their home in Coffeyville to Ark. City for the duration.

Major Allen likes the rigorous Army life, and after the war he would like to remain attached to the service. He believes that the streamlined technical training the army is affording so many youths will have a definite influence on the future shape of education.

GI's Rate Army Institute High

The men on the field who are taking advantage of the educational opportunities afforded them by the Army Institute by enrolling in several of the classes rate it very high.

Sgt. P. L. Nelson, ground school instructor, has taken a course in Portuguese, and is at present grappling with one in Italian. He thinks the Institute is excellent. He remarked that the thing he likes most is that you are allowed to progress at your own speed, and that the benefit to the individual because of this is great.

The Intelligence Officer

He is here to help protect the lives of civilian and military personnel on the Post.

He is here to prevent anything that would hinder or delay our main purpose—Training.

He is your friend and needs your help.

Report anything of a suspicious nature to him.

Mr. Stoddard Parker will arrive today to take over the duties of Assistant Red Cross field director. He will assist Mr. Walter Hedberg, SAAF Red Cross director.



of "Terry and the Pirates" Moral: Have Right Eye Open When You Squeeze



SPORTS



Kanotex Defeated 5 to 1 As Harding Strikes Out 17

Seventeen strikeouts in seven innings is SOME pitching in anyone's baseball league, and that is exactly what our own M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding handed the Kanotex team in the Arkansas City League opening game Tuesday night. The SAAF team won by a score of 5 to 1.

Harding struck out nine men in the first three innings and the Kanotex team got only two hits in the entire game.

No doubt it was the opening ceremonies that inspired Harding and his team mates to such a decisive victory. There was a large crowd of spectators in the grandstand — the SAAF band played several selections that were loudly applauded by the crowd — Mayor George Wylie gave a short talk and threw the first ball of the season — Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF expressed his appreciation to Arkansas City for supporting the air base squad.

First scoring in the game started in the last half of the second inning when Padavano, Strother centerfielder, flied out to Rutter. Bava singled to left and Dalak walked. Puckett singled and Bava tried to score at the plate but was put out by Westbrook, Kanotex catcher. Ebert then doubled bringing in Puckett from second and Dalak from third. DeRamsi singled to left, scoring Ebert. Harding who had walked was out trying for home.

Strother again in the third inning started another scoring spree. Bourbose started activity by flying out to Knowlton. Gilmore walked Loughner and Padavano. Bova got to first on a fielder's choice as Loughner was forced at third. Dalak singled bringing in Padavano with another run. Bova scored on an overthrow at first base giving the Strother nine two runs on one hit for that inning.

Johnny Rouse, who relieved Gilmore in the pitching box in the fourth inning, held the SAAF team in check. He allowed only one hit in three innings and put the first seven men he faced down in order.

Harding missed, by one strikeout, the A. C. League record made in 1941 by Everett Aleshire of the A. C. Co-op team. Aleshire struck out eighteen men at that time, but he did not pitch a two-hitter and his opponents were not the calibre of the Kanotex team.

The SAAF team will meet the A. C. Co-op team in Arkansas City the night of June 6th in its second game of the schedule.

BOX SCORE

KANOTEX					STROTHER				
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h		
Peters, ss	3	0	0		DeRamsi, rf	3	0	2	
Thomas, 2b	0	0	0		B'rbrose, 1b	3	0	0	
Coggins, 2b	3	0	0		L'ghner, 3b	2	0	0	
Rutter, 3b	3	1	1		Pa'vano, cf	2	1	0	
Gilbert, 1b	1	0	0		Bova, lf	3	1	1	
H'bury, 1b	3	0	0		Dalak, ss	2	1	2	
Myers, cf	2	0	0		Puckett, 2b	3	1	1	
Wesbr'k, c	3	0	1		Ebert, c	3	1	1	
Gilmore, p	2	0	0		Harding, p	1	0	0	
Kn'lton, lf	1	0	0						
Rouse, p	1	0	0						
Flick, lf	1	0	0						

Tot.— 23 1 2 Tot.— 22 5 7

Score by innings:

Kanotex	000	100	0—1	2	0
Strother Field	032	000	x—5	7	1

SUMMARY: Error—Ebert. Two Base Hits—DeRamsi, Dalak. Left on Bases—Strother (2), Kanotex (2). Runs Batted In—DeRamsi, Dalak, Ebert (2), Hockenbury. Strike Outs—Harding (17), Gilmore (2), Rouse (4). Walked—by Harding (3), Gilmore (4). Hits—off Gilmore, 6 for 5 runs in 3 innings; Rouse, 1 hit for 0 runs in 3 innings. Double Play—Peters (unassisted). Wild Pitch—Harding (2). Losing Pitcher—Gilmore.

New PT Feature

Unarmed defense training, a new feature in the physical training program for enlisted men, is proving quite popular with the participants, according to Lt. G. D. Allen, Assistant PT Director. The men are being taught how to apply and also break various type holds effective in rendering an opponent helpless.

Curious? Corio



The Wolf

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Presenting—

SGT. F. P. (PAT) PADOVANO
SAAF Centerfield Star

Six years of semi-pro and professional baseball experience during which he played on teams owned by the Washington Senators of the American League and the New York Giants of the National League, is the history of Pat Padovano, Quartermaster Detachment, who is now playing center field for the SAAF team.

In 1940 he played with Salisbury, Md., of the Eastern Shore League, sent there by the Washington Senators. In 1941 he was a member of the Huntington, W. Va., team, of the Mountain States League, being sent there by Bill Terry of the New York Giants. Padovano also played in the Canadian-American League for a short time.

In addition to his professional baseball career, he played semi-pro ball in New York City and with a service team at Randolph Field, Texas, prior to his being transferred to Strother Army Air Field.

Sport Notes

The wood frames being set up on the various play areas are not the beginning of twelve additional obstacle courses, so at ease, soldiers!

The structures are backstops for the dozen baseball diamonds on which the SAAF softball league will soon start play. Don't think that all twelve diamonds will not be the scenes of much activity, because fourteen teams from the various squadrons and detachments have been organized and are ready for action.

Attendance at the physical training classes for enlisted men has increased during the past week, reaching a total of 69% of the enlisted personnel.

Lt. G. D. Allen, Assistant Director of Physical Training, said today that the various squadrons on the field are to be congratulated on the turn out of men for this training.

"Black Magic"

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Pvts. Melvin Armstrong and William Byrd have worked up a little sequence concerning a pair of those rattlin' bones. There are no words in this pantomime but you know the old saying, "Actions speak louder than."

"The Big Bass Viol" will be effectively sung by Cpl. Meredith Knox who incidentally is the director of Black Magic.

The drums . . . It wouldn't be a show without a drum solo, and Pvt. J. Collins is just the man to make the skins "talk." He does it, too. He makes them talk, scream, shout, and yell for mercy.

The Versatile Four, 322nd's versatile quartet have made themselves quite a name by singing for various organizations in Winfield and Arkansas City. They will sing "Smiling Through" and "Wagon Wheels." The quartet is made up of Cpl. Knox—Baritone, Pfc. Williams—1st Tenor, Pvt. Charles Pryer—2nd Tenor, and Pvt. Hiram Black—Bass.

An interpretation of south sea island and Harlem rhythms is the next offering leading into the grand finale by the entire cast. Pvt. John Deloach will act as M.C. for the entire show.

General Hornsby

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aerial observer and served for a year after that date with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, England and Germany.

General Hornsby's life since the last war has been associated with the development of the Army Air Forces. Returning to the United States in 1919, he was stationed at Mitchell Field, Long Island, until July, 1920.

In 1921 he started his flying studies and began a life of flying that has won him the credit of having flown about 6,000 hours without a serious accident or having ever to abandon his plane.

"Confusin' if Amusin'!"

Imagine the embarrassment of a Strother Field lieutenant, who upon returning from his home town where he had been on leave, discovered that the shoulder patch on one of his shirts was the type worn by cadets! He had sent the shirt to the cleaners and requested a sleeve patch be sewed on, then left on his trip and never noticed the error until his return to SAAF. We bet his friends were confused! Lieutenant bar on his collar and cadet patch on his sleeve!



"Merry Go Round" Features Dog Act at Theatre June 16

The USO-Camp Show, "Merry-Go-Round," starring top-notch entertainers, all of whom have appeared in the finest theaters and night clubs in the country, will be presented in two performances in the Post Theater next Wednesday evening.

Produced in New York, the show is fast-paced, sparkling, and includes headline talent that is really big-time.

Duke McHale, a terrific tapster, and long a Broadway musical comedy favorite, will show the boys how it is really done. He has been seen in "Thumbs Up," with Eddie Dowling and Sheila Barrett; "Ziegfeld Follies," with Bob Hope, Fannie Brice, and Cherry and June Preisser.

Ballard and Rae in a skit entitled, "Morning After," clearly demonstrate the finer points of inebriation insofar as walking is concerned. The duo, experts in pantomime, are also clever acrobats. This team has played in theaters, hotels and supper clubs all over the globe.

Arty Lewis and Peggy Ames do a hilarious comedy act in which Miss Ames is the foil for the uproarious patter of her partner. This is a long time standard vaudeville and night club act that has been featured in the leading theaters of the country and smart night clubs.

Arthur and Morton Havel are terrific comedians who lay claim to having composed every song to come out of Tin Pan Alley and who, modestly, call themselves the one and only "Popular and Old Time Song Writers" of this or any age.

Hector and His Pals, one of the greatest dog acts in the world, stands solely on its merits. Hector himself, in addition to being tops in the field as a trainer, is also a dancer, contortionist and acrobat. He and his bright canines were one of the big hits of Ed Wynn's Broadway show, "Laugh, Town, Laugh," last season.

This is a show you will all remember for a long, long time as the tops in entertainment, and remember, it is free to you soldiers. Shows will be presented at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

War Bond Sales Up For Month of May

Three squadrons on the field are 100% and one squadron is 99.4% in buying War Bonds according to the May report that has just been released. The Band, Veterinarian Detachment, and the Medical Detachment are the first three squadrons on the field to reach the all-perfect mark with the Guards trailing closely behind. The Cadet detachment maintains the lowest average with only 61.7% of the men participating in the allotment plan. The permanently stationed officers at SAAF buy bonds 100% but the final average is 95.5%.

The total for the field is 81% of the men participating and 10.9% of their pay is devoted to helping finance the war. Bond sales on the field have been going steadily upward since the first report was made shortly after the field was opened according to Lt. Joseph K. Grigsby, War Bond officer.

Watch for the big anniversary issue of YANK next Friday at the P.X.

Photo Contest Open To SAAF GIs

Whether you own a box Brownie or a super-duper candid camera, you stand an equal chance to win free tickets to the Post Theater and also have your prize winning snapshot appear in the Prairie Flier.

With the opening of the Ark City USO photographic darkroom taking place in the near future, the Special Service Department, under the direction of Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, announces a Photo Contest for enlisted men of SAAF.

Every EM interested in photography is urged to send prints of pictures developed and printed at the USO to the Picture Editor of the Prairie Flier. The winning picture each week will be reproduced in the base paper and the photographer will be given a book of theater coupon tickets good for ten shows.

Pictures submitted can be of landscapes, people, animals, architecture, and must be accompanied by description of the subject and where, when and by whom the picture was taken.

Start now taking pictures and when the USO darkroom is opened you'll be ready to develop the film, make the prints and bring them in to the Prairie Flier. Do not send in your entries until the end of the first week the darkroom is in operation. This is an opportunity to display your ability as a photographer and win local recognition along with the theater tickets. Remember, subject matter is the important thing. The finished print should be on glossy paper for reproduction purposes.

Fun In The Dark At Ark City USO

Fun in the Dark(room) is in store for the enlisted men of Strother Field when the newly constructed photographic darkroom in the USO at Arkansas City is opened in the very near future.

The room, 6 x 12 feet in size, will accommodate three persons doing printing and developing work at any one time, according to Arthur Lokensgard, Director of Service Centers in Arkansas City and Winfield. Whether this means three GIs, two GIs and a hostess, one GI and two hostesses, or one GI, a hostess and a chaperon, is not designated, but chances are that it means three GIs.

The photographic darkroom is to be furnished with the finest of equipment for all types of development (Take-off to page four)



"That ole 'Black Magic' is sure sumpin'" reflects Cpl. Abe J. Clow, custodian at Post Headquarters, as he leans on his broom handle and recalls some of the outstanding features of the program presented by the 322nd Aviation Squadron in the Post Theater last night.

"Battle of Britain" At Post Theatre

Lt. Col. Frank Capra, famous Hollywood producer in civil life, has been awarded the Legion of Merit by direction of the President for his ingenious film indictment of the Nazi menace in the "Why We Fight" series.

"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." — Winston Churchill.

The "Battle of Britain," fourth of the Why We Fight series will be shown at the Post Theater Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week during the day. All personnel of the field are required to see this film, but the excellence of the first three pictures would insure a large audience, compulsory or not. The "Battle of Britain" is concerned with the terrific air barrage laid down on England by the Luftwaffe during the Fall of 1940 and the subsequent air superiority of the RAF. Brilliantly directed and produced under the direction of Lt. Col. Frank Capra for the Special Service Department, the series is now being shown in civilian theaters throughout the land and is being acclaimed for its excellence. The schedule for the various squadrons will be in the Daily Bulletin.

Theater coupon books are a good investment—10 shows for \$1.20. Get yours at the box office, tonight.

Air Crew Training "Wide Open" For EM

Expansion of America's air-training facilities to make possible the production of thousands of fighting flyers per year has opened wider the opportunities for enlisted men to become cadets.

Special emphasis is being placed by the Army Air Forces on the acceptance of enlisted men for cadet training during the period from June 4 through July 4. Squadron orderly rooms have been supplied with information and application blanks and Cadet Boards are prepared to handle requests for information and assistance.

Any enlisted man who has passed his 18th birthday and has not yet reached the age of 27 is eligible for consideration as a flying cadet. Procedure for applying is simple:

1. Secure application form (WDAGO 60) from nearest Cadet Board or home squadron orderly room.

2. Submit completed form, three letters of recommendation and birth certificate to squadron Commanding Officer for indorsement to Aviation Cadet Examining Board.

Applicants receive physical and mental examinations, the latter testing an individual's aptitude and "horse sense" rather than formal education.

No specific educational attainment is required to qualify an applicant. However, these applicants

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PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of—Service

The girls are pretty—mighty pretty. They devote a certain number of nights each week to the local USOs and smile bravely through whatever ordeal is imposed upon them. They are the glamour girls. Slightly older girls—some of them gray-haired with sons in service—are the ones we sometimes forget in handing out the credit for a job well done. They are the ladies that have the common little ordinary jobs of checking coats or sewing buttons or making coffee. To them falls the thankless job of washing dishes after the refreshment period is over. It's funny, but they don't complain. Maybe they see in us someone dear to them that some other lady far from here is taking care of. Maybe they are just devoting their time in order to do their part in our all-out war effort. Whatever the reason may be, whatever the motive behind their actions, the fact still remains that we owe them a vote of thanks. Why not make it a point to thank them personally the next time you're in?

Have You Read . . .

They Were Expendable by W. L. White
Roll Call by Irvin S. Cobb
Victory Through Airpower by Alexander P. De Seversky.
Happy Land by MacKinlay Kantor
They're in your Post Library.

Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - Sunday 7 a.m.
Catholic Mass - - Sunday 8 a.m.
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 7:30 p.m.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, June 12—Double Feature
SHANTYTOWN with Mary Lee and
FOLLOW THE BAND with
Mary Beth Hughes

Sunday and Monday, June 13-14
Matinee 2 p.m.

ASSIGNMENT IN BRITANNY
Pierre Aumont and Susan Peters
Plus—NEWS and THE WAR

Tuesday, June 15

BUCKSKIN FRONTIER
Richard Dix and Jane Wyatt
Plus—Heavenly Music and Color Cartoon

Wednesday, June 16

USO Camp Show . . . Free
MERRY GO ROUND, 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 17

BATAAN . . . Robert Taylor
NEWS and Invasion of Europe

Friday, June 18

SQUADRON LEADER X
Cartoon and Speaking of Animals

Our Times

LT. ADRA S. P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: As the zero hour approaches for Allied reckoning with Il Duce, propagandists in Italy appear to be running out of good jokes. An English-language broadcast from Rome recently was indeed a joke. The commentator, in a program beamed to the North American continent, pointed out to the Americans that the war will cost us \$300,000,000,000 by the end of 1943, with the end nowhere in sight. And what's more, added the wobbly Wop, we could never expect to get anything for the billions we are sending to our Allies by lend-lease. Except, said he, "maybe a few worthless British, French and Dutch possessions in the four corners of the earth." The customary heckler missed a good opportunity by not answering to that one: "How can the United States be repaid with those possessions if it is going to lose the war, as surely as you claim the Allies are losing it?" But the statement was so clear that one cannot help but get the idea the Italians are conceding victory to our side, and begging for "reasonable terms for the cradle of civilization," to use the propagandist's own words.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: It doesn't take a military expert to figure that gigantic operations are brewing in the Pacific, and will coincide with or precede attacks on Europe. . . . The possibility of an Allied march on Hitler through Spain is very much in the news these days. One can see very little in that possibility, however; despite the mediocrity of resistance Spain might offer, we wouldn't be much better off than where we stand now when we reached the Pyrenees Mountains. . . . Probably the only immediate effects of the Argentine revolution will be curtailment of the activities of Axis agents. **TRIVIA:** The old "boot-licking" gripe is cropping up from time to time, and as striking as that realization is the fact that so many men fall for the stuff. A "boot-licker" is not only a heel, fellows; he's also a damn poor soldier and a damn little man. He's in the wrong Army.

The Ways

To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way.
And the High Soul climbs the High way
And the Low Soul gropes the Low
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way and a Low.
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go.

—John Oxenham.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

Cannot something be done toward the co-operation of the men in each barrack with their daily designated bay orderly?

Being selected for orderly work may not occur very often, but when it does, there follows hours of mental anguish and clock watching! The other day I was selected for this detail and spent quite a little time making certain that my barrack was in perfect condition for the daily inspection.

I saw that the boys' beds were smoothly made, clothes hung correctly, shoes properly lined up under the beds, dust and trash carried out and deposited in the trash can, then off to my work, physically at least. I tried to think of some little thing that I had not done which might result in the restriction of every man in the barrack over the week-end.

Then it occurred to me—rain the night before had left the ground in a muddy condition and the men would be entering and leaving the barrack after my departure. Would they think to clean off their shoes before going into the building or would they distribute mud from one end to the other?

I never found out the answer—I have been sleeping under another barrack, afraid to inquire whether the boys got restricted or to find that they did clean their shoes, leaving the barrack in perfect condition.

PSYCHOPATHIC.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

Want to go to North Africa? Iraq? India? Australia? Alaska? Well, Bud, you may be living in any one of these other countries before the war is over.

But just what do you know about the customs of any one of these neighbors? Would you be utterly dependent upon your old Uncle and the uniform he provided to get you around, and to apologize for the blunders so commonly made by the ignorant, or could you act understandingly in the homes of any of these neighbors because you know something of their traditions and the way they think and feel about things?

Within the Post Library are numerous condensed, factual pamphlets and books about all these countries where American soldiers are liable to be sent. All of us can profit from such knowledge if a new world is to be built upon understanding. Too, if and when you should be the guest in any of those neighborhoods, you will be on the ground floor because you will know something of the way these people act and think. You will, in addition, be an ambassador of good will because you will respect those things which are sacred to these neighbors.

Every man on the field has a personal financial investment in the library. The private who has been on the field from the first cadre has about twenty-six cents invested in the library through his contribution to the Welfare Fund. Get your money's worth, men. Books to fit every disposition and practically every need, even to the latest army book of gags, are there. Over 121 different magazine subscriptions come regularly to the library for your use. Some of the latest books of fiction and non-fiction are there, too.

Good books are good friends. Why not introduce yourself and become acquainted?

Liftings

Husbands are like children: the longer you have them the better you love them. The difference is that husbands are harder to raise.

A kiss is a course of procedure, cunningly devised, for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are superfluous.

When you first saw this
I'll bet you thought it was a poem.
Isn't it funny how people keep reading
When they know they are being fooled.

Staff Sergeant Shorty Gordon, one of the toughest ball turret gunners in the Eighth Air Force, was so small that he could wear his parachute in the ball turret. Shorty liked to say, "I'm the best damn gunner in this group." His story of fighting the Jerries over Europe—and he never missed a mission—appears in the June issue of AIR FORCE, AAF official service journal. It's in your day room.

Male Call



UNSUNG HEROES: The Guard Squadron

Probably one of the most distasteful jobs in the Army, and certainly the most misunderstood and thankless is that of the guards. Their's is the job of maintaining order; their's is the task of protecting government property and personnel; and their's is the responsibility of seeing that regulations are not disregarded and discipline does not decline. Yes, their's is a duty without praise and without glamour, but they do it well.

The 1088th Guard Squadron is one of the most aggressive and hard-working units at SAAF. Headed by CO 2nd Lt. Scott W. Key, who is also the Provost Marshal; Adjutant 2nd Lt. Bert Jacobs; 1st Sgt. T. L. Chrans; and the other men in the orderly room; Sgt. William Maxwell, Pfc's H. D. Harris, E. C. Bolton and CQ's A. Pendrak and C. Evans, these men are on the go from the time they arise until they hit the hay. Their time is well taken up with tours of duty, squadron chores, drill, PT, firing practice, chemical warfare, and lectures. They have a six day work week, each day with an eight hour or more tour of duty, whatever the weather.

Their outfit is divided into two groups: the guards on the field and the regular MP's in town. The MP's duties are similar to that of a town police force, acting with an eye to army regulations and the intention of seeing that everything is tranquil. The guards remain on the field most of the time, checking passes at the gates, watching equipment, taking care of prisoners at the guardhouse, and sometimes traveling after men who have gone AWOL from ours and other stations.

Who was the cadet who wouldn't stand to sing the Air Corp song at the Theater Wednesday night?

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong Tourney
Ark.....	Game Nite	
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance.....Program
Ark.....	Dance.....	Eats
Sun.....	Win.....	GI-GSO Play
Ark.....	Golf.....	Bingo.....Eats
Mon.....	Win.....	Informal.....Eats
Ark.....	Do as you please.....	Eats
Tues.....	Win.....	Swimming Party
Ark.....	Record Your Voice	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dance.....Food
Ark.....	Dance.....	Eats
Thurs.....	Win.....	Record Your Voice.....Bridge
Ark.....	Swimming—8:30-10:30	

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



New Officers' Club To Have Everything

When it is completed sometime in July, weather cooperating, the new officers' club will probably be one of the most attractive spots at SAAF.

The plans and design of the enlarged structure were the result of a meeting between Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer; Major Cyrus F. Breeden, Resident Engineer; Mr. W. B. Caton, contractor; and 1st Lt. John D. Williams, who will supervise the construction of the project.

To the old club building there will be two additions. One, 30 by 90 feet, will be used as a convertible lounge, club room, and dance hall. The other, 24 by 22 feet, will be the site of the new bar. The old club room will be converted into a recreation room housing two pool and two ping pong tables. The former game room is intended as a locker and storage room.

Within the building will be many modern conveniences, such as gas heat and indirect lighting which will be used in the dance hall. The bar will be enlarged and it is planned to have sandwiches, coffee or malts served to the officers stationed at the BOQ so they will not have to go into town for a snack after hours.

The patio and barbecue pit will really be something. The patio is to be screened with a vined trellis, and there will be many outdoor tables surrounding a small pool. The barbecue pit will be located at the south end of the bar room. It will have all the necessary facilities for outdoor cooking. A specially constructed stone bench is to be made to serve as a hearth bench for the barbecue pit.

1:40; Fire Doomed

In a trial fire alarm given on Tuesday, June 9, the time taken for men of the SAAF fire department to reach the scene of the "fire" was clocked by the Commanding Officer, Colonel Carroll.

According to his watch, it only takes our fire unit one minute and forty seconds to be Johnny-on-the-spot pouring water. In any man's language that is what is known as speed with a capital "S".

9 lbs., 2 ozs. of girl were presented to Pfc. James H. Dodds, 1083d, by Mrs. Dodds in De Kalb, Ill., on June 8. The silent hope is that she inherits her mother's "looks."

THE GUARD'S LAMENT

At Strother Field, as I well recall,
I knew I had something on the ball,
If I could only find it;
And now I've found what was my fate,
I learned it was the figure eight,
With me smack-dab behind it!

Apologies to G. B. Walton & The S.E.P.

Captain Snook Gives Info On Far East

One of the most interesting speakers ever to appear at SAAF was Captain Allen Snook, a former resident of Winfield now flying for the Air Service Command. The Captain told of many exciting adventures which occurred when he was flying in the East.

He flew in China, Burma, and India, evacuating refugees and ferrying supplies to the Chinese Army. He has about a thousand hours of combat flying and a DFC to his credit, which are certainly nothing to sneeze at.

One of the amusing anecdotes he told was that of an AVG Captain who was attacked by five Zeros. The Captain, realizing his peril and inability to cope with the situation requested help over the transmitter. His broadcast was interrupted by a Jap who sarcastically retorted: "Whatsamatter, Captain, are you scared?"

"The War No. 2" At Post Theatre

"The War," a screen magazine for service men only, will have its second edition at the Post Theater Sunday and Monday. "The War No. 2" will present the sinking of a U-boat, the aircraft carrier Hornet fighting for her life with Nip bombers, enemy films captured from the Japs showing their conquest of an inferior and under-equipped Chinese force, volunteers acting as guinea pigs in temperatures ranging from 120 above to 50 below, and Edward G. Robinson introducing Stowkowski and his symphony orchestra in a GI concert. The feature picture at the Post Theater will be "Assignment in Brittany."

Wives of Strother Field soldiers bowl every Friday afternoon sponsored by the Winfield USO. High score is held by Mrs. Ed Kalplanek and Mrs. Ed Williams.

Kownick's Korn

Cupid sank another double edged dart when S/Sgt. Steve Broskovak traded "I do's" with Miss Evelyn Johnson of Chicago. Steve was in a horribly nervous condition. He appealed to the clergyman in a loud whisper, at the close of the ceremony: "Is it kistomary to cuss the bride?" The clergyman replied: "Not yet but soon."

Sgt. to new K.P.—Are you afraid of hard work?

K.P.—Not at all sergeant, I can lay right down beside it and go to sleep.

Sgt. Max E. Meyer met an old friend of his last week who smokes his cigars shorter than a thin lipped Scot. When he walks down the street you can't tell whether his cigar is burning or his chewing tobacco is on fire.

Cpl. Crassow says at a cafe the other night a woman told him that a man drove her to drink. She must have meant her chauffeur. They had a singer at the cafe whose voice is so soft you have to hug her to hear her... which isn't bad either. One of the musicians in the Post orchestra has had his instrument in hock so often the pawnbroker plays it better than he does.

A girl grabbed a taxi and said to the driver, "To the maternity hospital, and don't bother rushing... I only work there!"

Pvt. Arky Haynse tells about the hill-billy who put a Maxim silencer on his gun when his daughter wanted a quiet wedding.

A bunch of the bugs were hitting it up in the bronchian saloon. Two bugs on the edge of the larnyx were jazzing a swingtime tune. Back of the teeth in a solo game sat dangerous Ackerchoo... Watching his pulse was his light of love... the lady that's known as Flu.

Pvt. Ingram knows a fellow who respects old age only when it comes in a bottle.

Pvt. Levy says, when he was born he was delivered by a gopher. The stork was too busy. Guess that's why he's so down to earth!

322 Loses 8 Ball Guards Gain Same

In an impressive ceremony, Capt. Leslie Allsbrook, CO of the 322, handed over the 8 Ball to Lt. Scott Key, CO of the Guards while Col. Carroll and the Adjutants of the respective squadrons looked on.

The 8 Ball is a non-coveted trophy conceived by Lt. Bernard Bloom, VD Control officer, and awarded each month to the squadron having the highest VD rate on the post. The acquisition of the 8 Ball by the Guards confirmed a statement made by Lt. Bloom midway of last month. At that time he predicted the new champion in the Prairie Flier. The 322nd has made one of the most remarkable improvements in VD control on the entire field and deserved the honor of losing possession of the damning trophy.

"We are looking for the day when there will be no place for the 8 Ball," said Lt. Bloom. "That day will come when each man does his part."

This Took Crust

SPORTS

Harding Pitches Hitless Ball As SAAF Defeats A.C. Co-op 10 to 0

M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding, ace SAAF moundman, is going to be very unpopular in Arkansas City if he keeps up his pitching pace against opponents in that city's league.

Harding handed the Kanotex team a 5 to 1 beating in the season's opening game on May 31st and in Wednesday night's game against the A.C. Co-op, he pitched hitless ball. His teammates blasted out 10 runs in 5 innings to give the army team its second victory by a 10 to 0 score. It is a league rule that games in which one team leads another by five runs at the conclusion of five innings is considered the winning game and the game is ended.

Six hits by SAAF combined with eight errors on the part of the Co-op players netted ten runs. Not a single error was made by the SAAF team.

Dalak, shortstop for the army team, is leading batter in the league following Wednesday night's encounter. He has been at bat 5 times and has four hits to his credit for a batting average of .800.

Harding struck out 9 men during the 5-inning encounter. This average would have brought him close to the total of 17 strikeouts he handed the Kanotex team last week, had the game gone seven full innings.

BOX SCORE

A. C. Co-op					Strother				
	A	B	R	H		A	B	R	H
Smith, p-2b	2	0	0	0	DeRamsi, rf	4	0	0	0
Sisson, c	2	0	0	0	B'rbosc, lb	3	0	0	0
Leahman, cf	2	0	0	0	L'ghner, 3b	3	3	1	0
Graham, rf	2	0	0	0	Pa'vano, cf	3	2	1	0
Sch'horn, 3b	2	0	0	0	Bova, 2b	3	2	1	0
Reardon, ss	1	0	0	0	Dalak, ss	3	2	2	0
Weeke, 1b	2	0	0	0	Sellers, lf	2	1	0	0
Rankin, lf	1	0	0	0	Ebert, c	3	0	0	0
Alex'ar, 2b-p	1	0	0	0	Harding, p	3	0	0	0
Tot.	15	0	0	0	Tot.	27	10	6	0

Score by innings:
A. C. Co-op 000 00—0 0 8
Strother 305 11—10 6 0

SUMMARY: Errors—Weeke (4), Rankin (1), Sisson (2), Leahman (1). Two Base Hits—Sellers. Runs Batted in—Dalak, Bova, Sellers. Walks—Smith (1), Harding (1). Strike Outs—Smith (4), Alexander (2), Harding (9). Wild Pitches—Harding (2). Hits Off—Smith, 3 for 8 runs in 4 innings; Alexander, 3 for run in 1 inning. Losing Pitcher—Smith.

Sport Notes

The SAAF baseball team is scheduled for three games on consecutive evenings starting Sunday night, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director.

The base team meets the strong Kanotex nine Sunday. This is the second time they have met. In their first game the SAAF team won by a score of 5 to 1 behind Johnny Harding's sensational pitching in which he struck out 17 men. This, of course, is not a league game.

On Monday night, the soldiers meet a strong team from ElDorado, Kans., in the city ball park at Arkansas City. An admittance charge will be made for both of these non-league games, but enlisted men and their wives and girls will be admitted free, as customary.

The Mauer-Neuer Packers will be the league opponents of the SAAF team in what promises to be a bang-up ball game next Tuesday night. This will be the third game for the soldiers in the Ark City League.

Work is being completed on the practice baseball diamond located at the north end of the field. The ground is being scraped and the diamond will soon be ready for use.

Equipment Arrives Bowling Begins Soon

Equipment and alleys for the new SAAF bowling center have arrived, according to Lt. G. A. Mueller, Post Exchange Officer, and it is now in storage at the Sub Depot waiting the completion of the building which will house this new recreational attraction.

It will not be so very long until the sound of crashing ten pins will be heard in the vicinity of Exchange and Fourth streets—across the street south of the post gymnasium, to you who do not know street names!

The bowling alleys will be operated by the Post Exchange and the project is another activity of the Special Service Department, under the direction of Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer of SAAF.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Haven't I seen you—somewhere—before?"

Officers Form Two Teams

Two softball teams comprised of flying officers were recently organized and met in a game played Thursday at SAAF.

Lt. B. O. Bower is in charge of the "C" Flight team of the 3rd BFT Squadron team, and Lt. W. H. Carlisle is in charge of the "C" Flight team of the 2nd BFT Squadron team.

Lt. H. H. Cummings, Assistant Athletic Director of SAAF, said today that other flying officers and administrative officers interested in organizing teams should contact him at once. It is hoped that enough teams are organized to make possible Round Robin tournaments.

14 Softball Teams Play Practice Games

Fourteen SAAF softball teams saw action last night during seven practice games on as many diamonds here on the field. These were the final practice games preceding the start of league play next week.

Teams playing last night were: Link Trainer I vs. Medical Detachment, diamond No. 11; Link Trainer II vs. Ordnance, diamond No. 9; 55th BFT Group vs. Quartermaster Corps, diamond No. 8; 1082nd North Hangar vs. 23rd Weather, diamond No. 1; 1082nd South Hangar vs. 1088th Sq., diamond No. 3; 1082 Central Hangar vs. 1084th Mess Sq., diamond No. 7; 1083rd BFT Sq. vs. 1083rd Post Operations, diamond No. 4.

The practice games were, and all league contests are to be, seven innings in length. Official softball rules will be followed in the league games. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights during the league season.

Lt. G. B. Allen, Assistant Physical Training Director, said today that teams failing to appear within 15 minutes of scheduled time will forfeit the games to their opponents.

Fun In The Dark

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ing and printing work, and will be available to the EM during the day and night. A key to the room, which has been constructed in the basement of the USO building, will be checked out to persons desiring to work in the room. Checking the key in and out will eliminate anyone entering the room during the processing of film and developing of prints.

Chemicals used in the preparation of developing and fixing solutions along with printing and enlarging paper are to be furnished free to persons using the darkroom. Mr. Lokensgard said today that this would be done at the present time at least. Priority ratings on photographic supplies might bring about the discontinuance of this practice in the future, but until such time, the supplies would be furnished free.

Air Crew Training

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who need preparation for cadet courses may be assigned to a maximum of five months of college training, remaining in grade during the course. Preliminary flying is included in the college course.

A soldier may become a pilot in 40 weeks, a navigator in 27 weeks or a bombardier in 21 weeks after beginning his cadet training. Credit is given for pre-flight training if a cadet transfers from pilot to navigator or bombardier schools. Cadets who transfer from pilot training to other air crew schools after pre-flight training now receive a gunnery course at the aerial gunnery school at Harlingen or Laredo.

Bill Reed, Eddie Williams, and Jim Dodds won in the Winfield USO Ping Pong tournament last Friday night against the high school team. The USO team will play Boeing's team of Wichita tonight in the Winfield USO club rooms.

1082 DREAM



"Mr. Mechanic, will you please pull out my chocks?"—CNS.



Roscoe Karns Visits SAAF in Camp Show

A movie star, a Ziegfield Follies beauty, thirteen dogs and assorted comics and singers presented a top-notch USO Camp Show at the Post Theater Wednesday night. Roscoe Karns, noted film comedian appeared as a guest star with Miss Betzi Beaton, six feet of fragile blond beauty. Pvt. F. A. F. Boyd, on tip-toe, exchanged osculatory exercises with the former Ziegfield girl. Hector and his Pals stopped the show with his celebrated dog act and Marion his able assistant. Colonels, Majors, Captains, and way down to Privates were offered a "lick and a smell" for "performing better than the dogs."

Arty Lewis and Peggy Ames were almost mobbed when Arty successfully got over a crack about Texas. Duke McHale did some clever tap routines, and Ballard and Rae supplied an accurate picture of late Saturday night on the corner of Ninth and Main. Two brothers, Arthur and Morton Hale emceed the show and laid claim to writing all the popular songs of the past 200 years. A singing team completed the bill.

EM Dance in Gym Set For Thursday

A dance for EM, third in a series held in the post gym, will take place next Thursday evening, according to an announcement made today by Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer of Strother Field.

The two previously held dances were outstanding successes and the one to take place next week promises to be even more enjoyable.

Between 200 and 300 GSO girls from Arkansas City, Winfield, Wellington and Oxford are to attend the dance in addition to the wives of EM, so there will be plenty of dancing partners for all the men.

The Boeing Employees Association Orchestra, Wichita's outstanding musical organization, will again play for the dance. The orchestra played for the dance held in the gym in April and "gave" with the type of music the EM and their partners thoroughly enjoyed jiving to. Their return to Strother Field is indeed good news to dance fans.

The dance is being sponsored by the Special Service Department of Strother Field and the USO.

Ho Hum--Open House Planned For Sunday

"Third time is the Charm," so we hope at Strother Field where announcement has again been made that open house will be held for the public on Sunday, June 20th.

Originally scheduled for Memorial Day, the event was called off due to inclement weather. All set for the following Sunday, the open house was again postponed, due to the muddy condition of the parking area.

This Sunday, weather providing, we shall be host to the public of Southern Kansas and Northern Oklahoma, a pleasure which we have long anticipated.

Kansas in Maternity Plan

The Red Cross field director has received official notice that the Kansas Maternal and Child Health Plan is now in full operation. Application blanks are available at each locality and at the Red Cross office.

Under the plan, wives of soldiers eligible for family allowance can receive complete maternity care including doctor and hospital charges and sick infant care.

These SAAF Dads Won't Be Drafted

Sunday, June 20th, is Dad's Day and typical of the American fathers who have left their jobs and homes are the Air Corps dads at Strother Field.

In the fine montage prepared by the Photo Lab of SAAF are shown soldier papas forming the word "Dad" with BT-13 planes in the background. Surrounding this shot are pictures of other dads showing them at work on the field.

Upper left is Pfc. Jesse C. Long, Jr., of Houston, Texas. In the center at the top are Cpl. Earl Stinnett of Dallas (left) and Cpl. Benny Mergue of Kennett, Mo. At upper right is Cpl. James Flint of Dallas, Texas.

Cpl. Floyd H. Marcott of Chicago City, Minn., at lower left. Pvt. Ellis McKibben of Winfield, Kans., and Pvt. Leo Crimmins of Stillwater, Minn., lower center. At the lower left is Cpl. Bruce C. Martin of Fort Worth, Texas. Cpl. Martin now helps defend his three daughters and three little sons by serving his country as a mechanic at SAAF.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of Murder

Think of this, mister. Think of this as you lay down your pick and shovel and lamp and walk out of the mine demanding certain "rights." Think of this as steel mills shut down for lack of the coal you should have mined.

There are men relying on you. Men who trusted you to carry on at home while they went off to preserve the very right that you are abusing now. They went off to war knowing that they would not have an easy time. They expected to make sacrifices—big sacrifices. They knew that war made impossible the way of life to which they were accustomed. Right now these men are scattered all over the world. They're getting frost-bite in Alaska and sun-stroke in Africa. Others are still in this country preparing for overseas duty or, equally important, aiding in the training of others who will go across. They are doing their part. If something doesn't suit these men, they gripe, yes. That's a soldier's right. But they don't quit. They make the most of the situation and sooner or later if their grievance is a righteous one, proper remedies are made.

Your grievance may be righteous. But you quit. And if even one Allied soldier's blood is spilled because of your quitting, you will be eternally damned by the men when they come home. You have dealt your country, Labor, your countrymen irreparable harm. We hope you sleep well these nights.

I know you are plugging away boy
And sometimes things look blue.
Would it make the way any easier
To know Dad's proud of you?

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, June 19—Double Feature
RED HEAD FROM MANHATTAN
and MANTRAP

Sunday and Monday, June 20-21
Matinee 2 p.m. Sunday
CHINA . . . Loretta Young, Alan Ladd
News and MARCH OF TIME

Tuesday, June 22
COWBOY IN MANATTAN
Frances Langford
CROSBY AND HOPE in DON'T HOOK NOW
Man Killers and Private Pluto

Wednesday and Thursday, June 23-24
FIVE GRAVES TO CAIRO
Franchot Tone and Ann Baxter
Plus—NEWS and This Is America

Friday, June 25
HOLIDAY INN
Bing Crosby . . . Fred Astaire
Tokio Jokio—Cartoon and Sing

Our Times

LT. ADRA P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: Four islands in Mussolini's perimeter of defenses in the Mediterranean have capitulated to the Allies in the last few days as a result of air power. That is certainly lending emphasis to the theory that the enemy can be subdued from the air. Events of the next few weeks will make a new kind of history for posterity,—a history of men with wings. And perhaps the most interesting sidelight in that connection, something that serves to amplify the fact that the future generations will take to the air "in toto," is the application made recently by the Greyhound Corporation to the C.A.B. for permission to establish a line of aerial buses. Despite the fact that peace must be awaited before Greyhound buses begin to fly, the application in itself is significant. Helicopters will soon be used to supplement bus service in taking passengers from the cross-roads towns to airports served by major air lines. Yes, we will win the war,—in the air; and we will enjoy the peace to follow.—in the air. SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The Italian boot will soon be sizzling in the boiling heat of an Allied-occurred Sicily; and about that time Il Duce will be trying to leave Italy with his whole hide. . . . The powder-keg in the Balkans will soon erupt anew; Turkey is about to cast her neutrality to the four winds. The Allies will have another United Nation to help in the march for the kill. . . . Before the summer is over intense action will flare up on the Russian front, but not the western one; the Manchukuo-Siberian border will be the hot spot. . . . And if I were a fortune-teller I'd advise Quisling to beat it out of Norway, because he'll be assassinated before he's a year older.

TRIVIA: A recollection of long ago: "Have you seen Pete lately?"

"Pete who?"

"Pete Roleum."

"No. Kerosene him last month but he ain't benzine since."

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

The one thing I greatly miss in being stationed at Strother Field is the opportunity to smoke during my meals, especially with my morning coffee.

There are adequate reasons, no doubt, as to why such enjoyment is not permitted in the mess hall here, even though it is allowed at many bases elsewhere.

There are only two good reasons why it is prohibited here, as far as I can figure. First, that it would lengthen the time the men would be in the messhall during each meal. Second, that cigarette stubs and tobacco make the dishes very messy to clean.

If the other soldiers are like myself, there would be no basis for both these reasons. I enjoy lighting a cigarette immediately following each meal, drink my coffee, then carry out my dishes before the cigarette is finished. This results in no loss of time and leaves no mess to be cleaned up by the men working in the kitchen.

If smoking in the messhall never becomes an actuality, it is at least something to wish for, anyway.

NIC.

Liftings

Adolph was preparing his wardrobe for a winter campaign in Russia. "Mein Fuehrer," remarked his aide, "Remember what Napoleon did when he was in Russia. He wore a bright red uniform so if he were hit his men would not know he was bleeding."

"Ja, das is goot," said the instigator of the New Odor, "Thow me my brown pants!"

Sentry on the ramp: "Halt! Who's there?"

Voice: "None of your %4()&*||!?? business, you ||\$%&()..!"

Sentry: "Pass, Sergeant Showalter."

Spots appeared before the audience's eyes last Wednesday night as PFC GUF FAF Boyd appeared on stage.

Who is the smart sleck young flier in Australia who wrote home to his girl, "These Jap Zeros are just like a pair of steppins. It only takes one Yank to bring them down."



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

"You gotta' keep both feet on the ground at all times; you gotta' be a realist. Ideals might have a place but it isn't here," shouted an old man to all the passers-by.

Such generalities didn't sound so hot to a person who likes flying, or even to a person who can walk. To keep both feet on the ground at all times rules out flying. Keeping both feet on the ground means literally that a person would stand always in the same spot. Even to get about—to walk somewhere, one foot has to be off the ground at least half of the time.

It's right essential that one never try to hide from any facts of life for decisions can be intelligent only after having considered the greatest possible number of facts actually involved. It's a mistake however to believe that one is a realist when he has discovered merely the worst of the facts. That person is not a realist but a fatalist who sees only the worst side of any facts and refuses to see the better facts about the same situation.

A soldier has to have some ideals, something worth fighting for or he won't soldier. As a realist he does not forget the necessity of ideals for making progress. Literally and figuratively a man must have one foot off the ground at least part of the time or he will die in the same place where he stood as a child.

Thought For Today

Way out here, on nights when stars are blinking,

I get a lonely feeling—sort of sad,
My thoughts go back to home and I start thinking,

. . . of you, Dad.

That day we said "Good-bye," down at the station,

The smiling, but pathetic, look you had,
That summer, when I spent my last vacation,
. . . with you, Dad.

The friendly talks we used to have together,
Those trips we took when I was just a lad,
That skiff we used to sail in any weather,

. . . you and me, Dad.

I'm grateful for the many gifts you brought me,

For the wonderful companionship we've had.
I won't forget the many things you taught me
. . . bless you, Dad.

Have You Read . . .

The Ivory Mischief by Arthur Meeker
What Reading Does to People by Douglas

Waples and others
Take Her Down by Commander T. B.

Thompson

They're in your Post Library.

Male Call by Milton



UNSUNG HEROES: The Dental Corps

The Dental Corp, officially a branch of the Medical Dept., is another of the unsung units fighting for mankind, which works not only for the present health of Army personnel, but for their future welfare through better dentistry.

The clinical branch at the SAAF is headed by genial Captain W. G. Whiteneck, Dental Surgeon, who is assisted by 1st Lts. Raymond Chamberlin, Earl McPhail, John Dobrojevic and Ben R. Diskin, each of which has a civilian chair-helper; Miss Florence Porter, Dental Hygienist; Miss Margaret Sheel, receptionist; and two non-coms, both dental technicians, one of which is a trainee.

At one time or another during the course of a year, every man at the SAAF, and some other smaller nearby stations, passes thru the clinic to have his oral health surveyed by these experts, in whose hands is placed the latest of modern equipment. Here, through one of the many operations of the Clinic, some of which are X-ray, oral surgery, dentures, fillings, cleanings and bridgework, the Army personnel are receiving free a calibre of workmanship which is difficult if not impossible to excell. and to which most of them have never been accustomed.

But the principal job of the dental officers is not only to treat diseased teeth, but to prevent such wasteful recurrence through proper oral hygiene education.

In doing this, the dental officers are truly soldiers. They are soldiers who fight not only the enemy through maintaining the health of our Army, but for the future victory of the nation in oral health through the education of correct dental habits.

Heard in an air raid shelter: "Hey you, take your hands off my knee. No, not you, YOU."

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Softball practice
Ark.....	Game nite.....	Eats
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance with eats
Ark.....	Eats with Dance	
Sun.....	Win.....	Dramatics from College
Ark.....	Golf, Bingo, etc.	
Mon.....	Win.....	Informal.....Food
Ark.....	Do as you please.....	Eats
Tues.....	Win.....	Swimming—7 p.m.
Ark.....	Record your voice	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing.....Games
Ark.....	Dance.....Games.....	Eats
Thurs.....	Win.....	DANCE AT SAAF
Ark.....		

Bomb Bay Boys Make Mighty Music

Like the line-plunging fullback who is always good for the goal line thrust, the bombardier member of an aircrew delivers the knockout punch in American bomber forays over Axis territories.

Bombardiers are needed to complete the crew personnels of the nation's ever-growing fleet of multi-motored giants which are even now in the opening stages of blasting Germany, Italy and Japan out of the war. Among the thousands of new flying crew members who will be graduated from Army Air Corps flying schools within the next 12 months will be the requisite proportion of bombardiers.

Any enlisted man between the ages of 18 and 27 is eligible for consideration as an aircrew cadet. Time between application and action has been cut a few weeks and soldiers' applications received precedence over those of civilians. Procedure is simple:

1. Secure application form (WDAGO 60) from nearest Cadet Board or from squadron orderly room.
2. Submit completed form, three letters of recommendation and birth certificate to squadron Commanding Officer for endorsement to Aviation Cadet Examining Board.

GI Insurance Sales Up Under New Law

Seventy-six new applications for National Service Life Insurance during the month of May have resulted in increased averages for all squadrons on the field. The Guards, the first squadron on the field to register 100%, was joined this month by The Signal and Veterinarian Detachments. Enlisted personnel were recently given the opportunity to purchase Government Insurance without taking a medical examination. Previously, any man in the army over 120 days had to be re-examined before receiving his policy. This special arrangement is effective until August 10 after which time the old system will go back into use. After shipping orders are received there is little time to purchase the protection your family deserves. Do it today!

An Italian officer spoke to his men in passionate and tragic voice: "Men," he shrieked, "do you know we are going to lose this war?"

A voice from the crowd said: "Yeah, but when?"

A One Act Play: Drama Interlude

BY MAX LIEBMAN, FROM VOLUME VII
COMEDY SKETCH BOOK NUMBER 1

Scene: A hillybilly farm house.
Time: Certainly not the present.
Characters: MAW
SON

Action: MAW is preparing and about to serve a meal. SON enters and slowly takes his seat at the table. During dialogue MAW serves meal to SON who eats slowly, in tempo with the lines. Business and talk is dead slow.

MAW: Evenin', Son.
SON: Evenin', Maw.
MAW: Hongry?
SON: Yup.
MAW: Whar yuh been?
SON: In the fields.
MAW: How's the crops?
SON: Fair.
MAW: Seen Paw?
SON: Yup.
MAW: Whar?
SON: Down to the barn.
MAW: Whut's he doin'?
SON: Paw hung hisself.
MAW: Did you cut him down?
SON: Nope.
MAW: Why not?
SON: He war'n't dead yet.
BLACKOUT.

768 More Books Arrive For Use of SAAF

768 more books of all types arrived last Thursday, June 10, for the use of the men here at Strother Field.

These volumes were part of the "spoils" of the Victory Book Campaign conducted by thoughtful civilians to provide service men with good reading material to be used in their spare time.

The books were brought from Wellington, Kansas, by Pvt. Zirtz-laff of the Post Library Staff in a Strother truck and delivered to the Post Library. Part of this shipment will go to the Post Hospital to provide the "infirmities" with their own sub-dept of books. The rest will be absorbed by the fast-growing Post Library.

Guards Beautify Squadron

Cpl. Robert W. Semple and S/Sgt. B. J. Kehoe, both of the 1088th Guard Squadron, have done a job in their spare time of which we and their sq mates can all be proud.

Upon a raised portion of earth they have formed the name of the 1088th Squadron in letters of cement and stone painted over with a coat of brilliant yellow.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

CAPT. KLINE D. CULBERTSON

The C O of the 1st Basic Flying Training Squadron is an amiable and soft-spoken Oklahoman. In his presence you can feel the activity and youthful energy which is expressive of his military training.

Kingfisher, Oklahoma, was Captain Culbertson's birthplace and environment through boyhood, grammar and high school. Later, he left Kingfisher for Stillwater and college at Oklahoma A and M. There he made an enviable record of achievements.

When the score was finally totaled at the end of his four years and he received his Bachelor's in business administration; he could look back to many accomplishments. He had, in addition to his regular studies, four years ROTC and fraternal work at Sigma Nu, been president of the Press Club; producer of the Varsity Show; business manager of the O'Collegian, and many others.

His ROTC training, for which he had received a reserve commission in the Infantry after graduation, gave him a formidable background to weather the rough life in Cadet training which he entered at Randolph in May, 1940. Captain Culbertson proved his mettle, and in December of that same year he returned from Kelly Field to Randolph with his wings. He remained at the "West Point of the Air" until December of '42, acting in the several roles of Flight Instructor, Flight C O and Tactical Officer in the Cadet Detachment.

In was in December of 1942 that he arrived at SAAF with his pretty wife, and soon after they made residence in Ark City. The Captain, who has longed to fly since his CPT days in college, places it first on his list for work or play, and he finds his forte in instructing. His ambition, like most wingmen, is to get into action against the Japanizis, and he hopes it will be soon, preferably in the seat of a Fortress or B-29.

The Captain stresses safety in his squadron, for he is of the opinion that it isn't planes that are dangerous, but pilots who won't think. He also feels that GI's and mechanics who have been tinkering around these Valiants make the best student-pilots, because they are more appreciative of the machine they are using.

Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Reviewing Party: Arms Stacked

Compulsory to Attend "Barbers of Saafville"

We don't know who has been giving that certain something to your hair-do, but we do know who is going to "dood it" from now on, and that is one of the barbers at the Post Barber Shop!

Due to laxity on the part of enlisted men in securing frequent haircuts and having their hair trimmed neatly at all times, a memorandum has been issued by Headquarters in regard to haircuts.

Each organization will furnish a roster to the shop and this roster will be checked by one of the barbers at such time any of you have your hair cut. Each EM is required to have his hair cut at least once each two weeks or more frequently if necessary.



Having fun on the slide at the Ark City pool during the USO swim party in that city last Thursday were three attractive GSO girls and three enlisted men from SAAF. Bottom to top, Miss Virginia Ogren, Cpl. Don Gilbert, Miss Doris Brokaw, Cpl. Jack Radley, Miss Hazel Phillips and Cpl. A. L. Firlek.

Play First Round In Softball Schedule

Out of six softball games scheduled for last Monday night, only three were played. One game was forfeited and the other two were postponed until a later date.

Scores of the first round games played on the Squadron Softball Schedule are as follows:

Ordnance (20) vs. 55th BFT Group (4)
1082 Center Hanger (14) vs. 1088th Guard Sqdn. (12)
1083 Sqdn. (15) vs. Medics (6).

The 3rd. Weather Sqdn. forfeited to the 1082 South Hanger. The game between the 1082 North Hanger and the Quartermaster Corps was postponed as was the encounter between the 1083 Post Operations and the 1084 Service Sqdn.

Play Game Series With Independence

First of a series of 5 baseball games between the Independence Army Air Field and Strother Army Air Field teams will take place next Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in Winfield.

Baseball diamonds 100 miles apart are to be the scenes of a baseball double-header between the Strother Army Air Field and Independence Army Air Field teams on July 4th and 5th.

The first game of the double-header on Independence Day is to be played in Arkansas City. Then the teams will be flown to Independence, where the second game will be played during the evening.

On July 5th, the two teams play in Independence in the afternoon and in Winfield that evening.

Both local games promise to be thrillers, with each service team anxious to hand its opponent a sound defeat.

With civilian attendance practically filling the grandstand at the Ark City diamond each time the soldiers play in that city's league, the GI's of Strother Field had better plan on being early for the game July 4th. A capacity crowd is anticipated for the game in Winfield July 5th.

Cooperation Gets Results

"The officers of the various departments at SAAF are cooperating completely with members of the ball team, and are to be complimented for this consideration," Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF, said today.

It is necessary that the players devote time to practice periods and for play in the Ark. City League, and this means arrangements must be made for time off from work. Department heads have shown every consideration toward the men, and are being well-repaid in SAAF victories.

Cadet PT is Rugged

Cadets go through a strenuous physical training program during their basic training at SAAF, a program that makes the enlisted men's PT schedule seem not quite so tough.

Beside engaging in a well rounded sports program, the cadets also take the Gulf Coast Physical Fitness test which includes running the 75 and 150 yd. dash for time, push-ups, chinning the bar, standing broad jump (it's fun vica versa, even for enlisted men), leg lifts and time trials for the four count burpees.

Weights of the cadets are also taken three times while at SAAF, according to Lt. H. C. Mittermayer, Cadet PT Director. From records kept on each cadet it is found that he loses an average of four pounds in weight while undergoing his training here.

The average weight of the members of Class 43-H is 160.75 pounds and of Class 43-I, 162 pounds. The heaviest cadet weighs 204 pounds and the lightest 118 pounds. According to records, 60% of the men weigh from 155 pounds to 165 pounds.

Average height of the cadets at SAAF is 5 ft. and 8 in. and his weight is 160 pounds. The minimum weight for cadets throughout the country who are 5 ft. and 8 in. tall is 130 pounds, the standard weight is 144 pounds and the maximum is 184 pounds, so the cadets at SAAF prove to be a husky group.

Sgt. Bob Kennedy has a new song title: Take your snood out of the electric fan, Grandma, you're too old to be blowing your top!"

SPORTS

First USO Splash Parties a Success SAAF Nine Wins Two More Games

The first USO splash parties of the '43 summer season were given at Winfield week-ago Tuesday and Ark City last Thursday-before, and both were very successful.

The attendance at Ark City totaled about 35 men and 20 girls, who played, splashed around until time to leave.

At Winfield, the number present was about the same and the time was devoted to games, sports and all around swimming fun.

Both USO's have received new sport equipment for the pools in hope of encouraging all to come and share in the diversified play. Come on, GI's, let's get in the swim! Remember: At Winfield it's Tuesdays, from eight until ten-thirty; at Ark City it's Thursdays, from eight-thirty to ten-thirty. Cost: ten cents plus tax and rentals.

Band—Popular Feature

The SAAF baseball team's popularity in Arkansas City is no greater than that of the base band, under the direction of W/O Baker.

During last Sunday afternoon's game between the Kanotex and Strother Field teams, there was much comment among the civilians attending the encounter as to the absence of the band. Its spirited playing has made baseball more exciting, and the crowd showed its disappointment over the band not being present, but looked forward to its appearance at a later date.

Members of the band are to be congratulated for their fine work on the field and musical presentations in Arkansas City.

The Strother Field team won two more baseball games on Sunday and Tuesday. The game Sunday with the Kanotex team was a non-league tilt, and resulted in a 10 to 6 victory for the army team.

What appeared to be a one-sided affair for the first two-thirds of the game suddenly turned into a 6-to-6 tie by the eighth inning. Pitcher Curtis had been replaced by Westcott who made his first appearance in league play. Westcott was no match for the inspired Kanotex batters and Harding entered the game in the eighth inning.

SAAF came to bat in the last inning ready to bang out enough hits to assure a victory for themselves. At the conclusion of the first half of the ninth four more runs had been scored to raise the SAAF total to 10 runs.

Harding set down the first three batters he faced in the last half of the ninth with three strikeouts to end the game. Sellers made two home runs and Loughner one in the game.

In Tuesday evening's league game with the A. C. Thunderbirds, the SAAF players batted in runs in machinegun cadence. Before the encounter was stopped after 3½ innings, the army team had scored 22 runs against the Thunderbird's single run. Padovana knocked a homer in this game.

Next league game scheduled for the SAAF team will be played next Tuesday night against the Maurer-Neuer Packers.

Sgt. Bill Anderson says: The modern girl's clothes are like a barbed wire fence. They protect the property without obstructing any of the view.

The Wolf

by Sansone





A constant stream of Open House visitors inspected the Vultee Valiant training planes which were on display.

SAAF Represented In War Bond Drive

The 383rd A.A.F. Band, Strother Field's own musical organization, along with 100 soldiers from this base are to appear in a parade to be held in Winfield the morning of July 1st.

Two platoons of fifty men each will march in the parade as a feature in the opening of a city-wide War Bond Drive. One platoon will be made up of representatives of white squadrons on the field and the other will be represented by the 322nd Aviation Squadron.

Participation is to be voluntary, according to announcement made by the various squadrons, and those who take part in the event are to have the rest of the day off from duty. No doubt there will be a sufficient number of volunteers!

Major Smoot Opens 1082 Daily Meeting

"I hope my life never depends on a man who goes AWOL. If he goes AWOL here he sure as hell will go AWOL when the chips are down over there. And a man who leaves the line for even a few minutes without permission is AWOL!" With these words extracted from the remarks of Major Oliver R. Smoot, the 1082nd Squadron inaugurated a series of daily meetings for the squadron personnel.

The meetings, held at 1500 in the Post Theater, will be devoted to the problems that confront the EM, both personal and technical, and will assist in the dissemination of information. Various department heads will be presented from time to time to "educate" the men as to the functions of their particular department. Pertinent training films will complete the schedule.

Pvt. VO of the SSO Pvt. Judith Karen Boxley is promoted to the gr of Cpl (Temp) upon assumption of her new duties as Senior Mascot of the Special Service Dept. Mutt's Petunia and Begonia are promoted to the gr of PFC (temp) and will act as Junior Mascots.

Monthly Review of EM To Be Held

The first in a series of monthly reviews of enlisted men is to take place Saturday, June 26th, according to announcement made this week by Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF. On the last Saturday of each month similar reviews will be held.

Enlisted men in class A uniforms will represent every squadron on the field. Every man in each squadron is to participate in the reviews, even though a minimum of 144 soldiers from each is required.

During each review an inspection of personnel in some of the squadrons will be held, so it is up to all of us to make the best possible appearance in these events to take place here.

Third EM Dance Big Success

Take several hundred GI's, add between 200 and 300 attractive GSO girls, plus the Boeing orchestra and brother, you've got an Enlisted Men's dance at Strother Field, of which there is nothing better!

Army life is wonderful, ask any GI who attended the third EM dance held in the post gym last night, and who didn't? The PX served cold drinks in a fashion which reminded one of the seconds in a boxing ring. Between rounds of dancing the participants were revived by the cooling refreshments and hurried back for the next session.

Everyone had a swell time, and 11 o'clock arrived much too soon for all the dancers. The Boeing orchestra played popular pieces the crowd liked and was as enthusiastic in their presentations as were the dancers in their varied terpsichorean endeavors.

Men of SAAF are now permitted to smoke in the mess hall. On behalf of the EM, the Prairie Flier wishes to express appreciation for this latest courtesy. We feel confident that the men will not abuse the privilege.

Thousands Visit Strother Field During Open House Last Sunday

6,609 persons, residents of Southern Kansas and Northern Oklahoma, attended the Open House at Strother Field last Sunday. Old Man Weather cooperated 100% and the day was a perfect one in which to proudly show off our army air field. 1,920 motor vehicles were on the field during the day.

Presents Three Medals To Widow of Hero

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Army Air Field, presented the Silver Star, Air Medal and award of the Purple Heart to the widow of Lt. John L. Barley, army flier from Wichita, in ceremonies held in the chapel of Adams State Teachers College, Alamosa, Colo., last Sunday. Alamosa is the former home of Lt. Barley.

The Silver Star was for "Gallantry in action over Port Moresby, New Guinea, May 3rd, 1942." The Air Medal "For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific area from April 30, 1942, to Oct. 5, 1942." Lt. Barley was killed in action on the latter date. He had participated in more than 25 missions during this period.

Col. Carroll was accompanied on the flight to Alamosa by Lt. E. E. Hall, Adjutant at SAAF. They returned to this base on Sunday evening.

Gas Sold Here To Private Cars

You still need coupons! However to provide another service to the personnel of SAAF, the QM department has announced the opening of a gasoline service station on the QM parking lot. Officers, cadets and enlisted men can secure gasoline or oil by making payment at the regular commissary sales store for the desired amount and presenting the receipt to the station attendant. The attendant will check the ration coupons offered with the license number of the car. The price for gasoline is 12c a gallon, and the oil is 12c a quart.

Promotions Unfrozen

The freeze is off! Promotions for enlisted men of SAAF are open as of the first of July, and advancement in grade for some lucky GI's will be a reality within the next 168 hours. Under the new set-up, the recommendations will be reviewed by a board of officers consisting of the Commanding Officer, Personnel Officer, Director of Training, and Director of Station Services.

Six enlisted men have said goodbye to SAAF and have gone forth to try their wings as Aviation Cadets. T/Sgt. Richard E. Heder, 55th BFT group, Cpl. Hatcher F. Kell, 1083d, Pvt. Ernest J. Tibai, 1082nd, Pvt. Lawrence W. Nelson, 1088th, Pvt. James P. Morgan, 1082nd, and Pvt. Samuel J. Cetwinski reported to Sheppard Field, Texas, yesterday where they will start their flying careers.

Creating quite a lot of interest from both enlisted personnel and visitors were the three very attractive WAVES who were escorted around the field in an army jeep. The navy is not such a bad service after all!

The area east of Headquarters was used for the parking of cars and visitors on the field were then taken in groups to see the various buildings open for inspection. Both the south and east gates were used for entrance on the field and traffic was handled in a satisfactory manner.

Visitors thronged in areas near the ramp to watch cadets and instructors take off on their routine flying schedule.

Of special interest to the youngsters was the Link Trainer building open to the public. They were allowed to sit in the trainers and handle the controls, a thrill all of them will remember for a long time, from the expressions on their faces.

It was a pleasure to have so many visitors and we hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we did in showing them around the base.

Wounded Pilots Bring in Plane

A hail of Japanese bullets ripped through the cockpit of the Martin B-26 Marauder. Both legs of the pilot were hit. The arms of the co-pilot were crippled by the enemy fire. The team continued to function. The pilot used his hands on the controls and the co-pilot worked the rudder pedals. They brought the bullet-riddled Marauder back to its base in the Southwest Pacific Theater.

Major Dill B. Ellis, commander of a United States Army Air Forces B-26 Squadron in that area, gave this account to the War Department on his return to Washington. He reported that a single group of B-26's had shot down 90 Japanese Zeros in aerial combat and probably had destroyed many others in the Southwest Pacific area during the last 14 months.

"The teamwork of this pilot and co-pilot was a spectacular demonstration of grit and co-operation," Major Ellis said. "They were in a flight of three B-26's when they were attacked by a swarm of Japanese Zero planes.

"Bullets ploughed through the legs of the pilot, wounding him so severely that he could not use them. His co-pilot was hit in both arms, but between them they brought their plane home again with the pilot using his arms and the co-pilot his legs. It was little short of a miracle."

Major Ellis praised the durability, maneuverability and striking power of the B-26's. He said that besides shooting down the 90 Zeros the B-26 Group had caused great

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PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.
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Speaking of—Speaking

We have a story to tell this week. A couple of days ago, we were down in the commissary and overheard the following snatch of a GI's conversation: "Being in the Army sure does something to a guy. Why, just now did you hear the Chaplain cuss when he didn't have enough points for that stuff he bought?"

The companion of the speaker accepted this statement with awe and we'll wager he repeated it several times that afternoon. However to restore our faith in the ministerial robes and possessed with a doubting mind, we asked the Chaplain if he had been to the commissary the afternoon he had reputedly made the above statement. It developed that the Chaplain had been in town all day and surely had not been to the sales store.

In the first place the talkative GI should have known the Chaplain, but we won't deal with that here. The main idea is that he was starting a rumor. He was laying the foundation that could result in discredit to an individual. The fact that the person involved was the Chaplain added the necessary spice to perpetuate this lie. This example was a small one.

This man is not the only one at fault. We all are. Too often we talk without thinking and without basis for the statements we make. Latrine rumors are dangerous. They are the type of rumors started by the Axis to undermine morale and when you repeat one you are aiding the Axis. The Intelligence Officer is the man to see when you wish to spike a rumor that may be detrimental to our country's welfare. You can successfully stop the insidious little rumors with common sense.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, June 26—Double Feature
GOOD MORNING JUDGE and
GILDERSLEEVE'S BAD DAY

Sunday and Monday, June 27-28

Matinee 2 p.m. Sunday

BOMBARDIER

Pat O'Brien, Randolph Scott, Anne Shirley
News of the Day
The War

Tuesday, June 29

FALSE FACES

Rex Williams—Veda Ann Borg
Wings Up

Radio Runaround—Leon Errol
Mass Mouse Meeting

Wednesday, June 30—Thursday, July 1

STAGE DOOR CANTEN

All Star Cast

News of the Day

Friday, July 2

ORCHESTRA WIVES (Revival)

Glenn Miller and Orchestra

Red Hot Ridinghood, Carton and
Accent on Courage

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The *Prairie Flier* welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the *Prairie Flier* office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

It is about time that every enlisted man stationed at Strother Field should learn the rank insignia of Naval and Marine officers.

Outstanding examples of either ignorance or refusal to recognize such officers, have taken place recently on our field.

On different occasions a Navy lieutenant and a Marine lieutenant were visitors at SAAF, and during the time they were guests on our field, not a single enlisted man who passed near them made any endeavor to salute.

The lieutenant bar insignia was plainly visible on each officer, so there was no excuse for such disrespect of military courtesy.

It is up to all of us to pay more attention to men in uniform that we pass on the streets, both on the field and wherever else we might be. After all, it might be our own squadron commanding officer!

A GUILTY ONE.

Our Times

LT. ADRA S. P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: There has been quite a bit of speculation recently that the Allies might ignore Italy when the time for large-scale action arrives and by-pass Il Duce's faltering habitat. Although anything along that line is conjectural, it seems that a policy calling for by-passing Italy would not receive much approbation from Allied leaders as long as Mussolini remains at the helm of the Fascist state. It remains a certainty that as long as Mussolini has the say-so, he will try to harass the Allies, and even his badly-bruised forces would be a thorn in the side of any Allied operation in the Balkans and in Western Europe. It is extremely likely, therefore, that Italy's ability to wage war must be shattered, either by constant air attacks such as have prevailed in the last few days, or by frontal assault on the Italian mainland. However, should Mussolini lose his grip on the Fascist war organization, Italy might be immobilized without much offensive effort from our side. We should know exactly what the shape of things in that area will be very soon.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The Jap's big base on Bougainville island, a constant threat to our holdings in the Solomons, must be neutralized, and probably will be very soon. . . . Now that DeGaulle has been told exactly how far he would be allowed to go in exercising control over Free French military forces, it is expected that Giraud will bring his North African detachments into the middle of the incoming fracas on the European continent. . . . Martinique has not been in the news lately; however, it still isn't too friendly toward the Allies, and diplomatic action to bring the French island on the right side should not be very far off. . . . Germany was shown in the last few days that the U.S. and England can hammer its industries incessantly despite losses of a score of planes or more a day; those losses are a result of stepped-up fighter protection by the Luftwaffe, which cannot last very long. Before the end of this summer we should see our bombers raining hell upon the Nazis almost at will, with very little opposition.

TRIVIA: Everyone is busy. Yet statisticians tell us of the enormous number of man-hours lost or wasted each day in this country. You fellows in uniform should take stock of yourselves on that score. You're all doing a hell of a lot but still there are times when you find an hour or so to gold-brick. Your post library is the place to spend that hour. Spend the little spare time that you have to better yourself by constructive reading and study. You will not only be a better soldier for it, but also a better citizen when peace returns.

Have You Read . . .

Stories for Men edited by Charles Grayson.
In the Teeth of the Evidence by Dorothy L. Sayers.

Japan Rides the Tiger by Willard Price.
The Bugle that Woke America by Hermann Hagedorn.

They're in your Post Library.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

Man long ago learned to harness the wind so that he could sail the seas, using only the wind as his propelling force. On the sea of life some men have also learned that religious forces, like the wind, will aid one toward his goal.

Sometimes as we study in the field of science our religious ideas and feelings change. We may even come to the conclusion that we are no longer "religious," when as a matter of fact, what most frequently has happened is that we have become more so.

Each of us is blessed by the gift of an inherent religious feeling whether we recognize it by name or not. We need not apologize for this. The teachings of science are all evidence in support of our instinctive belief in the existence of the supreme creative power.

Let us learn to recognize this gift so that we may use it as our guide through life, even as we have learned to employ other great forces of nature as aids in life.

Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - Sunday 7 a.m.
Catholic Mass - - Sunday 8 a.m.
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 7:30 p.m.

Thought For Today

One night in late October,
When I was far from sober,
Returning with my load with manly pride,
My feet began to stutter,
So I lay down in the gutter,
And a pig came near and lay down by my side;
A lady passing by was heard to say:
"You can tell a man who boozes,
By the company he chooses,"
And the pig got up and slowly walked away.

Liftings

Two Ark City girls were watching a group of SAAF men pull out on the streamliner.

"Where are they going?" asked one naive miss.

"To Wichita," answered the other.

"What are they going to do there?"

"(Incredulously) Listen, Honey, ain't you ever been out with a soldier?"

"I'm a hungry woman," declared the first WAAC Sgt. to arrive at the SAAF.

"I suggest you mess with the officers," answered one of the civilian workers.

"I have," the WAAC replied, "but I'm still hungry."

Army Doctor—"What was the most you ever weighed?"

Yard-Bird—"156 lbs."

Army Doctor—"And what was the least you ever weighed?"

Yard-Bird—"7½ lbs."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff



PRESENTING THE SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT



Pictured above is the Special Service Officer, Capt. J. W. Boxley, and members of the Special Service Department of Strother Field. Seated, left to right: Pfc. Fred A. F. Boyd, Miss Eloyce "Gerrie" Tuttle, S/Sgt. Robert Bravo, Capt. J. W. Boxley, Cpl. John R. Knudsen, Miss Valoyce Ingram, and Pvt. Fred Zirtzclaff. Standing, left to right: Pvt. R. J. Hall, Pvt. Alden Craig, Pvt. J. Fields Baldwin, Cpl. Wylie F. Hamilton, Pfc. George Brown, Pfc. Lawrence Gearin, Sgt. Steve Vaynes and S/Sgt. Frank K. Myers.

Post Library Moves To Larger Quarters

One of the most important activities of the SSO is the maintenance of the Post Library, whose job it is to see that proper material and atmosphere are provided for service personnel so that they may study or read at their pleasure.

Under Miss Eloyce "Gerrie" Tuttle's tireless direction as post librarian, and with the competent aid of her helpers, assistant librarian Pvt. Frederick Zirtzclaff, Pfc. George Brown and Pvt. R. J. Hall, the library has grown from a small unit with but a handful of books to an active and progressive organization with a proud display of 6,000 volumes. The SSO has spared neither time nor effort to make the Post Library one of the finest in the Army for its size.

The new library quarters in the block south of the PX have been planned with an eye towards comfort and accessibility. Here, the 400 active readers on the Post will have at their disposal not only the 6,000 present books, but 121 magazine subscriptions, a complete technical library, ten nationally known newspapers and a spacious, streamlined atmosphere in which to pursue their delights. All of the furnishings and decorations have been carefully selected to blend harmoniously with the bright motif of the new building.

But the Post Library does not stop here. Constantly, new books are arriving, systems are being improved and outmoded ideas are being laid aside. The SSO is determined that the men on the Post will have a library in which they will take pride and find enjoyment.

Bowling Alley, Service Club to Open Soon

Since the activation of SAAF, the Special Service Department has been aiming for a Service Club for the enlisted men. Now, after several months and through persistence against difficulties, the SSO's dream has become a reality.

With the cooperation of the weather, the SAAF Service Club and Bowling Alleys being built in the area just south of the PX will be completed shortly after the 1st of July. Everyone has heard of the swell alleys, but few have knowledge of the planned conveniences and activities of the Service Center.

Here's a brief idea of what it's going to be like. Just inside of the entrance in the first main building will be a large reception room combined with rest rooms and an office for the Director. Passing on, you will come to a small auditorium connecting with the two principal structures. This will be used as a lounge, dance floor, or recreation room as the occasion demands. In the second main building, a reading room, small kitchen-sandwich bar and a stage for dramatic presentations will be housed. This entire unit, carefully planned as a picture of modernity and comfort should well be able to satisfy most of the entertainment demands of the GI's.

The Service Club will be under the direction of the Special Service Office, and the bowling alleys will be run by the PX.

The corner of Fourth and Exchange is destined to be the outstanding corner in the entire post.

Soldier Art Pleases

Painting murals in the day rooms, making posters to inform the men, and generally adding a touch of beauty to SAAF is the work of Pfc. Archibald O. McLean and Pvt. Alden D. Craig, staff artists of the Special Service Department. McLean has just finished work on mural paintings in the squadron day rooms and has painted several oil paintings for the Chaplain and the local USO centers. Craig has completed a series of 10 posters calling attention to the men of the opportunities offered by the Armed Forces Institute. These posters will be rotated among prominent spots on the field.

The Special Service Department is well-named. The departmental duties are those many "extras" that make an Army Air Field or Army post a more pleasant place in which to live. Special Service is chiefly concerned with the off-duty hours of the enlisted man and is divided between recreational and educational activities.

Six buildings, 4 officers, and 17 enlisted men devote all or part-time to Special Service at SAAF. The widely divergent program runs the gamut from presentation of dances in the Post Gym to acquiring books and managing the Post Library. The squadron orderly room is perhaps the closest rival to the Special Service Department for maintaining contact with the individual soldier on the field. The many activities are designed to appeal to all the men and to offer them that "something extra" that is so important to a well-established, well-organized field.

To aid in the supplying of recreational opportunities, Special Service manages the Post Theater and has made arrangements for the new EM's Service Club and bowling alleys. Dances on the post and in the two adjoining towns are arranged through the cooperation of this department. The Post Library is open twelve hours a day offering the GI's the best in books and magazines for their enjoyment. Soldier shows like the recent Talent Nights and the 322nd's "Black Magic" are originated and directed by Special Service. The Community Sings are an important part of the program. This office handles all the arrangements for the presentation of USO Camp Shows Inc. and all other traveling shows that will be presented to the soldiers. "The Prairie Flier" is a Special Service function. Procurement of athletic equipment and furnishing of the squadron day rooms makes the lot of the EM just a little bit easier.

On the educational side are the orientation program with lectures, motion pictures, and Newsmaps, and the recently instigated Special Training unit. All in all, The Special Service Department is at your service!



Post Theater Presents Latest Hits

Perhaps the best known of the Special Service activities is the Post Theater. With two shows each evening and a Sunday matinee, the average weekly attendance is about 3,000, and for many of the larger shows all 598 seats are filled. The very latest in projection and sound equipment, combined with outstanding motion pictures makes the Post Theater the "top" in entertainment. Many enlisted men devote their evenings to the motion picture business while carrying on full day time jobs.

The NCO in charge is capable S/Sgt. Robert Bravo, Assistant Manager. Cpl. John R. Knudsen is ticket cashier, Pfc. Fred A. F. Boyd, ticket taker, and Sgt. Steve Vaynes and Pfc. Lawrence Gearin, ushers. The projection room is handled by S/Sgt. Frank R. Myers and Cpl. Wylie Hamilton with Pfc. Hollis Ivy as "extra" man. Of the countless improvements being added to the Post Theater, the three latest are finding great favor with the patrons. These are a (Take-off to page four)



CAPT. J. W. BOXLEY

Capt. Boxley Heads SAAF Special Service

At the head of the constantly expanding SAAF Special Service office is a man who is well known to every soldier on the field. A big man in any man's language, Capt. J. W. Boxley has the big job of coordinating and managing all Special Service activities in order to insure the enlisted man of a well rounded program of entertainment and educational opportunities. Under his immediate control are such popular features as the theater, the Library, the EM Service Clubs, and the 383d Band. Included in his duties are the procurement of WEMA funds for such activities as the new library and service club, the management of the Welfare fund, and supervision of the SAAF Special Service office.

Capt. Boxley was born and educated in Kentucky where he received an AB degree at the state university. While in college he was a star basketball player, a prowess which he brought with him to SAAF and used to advantage in several officers' games last winter. His wife and baby daughter, Judith Karen, live in Arkansas City.

Enid, Okla., was Capt. Boxley's previous station aside from a brief sojourn at Eagle Pass, Texas, immediately before coming here in November of last year. When he arrived at this field, the Special Service Department was sorely needed and Capt. Boxley stepped in to do the job. The theater was the first consideration and in a record time the equipment was installed and regular programs were inaugurated on December 5. Shortly after, 598 permanent seats were procured and put into service.

The cities of Winfield and Ark City were contacted and soon refurbished furniture began rolling in for furnishing the various day-rooms on the field. WEMA funds were secured and additional new furniture was ordered and magazine subscriptions were purchased. The Post Gym was without equipment and the present varied supply gives evidence of the fine work accomplished in this field.

The spring brought the opening of the local Service centers in the adjoining towns and various organizations began giving dances for men in the twin cities. The regular monthly dance on the field was started and proved an immediate success. The Prairie Flier was born in April and since has become an important part of the life of the field. Community singing

Lt. Banno Offers EM Education Opportunity

Another member of the group of highly trained officers attached to the Special Service Office is 2nd Lt. Carl C. Banno, whose duties include those of School and Education Officer, Recorder of the Aviation Cadet Examining Board, and Ass't Secretary of the Basic Flying Training Camp.

Lt. Banno was raised and educated in Brooklyn, New York. He attended college at St. John's U. in Brooklyn where he received his B.S. and later his Bachelor of Laws and Doctorate of Juridical Science. He has had much practical experience in business, law and teaching. He was employed by the Municipal government in New York in civil and teaching positions, and has spent time in adult education. As a practicing



LT. CARL C. BANNO

attorney, he gathered six years before the bar prior to his entrance into the Army.

As Education Officer, Lt. Banno has been very active in organizing and supervising the new EM's school on the post. This school was set up for the benefit of those men on the field who have had little education or some education and wish more or need brush-ups. The courses are also designed for those who wish to advance themselves in the Army or afterwards in civilian life. Men may take advantage of this free opportunity to prepare for the ASTP, A/C or GCT tests, and from experience on other fields, Lt. Banno has discovered that those men who take review courses will profit by higher test scores.

Many new classes in languages and math are now being formed, and Lt. Banno extends the invitation to all men who seek advancement to participate either as teachers or students. Application blanks are in each squadron orderly room.

and Talent Night were introduced into the Post Theater.

All the while, a dream of Capt. Boxley's was the establishment of bowling alleys and an EM Service Club on the field. The dream will soon come true when Fourth and Exchange becomes the GI corner.

Being a member of the commanding officer's special staff and serving on countless committees keeps Capt. Boxley busy. However, he is never too busy to spend a few minutes with an enlisted man who needs advice or counsel. This close contact with the men has enabled him to understand their problems and satisfy their recreational needs.

Post Theatre

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record library, a popcorn machine, and an air conditioning unit. Besides the regular evening motion picture program, a constant procession of meetings, lectures, and orientation films are presented during the day. Approximately every three weeks the theater is used for a USO Camp Show bringing to the field the best in vaudeville, talent. All arrangements for the USO shows are made by the theater officer and the regular theater personnel donates its time for the evening.

Attending the theater has its rewards. Besides the obvious immediate pleasure, the men are assisting the future recreational program. All the profit from the theater's operation is returned to the men in the form of athletic equipment and other material for their off-duty hours.

Lt. Grigsby Sells Insurance--Bonds

2nd Lt. Joseph P. Grigsby, Army Emergency Relief, War Bond, Insurance and EM's Legal Aid Officer is a recent arrival at SAAF.

Born in Illinois, but taking his elementary schooling in various places, Lt. Grigsby turned to the field of law, and took his L.L.D. at the U. of Florida. Before entering the Army and going to OCS, he practiced law near his home in Orlando, Florida.



LT. JOSEPH P. GRIGSBY

Upon his arrival at SAAF he was assigned to the duties he now discharges with efficiency. Although War Bonds and Insurance are his primary jobs, investigating for the AER's welfare work among the soldiers is the job by which many of us know him. A recently inaugurated duty is giving legal advice to the men on the field. Lt. Grigsby is available for consultation in his office during the day.

Genial Theodore J. Naman is the man with the mighty voice who as Song Supervisor of SAAF leads the community singing in the Post Theater. His booming tenor is all that is needed to keep the various assorted GI voices on the beam. Ashton Williams, piano player deluxe, is the accompanist.

Prairie Flier Hits An Even Dozen

This is the twelfth issue of the Prairie Flier and comes to you in six pages this week instead of the customary four pages.

The staff, composed of Cpl. John Knudsen, Pvt. Robert J. Hall and Pvt. Fields Baldwin, members of the Special Service Department, have written 66,908 words in the various news features appearing in these issues. This amount is equal to the number of words printed in the average length novel. Our total could be much larger, but it is surprising the stuff we write that never gets printed!

Of primary interest no doubt, are the "Male Call" cartoon by Milton Caniff and "The Wolf" by Sansone, features of CNS, Camp News Service. We add a semi-nude cutie when we can get our hands on one—referring to the mat or cut of course!

In each issue appear pictures of field activities. These are made possible by the SAAF Photo Lab.

Lt. Webster Delivers Lectures to GI's

"All right, gentlemen, you're on your own." Usually such words addressed to a large group of enlisted men are heard with decreasing volume, as said GI's dash away in customary style, but not when uttered by Lt. N. C. Webster, who so ably lectures on Army Orientation at SAAF.

Lt. Webster, whose principal duty is that of Ground School Instructor, took his turn at discussing why this country is at war, theme of the Orientation programs, and by talking too well found himself with the full-time job of addressing the soldiers weekly.

Attending Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., University of Pittsburgh, and Kansas State College, he holds Bachelor of Oratory, AB and MS degrees and is a member of Phi Kappa Delta fraternity. Following his college career he became Public Speaking instructor at Kansas State College, which position he held for six years prior to receiving his army commission in March of this year.

The Army Orientation Program is comprised of motion pictures and News Maps in addition to the lecture series, and is another important educational feature of the Special Service Department.



LT. N. C. WEBSTER

UNSUNG HEROES: PT Instructors

How would you like to take between 75 and 100 exercises, play football or baseball, go on cross-country runs, over the obstacle course and umpire softball games six days a week? Makes our three hours of weekly PT seem insignificant, doesn't it?

The every day life of the PT instructors at Strother Field is composed of the activities mentioned previously in addition to which are duties in the gym and on the play areas. From 6 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. the instructors are on the ball, speaking athletically. It is an unappreciative task these six instructors go through daily. This physical conditioning is to our own benefit and we should be thankful for their patience as many of us half-heartedly follow their commands.

These Unsung Heroes and their PT classes are as follows: Sgt. W. C. Brey, Weather, 1083 BFT Sqdn. and Communications; Sgt. H. W. Stiles, 55th Sqdn; Cpl. Emil Dalak, 1084th Sqdn. and Hospital; Pfc. F. C. Vitale, 1088th Sqdn., Cadets and Medics; Pfc. C. W. Lidsky, 1082nd Sqdn; Cpl. Ray Muchowich, 448th Sqdn. and Cadets; Cpl. E. W. Thomas and Pvt. Johnny Johnson, 322nd Sqdn.

Sgt. Brey was knocked unconscious during a softball game last week. While performing his duties as umpire he was hit by the catcher while the latter was throwing the ball. This is not the only beating the umpires have taken. Their decisions on balls and strikes result in much undo criticism by the players. After all, these instructors have rather rough days and their umpiring is offered as a service to we enlisted men.

Twelve issues of the Prairie Flier have claimed one (1) Technical Expert. W. E. Graham, make-up genius for the Winfield Courier, will retire on July 1. The Prairie Flier expresses regret at losing a very tolerant friend.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Sports..Tennis, Baseball
Ark.....	Game nite..Ping pong	
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance..Program
Ark.....	Dance..Eats	
Sun.....	Win.....	Picnic..Quiz Program
Ark.....	Golf..Bingo..Free Call	
Mon.....	Win.....	Informal Night..Eats
Ark.....	Do as you please..Eats	
Tues.....	Win.....	Swim Party..Eats
Ark.....	Record your voice..popcorn	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dance..Program
Ark.....	Take a letter Darling	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Record your voice..Bridge
Ark.....	Swimming Party	

A Pre-Flight View of the World



Aviation Cadets study 440 hours of geography, math, physics, English, history, and civil air regulations during their pre-flight training. Candidates are enrolled as enlisted men in one of several score colleges and universities throughout the country for the five-month course, prior to being assigned for flight training in schools of the Flying Training Command.

Cut Down Waiting Period For Cadets

Doolittle . . Kelly . . Wheles . . Determined to produce thousands of new flyers each year, Army air Forces schools currently have cut down to a few weeks the waiting period between application for cadet training and action on such applications. Enlisted men receive precedence over other applicants. Procedure for applying is simple:

1. Secure application form (WDAGO 60) from nearest Cadet Board or from squadron orderly room.
2. Submit completed form, three letters of recommendation and birth certificate to squadron Commanding Officer for endorsement to Aviation Cadet Examining Board.

Applicants receive physical and mental examination, the latter testing an individual's aptitude and "horse sense" rather than formal education. No specific educational attainment is required. Any enlisted man between the ages of 18 and 26 inclusive is eligible. Applicants who need preparation for cadet courses may be assigned to a maximum of five months of college training. Preliminary flying is included in the college course.

Kownick's Korn

Did you hear about the Jap who tied a rope around his neck and jumped off the Brooklyn bridge—he thought he was a yo-yo.

Speaking of beds, Sgt. Craft has a friend who takes oats to bed with him—to feed his night mare.

Pvt. Olds met a gal the other night who thought a hug was a roundabout way of expressing affection.

Pvt. Whitely knows a gal who swallowed bullets — so her hair would come out in bangs.

The War No. 3

The popular screen magazine "The War" will again be presented to the men of SAAF at the Post Theater Sunday and Monday evenings. This issue this week will be concerned with "How to swim through burning oil," "Happy Birthday to the WAACs," "New York under rationing," "Russian soldiers showering at 50 degrees below zero," and "The Marines on Guadalcanal." The feature picture will be "Bombardier," with Pat O'Brien, Randolph Scott, and Anne Shirley.

Wounded Pilots

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damage to Japanese supply dumps, airdromes and other installations. The plane has proved itself to be an excellent medium bomber with an amazing ability to take hard blows and still come back with its crew, he said.

(Major Ellis told of several examples of the plane's sturdiness and flying ability under fire.)

"We went out with five B-26's recently to bomb Lae," he said. "As we were making the bomb run, we were jumped by about 30 Zeros. My plane was hit in the nose. The navigator was sprayed with bullets and the bombardier's hand hurt badly. The bombardier managed to drop his bombs and then shot down a Zero. A 20 mm. cannon knocked a 3-foot hole out of the plane's wing.

"More Japanese bullets went into our self-sealing gas tank and the rest of the plane, but we kept going. The turret gunner shot down another Zero. I decided to leave the rest of the formation in order to get my seriously wounded navigator back to base for medical aid.

"Coming home alone, we were jumped by two more Zeros on my right wing. I turned the plane into them and we all went into a cloud, which enabled me to elude them and get home safely. The navigator died.

"Meanwhile the other B-26's were having trouble. One was shot down when bullets hit its left engine and it caught fire. Another's engine was shot out, but the plane kept on going for four and a half hours until it came in safely; something we didn't think possible. It also shot down three Zeros on the return trip. Eight Zeros in all were shot down in this fight, to one B-26 lost.

"Recently a pilot took off with a full load of bombs. He had the plane in the air when a bomb went off and knocked out one motor and damaged the plane so badly it seemed impossible to fly it. The pilot kept on flying the plane, dropped the other bombs where they would do no harm, and brought down his B-26 on an airport two miles away, after everyone thought it was incapable of flying."

Major Ellis was born in 1916 at Clinton, S. C., and educated at Clinton High School and the Presbyterian College of South Carolina at Clinton. He attended United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and was graduated in the class of June, 1940.

He received his primary flying training at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and basic and advanced training at Maxwell Field, Ala., winning his wings in March, 1941. His first station was Langley Field, Va. He took part in Louisiana maneuvers in the summer of 1941 and in December, 1941, left for overseas duty.

Major Ellis went to California, and later to Hawaii where he stayed until April, 1942. He then went on to Australia and New Guinea, where he was stationed until he reported to Washington.

He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Quiet Please

The more people who know a secret, the less chance there is of its being kept. Get this quite clear in your minds, because it is the first rule of security. Once you realize this, you will see that it is not only careless talk that costs lives.

niff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



What The Newsreel Did Not Show



Padovano is Hero Of 4 to 3 Win Over IAAF

Two men on, one down, last of the eighth and trailing by a score of 3 to 1. Such was the scene in Wednesday night's baseball game between the Independence AAF and Strother AAF teams, when Padovano, Centerfielder for the SAAF nine came to bat.

He swung mightily at a fast ball thrown by Pitcher Horal of the IAAF team. The crack of the bat and the roar of the spectators was simultaneous as the ball headed for the wide-open spaces—a home run! Drombrowski, left fielder and Loughner, third baseman scored ahead of Padovano, making three runs, which added to the run scored in the third inning, put the SAAF team in the lead by one run, 4 to 3, which also was the final score.

Making one run in the first inning and two more in the second, the IAAF team appeared tough to beat. The home run in the eighth was heart-breaking to Pitcher Horal, who had pitched 4-hit ball up to that time. Hardin SAAF hurling star, had allowed 7 hits, and had accounted for the only run scored by the Strother team up to the fatal eighth.

In the fourth inning Bova, SAAF second baseman, robbed the IAAF team of another hit as he made a sensational barehanded catch of a sizzling drive.

Curtis, regular SAAF pitcher, played firstbase in Wednesday night's game, and made several sensational put-outs.

Defeat Dubb All-Stars

The SAAF baseball team won its Ark. City league game Monday night against the Dubb All-Stars by a score of 6 to 1.

Padovano, first baseman for the army team crashed out a home run in the last inning, scoring Dombrowski, left-fielder, to account for the final two runs scored by SAAF. Curtis pitched for the base team.

Independence					Strother				
	AB	R	H			AB	R	H	
Parton, ss	0	1	1		DeRasmi, rf	3	0	0	
Pickett, 3b	4	0	1		Domb'ski, lf	3	1	2	
Brown, c	3	0	2		Loughner, 3b	3	1	1	
Willoughby, 1b	4	0	1		Padovano, cf	4	1	1	
Mossman, lf	4	0	0		Bova, 2b	4	0	0	
Zachary, rf	4	0	1		Dalak, ss	4	0	0	
Sand'son, 2b	3	1	1		Curtis, 1b	3	0	0	
Gasmovic, cf	3	1	0		Ebert, c	2	0	0	
*McDonald, p	1	0	0		Harding, p	2	1	1	
Horal, p	4	0	0						
†Ackley	1	0	0						
	35	3	7			28	4	5	

* Batted for Gasmovic in ninth.
† Batted for Horal in ninth.
The score by innings:
IAAF 120 000 000—3
Strother Field 001 000 03x—4
SUMMARY: Home run: Padovano. Two-base hits: Pickett. Runs batted in: Brown, Pickett 2, Dombrowski, Padovano 3. Stolen bases: Sanderson, Balk, Harding. Struck out: By Horal, 3 (Curtis 2, Harding); by Harding, 12 (Mossman 2, Zachary 3, Horal 3, Parton, Gasmovic, Willoughby, McDonald). Bases on balls: Off Horal 4 (Dombrowski, Harding, Loughner, Ebert); off Harding 2 (Parton, Sanderson). Hit by pitcher: Brown by Harding. Sacrifice: DeRasmi. Double plays: Parton to Sanderson to Willoughby; Bova to Curtis. Umpires: Schwantes (at plate), Lankensau (first base) and Bradbury (third base).

Officers Organize League

Eight teams comprized of flying and administrative officers have been organized into the Officers Softball League at Strother Field and games between the teams are now being played during the first four days of each week. Postponed games are played off on either Friday or Saturday of each week, according to Lt. H. H. Cummins, Assistant Physical Training Officer.

Following are the teams comprising the league: North Stage, Center Stage, South Stage, each of which has two teams and Adm. No. 1 and No. 2.

Games are called at 1400 and each is of at least 5 innings duration.

Cpl. Ray Muchowich, popular PT instructor and boxing star at SAAF returned last week from the NCO Physical Training School at Miami Beach, Fla.,

SPORTS

Chin Up, Soldier, The Worst is Yet to Come!

Have any of you men read A. A. F. Regulation No. 50-10? We have, and brother, August 15th will no doubt be a day we shall long remember!

On that date the enlisted men and cadets will gather for the express purpose of participating in the A. A. F. Physical Fitness Test which will be given in three parts.

The parts consist of sit-ups, pull-ups and the 300 yard shuttle run and will be given the men to find out their physical fitness status and the effectiveness of the physical training program at SAAF.

The results of tests given each individual will be placed on record cards and will also be entered on your service record, according to AAF Reg. 50-10.

Chances are that every one will make a pretty good showing on the tests, as those who show by the results that they are not in good physical condition are to be given more PT exercises, cross-country runs and trips over the obstacle course.

In describing the procedure of the 300 yard shuttle run, the regulation reads as follows: "The men should pace the race to finish in an 'all-out' state." Are they kidding?

Oh yes, the tests are to be given again in November, February and May, should you live so long!

Wear New Uniforms

New baseball uniforms donated by the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce and local merchants, were worn for the first time by the Strother team in its victory over the Dubb All-Stars Monday night.

The uniforms are grey with blue trim and have the name Strother Field on the front of the shirts. Team members and the entire personnel of SAAF are proud of the uniforms and extend their sincere thanks to the citizens of Arkansas City.

Tie For 1st Place In Softball League

The Quartermaster Corps and Link Trainer softball teams are tied for first place in the Squadron Softball League at the conclusion of the third round of play. The QM team has won two games and lost none. The Link Trainer team has had only one game, in which it was victorious.

Standing of the teams at the end of the third round are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Quartermaster Corps	2	0	1.000
Link Trainer	1	0	1.000
Ordnance	2	1	.667
1083rd BFT Sqd.	2	1	.667
1082nd Central Hanger	2	1	.667
1084th Service Sqd.	2	1	.667
1082nd South Hanger	1	1	.500
Medical Detachment	1	1	.500
1088th Guard Sqd.	1	2	.333
55th BFT Group	0	1	.000
23rd Communications	0	1	.000
1083rd Post Operations	0	2	.000
1082nd North Hanger	0	2	.000

Beat Kanotex in Thrilling Game

Allowing only five hits and leading for four innings by a score of 2 to 0, the Kanotex baseball team lost its game with the SAAF team last Friday night by a score of 6 to 2.

The Strother team scored once in the fifth inning and again in the sixth to tie the score at 2 all. Then came the seventh and final inning in which the army bats banged out four runs. Pitcher Johnny Harding held the Oilers scoreless in their half of the final inning and another victory was chalked up for the Strother team. This was the third time the two teams have met and the third win for the army team. It was a non-league game.

Bova, SAAF 2nd. baseman, drove out a home run, his first of the season.

Sgt. Steve Vaynes has purchased five bonds with his earnings at the Post Theater. A good habit to get in to.

Cinematraction



Hollywood starlet Virginia Patton shows us one way of looking at this topsy-turvy world that isn't bad at all.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"Here's a good book—if you care for women!"



Fireworks—1943 Style



Col. Carroll Now Heads All Strother Field Civilians

To reduce duplication of work in administration and to put into effect uniform policies and practices at all installations of Strother Field, civilian personnel of the post and of the 377th Sub-Depot have been consolidated under command of Col. Joseph F. Carroll, SAAF Commanding Officer, with Lt. Peyton F. St. Clair as civilian personnel officer. The new set-up which became effective July 1st follows the new policy of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces.

Duties of the central civilian personnel office will include: preparing civilian payrolls and maintaining other records; administering uniform practices relative to recruitment, placement, classification, transfer, promotion, health and other personnel activities. Commanding officers of the various activities will initiate all actions relative to promotions, demotions, reassignment and transfer. Employment of a worker rests on the final approval of the installation head, while final decision as to classification rests with Lt. St. Clair.

Safety and training of employees in the sub-dept will remain under direction of the sub-depot of which Capt. Harry D. Strouse is commanding officer. A similar program of safety and training will be set up for post headquarters workers.

Policies of headquarters and sub-depot have been coordinated and a standard policy now prevails for all civilian personnel on the field.

With the consolidation, Colonel Carroll becomes head of all civilian personnel on Strother Field, thereby giving sub-depot workers a closer kinship with the commanding officer than they have enjoyed heretofore. This unity, under the administration of Colonel Carroll is expected to result in more efficient day-by-day progress in all departments of this air base.

She answered him with an affirmative "No."

First Monthly Review Success at SAAF

First in a series of monthly reviews and inspections of enlisted men at Strother Field was held on the ramp last Saturday morning.

Led by the 383rd. AAF band, the various squadrons marched past the reviewing officers who then selected the 1083rd and 448th squadrons to undergo personal inspection following the review.

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, Lt. Col. Douglas C. Polhamus, BFT Group Commander, Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., Director of Training BFT Group and Operations Officer, and Lt. E. E. Hall, Adjutant, made the inspection of the two squadrons selected.

Col. Carroll commented that the review and inspection was better than any held previously at SAAF.

No wonder the boys looked good the rest of the day. Most of them could not get out of the "brace" after snapping to attention! By the way, have you ever stood at attention with one foot on a mound of earth a couple of inches high while the other foot was on level ground?

Evidently the inspection proved satisfactory, excepting of course, the GI who, in order to get a good look at the reviewing officers after they passed by, raised his hand to his eyes to shade them and leaned out of formation to get a last look!

Summer Weather Brings Thaw To 3 Month Freeze of Promotions

After three months of "sweating it out," EM promotions on Strother Field have been unfrozen and the regular bi-monthly schedule is again in effect. Promotions are now more rigidly controlled than before. Certain requirements of time in grade and service must be met before a man is eligible for an advancement in grade. A board of high-ranking officers on the field examine and pass on each recommendation submitted by the various squadron commanders. The board and the squadrons have done a herculean job the last few days to enable the promotions to go into effect as soon as possible.

Following is the list of men advanced in grade effective as of July 1:

1083RD BFT SQUADRON

To Technical Sergeant

Bravo, Robert Parker, Benjamin F. Jackson, Hyman P.

To Staff Sergeant

Bauer, Ralph A. Novok, Harold Horn, Anton M. White, Theo. J.

To Sergeant

Cowling, Richard L. Muchowich, Raymond Dalak, Emil J. Ofstad, Arne O. Deane, Charles F. Plett, Abie K. Jarvis, James D. Selvidge, Elmer H. Jones, Thomas V. Shook, Archie M. Knudsen, John R.

To Corporal

Baldwin Jacob F. Miller, Weiler B. Bumpilori, Frank C. Miller, William F. Jr. Glover, Charles M. Toombs, Joseph R. Hearn, Vernon P. Vanderburg, Palmer

HQ AND HQ SQUADRON,

55TH BFT GROUP

To Technical Sergeant

Holmes, Frank H.

To Staff Sergeant

Worthy, Albert W. Jr.

To Sergeant

Allen, Charles L. Gerth, Loy F. Jr. Ashburn, James D. Lynch, Herrin T. Beam, Lester D. Mailand, Wallace M. Boyer, Theodore C. Martin, Francis J. Cole, Fred (nmi) Seek, Louis A. Cook, Joseph B. Walker, Cecil C. Dryden, Edward M.

To Corporal

Beeten, George B. McReynolds, Howard Bradbury, Howard B. M. Jr. Brissett, Harold V. Mitchell, Harold B. Callaway, Clyde D. Peltas, Louis M. Duggan, Kenneth L. Perry, Glen E. Duke, Henry L. Peterson, Norman H. Falke, Arthur C. Richards, Clark J. Giroux, Edward J. Shilling, Don D. Ivy, Hollis L. Vaughan, Emmett H. Jaster, Elvis F. Walden, John H. Kastner, Edward R. Whalen, William T. Knuth, William F. Wittman, Richard L. Lawrence, Roy W. Woodward, William Martin, William D. Zindler, Warren M. McMurphy, Woodrow

1084TH BFT SQUADRON

To Technical Sergeant

Adkins, Jolly A.

To Staff Sergeant

Wheeler, Eugene W.

To Sergeant

Freeman, Edmund M. Harrison, Thomas L. Lindsay, Peat Harvey, Montelle Arnold, Herman C. Metcalfe, Earl W. Harrison, Lester A. Tilton, Clifford R.

To Corporal

Robinson, Albert C. Prouse, Donald G. Sivils, T. V. Risberg, Donald L. Hamil, Lonnie E. Watson, Ernest T. Krenek, Robert W. Williamson, Joseph Nicholson, Earl L. Winterringer, Marvin Osfar, Mitchell J.

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Post Drivers Warned "To Get On The Ball"

All speeding on the base by government vehicles and privately owned automobiles is to cease immediately by order of Headquarters. The limit, which is posted over the field, is 20 miles per hour and this speed is to be observed in the future.

Use of the alleys by private cars and government vehicles is also to stop. Only coal trucks and delivery trucks are to use them. Speed in the alleys is not to exceed 12 miles per hour.

There have been numerous violations in connection with stop signs on the field. The signs are there for a reason and that is to come to a complete stop before entering the intersections. This rule is to be adhered to in the future.

Chief Salutes



Gen. Dwight Eisenhower comes to a salute in Algiers with the stars and stripes in background.

Uncanny But True

"See that big building over there? That's the Post Theater. There's not a toilet in the entire place!"

"My, how uncanny!"

That time worn gag will soon be out-of-date when the building crew completes work in the theater lobby within the next few days. There will be rest rooms for both men and women.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.
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Speaking of—You

July 4 is the traditional day of super-patriotism in the United States. There will more than likely be many politicians and statesmen who will issue carefully thought out statements concerning our war aims, why we are fighting or the scourge of the axis threat of world domination. There will echo across the airways such war-worn cliches as "Preserve our democratic way of life" or "Make this a better world in which to live." They will be true in as far as they go. However when you get right down to it, we are fighting to preserve our very lives. We are fighting because if we didn't we wouldn't live. We would merely exist in a man-made hell that would make Satan blush with envy. We have no choice, and I am sure we want none. There will be no peace until we have emerged victorious on the battlefield and the conference table after the last battle has been won. The sooner all of the people of the United States realize we are not just fighting to preserve a way of life but are fighting to preserve life itself, then, and only then, will victory be certain. We are selfish enough to want to keep ourselves alive, so let's get personal about this war. It's either the enemy or it's us. Let's personally see to it that it's us.

Have You Read . . .

The Song of Bernadette by Franz Werfel
Pale Horse, Pale Rider by Katherine Anne Porter

The Devil in France by Lion Feuchtwanger
Poor Richard Comes to Life by Bessie W. Johns.

They're in your Post Library.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, July 3—Double Feature
THE LEOPARD MAN . . . Margo
IT'S A GREAT LIFE . . . The Bumsteads

Sunday and Monday, July 4-5
Matinee Sunday 2 p.m.
AERIAL GUNNER with NEWS
SING and Cartoon

Tuesday, July 6
CAPTIVE WILD WOMAN—Plus
Popeye, Travel Talk and
Broadway Brevity

Wednesday and Thursday, July 7-8
CONEY ISLAND . . . Betty Grable
NEWS and MARCH OF TIME

Friday, July 9—Revival
ACROSS THE PACIFIC
Humphrey Bogart
Color Cartoon and Sportscope

Axis Behind The Eight Ball

By LT. PATRICK H. WHITAKER (Guest Writer)

Every plane that flies over Germany or German-held territory and drops bombs that hit a target, destroys vital war goods that cannot be replaced.

Germany is finally bleeding from bomb wounds inflicted on the vital production centers. Their cause is lost because daily they are losing their grip on output of planes, guns and ammunition.

Why hurry an invasion against a country that becomes a weaker enemy? Time is on our side in the European Theater of War. We are still far under our expected ten percent losses of bombers in destroying the inner-works of the once powerful Nazis.

There is a different story to be told about the other enemy in the Pacific, who has been warring against China for several years, the Japs, who have been successful enough to take territory that is rich in the materials necessary to make war planes and the like, which is so needed to wage a long and expensive struggle against us. Time is on the side of the Japs in that respect. Every island, every coastal strip of land along the Chinese coast and all inland territory taken by Japan can, with time, be made a stronghold by the little demons if time is available, because they are industrious as far as war is concerned. They possess territory that produces rubber, coal, quinine, and oil to add to what she had before striking the foul blow on Pearl Harbor.

So far, no bets have been overlooked and there is no reason to think they will be overlooked now. Russia, with lend-lease help plus twenty-four hour bombing by the Allies, who have air superiority, can continue to cram reverses down the German and Italian throats and strengthen the underground of Axis-held lands and still give us plenty of freedom to roam the Pacific sea lanes and Pacific air lanes with power enough to sink the Japanese empire before the Japs have had time to make use of those captured countries and islands. Where do you think the new blows will come?

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

That was a swell dance at the gym last week except for one thing. Long about the time I had danced about four fast dances, I had a choking feeling around my neck caused by my excessive perspiration contracting the collar of my GI shirt. I did the natural thing. I started to take my tie off to relieve the situation. I didn't get very far. A burly guard tapped me lightly on the shoulder and requested . . . well you know what. My gripe is why can't we come to the dances without our ties or at least be allowed to remove our ties at the dance and then put them on before going outside.

TIED.

Kownick's Korn

Sergeant Sam Schatzman took his first ride in a dive-bomber last week. The pilot dove straight down 10,000 feet and all his sins flashed before his eyes. It was so interesting that he made the pilot go back up and dive eight more times.

The height of indifference is shown by the guy who sees a black speck in his pudding and doesn't care whether it's a fly or a raisin.

Cpl. Gerth can't figure out which way a pin is going, 'cause it's pointed one way and headed the other.

Pvt. Williams figures a black hen is smarter than a white hen, says a black hen can lay a white egg, and the white hen can't lay a black egg.

Said one fire-fly to another: "You glow your way and I'll glow mine!" That gag will never set the world on fire.

A fellow told me he was attempting to cross a moth with asbestos, so the moth can play around with a flame and not get burned.

With women wearing slacks, etc., there's very little difference between man and woman . . . BUT thank heavens for that little difference.

One of the boys dropped over to the local blood bank. The doctor looked at him and asked, "Are you taking or leaving?" After examining him he said, "I've seen more blood in a piece of salt pork."



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

The Chinese fight on guts—not much else. Because of the superiority of the Japanese weapons their fighting has been most rear-guard action, but it has been with honor, and in the long run will mean victory. Their daily rations have been but a pound of rice. That is bought out of their meager three cents a day wage. Their uniform, cheap cotton padded garb, has not been adequate for the cold of winter and too much for the summer heat. If they are lucky they have shoes. Their fighting equipment is obsolete and insufficient, yet the Chinese morale, or valor and dogged determination has been a constant source of inspiration to their leaders and to the Allies.

American soldiers are the luckiest of all, and should be the pluckiest soldiers in the world if conveniences make for morale. Higher wages than any other soldier receives in World War II, better food, better equipment, better leadership, longer training periods—all these things should give him a decided will to win. There is perhaps much to be said both pro and con, but after all one thing further can be concluded, the only complaint that should be made is that one has not done his very best or that he has been given too little to do.

Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession - - Sunday 7 a.m.
Catholic Mass - - - Sunday 8 a.m.
Protestant Negro Service - Sunday 9 a.m.
Protestant General Service - Sunday 10 a.m.
Jewish Sabbath Service - Friday 7:30 p.m.

Thought For Today

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the country for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Male Call



UNSUNG HEROES: The KP's

"These men are better soldiers for doing a job they do not like, yet doing it well." Such is the tribute paid KP's at Strother Field by Lt. W. C. Doody, Assistant Mess Officer.

An average of 18 men are at work daily in the mess hall. Reporting for roll call at 5:15 a.m., their day's work is usually completed by 6:30 p.m., although many times it is as late as 7:30 p.m. by the time they finish their duties. There are 6 night KP's who are on duty from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.

The KP group is short-handed, according to Lt. Doody, yet, the men on the job accomplish a lot of hard work in a day's time, leaving the messhall in spick and span condition before calling it a day.

Soldiers assigned to KP duty receive \$5.00 extra pay each month, an amount they well deserve for the fine job they are doing. This extra pay comes from the General Mess Fund.

A new set-up is being arranged at the present time whereby men on KP duty will be eligible for non-commissioned ratings, according to Lt. Doody. "Men receiving ratings will, of course, have to be doing a good job at whatever their task may be," continued Lt. Doody.

Those showing ability and interest in cooking and baking will be sent to schools for special training, so as in other branches of military service, there are opportunities for advancement.

Photo Exhibit Here

Around the 5th of July, the local Service Clubs will hold a photographic exhibition of some of the prize material of cameramen shown in many prominent mags during the past year.

The exhibition will be shown in both USO's where the public and SAAF cam-fans may examine and compare their own work to that of experts.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Ping Pong Tourney, IAAF vs. Strother
Ark.....Game Night	
Sat.....Win.....	Formal Dance.....Show
Ark.....Pavement Dance.....Eats	
Sun.....Win.....	Program.....Eats
Ark.....Ice Cream Social.....Free Call	
Mon.....Win.....	Informal.....Eats
Ark.....Do As You Please	
Tues.....Win.....	Swim Party.....Roof Dance
Ark.....Record Your Voice	
Wed.....Win.....	Dance.....Program
Ark.....Dance.....Eats	
Thurs.....Win.....	Bridge Party.....Eats
Ark.....Swim 8:30-10:30 p.m.	

Dogs Must Be "Shot" Or They Will Be

The population of dogs and cats at Strother Field is to begin diminishing after next Monday if they have not been vaccinated for rabies by the Post Veterinarian previous to that time.

With the arrival of extremely warm weather and increased danger of rabies among pets of the base, it is necessary that extra precautions be taken. Little tags that are really "dog tags" will be given owners or caretakers of the field pets, showing that the animals have been properly vaccinated. This is done at a cost of 50c for each dog.

Five Ribbons Adorn Billington's Breast

"Say Soldier, what are all the ribbons for?" is a question that T/Sgt. C. W. Billington of the 1083rd Squadron is asked many times daily. The question is a natural one, as he is bedecked with more military ribbons than any other enlisted man at Strother Field.

The five ribbons that adorn his uniform represent the following citations: Veteran of World War I, American Defense medal, American Theater of Operations medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations medal, and 3 Year Good Conduct. A bronze star denoting Billington's taking part in the Japanese aerial raid on Pearl Harbor is worn on his American Defense ribbon.

Stationed at Wheeler Field, Hawaii, June 1941 to April 1942, Sgt. Billington underwent the Japanese aerial attack on December 7, 1941. Concussion from an exploding bomb caused an injury to his back which later resulted in his being hospitalized from Feb. to July 1942.

Dark Room Open

All youse joes who are candid-concious or just plain picture-taking fiends can now use the Ark City's USO dark room. The committee has announced that this convenience is now available to the men at the SAAF, and it welcomes you one and all. So snap 'em and slap 'em in the hypo whenever you wish.

Don't forget the Prairie Flier Photo Contest. Submit your prints on glossy paper. The winning picture each week will be reproduced in the base paper and the photographer will receive a book of free theater tickets.

Zoot Haircuts Illegal at SAAF

"There are to be no 'zoot-suit' type haircuts worn by the men at Strother Field. Haircuts must be cut along military style," said Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer at SAAF, following the review and inspection held last Saturday morning.

The recently announced requirement that enlisted men get haircuts every two weeks at the post barber shop was made for the protection of their health. Enlisted men undergo regular physical examinations, as do the barbers employed on the base, and with all men patronizing the post shop there is no chance of acquiring infection from the lathering brush used previously on other individuals.

Mr. Moody, who is in charge of the barber shop has asked that any man who feels he has not received the type of haircut desired, see him and he will complete the job in the manner wanted.

Wanted-Navigators

A desk job 30,000 feet up in the stratosphere awaits the successful cadet who aspires to become a navigator aboard one of America's hard-slugging bombing planes.

America is on the lookout today for potential navigators — youths between the ages of 18 and 27 — who can qualify to fill one of the thousands of new flying jobs which are open in the Army Air Forces this year. Enlisted men within the age limit get preference over civilians in applying for such jobs. Air Forces expansion has cut the waiting time between application and action to a few weeks. Application procedure is simple:

1. Secure application form (WDAGO 60) from nearest Cadet Board or from squadron orderly room.

2. Submit completed form, three letters of recommendation and birth certificate to squadron Commanding Officer for endorsement to Aviation Cadet Examining Board. Squadron Commanders will assist applicants who desire such training.

Cadet Class 43-J arrived at Strother Field last Sunday to begin basic flying training. This is the seventh class of aviation cadets admitted here since the field was opened last November.

Members of the class received their primary training at Hat Box Field, Muskogee, Okla., Mustang Field, El Reno, Okla., and Cimmaron Field, Oklahoma City, Okla.

EM Promotions

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908TH QUARTERMASTER

To Sergeant
King, James A. Barrios, Rudy
Morgan, Jack Jr.

To Corporal
Brewer, Jack A. Ginsberg, Nathan
Hathott, George Lucke, Charles R.
Letcher, Roland W. Myers, Raymond C.
Monks, Roy A. Terry, Roland L.
Tindall, Herman E. Williams, Edward M.
Zepka, Matthew J.

1088TH GUARD SQUADRON

To Technical Sergeant
Kehoe, Benjamin J.
To Staff Sergeant
Maxwell, William Taylor, Sam, Jr.
To Sergeant
Semple, Robert W. Kiehl, Charles A.
Ellard, Leslie C. Meeks, Art J.
Gore, Meredith W. Saxon, Elmer L.

To Corporal
Bolton, Emil C. Barnett, Benjamin
Branch, Garland P. W. Jr.
Davin, Ernest Doherty, Martin J.
Furen, Paul F. James, Louis C.
Johnson, James E. Morgan, Harry M.
Mendini, Eugene S. Owens, Charles B. Jr.
Wise, James E. Swords, Gerald J.
Dier, George E. Tooley, Robert R.
Stidham, Anson R. Teutsch, Robert H.
Andrus, David W. Jr. Rea, George H.

383RD AAF BAND

To Technical Sergeant
Calhoun, Alton B.
To Corporal
Kinimonth, Curtis Steck, William H.
Naman, Samuel B. Tanck, Del Mar E.
Stechmann, Reginald

322ND AVIATION SQUADRON

To Staff Sergeant
Jackson, Lincoln

1082ND BFT SQUADRON

To Sergeant
Noonan, William E.
To Corporal
Halford, Frank W. Toothaker, George E.
Hammontree, George Uncapher, Edward H.
Harper, Melvin R. Wade, Houston F. Jr.
Healy, Michael J. Waggoner, Delmar R.
Henry, Edward C. Zajkowski, John A.
Hetrick, Charles A. Zazula, Theodore
Hill, Sebert F. Cunningham, Clifford
Hoag, David J. McQuiston, Harold
Holden, Charlie E. Fasen, Christian J.
Hunter, Carl W. Mudgett, John F.
Illig, Charles J. Alexander, Burl S.
Inmon, Sam W. Armour, Carl K.
Jerrard, Melvin H. Jerrard, Richard
Jordan, Jess D. Attebery, Allison A.
Kenihan, Joseph G. Bade, Melvin A.
Kennedy, Rae G. Barnett, Willis G.
Kettwig, Paul E. Beard, Harold K.
Kissel, Bernard E. Becker, Paul G.
K'aus, Winton A. Bohner, Rex E.
Knittle, Harry Bower, Charles K.
Kocurek, Ellick B. Bridges, John L.
Kodalen, Floyd G. Buie, Curtis W.
Kotila, Aatos R. Bulte, Edward M.
Lawing, Everett S. Burleson, John T.
Layton, Ernest H. Carson, Andrew J.
Lengyel, Julius P. Carter, Lewis J.
Linebarger, Ralph D. Chandler, Vaughan
Loughner, Paul R. Jr. Clark, George E. Jr.
Maisenhelder, Carl G. Cobb, Gordon W.
Marcott, Floyd H. Collier, Erie W.
Mason, William E. Courts, Edward J.
McGee, Edwin A. Dahoney, John G.
McKee, John E. Danielson, Jerald O.
McMurrey, Clarence DeRamsi, Joseph R.
Mikelson, Lyle C. Dougal, Porter B. Jr.
Miles, Richard J. Duncan, Raymond E.
Mooney, Clement J. Dunkerly, Earl C.
Moore, James T. Eggers, Alvin W.
Perry, Lewis A. Ervin, Calvin L.
Peterson, Denzell L. Etgen, Edwin R.
Quaife, Charles D. Etling, LaVerne R.
Rinks, William C. Fastner, Edward R.
Selvig, Warren G. Fish, James S.
Shupryt, Edward J. Flett, Edward J.
Sirota, Norman L. Gabbert, Eglialton C.
Slavik, Vernon F. Godfrey, Almous B.
Stiff, Harold L. Green, Thad A. Jr.
Stinebaugh, Melvin Harris, Earl R.
Stolba, Stanley L. Huffman, Vernon L.
Stutts, Earl J.

Your'e Invited

The junior hostesses of the downtown Wichita USO are giving a formal dance at the Midian Temple tomorrow evening, July 3. All SAAF men who will be in Wichita are invited to attend. The Midian Temple is located just a few doors away from the downtown USO.

by Milton Caniff. Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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SAAF Nine To Meet IAAF In Double-Header Sunday-Monday

The Fourth of July may be a quiet day of celebration elsewhere, but not in the ballpark at Arkansas City where the SAAF baseball team will meet the Independence Army Air Field in the second in a series of games.

Seeking revenge will be the IAAF nine, which lost a thrilling game to the local team last week in Winfield by a score of 4 to 3 when Padovano, SAAF center-fielder hit a home run in the eighth inning, scoring Drombrowski and Loughner, and putting the base team ahead by one run. Until the eighth, the IAAF team lead SAAF by a score of 3 to 1.

The game is scheduled to start at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, and a capacity crowd is expected for the event. Following the game in Ark. City, the two teams will be flown to Independence where they will play another game that evening.

On Monday, July 5th, the fourth game in the series will be played in Independence that afternoon and the fifth and concluding game of the series will take place in Winfield Monday evening.

Harding, star pitcher for the SAAF team, will be seeking his second victory over the Independence team when they meet in Ark. City Sunday afternoon.

Winfield Donates SAAF-IAAF Proceeds

The sum of \$206.33 has been donated to the Welfare Fund to be used in the purchase of athletic equipment for EM of SAAF, by the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. The donation is a result of the baseball game between SAAF and Independence Army Air Field played in Winfield last week. The game, sponsored by the Winfield C of C drew a large attendance and the fine donation made possible through the cooperation of the C of C is greatly appreciated by the athletic officers and enlisted men of Strother Field.

Defeat Dubb-All-Stars In Sunday Game

In an exhibition game held Sunday afternoon at Arkansas City, the Strother Army Air Field baseball team added 11 hits to the 11 bases on balls handed it by the A.C. Dubbs-All Stars, and gave the kid team a 17 to 3 pasting.

The first inning looked like the beginning of an exciting fray, as SAAF was off to a flying start with two runs. The Dubb team came right back and scored three runs in their half, but from there on out it was the army's game.

Padovano hit a home run, scoring Loughner to give SAAF its two runs in the first inning. Loughner and Bova each made two hits during the game, bringing in six runs. Pastorek, Westcott and Chernustin pitched for SAAF.

To Meet Enidairs

Two baseball games with the Enidairs, outstanding team from the Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Okla., have been scheduled for the SAAF team, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF.

The first game is to be played at Enid on the 18th of July—the second game in Arkansas City on the 25th of July.

Other games with out-of-town teams scheduled during July and August are as follows:

Independence AAF at Independence on July 21; Herrington AAF, at Arkansas City on July 29th and at Herrington on August 1st.

Plans are being completed for a two game series with the El Dorado, Kans., Oilers. One to be played during July and the other in August.

Mum's the word when it comes to military information. A loose tongue causes lost lives.

SPORTS

At Top As Season Reaches Halfway Mark

The SAAF baseball team completed the first half season of play in the Ark. City League with a perfect record of 5 games won and none lost. Their latest victory was achieved Tuesday night when they defeated the Maurer-Neuer Packers by a score of 9 to 3.

The Packers had lost only one game prior to their encounter with the SAAF nine. This defeat dropped them to third place. The Kanotex team is in second place with only one loss, that to the army team.

Harding, ace hurler for SAAF, continued his perfect pitching record by letting the Packers down with 7 hits, resulting in only three runs, while the army boys hit safely 9 times resulting in 9 runs.

Lead Still Tied In Softball League

The Quartermaster and Link Trainer softball teams remain tied for first place in the Squadron Softball League following the fourth round of play Monday night on the schedule.

The Link Trainer team beat the 1082nd South Hanger team 12 to 6. The 1084th Service Squadron lost to the 1088th Guard Squadron by a score of 5 to 6. The 55th BFT Group beat the Medics by a score of 13 to 9, and Ordnance won from the 1082nd Central Hanger team 6 to 0.

Standing of the teams at the end of the fourth round are as follows:

Quartermaster Corps	2	0	1.000
Link Trainer	2	0	1.000
Ordnance	3	1	.750
1083 BFT Sqd.	2	1	.667
1082nd Central Hanger	2	2	.500
1084th Service Sqd.	2	2	.500
1088th Guard Sqd.	2	2	.500
55th BFT Group	1	1	.500
1082nd South Hanger	1	2	.333
Medical Detachment	1	2	.333
23rd Communications	0	1	.000
1083rd Post Operations	0	2	.000
1082nd North Hanger	0	2	.000

BOX SCORE

Strother				Maurer-Neuer			
AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E
D'Rasmi, rf	3	2	1	D. G'm'e, rf	3	0	0
D'owski, lf	3	2	0	H. Sh'tz, 3b	3	1	1
L'ghner, 2b	4	2	3	Cotton, ss	3	0	0
P'vano, cf	4	0	0	Steele, cf	3	1	2
Bova, rf	4	1	1	Huhn, 1b	3	0	0
Dalak, ss	4	1	3	B. Rutter, 2b	2	1	2
Ebert, c	2	0	0	Feh'back, c	3	0	2
Curtis, 1b	2	1	1	Brunner, 2b	3	0	0
Harding, p	3	0	0	I. J'nson, p	3	0	0
Tot.— 29 9 9				Tot.— 26 3 7			
Score by innings:				R H E			

Strother Field 200 022 3—9 9 1
Maurer-Neuer 000 300 0—3 7 5
SUMMARY: Errors—Cotton, H. Shurtz (3), Ebert, Johnson. Runs batted in—Loughner (5), Padovano, B. Rutter, Steele, Curtis (2), Dalak. Two base hits—Steele, Bova, Loughner. Stolen bases—Steele, D'Rasmi, Curtis, B. Rutter, Fehrenback. Sacrifice—Ebert. Double plays—Johnson to Bruner, Cotton to Huhn, Harding to Loughner. Left on bases—Strother (3), Maurer-Neuer (2).

To Be Represented

The SAAF baseball team is planning on entering the annual Kansas State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament held in Wichita, Kans., starting July 9th.

This is welcome news to every man on the field, for we all feel that if the team is as hot in tournament play as it has been in the Ark City League, the soldiers will come home with the title and trophy.

Competition will of course be much stiffer in tournament play with such teams as Ft. Riley, other army and navy base teams and several outstanding contenders from Wichita entered in the event.

We have a team of which we are justly proud, and are anxious for July 9th to get here so that the SAAF players can show the others how to really play the game.

Win Close One

Once again the heavy hitters on the SAAF baseball team came through when the chips were down and gave the base team another victory.

Wednesday night the SAAF nine journeyed to Blackwell, Okla., for a supposedly easy tussle. With the arrival of the 8th inning, the Oklahomans had scored 7 runs to 3 for the army team. The local boys were in a tight spot but they rallied to score 4 runs in the 8th and 2 more in the 9th inning to win by a score of 9 to 7.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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SAAF GI School Open for Business

Courses in Orderly Room Forms, Army Correspondence, and Type-writing have started on SAAF as part of the Special Training Division of the Special Service Department under the direction of Lt. Carl C. Banno. The classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 18:30 to 19:30 in the Ground School building. Anyone interested in the above subjects can still enroll by filling out the application blank in your squadron orderly room. Additional subjects will be offered from time to time.

CAR OWNERS . ATTENTION

Applications for "A" gasoline ration books should be made at Major Lee's office before noon tomorrow. Applicant should bring in the cover of the old "A" ration book with the serial number of the new federal stamp and the tire inspection record.

Shower Sinatras Sought

Wanta sing in a Glee club? If you can carry a tune and would like a little fun in your off-duty hours, contact Sgt. Horn, phone 349.

SAAF VD Rate Takes Nose Dive

The VD rate at SAAF has reached the lowest point among the personnel since the station reached its full strength, announces Lt. Bernard H. Bloom of the SAAF Medical Detachment this week.

The "ole eight ball," symbol of the scourge goes back to the 322nd from the 1088th Guard Squadron. There is hope that we may soon eliminate all cases of this menace from the Field and have a public burning of the 8 Ball.

On The Beam On The Stage On Wednesday

Another outstanding USO-Camp Show, "On the Beam" will be presented on the stage of the Post Theater next Wednesday evening in two performances, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Feature attraction of the show will be Carl and Faith Simpson presenting their unique and distinctive puppet show which they work out in the open on stage, thus permitting the audience to see the operations of the act.

In the presentation is a girl trio a la the Andrews Sisters; the skating Sonja Henie marionette; the puppet magician and the startling jitterbug number under radium lighting. This act has been featured in this country, England, and Ireland.

The Six Starlets, a line of six beautiful girls who do acrobatic, toe, precision, and tap work have been an instant hit in their appearances in night clubs and hotels from Florida to California. Each of the girls does specialty numbers.

Frank Rose and Anita Pierre, comedy impersonators, feature hilarious take-offs on prominent personages, and Miss Pierre is also a talented songstress.

A lovely looking, tap acrobatic dancer with a sensational routine is Darlene Walders. Miss Walders is winning tremendous applause in her appearances before army audiences with her fine dancing. She has played in all leading hotels and theaters in the U.S. and has toured Europe.

Freddie Stritt, master of ceremonies, is famous for his numerous changes of hats. A standard vaudeville act, he has played all the major theaters in the country and has proved most popular with his audiences.



Pictured above is the Strother Army Air Field baseball team, winner of 12 games, P.I. (Prior Independence!) and leading at the halfway mark in the Arkansas City League.

Front row, l. to r., E. J. Dalak, shortstop; C. E. Townes, utility outfielder; J. R. DeRasmi, rightfielder; H. H. Bourbouse, first base; H. D. Harris, utility infielder; I. I. Westcott, pitcher. Center row: R. L. Puckett, utility outfielder; C. S. Dombrowski, left fielder; R. E. Ebert, catcher; J. Pastorek, pitcher; F. A. Padovano, center fielder; Boris Chernushin, pitcher; Howard Coulon, pitcher. Back row: E. R. Sellers, first base; A. R. Curtis, pitcher; K. F. Teeters, catcher; P. R. Loughner, third base; G. E. Bova, second base; Lt. Oren P. Stoner, SAAF Athletic Director. Johnny Harding, ace hurler, is not shown.

New Gas Classes Begin on Tuesday

Starting next Tuesday, enlisted men and officers of SAAF will begin an 18-hour course in Chemical Warfare Training under the supervision of Lt. Donald M. Kain, Chemical Warfare Officer.

Soldiers will receive one hour's instruction each week during the first three weeks of each month, according to a memorandum issued last Saturday by Major Leon R. Vance Jr., Director of Training at Strother Field. The training will cover a period of six months time.

Classes are being held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Post Theater. There are four periods of instruction on these days. 07:45, 10:15, 14:00 and 15:00.

During the months of July and August, the training will be in the form of lectures by Lt. Kain. Demonstrations out-of-doors will take place during September and in October the gas chamber will be used in completion of the training.

Gas masks are to be worn for a 30-minute period each Monday, according to the memorandum. At an unannounced time on Mondays gas attack notices will be given over the telephone, and the masks are then to be worn for the half-hour period, except in cases where wearing the mask seriously interferes with duties.

Potential Cadets Visit

In response to an invitation extended by Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, fifty-two 17-year-old young men visited Strother Field Sunday afternoon in the interest of the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve.

Lt. Carl C. Banno, Recorder of Cadet Board, explained to the young men, most of whom were from Arkansas City and Winfield, the purpose of the Reserve.

T/Sgt. Sam Krider and a group of nine experienced men from the flying line, accompanied the visitors on a tour of the field during which the features of BT training planes were explained.

WAAC Now WAC

Take the "Auxiliary" out of WAAC and you have the new name of the Woman's Army Corps or WACs. The gals are now full-fledged members of the Army with pension, allotment, and court martial privileges.

Classic Music Library Is Gift of ASCAP

Beethoven, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Ravel, Rimsky-Korsakov, and Schumann are just a few of the new recruits to musical enjoyment that have been assigned to SAAF for the duration and six. Through the generosity of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, the field has received a classical record library designed to appeal to the most diversified taste. Promoter and liason agent on this and similar donations was the Armed Forces Master Records, Inc., a non-profit organization established to provide army posts with some of the better recordings. Organizations such as ASCAP and many individuals have contributed libraries to this worthy cause. The SAAF records will be housed in the new EM's Service Club and there will be regularly scheduled Music Appreciation hours. ASCAP, we thank you.

GI's Swing and Sway Machine Guns Spray

If you see a number of officers and enlisted men with the "shakes" it is not necessarily due to a rugged week-end off the base. Ask them the cause and you'll get a "stock" answer—too much cheek-to-cheek carrying on with the stock of a Thompson Sub-Machine gun.

Every soldier and officer on the field is being given sub-machine gun training in classes which started Monday of this week under the direction of Lt. G. O. Beck and Lt. H. A. Bufton, Ordnance Officers.

Classes of two hours duration are being held four times daily, 08:00 to 10:00, 10:00 to 12:00, 13:00 to 15:00 and 15:00 to 17:00. Each man will be given four hours of training, two on nomenclature and two in firing on the range.

The training is in compliance with a recently issued Gulf Coast circular, according to Lt. Beck. Upon completion of this training, instruction will be given the EM and officers of SAAF on the .30 Cal. rifle, to be followed by pistol and .22 rifle training.

Vital war supplies by the ton, may be lost by a slip of the tongue.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of—Fatigue

Yesterday I heard some one say: "Gosh, I wish this war was over. I'm so darned tired of it all!" And this little thoughtless speech got me to thinking.

Yes, we are tired of the war. Hell, we wish the blamed thing had never started. We'd all like to be back home—doing jobs we were doing when this conflagration began. We'd all like to be back with the folks—the girl friend—the gang—living that peaceful and leisurely yet energetic life that belongs to Americans. But the point is, are we helping to get back to normal living by wishing for it or by getting "tired of it all"?

Frankly, I can't see it that way. The Axis want us to get tired. Those dirty rats just pray for us to stop fighting viciously and make a pseudo-peace. But we can't stop! We can't halt for a minute in giving the war effort every bit of fight and guts in us—if we're going to win! And if we don't win there won't be any kind of life worth having.

As for me, I'm going to pitch in again—those boys who died butchered by the Japs in the East didn't get "tired of it all," and believe me—if those men died believing in giving all for that life we love I can only keep faith with them by doing likewise. I'm going to fight till the Victory's won, and I'm not going to stop until the job's complete.

Have You Read . . .

Art of Handgun Shooting by Capt. Charles Askins, Jr.

Our Hearts Were Young and Gay by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough.

Rider on the Bronze Horse by Harry Harrison Kroll.

The Robe by Lloyd C. Douglas.

They're in your Post Library!

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, July 10—Double Feature
ALL BY MYSELF and SPYTRAIN

Sunday and Monday, July 11-12
Matinee 2 p.m. Sunday
MR. BIG . . . Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan
News and The War

Tuesday, July 13
JITTERBUGS . . . Laurel and Hardy
Plus—College Songs, Donald Duck
and Popular Science

Wednesday, July 14
USO Camp Show—"ON THE BEAM"
Two Shows—6:30 and 8:00 p.m.—It's Free!

Thursday, July 15
MR. LUCKY . . . Cary Grant, Loraine Day
News and Color Cartoon

Friday, July 16—Revival
SOMEWHERE I'LL FIND YOU
Clark Gable, Lana Turner
Plus—Popeye

Our Times

LT. ADRA S. P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: Action predicted in this corner for the Southwest Pacific is gradually spreading into the offensive that will choke Japan's supply lines to her outlying bases. To some observers it appears that maybe after all we're trying to retake captured islands from the Japs one by one. Certainly, that is a premature assumption. It has been variously estimated by so-called experts that such tactics in the Pacific would result in the war in that theatre lasting from five to one hundred years. It is much more logical to conclude that the escalator offensive General MacArthur has undertaken is a preliminary to decisive blows against the Nips on the Asiatic continent and subsequently on the main islands of the Japanese empire. Only time can bear out this conclusion, but pessimists can breathe easily, because we will not attempt an island-by-island route to Tokio.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The Nazi offensive in central Russia looks more like a face-saver and a morale booster than the real offensive Hitler was expected to launch earlier this summer. It is almost impossible to believe that the desperate Axis leaders would risk an all-out attack against the Red army in ignorance of the danger looming in the West and in the South. . . . Growing fighter opposition to Allied raids on Europe proves our contention that the Axis has turned from offensive to defensive war in the air; production of bombers in Germany has probably been curtailed to a very low figure. . . . The Japs in Burma are getting jittery; the large number of American boys in India were not sent there to get a look at Gandhi.

TRIVIA: The fact that censors have allowed comment from our fighting men overseas on the labor problems on the home front to reach publication in this country is significant. It is a clear indication that policy-governing agencies here and abroad are solidly behind the Army in demanding that our men are provided with the tools with which to wage successful war. Outspoken criticism by soldiers in such matters is truly a gem of freedom of speech, and it must do a doughboy a lot of good to get that off his chest and into the columns of newspapers back home.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

An added attraction most welcomed by many of the enlisted men at SAAF would be the installation of several benches outside the beer parlor.

Beer is much more enjoyable when consumed amid friends, but when the group is so closely packed that it is impossible to raise an elbow more often than every 15 minutes—the pleasure becomes a task.

This is the situation within the beer parlor. The few benches are always packed as is the standing room. Benches placed outside the building would solve the problem, and too, it is much more enjoyable to be out-of-doors this kind of weather.

If an area could be fenced in similar to the salvage area on the line, we could have a genuine beer garden—wouldn't that be something!

ALE.

Liftings

A liquor, food and mattress salesman were sitting at a small table drinking a beer in Ark. City. The liquor salesman spoke first and said: "You know, I hate to see a woman drink alone."

"I hate to see a woman eat alone," added the food man. The mattress salesman maintained a gentlemanly silence.

A local bookstore ordered "The Encyclopedia of Sexual Knowledge" for a GI. Several days after the jobber sent it to this bookstore it was returned with the notation—"Customer couldn't wait."

—Stolen from the Saturday Review of Lit.

A GI's girl friend in Wichita received this telegram: from a lad who had gone down to Ponca City: HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME: WISH YOU WERE HER.

Conversation between two girls at Winfield:

"Are you kidding?"

(Cleverly) "No, I'm carrying it around for a friend."



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

"Aharah! Aharah!"

The long trill of the r's plus the increasing staccato of thumping was an abrupt awakening. One didn't have to let his imagination play with the sounds. The bushmen were surely on the march for the sounds were so real. However, at the entrance of the hospital ward appeared the captain. Comfortably clad in shorts, he had an expression on his face that was far more outstanding than the fact that he walked on heavy rubber-tipped crutches.

His story was brief. In one of the desert drives his right foot had detonated a land mine. Only today he received a new foot and leg which were "mighty good except when it came to going up and down stairs."

It soon became obvious that this captain was the life of the ward when he could so easily have been otherwise. At supper the kitchen door opened. Out stepped the dietitian carrying a two layer chocolate cake with twenty-two candles. Gratitude beamed through his keen blue eyes as his fertile mind reacted to the surprise attack. Every walking patient in the ward came by to wish him luck.

That evening with all the sincerity of a prayer these words came from the lips of the captain: "Thank God for a sense of humor. At times it seems sort of shady. I don't know what the hell I would do if I lost my sense of humor."

An Open Letter to Chaplain

Dear Chaplain Wineinger,

We men here at Strother Field were sorry indeed to hear of your present illness which has taken from us temporarily a friend and counselor. Always you have thoughtfully attended us in an hour of need and loneliness, and have given us generously of your energies and guidance in troubled times.

Strange are the twists of fate that occur in human existence, that we, the comforted, may now have the honor and pleasure of cheering you during your misfortune.

Chaplain, we do not forget your kindnesses, and we all pray that your recovery will be swift and bring you back to us once again.

Sincerely,

THE MEN OF STROTHER FIELD.

Thought For Today

Let others cheer the winning man,
There's one I hold worth while;
'Tis he who does the best he can,
Then loses with a smile.
Beaten he is, but not to stay
Down with the rank and file;
That man will win some other day,
Who loses with a smile.

—Unknown.

Male Call

by I

"IN ACCEPTING THIS PASS, I UNDERSTAND THAT—① I AM A SOLDIER AT ALL TIMES AND SUBJECT TO BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY CONTROL..."



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UNSUNG HEROES: The Signal Office

Do you know that by making a personal call over the Post telephone system you may be a hindrance to the war work of Strother Field? That important fact must be realized by all personnel says Lt. R. A. Gnospelius, Officer in Charge of the Signal Office, who efficiently manages one of the most critical jobs here at the SAAF.

Lt. Gnospelius does not seek "publicity" for his work, this he made clear, but nevertheless, he is worthy of the recognition for the task he and his co-workers are doing for Victory over the Japanazis. His job is the provision and supervision of all of the communications for the field.

On his staff are S/Sgt. Charles Burts; Cpl. James Reed; Pfc's Wayne Lelle, G. F. Kinney, and W. T. Claybrook; T/5 Kenneth Wyckoff; and Pvt. C. C. Woodard from the Army personnel section, together with Nona Walker, clerk stenographer; and telegraph operators Bernetha Brown, Virginia Hudson, Mable Brown, and Mary Ellen Davison from the Civvie Personnel Office. All of these workers are specialists in their line; they are trained to make certain that their job is performed quickly and expertly.

Few people, whether in the Army or working outside for the war effort realize the grave significance of keeping the channels of communications open so that our military machine may function swiftly and smoothly. In modern warfare this is the "Achilles heel" of any organization whether in combat or behind the fighting lines.

The communications system at SAAF was built for only the capacity needs of the military organization because of the scarcity of vital material, and any overloading of the lines by thoughtless individuals impedes the efficiency of the camp military unit.

We can all share in a tribute to a fine organization and to the nation by confining our calls to and from Strother to an official nature, and by so doing aid the synchronized activity of Strother Army Air Field.

The Public Relations office of Strother Field has been moved to the building formerly occupied by the Post Library.

Since the opening of the field last year, the Public Relations Department and photographic department have been located in the same building, west of the mess-hall. The Photo Department will remain as occupant of the original building.

BETTY — — — — —



(Take-off to page four)

Kownick's Korn

Sgt. Craft saw a deaf and dumb beggar on the street who had an impediment in his speech. . . . His middle finger was missing.

T/Sgt. Walker played golf last week. Took six shots to get out of a sand trap. Three mashie and three rye.

Cpl. Watkins knows a father who paces the floor every night . . . at a different nite-club.

Overheard on the street the other day . . . a couple of coin collectors talking over old dimes.

S/Sgt. Schatzman says—"For the first time I saw a girl's baseball game. I never thought I'd live to see the day when I'd want to kiss a third baseman.

I'm sure getting into a pickle" said the worm as he bored his way into a cucumber.

For the Zoot-sooters: I'm not hep to your jive but the draft board sure sends me.

Cpl. Howard Black says—"All the world loves a lover. For instance, that wiper I know. It was what you might call a smash up romance. She looked like a tow car and he was a wreck."

Pfc. Ben McGee rented a room over a bowling alley. He slept very well, so quiet you could hear a pin drop . . . by the thousands.

OFFICER'S STAG MONDAY

The regular bi-weekly officer's Stag Night will be held Monday night at 6:00 p.m. The entertainment is in the hands of Ordnance, QM, Finance, Chemical Warfare, Signal, and Post Engineers. British Night will be the theme, and all officers are urged to attend.

SAAF 95% Sold On GI Insurance

Gulf Coast says get 95% participation in GI insurance. SAAF gets 95%. Gulf Coast says get \$9500.00 average policy. SAAF is on the way to that goal with a present average of \$8084.00. With the current "no-examination" inducement drawing to a close, more squadrons on the field are reaching to 100% mark. The organizations now boasting a perfect record of participation are the 1083d, 1088th, 23d Airways, Medics, Vets, Signal, and Finance. The 322nd is knocking at the door with 99%. The 448th lags far behind the field average with 64% and is the lowest for this month. Until August 10, Government insurance can be purchased without taking the medical examination previously required for men in service over four months. The procedure is confined to merely filling out an application blank. Lt. Joseph P. Grigsby, Insurance officer, will be glad to assist you in providing yourself and your family with necessary protection.

Sgt. Vaynes Leaves for OCS

The SAAF has lost another valuable man to OCS in Sgt. Steve Vaynes of the Finance Detachment. Steve was probably better known on the field through his job as usher in the Post Theatre at nights rather than for his skilled assistance in the Financial Office. Now, Steve has left us for Finance OCS at Duke University, but not without our best wishes for success!

Cpl. Ben Goldman, formerly a member of the Public Relation office, Gulf Coast Training Center, Randolph Field, Tex., arrived at SAAF last week to join the staff of the Strother Army Air Field Public Relation office.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Do As You Please
Ark.....	Game Nite..Eats
Sat.....Win.....	Dance..Food
Ark.....	Dance..Program
Sun.....Win.....	Dance..Food
Ark.....	Program 'n Skits
Mon.....Win.....	Bingo..Free Call
Ark.....	Informal..Eats
Tues.....Win.....	Do As You Please
Ark.....	Swim..Roof Dancing
Wed.....Win.....	Record Your Voice
Ark.....	Dance..Eats
Thurs.....Win.....	Dance..Record Your Voice
Ark.....	Splash Party

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR JASON L. BEATTY

Who is the Executive Officer? Who is Colonel Carroll's right hand man? It is quiet and capable Major Jason L. Beatty, who has worked with the Army and men for many years and has amassed a wealth of valuable experience.

Major Beatty was born and raised on a farm in northern Missouri, and attended school in Green City. After graduation from Green City High, he entered Missouri State Teachers' College in Kirksville, but his educational career was interrupted after two years by World War I.

Enlisting in the 40th Division Infantry, he saw eleven months overseas service, including action at Verdun and at the front before the Armistice. After the war, he returned to Western State College at Gunnison, Colorado, where he completed his formal schooling and also received his ORC commission in the Infantry in 1925.

In civilian life Major Beatty occupied the responsible position of principal of a small town school for six years prior to his leaving for a business career in the hardware and lumber trades. Shortly after this, he was called by Uncle Sam to help in the CCC program in 1937, and remained there until the present emergency called him again to the colors of his country. He was transferred to the Air Corps in '41, and soon he arrived on the scene at the SAAF to help put us on the map.

He has an active interest in sports, especially football and basketball which he played in school. The Major also managed two basketball teams each for three years, one a school team, the other a commercial group.

He is the proud father of three fine sons, the eldest of which is thirteen, and they and his wife have made their home temporarily in Winfield. As for the future, Major Beatty waits patiently and wisely on his Commander-in-Chief, holding his plans for the next years until after Victory is ours.

More Beef—Less Beef

According to recent announcements appearing in newspapers, John Public will soon be eating more pork and less beef while the situation will be reversed in respect to members of the armed forces.

In accord with this welcome news, it is hoped that soldiers of Strother Field can be served beef about twice each week in the future, according to Lt. W. C. Doody, Assistant Mess Officer.

Our condolences are extended to John Public, Mrs. Public and all the little publics.

Corporal to Staff Sgt.

Who says the exact manning table prohibits "skips" in promotions on this field? Last Monday S/Sgt. John Gilday was an unassuming, if hopeful, corporal. Tuesday he became a Staff Sergeant. But, there's a catch. John is leaving our fair base for processing as a Liaison pilot with eventual assignment as Safety Pilot for Radio Operator Students. The rule still stands at SAAF.

Kilton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



The Boy In Upper 13



SAAF Loses 3 of 4 Games To Independence Army Air Field

Independence Day(s) — never have words had such a double meaning! It would be the Independence Army Air Field baseball team that was scheduled for a four game series with SAAF on Independence Day and Monday. The results were disastrous. The Fourth of July namesakes set off their own brand of fireworks in the form of smashing hits to win three out of the four games.

The SAAF team, with Johnnie Harding pitching 3-hit ball, defeated the IAAF nine by a score of 8 to 3 in the first of the 4 game series played at A.C. Sunday afternoon. Loughner knocked a home run over the left field fence, scoring Drombrowski ahead of him. The fence is 325 feet from home plate, so the wallop was a mighty one. Winning this game put the local team ahead of the visitors by a two game margin, having defeated the IAAF boys by a score of 4 to 3 in the game played between the two teams at Winfield on June 25th.

Following the game at Ark. City Sunday afternoon, the teams were flown to Independence, Kans., where they played again that night and Monday afternoon.

In the Sunday evening encounter, the IAAF bats were connecting in rapid fire order and the SAAF boys found themselves on the short end of a 16 to 7 score as the game ended. Independence scored 9 runs in the first inning off Coulon, who was replaced by Westcott.

Monday afternoon found the IAAF team still hot as a firecracker (to coin a timely phrase). It made 8 hits count for 8 runs against Strother's 2 runs out of 7 hits, to even up the series, two games apiece. Chernushin started the game and was replaced by May who was taken out late in the game to be replaced by Sellers.

The deciding game of the series was played in Winfield Monday night following the return of the two teams by plane from Indepen-

Ark. City Donates For Athletic Supplies

Approximately \$160.00 is to be donated to the Welfare Fund to be used in the purchase of athletic equipment for EM of Strother Field, as a result of the game played between the SAAF and Independence Army Air Field ball teams in Arkansas City Sunday afternoon.

The game drew a capacity crowd and the result in the form of the donation by the A.C. Chamber of Commerce and merchants is most appreciated by the men of this base.

Attend Non-Com School

Sgt. W. C. Brej and Pfc. C. W. Lidsky, PT instructors at SAAF, left Monday for Miami Beach, Fla., where they will attend the Non-Commissioned Officer's Physical Training School. Upon completion of their training there, they will return to Strother Field.

For the third straight time the IAAF bats were connecting with the offerings of SAAF pitchers and the game was stopped after the seventh inning with the IAAF team leading by a score of 17 to 6. Curtis started the game and was replaced by Harding barely 30 hours after he won Sunday afternoon's game in Ark. City. He was later replaced by Sellers who in turn was replaced by Curtis.

Mossman hit a home run in the seventh inning for Independence.

Four games in two days is a lot of baseball for any team. The Strother team does not seek an alibi for losing in the series of games, but a limited pitching staff handicaps any team in such a series.

SPORTS

Link Trainer and QM Lead Softball League

As goes the Quartermaster Corps softball team, so goes the Link Trainer team. Tied for first place the last two weeks, the struggle to hold the top position continued the same during the 5th round of play in the Squadron Softball Schedule.

Link Trainer defeated the 1082nd Central Hanger 24 to 16 in a high scoring fray, while the Quartermaster Corps defeated the 1083rd Sq., 9 to 5. The leading teams are still in a tie for first place, this time with four wins each.

The Ordnance team which last week held second place all by itself is now in a three-way tie for that position with 1084th Service Sq., and the 1088th Guard Squadron. Ordnance forfeited its game with the 1083rd Post Operations team while the 1084th Service Sq. won by forfeit from the 23rd Communications. The 1088th Guard Sq. defeated the Medical Detachment by a close score of 15 to 14 in a hard-fought game. The 55th BFT Group defeated the 1082nd North Hanger, 19 to 8.



Standings in the teams at the end of the fifth round of play are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Quartermaster Corps	4	0	1.000
Link Trainer	4	0	1.000
Ordnance	3	2	.600
1084th Service Sq.	3	2	.600
1088th Guard Sq.	3	2	.600
1083rd BFT Sq.	2	2	.500
55th BFT Group	2	2	.500
1082nd Central Hanger	2	3	.400
1082nd South Hanger	1	2	.333
Medical Det.	1	3	.250
23rd Communications	1	3	.250
1083rd Post Operations	1	4	.200
1082nd North Hanger	0	3	.000

South Stage Team In First Place

The South Stage team is leading in the Officer's Softball League of Strother Field. Following are the standings of the teams in the league:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
South Stage	4	2	.667
North Stage	3	3	.500
Adm. No. 1	3	4	.428
Center Stage	2	3	.400
Adm. No. 2	0	0	.000

Attendance is High

Officers Physical Training attendance during the week of June 28th to July 3rd was 80%, according to Lt. H. H. Cummins, Assistant Physical Training Officer of Strother Field. This percentage was very outstanding according to Lt. Cummins.

Play Feature Tournament Game Tomorrow Night

SAAF meets the fast Topeka Scotts in the feature game of the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament to be played Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The tournament was started today and placing our team in the feature spot tomorrow night is a tribute to the playing ability of members of the SAAF team.

The Strother team is one of ten service teams entered in the tournament along with many top-notch semi-pro teams from every corner of the state. The tournament promises to be the best ever held, and the service teams will go a long way in making the event a great success.

Winning Streak Ends after 12 Games

The consecutive victory list for the Strother Army Air Field baseball team reached an even dozen before a single loss was checked up against them, which is an enviable record for any team in any league. The expression, "when it rains it pours" was very true in the three consecutive losses handed SAAF by Independence Army Air Field.

No team can win all its games, and the holiday losses take off the tension of staying in the undefeated class. The boys are ready now to again achieve a string of victories during the second half of the Ark. City League schedule, and in games with other opponents. SAAF won the first half round of the Ark. City League with 5 wins and no defeats.

GRABLE

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The Wolf

by Sansone

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"—sandwiches, cake 'n' coffee Everything's free!"



41 EM Advance In Grade July 15

The board has acted and once again a substantial list of advancements in grade have been made public to the stripe-hungry EM. The following promotions are effective as of the 15th of July:

1083RD BFT SQUADRON

To Be Staff Sergeant

Monroe Horn Fayette L. Thompson

To Be Sergeant

Ross V. Blackwell Bernard E. Perry

To Be Corporal

Theodore J. Naman Orley C. Johnson
James M. Waits Jr. Nathan W. Lassiter
Robert E. Baldwin Lawrence J. Straub
Paul L. Davis Frederick E. Zirtlaff

908TH QM DETACHMENT

To Be Corporal

Daniel F. Cleary Otto C. Wallis
Jimmie W. Tipton

DETACHMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT

To Be T/5 Gr.

Wayland M. Boyer Harold W. Kranzusch

HQ AND HQ SQUADRON, 55TH BFT GROUP

To Be Corporal

Robert A. Fricke Elmer C. Sekeres
Robert E. Mahoney

1082ND BFT SQUADRON

To Be Sergeant

Ted A. Barton Harry L. Broadnax
Francis R. Brawn William J. Doolittle
Norman G. Burdette James F. Edgar
John L. Burrell Jr. Charles E. Enfield
Raymond Habluetzel Frank F. Fenwick
Joe F. Hilliard Charles H. Goodwin
Benny A. Merguie James R. Hamilton
John T. Odom Henry O. Harper
Ivan I. Wescoatt Benjamin L. McGee
Charles E. White Robert L. Huke
John G. Anick

GI Movies Arrive For GI Pleasure

GI movies are coming to SAAF. Starting Monday and running through Thursday Strother Field will have a new entertainment feature to add to the steadily gaining list of recreational facilities available to the personnel.

GI movies are twice-monthly programs on 16 mm film and will include in each presentation several subjects selected for their "audience-appeal." The initial release features "The War," issue No. 1, containing shots of the bombing of Pearl Harbor seized from the enemy, Private Schmid of the Marines, an aerial attack on the Aleutians, and Confidential Report to Adolph. This is packaged with "Vendetta," an MGM Academy Award contender, "Men of Timor," a gripping story of Australian Commandos thought to be lost to the Japs on the Isle of Timor, *Anchors Aweigh* a song short providing an opportunity for group singing, and an exclusive Army sports short. Future releases will include such subjects as "Care and Peeling of the 87 mm Potatoes," "Paratroops," "Russia in Action," and "Snafu," the goofiest GI in the Army—an animated cartoon.

The present schedule calls for showings at the hospital Tuesday through Thursday at 1400. Seven continuous programs will be shown at the Post Theater on Monday starting at 0800 and ending at 1600. Additional showings will be announced in the daily bulletin. The programs are free and entertaining. Don't miss seeing the first edition of GI movies.

Cpl. Bob Maze knows a girl that doesn't dance very well—but my how she intermissions!

Algebra-Geometry Added to School

The Special Training Unit of the Special Service Department announces the following schedule of classes: Algebra, Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Geometry, Wednesday and Friday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Army Correspondence and Orderly Room Forms, Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pfc. Robert A. Fricke teaches the Algebra-Geometry classes, and M/Sgt. A. B. Cates dispenses the knowledge in the Correspondence and Orderly Room course. Additional courses will be started as the occasion demands with the possibility of day-time classes being arranged in the near future. Additional qualified teachers are needed especially in Spanish and typewriting. Anyone interested in participating in this GI school, either as pupil or teacher, can fill out an application blank in your squadron orderly room or call Lt. Carl C. Banno, phone 357, for an interview. All classes are held in the Academic Building of the Ground School.



These SAAF men learning the nomenclature and operation of the Machine Gun are: (left to right) S/Sgt. Monroe Horn; T/Sgt. H. T. Jackson; M/Sgt. C. F. Robinson; and Pfc. C. V. Jones, 1083rd Squadron.

49 Hits Out of 50 is Record Here

If a slight squeeze of your favorite blonde would get the instantaneous response that it does on a Thompson Sub-Machine gun, brother, that would be something! Ask any enlisted man who has been out on the firing range banging away at the targets—and doing a pretty good job of hitting them.

On automatic fire position the guns have a tendency to raise skyward with each shot. Some of the men qualified as outstanding prospects for anti-aircraft gunners and advanced pilots all at the same time as they nearly went into involuntary loops. It was a good thing that the magazines held only 30 cartridges—if there had been more shells some EM would have completed the loop with "crash landings" on their backs!

Seriously though, it is splendid training for the EM of Strother Field, along with being a lot of

Cadets Are First SAAF Personnel To Undergo Physical Fitness Tests

A/C Richard M. Long, whose home is in Arkansas City, Kans., and a member of Class 43J at Strother Field, was second high in the A.A.F. Physical Fitness Tests given Cadets this week by the PT department.

Mentioning Cadet Long ahead of A/C John A. Zimmerman, who was first in the class, is no reflection on the latter's outstanding record. Long, taking second high, proved the old saying, "Local boy makes good," as Strother Field is only a distance of seven miles from his home.

Cadets are the first to undergo the tests at SAAF. Officers are now beginning to go through the grind, to be followed by all enlisted men on August 15th.

They Did—You Can

You too, brother, can get those coveted silver wings. This week, S/Sgt. Edward M. Dryden of the 55th; Sgt. W. S. Lowe, 1082nd; Cpl. Clement J. Mooney, 1082nd; and Pvt. William T. Todd left for Air Crew training—the first step toward the goal all men in the Air Corps seek. So if yuh want to be a Bomby-boy, Navy-gator or Joy-stick Jockey see the top kick or get the information direct from the A/C Examining Board at 357. Roger! Let's see if you Wilco!

The tests which are given in three parts, include sit-ups, pull-ups and the 300 yard shuttle run.

Members of the lower class have averaged 57.8 Physical Fitness Rating which is in the "good" category, according to Lt. G. D. Allen, assistant PT officer. There were only two cadets whose performances were in the poor classification.

Of the 13 high scores made, 11 were in the "very good" class and 2 in the "excellent" class. These two classifications are of combat standards.

The tests are given to find out the physical fitness status of the men and the effectiveness of the PT program at SAAF. The tests will be given again in November, February and May. Special emphasis will be given to parts of the test in which individuals do not rate so highly so that better grades will be made in these follow-up programs.

Soldiers will take the tests in pairs, scoring each other, and turning in their partner's test card. On each man's permanent card a profile line of achievement will be drawn, pictorializing his progress.

A small card, capable of being carried in your wallet will be kept by you for your own information. Each individual's record will permit him and the physical training directors to know the exact status of his physical capacity.

The small card (reproduced below) diagrams the different categories of fitness with the very good and excellent groups being the combat standards.

EXCELLENT				
Sit-ups No. Sc.	Pull-ups No. Sc.	Shuttle-run Sec. Sc.	Sum Pfr. of Sc.	
114 100	24 100	34 100	300	100
108 98	23 98	35 98	294	98
102 96	22 96	36 96	288	96
96 95	21 95	37 95	285	95
90 93	20 93	38 93	279	93
85 90	19 90	39 90	270	90
81 85	18 85	40 85	255	85
77 81	17 81	41 81	243	81
73 78	16 78	42 78	234	78
VERY GOOD				
69 75	15 75	43 75	225	75
66 74	14 74	44 73	219	73
62 72	14 72	45 71	216	72
60 70	13 68	46 67	210	70
58 68	13 68	46 67	204	68
56 66	12 65	47 65	198	66
54 65	12 65	47 65	195	65
52 64	11 64	48 64	192	64
GOOD				
50 63	10 63	49 63	189	63
48 61	9 61	50 60	180	60
47 60	10 58	50 58	174	58
44 57	9 57	51 56	171	57
42 55	8 55	52 54	165	55
40 54	9 54	52 54	162	54
38 52	8 52	53 52	156	52
36 50	8 49	54 50	150	50
33 48	7 48	55 48	144	48
31 47	6 47	56 47	141	47
POOR				
30 46	5 46	56 46	138	46
29 45	7 45	57 44	135	45
28 44	6 44	58 42	132	44
27 42	5 42	59 40	126	42
26 40	6 41	60 38	120	40
25 38	5 38	61 36	114	38
24 36	4 36	62 34	108	36
22 35	4 35	63 33	105	35
21 34	3 34	64 32	102	34

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Speaking of—Democracy

The New Yorker Magazine has given us a colorful definition of the meaning of "democracy" in the July 3rd issue, Talk of the Town column . . . "We received a letter from the Writers' War Board the other day asking for a statement on 'The Meaning of Democracy.' It presumably is our duty to comply with such a request, and it is certainly our pleasure.

"Surely the Board knows what democracy is. It is the line that forms on the right. It is the don't in don't shove. It is the hole in the stuffed shirt through which the sawdust slowly trickles; it is the dent in the high hat. Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booths, the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere. Democracy is a letter to the editor. Democracy is the score at the beginning of the ninth. It is an idea which hasn't been disproved yet, a song the words of which have not gone bad. It's the mustard on the hot dog and the cream in the rationed coffee. Democracy is a request from a War Board, in the middle of a morning in the middle of a war, wanting to know what democracy is."

Have You Read . . .

Fiesta in November edited by Angel Flores and Dudley Poore

Out on Any Limb by John Myers Myers

Army Wife by Nancy Shea

Queen of the Flat-tops by Stanley Johnston

They're in your Post Library!

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, July 17—Double Feature
SONG OF TEXAS . . . Roy Rogers
LADIES DAY . . . Lupe Velez

Sunday and Monday, July 18-19
Matinee Sunday 2 p.m.
ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC
Humphrey Bogart . . . Raymond Massey
NEWS

Tuesday, July 20
HARRIGAN'S KID
Plus—Superman, All American Band
and Aqua Thrills

Wednesday and Thursday, July 21-22
PRESENTING LILY MARS
Judy Garland
and NEWS

Friday, July 23—Revival
SEVEN DAYS LEAVE . . . Victor Mature,
Lucille Ball, and Ginny Simms
MADCAP MODEL . . . Submarine Life

Our Times

LT. ADAS P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: It has come. After months of waiting and anxiety, punctuated by nerve-taunting propaganda, an attack has been launched against Hitler's Europe. Some think that because Sicily is only an island that this offensive is not a real second-front. It is more logical to conclude that the attack against Mussolini's strongest outpost is the long-awaited second European front. The Axis will try with everything at their disposition to make the onslaught a failure for the Allies; the Allies will do all they can to demonstrate to occupied countries that after all Europe is not such a fortress, and that it is doomed. It will be increasingly difficult to hold down internal reaction in France, in Greece and in other Axis-dominated countries. Besides, the Italian people will tire very soon of taking such severe punishment when they are fighting for naught but the saving of Il Duce's nose and paunch. At any rate, news from the Mediterranean is encouraging, and all indications are that it will continue to be encouraging for quite some time.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: Weakening of the German offensive against the Red Army does not necessarily mean that Hitler is diverting forces to the Mediterranean front; it more probably means that he has hurled his armies against an impenetrable wall. The table ought to be turned shortly to find the Reds on the offensive in that theater. . . . With the loss of Munda imminent, Tojo's warriors are beginning to question the assertion of their leaders that they would never be dislodged from Southwest Pacific islands. They'll find out pretty soon that they can be dislodged from many other places as well, including Tokio.

TRIVIA: As predicted in this corner some time ago, Robert is now ready to turn Martinique over to the Fighting French and to sever his connections with Vichy and Berlin. That should enable us to reduce sharply the powerful garrisons we have had in the West Indies. And maybe that isn't so trivial, considering the number of other places throughout the world that we must garrison.

Thought For Today

Drop a pebble in the water; just a splash, and it is gone;

But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea.

And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness in a minute you forget;

But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy a-circling yet,

And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard

Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one kind word.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

"It isn't the stripes that I am interested in, it is the increase in pay that matters"—how many times have I heard these words uttered by enlisted men since promotions came out two weeks ago? Enough that I'm ashamed to state the number.

In my opinion these same stripes should be removed from the sleeves of such individuals who are ignorant enough to let such thoughts form in their minds, let alone the words pass their lips.

Perhaps in many cases, it is an exhibition of pseudo-nonchalantness, but in most it is true mercenary thoughts in the form of ill-spoken words.

There is this consoling thought however, most of the EM who have been promoted are as proud of their stripes as are officers who receive a silver bar or other insignia up through the commissioned ranks. Perhaps too, the EM who think so little of their stripes will not have them long. Such minds must be capable of not doing the right thing somewhere along the line of military procedure.

A BRAND NEW CORPORAL.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

The other day several carloads of munitions caught fire while in transit to the west coast. The natives of the western town had a real, though very dangerous exhibition of what their sons are encountering in combat. Large artillery shells went tearing off in every direction. Blasts from heavy shells rocked the entire city. Shrapnel blew out of the blazing box cars injuring many of the nearby workers. Firemen attempting to extinguish the blaze had to abandon much of their equipment because of the barrage of undirected explosives.

Now that the "fireworks" are over, one can't help but wonder of how much more value would have been the explosives had they been directed at some specific enemy installation or target. Probably not every shell would have found its target, but for all practical purposes the majority of these munitions would have achieved the desired results.

The display of human energy can be compared to the explosion of munitions. If one has no ideals his use of his own powerful energy can't be compared to the blazing box cars with all their contents blowing out in every direction, giving perhaps, a brilliant but dangerous display. Ideals merely give specific direction to one's efforts.

Ideals are like gun barrels up which the energy of one's life is propelled at some specific goal. Do human frailties and the element of chance, few efforts ever attain the desired goal. But projecting one's efforts the chance of hitting a specific target is out of the realm of the accidental. He tends to approach his goal, for all practical purposes of life he succeeds.

Liftings

Army Ground Forces: "Hello girls, you wouldn't care to go with us would you?"

Army Service Forces: "Hello babes, you'll go with us, won't you?"

Army AIR FORCES: "Hi Kids, where we goin'?"

You know the reason they've got that absent-minded dope in the guard-house doncha? The drip wired in for a two-week's extension on his AWOL!

Sgt. Robinson: "A girl's greatest attraction is her teeth."

Cpl. Beeten: "No, I think it's her hair. What do you think?"

Pvt. FuddyDuddy: "The same as you fellows, but I don't lie about it."

Ark City gal: Hey ya lug, are yoo Sante Claws?

GI: Why no Babe, why?

Ark City Lass: Then leave my stockings alone, will yuh?

What's the difference between kissing your sister and kissing your fem? It's about a minute and a half.

Winfield: Gal "Watch it soldier—restrain yourself!"
Pfc.: "Relax Babe, I ain't even strained myself yet!"

Male Call



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UNSUNG HEROES: The 23rd Airways Communication Sqd.

"Ship number seven-seven-zero, enroute to Randolph Field—from Strother Field tower-receiving you well. Over!" That call means the 23rd Airways Communication Squadron Detachment at SAAF is on the job.

2nd Lt. Charles F. Bailey, a new arrival at Strother, is the officer in charge of this capable group who handle the traffic of transient aircraft and under him are a well-trained group of fellows which include T/Sgt. Wrigglesworth (Non-com in charge); S/Sgt. H. O. Halverson; Corporals Q. A. Blackwell, W. A. Hillman and A. I. Perez; Pfc. R. L. Beatty; and Pvt. G. O. Shifflett.

Actually, the HQ of the 23rd ACS is in Kansas City, and these men are on DT here at Strother Field guarding their four different frequencies in aid of American airmen. Over these channels they send weather reports, ceiling and visibility conditions to cross-country military fliers, guiding them in at night, and helping them verify their positions along their various routes.

These men, heroes, yet unsung, have attended specialist's schools the country over, and are on 24-hour call and seven-day duty, maintaining a constant vigil for their "brother men who fly." They must have an active knowledge of code, 12-16 WPM; Civil and AAF Air Regulations, and Joint Army and Navy Radio Procedure; they must know how to handle any situation that arises no matter what the danger—fire, crash or invasion, and certainly that entails a great amount of skill and ability.

This is another group of the many young Americans who are battling the Drip-Nips, and they are putting their shoulders to the wheel with the rest of the nation and the world regardless of personal valor—so that Victory may be ours!

Strothers Donate 'Queens Die Proudly'

A copy of the book, "Queens Die Proudly" by W. L. White, has been presented to the Post Library by Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Strother of Winfield. Capt. Donald Strother, their son after whom this field was named, is mentioned in the book. The Strother family has made several interesting notations in the page margins.

Shoe Repairing Is Big Business Here

"If an Army travels on its stomach why do soldiers wear out so many pairs of shoes," is the question asked by the three members of the shoe repair shop in the Quartermaster Repair Shop.

Earl Reagan, shop foreman, Jack Murphy and Cliff Maugans, all of Arkansas City, repair between 250 and 300 pairs of GI shoes every week at Strother Field. The finest equipment is installed and the best quality of supplies are used in this section, and excellent work is done on every pair of shoes sent in for repair according to U.S. Army specifications.

"As to whether your shoes will be returned with leather or rubber composition soles and heels depends entirely upon what material is available, both rubber and leather being critical items. Sometimes it is leather and the next time rubber composition repair material, but it is of the very best quality; on that you can depend. Shoes should be turned in to your squadron supply for repair immediately when soles show the first evidence of wear and as soon as any other repairs are necessary in order that maximum wear can be obtained from each pair. There is no limit on the number of times shoes can be repaired; they are repaired as many times as the operation will be economical," states Lt. Arthur C. Knauff, Post Salvage Officer.

NOTICE . . CHANGE OF TIME

The Chemical Warfare classes will be held in the Post Theater on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 0900, 1015, 1400, and 1500. All enlisted men are required to take these classes even if they completed the course given this spring.

Work Near Completion On Service Center

The GI Service Center just south of the PX block is in its last stages of construction, the Area Engineer's Office reports. The problem at present is the selection of furnishings and the addition of final touches. Plans for use of the Center by different groups interested in dramatics, debate and bull session are in their formative stages. Questionnaires will be sent around to the various SAAF units by the Special Service Office to determine the interests of the men.

Kownick's Korn

Our Victory Garden is doing very well considering it's very dry here. It's so dry the grasshoppers hitch-hiking through my garden carry their own grass. My corn is so small the sparrows have to kneel down to eat it. The bugs chewed holes in the leaves in all my plants to such an extent that I don't know whether I'm raising table luxuries or Renaissance lace.

Met Boris Karloff in a cafe the other night, face to face. . . We both fainted.

T/Sgt. Walker and Cpl. Carsow had an argument and decided to bury the hatchet and smoke the pipe of peace together; then they had a fight over which tobacco to use.

Pvt. Sirota says he was born in New York City on New Year's Day, and for three days his father thought he was a hang-over.

Said the skunk, "Speaking of radio. I'll never forget the first time I went on the air."

Pvt. Pastorek knows a gal who has an answer for every question. But it's usually the wrong answer. She's a quiz kid in reverse.

Sgt. Tom Phillips knows a fellow working out a triple-threat bird. He's crossing a homing pigeon with a woodpecker and a parrot.—In case the pigeon gets lost, it can knock on a door and ask directions.

New Expert Barbers Added to PX Shop

"I want to please the boys, so I am importing a new staff of barbers for the barber shop in the post exchange."

Last Monday a new group of tonsorial artists set up shop at SAAF to bring to the enlisted men the very best in hair-cuts and allied activities. All the new barbers are licensed and all have come up to a rather high standard set by E. E. Moody, chief barber of the field. As in the past, any complaints will be handled by Moody, but he is expecting this new arrangement to satisfy even the most discerning GI. As you know, Post Regulations make it mandatory for all EM to have their hair cut every two weeks on the Post, and latrine rumor has it that there will be a cracking down on those who fail to do so.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR ROBERT L. WEHR

"Engineers and pipes just naturally go together," said someone, and such is the case with Major Robert L. Wehr, smiling and genial S-4 Staff Officer at SAAF.

Major Wehr is a native of the Buckeye State, his home being in the steel city of Youngstown. In that city he took his early schooling, and later graduated from South High School. For college, the Major looks to Ohio State University as alma mater, where in '32 he took his Bachelor of Civil Engineering and also received his reserve commission for four years work in ROTC. It was here that he became interested in shooting and horseback riding, which to this day remain his favorite hobbies.

Experience with boys and young men first came to him through the Settlement House in Youngstown, where for several years he acted in the capacity of Director of Boys Activities. In the summers he spent time at the Settlement's summer camp for tubercular children. Later he directed other groups of boys with the CCC.

His professional experience was gained in business with his brother and in the Republic Steel Corporation. Major Wehr enjoyed the position with Republic Steel because of the many types of jobs a steel engineer is called upon to do, in spite of the fact that not much road building was done, road building being his "specialty."

He entered the Air Corps when the emergency began, and after holding responsible positions at Kelly and Hondo Fields, he was transferred to Strother Field in October of '42. After he was here a short time, he was placed on TD and sent to General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth. He has just recently returned.

Major Wehr has brought his wife and son with him, and at present they have made their home in Winfield. When the war is over and the Victory won, the Major hopes to return to Youngstown and Republic Steel.

PX On The Beam

Remember last week when friend Ale suggested that the PX get a few benches (not wenchies) so the lads could drink their beer in comfort outside the bar? Well, some time prior to that day, the PX Office had made inquiries concerning this situation, and immediately put a man to work building the benches, and today they are almost completed.

Not only that, gang, but the PXO under 2nd Lts. Mueller and Francella remedied the no-refreshments condition in the Post Hospital when Branch Number One near Ward Six opened its doors last Monday having for distribution ice cream, soft drinks and other necessities.

Security is sometimes thought to be a dull subject which is of little concern to those who fight. And yet if you see it as a weapon, you will realize that it is as vital to the safety of a man as cannon and ammunition; even more so, because guns can run out of ammunition or jam, but security need never break down if only all citizens and soldiers alike will give it the attention it deserves.

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



Flank Coverage



Beat Topeka Scotts but Lose To Ft. Leavenworth in Tournament

The Strother Field baseball team met strong opponents in the first two rounds of play in the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament at Wichita last Saturday and Sunday and won one of the games while losing the other.

Coming through with its well-known late innings rally, SAAF after trailing the Topeka Scotts by a score of 4 to 0 through the sixth inning, scored 5 runs in the 7th, the one run lead proving the margin of victory in the first tournament game for the base team.

This game was played in the feature 8 o'clock spot last Saturday night and the boys and Pitcher Johnny Harding proved most popular with the spectators. Harding struck out 14 batters and issued only 5 hits. This was Harding's eighth straight victory this season. In the seventh, Padovano opened with a walk and moved to third on Bova's double. Sellers lashed a double into left that scored both men and after the next two batters were retired Pitcher Harding aided his own cause with a double to left that punched home Sellers. DeRasmi got on first when the Topeka shortstop made an error. He was followed to first base by Dalak who hit one too hot for the Topeka pitcher to hang onto. Harding scored the fourth run. Loughner then singled into left, scoring DeRasmi for the winning run.

With a victory to its credit, SAAF returned to Wichita Sunday night, again appearing in the feature 8 o'clock spot, but this time facing the Leavenworth Reception Center team, picked by many fans as the potential state champion.

Bert Fern, former Enid Army Air Field hurler, recently transferred to SAAF, was on the mound for the local base. He had previously defeated the Ft. Leavenworth team by a score of 21 to 2 before arriving at SAAF. Things looked exceptionally good for the Strother team.

When the final out of the game had been made, Pitcher Fern had been touched for 13 safeties including a home run by Pitcher Ted Greble of Ft. Leavenworth, as this team emerged winner by a score of 11 to 3.

It was a bad night for Strother hitters, even though the team had men on bases in every inning except the second. The pressure was on, and it just was not in the book for Strother to win. Pitcher Greble was touched for eight safeties and issued eight walks, but the eight hits did not come at the right times to score runs.

Strother players earned a lot of crowd backing by playing a hustling game of ball, but the necessary runs to win the game were impossible to obtain.

Fielding features were made by DeRasmi, SAAF right fielder, who made two great catches, one a shoe string affair, the other a leaping one-hander which he turned into a double play.

Strother scored two in the fifth as Bova singled with two out and the bases full after a single and two walks. Their third and last run came in on a wild heave in the eighth inning.

Met a fellow in town who turned in No. 18 coupon for a pair of English brogues. . . . They even squeak with an accent.

BOX SCORE

Strother Field				Topeka			
ab	h	e	r	ab	h	e	r
DeRasmi, rf	4	0	0	P. Tarr, 2b	3	0	4
Dalak, ss	5	2	1	B. Perry, rf	5	1	1
Loughner, 3b	4	1	1	Bulkeley, 3b	4	0	3
Padovano, cf	3	0	2	J. Tarr, c	5	1	10
Bova, 2b	4	2	0	E. Co'fm'n, lf	4	0	2
Sellers, lf	4	2	1	Kresie, 1b	2	2	7
Ebert, c	4	1	14	Graham, ss	3	0	0
Curtis, 1b	4	0	7	V. Co'fm'n, cf	4	1	0
Harding, p	4	1	1	Hickey, p	2	0	0
				Longstaff, p	0	0	0
Totals	36	9	27	Totals	32	5	27

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Topeka	003	001	000	4

Errors—Loughner, Ebert, Graham. Two base hits—Bova, Sellers, Harding. Bases on balls—off Harding 7, Hickey 1, Longstaff 1. Strikeouts—Hickey 8, Harding 14, Longstaff 2. Losing pitcher—Hickey. Umpires—Burns and Fair. Time—2:00.

Ft. Leavenworth				Strother Field			
ab	h	e	r	ab	h	e	r
Lucas, ss	4	2	0	DeRasmi, rf	3	1	6
Kamley, 1b	4	2	11	Dalak, ss	3	0	2
Musser, cf	4	1	2	Loughner, 3b	2	0	2
Griffin, c	5	4	11	Padovano, cf	5	1	0
Hahacek, 2b	5	0	1	Bova, 2b	5	2	2
McCulley, 3b	4	1	1	Sellers, lf	3	0	0
Knepper, rf	2	0	1	Ebert, c	0	0	1
Herold, lf	4	1	0	Curtis, 1b	4	2	13
Greble, p	4	1	0	Fern, p	3	0	0
				Teeters, c	4	2	1
Totals	36	13	27	Totals	32	8	27

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Strother Field	000	020	010	3

Errors—Teeters, Knepper, Griffin. Two-base hit—Griffin. Three-base hits—DeRasmi, Griffin, Kamler. Home run—Greble. Double plays—DeRasmi to Curtis; Loughner to Bova to Curtis. Bases on balls—Fern 7, Greble 8. Strike-outs—Fern 2, Greble 11. Umpires—Burns and Anderson.

Link Trainer Leads In Softball League

The Link Trainer softball team succeeded in breaking away from the tie jinx with the QM team at the completion of the sixth round of play and at that time held first place by itself. The QM team dropped to third place with 4 won and 2 lost for a percentage of .667. The 1084th Service Sqd., and the 1088th Guard Sqd., are tied for second place.

Standings of the teams at the end of the sixth round of play are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Link Trainer	5	1	.800
1084th Service Sqd.	5	2	.715
1088th Guard Sqd.	5	2	.715
Quartermaster Corps	4	2	.667
1083rd BFT Sqd.	3	2	.600
Ordnance	3	3	.500
55th BFT Group	3	3	.500
1082nd Central Hanger	3	3	.500
Medical Det.	3	3	.500
1082nd South Hanger	2	3	.400
23rd Communications	1	4	.200
1083rd Post Operations	1	5	.166
1082nd North Hanger	0	5	.000

Bowling Alleys Will Be Opened Aug. 1st

The SAAF bowling alleys, just across the street and south of the gym, are rapidly nearing completion. On the 19th of July the Engineer's workmen will turn the structure over to the PX Office, having finished their part of the job. All that remains is the building of the alleys and emplacement of equipment, a job for which the Brunswick-Balke-Collendar people will send out their own staff of specialists.

After the tricky task of putting in the alleys and bowling objects d'art, the PXO will open the arena for use by the personnel of Strother Field. Soon, fellows, soon!

The Wolf

by Sansone

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SPORTS

Winfield Makes Second Donation

As a result of the capacity crowd that turned out to see the SAAF-IAAF baseball game played in Winfield on July 5th, the Chamber of Commerce of that city has donated \$175.00 to the Welfare Fund at Strother Field. This is the second donation made by Winfield from games played between the two teams in that city. The first was in the amount of \$206.33, proceeds from the game played on June 25th. The money is being used in the purchase of athletic equipment for enlisted men of this field.

May Play Enid Sunday

The SAAF baseball team will travel to Enid, Okla., this Sunday, if the State Semi-Pro Tournament does not conflict, to meet Enid Army Air Field in the first of a two-game series. The second game will be played in Arkansas City on the following Sunday, July 25th.

Start 2nd Half Play

In the first game to be played in the second half of the Arkansas City League, Strother Field was defeated by the Kanotex team, 5 to 2. The game which was played Thursday of last week, was the first loss in league play for the army team. In five games played during the first half of the season, five victories were chalked up for the Strother boys.

The A.C. Co-on team played Strother this Tuesday night and led by a score of 3 to 0 through the first four innings. Then the army boys set up a barrage of 13 hits to score 14 runs and end the game Westcott and May pitched for SAAF.

PT Attendance Averages 79%

Physical training attendance for enlisted men at Strother Army Air Field is above the figure required in the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, according to figures released by Lt. H. H. Cummins, Asst. PT officer at this base.

AAFGCTC has set the attendance average at 75%. During the past five weeks, the average among enlisted men at SAAF has been 79%. During each succeeding week in this period squadrons on the field steadily increased the attendance figure until only two units averaged under 80% during the week of June 28th to July 3rd.

The 1088th Guard Squadron averaged 90% attendance during the five week period to take top honors. The 383rd Band Squadron was second with an 85% average; 322nd Aviation Squadron and the 23rd Airways were tied for third with 84%; 55th Squadron was fourth with 81%; 448th Base Hq., fifth with 80%; 1084th Squadron, sixth with 77%; 3rd Weather Detachment and 1082nd Squadron were tied for seventh with 76%; 1083rd Squadron, eighth with 71% and the Medic Detachment was last with an even 70% attendance.

Following are the percentage figures for the five week period:

	May 31	June 7-12	June 14-19	June 21-26	June 28	July 3
Org.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Medics	40	77	78	69	87	
55th	79	75	84	85	84	
1082nd	72	72	77	77	84	
1083rd	45	69	85	82	77	
23rd	0	0	87	87	80	
3rd W.	89	76	71	67	76	
1084th	75	84	75	73	80	
1088th	93	95	87	90	87	
322nd	88	86	81	81	84	
448th	72	80	77	85	85	
383rd	86	85	81	89	85	
Total	75	78	79	80	84	



Free Mail Privilege Abused by Soldiers

Startling posters reading, "This may happen here, free mail privilege to be taken away if the practice of addressing free mail for friends and relatives is not stopped!" have been placed over this field, as at other bases.

"No accusations are made toward the men of Strother Field, but this practice along with other free mail violations have become so apparent among members of the armed forces in this country that action will be taken if it does not cease," said Lt. E. S. Vicars, SAAF Postal Officer.

A recent WD order states that all enlisted men are required to use their serial numbers on return addresses of letters written by them. This is in addition, of course, to their name, grade or rating, designation of the service

SAAF Swim Pool Possible in 30 Days

"If the men of Strother Field are interested enough in having a swimming pool here on the Field, and are willing to help in its construction in their spare time, there is a probability we'll have one in thirty days!" Such was the amazing proposition of Major Leon R. Vance Jr., Director of Training, yesterday.

The original plans for completion of the pool were delayed this season because of the lack of critical item chlorine for purification purposes, but with the adoption of a substitute system recently approved by the AAF, nothing stands in the way.

The site chosen for the flagstone pool is in the area just east of the bowling alleys. Major Vance is certain that if the men turn out now the pool will be a reality soon.

Movie Star, Luise Rainer Visits Brother at SAAF

Strother Field was honored exclusively Thursday with a visit by the star of the motion pictures "The Great Ziegfeld" and "The Good Earth,"—Miss Luise Rainer.

The Academy of Arts Award winner arrived at SAAF to visit her brother, Staff Sergeant Robert F. Rainer of the Ordnance Department, whom she had not seen in almost two years.

Military Courtesy

In case the fact has slipped your memory, the hand salute is a form of greeting, and failure to salute or return same is similar to not speaking to someone as you pass.

If every officer and enlisted man will remember to salute snappily, Strother Field will make a better impression on visiting military dignitaries.

Arriving on the field at 9 a.m., Miss Rainer more than fulfilled her ambition to ride in a jeep—she drove it. "When she put that baby in high gear I was ready to part company," was the comment of Lt. Robert E. Lynch Jr., Public Relations Officer at SAAF. "She drives too fast for me, but did a good job of it." Miss Rainer was accompanied on a tour of the field by Lt. Lynch, S/Sgt. Fink, also of the PRO office and Sgts. Deane and Markham of the Photo Lab.

Visiting the post hospital, Miss Rainer talked with many of the patients and according to reports, the boys are rapidly on their way to recovery after her visit. This we do not doubt as it was our privilege to meet this attractive actress, and just hearing her say, "Good Morning," well, brother there ain't nothin' wrong with this old world!



to which he belongs, and the word "Free." All this must be in the handwriting of the sender.

Following are listed the types of mail that can be sent free: Personal letters to relatives, friends, etc., including V-mail; Letters to associations, firm, or corporations, including remittances; letters sent as special delivery, provided the fee for such service is pre-paid; 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, seasonable, etc., inclosed in envelopes; election ballots; letters mailed while the sender is on furlough, from members of the armed forces while in hospitals, while assigned to some special active duty; from nurses and chaplains who are members of the armed forces.

GI Movies Are Okeh Say Men

The GI movies which were shown Monday of this week at the Post Theatre met the approval of the men on the Field. Checks were made to see if the offerings were of the type that the fellows liked, and according to reports the majority of opinion was favorable. More GI "cinemattractions" are on the way.

Look pretty men! Thanks goes to the SAAF Photo Lab for this swell picture of the men of the 1083rd Basic Flying Training Squadron. In the center stand genial Captain C. H. Fredericks, CO; W/O Kenneth Wolf, Adjutant; and 1st/Sgt. James T. Williford, chief administrative officers.

GI Insurance Wise Investment

August 10th is the last day in which you may apply for National Service Life Insurance without medical history or medical examination.

The standard set by the Seventh Service Command is for 98% of the military personnel to carry at least \$9,600.00 insurance. Strother Field has at the present time an average of \$8,084 carried by 95% of the personnel. 102 men here do not carry life insurance in any amount.

Squadron insurance officers met with Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, and Lt. J. K. Grigsby, Insurance Officer, Tuesday morning. As a result of the meeting, every man on the field who does not carry \$10,000.00 in life insurance is to be contacted. If he does not care to carry this much insurance he will sign a life insurance refusal form giving reasons for not taking out this amount of protection.

By July 31st it is hoped that Strother Field will have reached the percentage set by the Seventh Service Command, so come on men, this is for you and your family's benefit.

GSO-EM Dance Next Week Event

Listen Fella, if you've attended any of the previous three EM dances given in the gym, you won't want to miss this coming event either!

Once again, under the auspices of the Special Service Office, the USO and GSO clubs, the ole gymnasium of Strother Field will rattle to the tune of merry feet chuckin' on down. The date set for our gala affair is Thursday, the 29th of July; and you will hear those heated melodies and fascinatin' rhythms beat out by the boys of the 383rd AAF Band Squadron.

So come on men! Get jivey—hep—in da groove—and what have yuh; polish up your dancing shoes, and let's all go swing! Roll up your trousers, shave off that icky beard, and let's go step-heppy on Thursday next! Yow!

USO-Girl: "How perfectly splendid to think you're one of the heroes who went over there to die for your country."

Marine: "Like hell, I did, girlie! I went over to make some other guy die for his."



LUISE RAINER

Other points of interest on the field visited Thursday were one of the Link Trainer buildings, center tower, headquarters, Special Service department, Photo Lab, Public Relations office and the Ordnance department in which her brother carries on his Air Corps duties.

Having lunch in the 1,000 man mess proved quite a treat for our visitor. She carried her dishes to the kitchen and went through the customary procedure of cleaning off the scraps and depositing the silverware in the container. For some reason there was not the usual amount of food consumed by the GIs!

Miss Rainer appeared on the stage of the Post Theater between showings of the feature picture Thursday evening. How many men knew what the second show was about? No one, they had had the extreme pleasure of seeing and hearing Miss Rainer.

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PRAIRIE FLIER

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Speaking of—Great Danes

There is something about a Great Dane that everyone admires. Their's is a dignity that is to be emulated, yet, there is the quality of being a "regular feller."

Temperament is something not in their nature, yet, there is an alertness to all situations at all times. Fair play is dominant in their character and they stand for a lot of horse-play.

Such a "Great Dane" is Sgt. John R. Knudsen, who is on his way to attend OCS at Miami Beach, Fla.

While at Strother Field, Sgt. Knudsen ably carried on his duties as Coordinator of all Special Service Activities under Capt. J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer.

Knudsen's Danish blood, good nature, and love for dogs brings forth this tribute in the form of a comparison. He is a man that Strother Army Air Field shall greatly miss.

Have You Read . . .

One World by Wendell L. Willkie.
Sam Small Flies Again by Eric Knight.
The Man from Texas by Jackson Gregory.
In the Years of Our Lord by Manuel Komroff.
They're in your Post Library!

Thought For Today

I war against the folly that is war,

The futile sacrifice that naught hath stayed,
The Great Delusion men have perished for,

The lie that hath the souls of men betrayed:
For faith I war, humanity and trust;

For peace on earth—a lasting peace, and just!
—Florence Earle Coates.

Our Times

LT. FRED W. HOLBEIN

Lt. Fred Holbein, our guest writer this week, is a co-worker in the Academic Department with Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, now on leave.

Today, the 593rd day of World War II, (U.S. participation) finds the United Nations pushing Hitler closer to the day when Der Fuehrer must reveal whether he intends to make Italy the Number 1 continental hurdle in the path of the UN or to throw Benito and his war-weary fighters to the Allies while the Nazis draw back to strengthen Germany's fortifications along her southern boundary. P.S. to Adolph—We don't care what your decision is because we are coming to Berlin to march down the "Unter Der Liden" (main drag) to decide, using your own words, Herr Hitler, "the fate of the Reich for the next thousand years." P.S. to Benito—Signor, did you really believe back in 1940 and 1941 that Democracy had gone to the dogs when you jumped on a down-but-not-out-France to grab some of the spoils that your pal (?) Adolph might overlook? If you did, Benito, you know now you really led with your chin.

Russia, just in case you haven't heard, is doing OK for our side but her greatest need right now is more lend-lease goods.

A hint as to the effectiveness of our Good-Neighbor policy in Mexico is revealed by the fact that the zoot-suit riots of Los Angeles are still being played up in the Mexican press with some left-handed success as we look across the Rio Grande.

What's the matter with the blondes and brunettes of forty-eight states of the USA? Pardon, but the reason for asking—The CO of the WACs says her army is only about one-tenth as large as it should be.

Get ready for a Third and maybe next to the last War loan.

The Wallace-Jones feud may be settled according to the press but have they kissed and made up?

Can't Il Duce's navy find Sicily or has Benito told them the British and Yanks are now playing marbles for keeps?

I didn't know that Syracuse, Sicily's most famous city, was founded in 734 B.C. Neither did I know that in 1799 the British landed at Palermo to forestall a possible invasion by Napoleon. Who was Napoleon? Well, he was the fellow of whom Adolph said, "Where Napoleon failed, I shall succeed." Quit your kidding Adolph. (You didn't know it either? Well, shake brother because I know now, two of us flunked Ancient History.)

Calling the 8 ball in the side pocket—Civilian clothing will not be rationed but beer may be. Gas several months hence will continue to be rationed but not to save rubber.

Thoughts I should not be thinking out loud—The officers and men of SAAF do right well in obeying the 35 mile per speed limit but what about the autos loaded with civilians which pass us each morning and evening like a bat out of hell?

The last P.S.—World War I lasted only 585 days as far as the U.S. was concerned.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

This is a gripe directed toward the weather—of which nothing can be done, I realize. Our discomfort in the present heat-wave is sissy stuff compared to what American soldiers and their allies are going through daily on the many battle fronts, but the fact remains that it is uncomfortably warm in Kansas and at Strother Field.

Would it be within army regulations to allow the men to take their mattresses, or cots outside the barracks during these hot nights? There is enough area between the buildings to accommodate most all enlisted men. Everyone is up early enough each morning to have their equipment back inside the barracks before civilian personnel begins to arrive on the base, so there would be nothing un-military in the appearance of the barrack areas.

AN OUTDOOR SOUL.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

In the absence of Chaplain Wineinger, the Prairie Flier has taken the liberty of contributing to this week's column.

Emerson says in his essay on "Self-Reliance"—"There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed upon that plot of ground which is given him to till."

In these times of strife which bespeak the chaos of men's minds; in future days of trial for the nation and mankind, we shall realize that society is builded upon the shoulders of those who are strong and trustworthy.

Who are the trustworthy, and who are the strong? They are not the "strong" of Hitler's creed, who depend upon one man's conscience for a declaration of right and wrong. They are those who have the independence of thought, and consequently of action. They are those who have found the pearl of self-reliance. They are free men.

Liftings

He: Smoke?
She: No, thank you.
He: Drink?
She: Nope.
He: Neck?
She: Oh, no.
He: Pet?
She: Never!
He: Just what in the hell do you do?
She: (Ah, so very coy!) I tell lies.
—Gowen Beacon, Boise, Idaho.

A Poetic Phantasy:
A girl who wears a cotton stocking
Need never give her door a locking

A girl who chooses other makes,
Gets all the runs and all the breaks.

A retired lumberman staying in a hotel in Ark City happened to enter the wrong room on his way up for the night.

"Oh, excuse me miss," said he as he saw a luscious blonde semi-clad and bouncing on the bed, "I must have gotten into the wrong room."

The blushing blonde snickered a bit as he left, and replied so he would be sure to hear—"Not only the wrong room, Pop, but you got here forty years too late!"

Post Chapel Services

Catholic Confession	-	-	Sunday 7 a.m.
Catholic Mass	-	-	Sunday 8 a.m.
Protestant Negro Service	-	-	Sunday 9 a.m.
Protestant General Service	-	-	Sunday 10 a.m.
Jewish Sabbath Service	-	-	Friday 8:00 p.m.

Male Call

by Milton



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'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, July 24—Double Feature
TWO SENORITAS FROM CHICAGO
Jinx Falkenburg
WINGS OVER THE PACIFIC

Sunday and Monday, July 25-26
Matinee Sunday 2 p.m.
HIT THE ICE . . . Abbott and Costello
NEWS . . . THE WAR

Tuesday, July 27
TWO TICKETS TO LONDON
Michele Morgan
Community Sing . . Mopping Up
Tumble-Bugs

Wednesday and Thursday, July 28-29
STORMY WEATHER
Bill Robinson, Lena Horne,
NEWS . . . MARCH OF TIME

Friday, July 30—(Revival)
PRIORITIES ON PARADE
Johnny Johnson, Betty Rhodes and
Ann Miller
Yankee Doodle Daffy . . Screen Snapshots

UNSUNG HEROES: QM Seamstresses

The honorary title of "Moms of Strother Field" should be given the ladies who work so diligently in the clothing department of the Quartermaster Repair Shop.

Whenever the GI clothing of enlisted men needs mending these three are on the job to see that it is properly done. They do excellent work on shirts, trousers, blouses, jackets, overcoats and raincoats, in fact, on the complete outer clothing wardrobe of soldiers.

An added service is offered enlisted men in the form of minor alterations such as lengthening or shortening trousers and shirt sleeves, sewing on chevrons and braid on garrison caps. This service is of course free.

Mrs. Hallie Yount of Arkansas City is the senior seamstress, and in charge of the department. She is ably assisted by Mrs. Marshall Drew of Hackney and Mrs. Margaret Jones of Winfield.

In addition to their other duties they have made base covers for all the softball diamonds, flag covers, typewriter covers, machinery covers, holster protectors and other items from salvaged materials.

Lt. Arthur C. Knauff, Post Salvage Officer, said today that this service is for the benefit of enlisted men, however, individual service cannot be offered and clothing must be turned in for repair or alteration through organization supply. So, take your clothing to your supply sergeant being sure that it is clean, he in turn will see that the necessary work is done by the QM Repair Shop.

Clothing that is turned in for salvage is classified either as repairable or nonrepairable. That which is repairable is repaired and returned to the original wearer. That which is non-repairable is used as rags and for patching material. It should be borne in mind that alterations which will result in a material change in the cut or measurement prescribed will not be made on any article of uniform.

Sgt. Rudolph Barrios of Strother Field and Miss Anne Weigle, whose home is in Braman, Okla., were married in the Post Chapel last Sunday evening at 8 p.m. Guests attending the ceremony filled the Chapel. A Guard of Honor made up of representatives of the Guard Squadron formed the customary archway for the bridal party as it emerged from the Chapel.

The water has ruined my Victory Garden, but the sea weed's getting a good start. I'll re-plant it as soon as I find out where to buy dehydrated seeds.

USO Sponsor Farm Work for GI's

Enlisted men of Strother Field who have passes and furloughs, and would like to do farm work during such time away from military duties, will find their services most welcome at the Chillicothe Indian School, south of Arkansas City.

Men are needed to work on 900 acres of the Reservation, and will be picked up to be taken to the school. They will receive one meal and \$4.00 a day pay.

Passes and furloughs will not be given for such a purpose, but GI's who are scheduled for either may devote such time to this type of work.

The USO's in Arkansas City and Winfield are sponsoring this farm work project for soldiers and those men interested should contact either organization.

No More—No Less!

In keeping with the War Department policy of conservation of scarce and vital commodities and materials, the SAAF Post Exchange has a set quota on the purchases of ice cream, both in package form and in bulk. This quota is never exceeded.

"We are cooperating in the general conservation program, as are all Exchanges within the United States," Lt. J. F. Francella, Assistant Post Exchange Officer said today.

The consensus of the soldiers stationed at Strother Field is "anything that will help lick the Axis is O.K. with us."

Roll and doughnut eaters of SAAF are now being served better pastries at the PX. A recent change of supply by Post Exchange officers has made these pastries procurable for consumption by EM of Strother Field.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....Baseball..Eats	Ark.....Game night
Sat.....Win.....Dance n' stuff	Ark.....Dancing..Eats
Sun.....Win.....Dramatics..Food	Ark.....Bingo..Phone call
Mon.....Win.....Informal Nite	Ark.....Do-as-you-please
Tues.....Win.....Swim n' dance	Ark.....Record your voice
Wed.....Win.....Dance..Eats	Ark.....Dance n' stuff
Thurs.....Win.....Bridge..Dance	Ark.....Ye Splashie Partie

Kownick's Korn

Met a gal in town who has no sense of direction. Instead of coming out, she backed out. And from the angle her face looked good. She had a face a mud-pack would flatter, and an hour-glass figure with the sand on the wrong end.

Whenever Staff Sgt. Bob Chate-lain gets a headache . . . It always wears a dress.

Sailed my boat for the first time this summer. Really had a lot of fun before my wife stopped me. She let the water out of the tub.

Sgt. Francis Martins feels like 4-F. Just the other day, the WAC's turned him down . . . three of them.

Pvt. Guth says—Any time anybody tells you a vegetable diet will give you a trim figure, take a look at the hippotamus.

S/Sgt. Sam Schatzman told of the many girls he had on the string. The one he had with him should have been on a lesh.

A fellow told me his girl has everything, but insists he intends going to court if she doesn't give some of it back.

Cpl. Bertram says—A knock is as good as a boost, unless you're trying to look over a transom.

Sgt. Tom Phillips says all men are born equal . . . but it's what they are born equal to that makes the difference.

The Code of Mendosa

In the July 19th issue of Time Magazine there appeared a very significant article entitled: "The Code of Mendosa."

"One tough hombre is Joe Mendosa, private, first class. Once he licked a truck-load of taunting soldiers one by one. On Attu last month Joe Mendosa came upon an unarmed Jap cowering behind a rock. Joe started to shoot, but his sense of fair play got the better of him. Throwing down his rifle, he whipped out a knife. Then he tossed the Jap his bayonet and beckoned him to come on. This act of gallantry frightened the Jap more than the prospect of death itself; he ran. Joe Mendosa, conscience free, shot his Jap."

This Joe Mendosa is typical of the ten-million men who are going to bomb-strafe-burn-and-blast the pants off'n the damn Nips! The spirit of fair play will not be beaten; for it is the Spirit of Victory!

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR MARCELLUS P. LEE

Shucks! Wars and excitement are old stuff with Major Marcelus P. Lee, Special Projects Officer; and when you hear his story you will know the reason why.

Born in Texas, which today is his home, he received his early schooling in the city of Pittsburg of that state; and soon after graduation from high school, he traveled alone to Johannesburg, South Africa. In Johannesburg the Major completed his professional training when he earned his degree of civil engineering from Transvaal Technical Institute.

For a time, Major Lee remained on the Dark Continent working with the famous gold miners of Johannesburg and later for the fabulous Kimberly Diamond Mines. In his spare moments away from engineering routine he "relaxed" with a bit of big game hunting, which included lions, elephants, etc. This sport, together with fishing has remained with him as his active hobby and interest.

His professional career in the States began after 1918, and he has spent the major portion of his time working for the Building and Public Grounds Division of the Treasury Department, and in the Engineering Corps of the Army.

Major Lee has seen active service in four wars: the Spanish-American War, the Boer War, World War I, and the present conflict. He was called away from his civilian duties and from his wife and daughter at the outbreak of the now-existing emergency. Shortly after his appointment to the Air Corps and active duty, he was transferred to Strother Field, where he has done a fine job of making the Field a pleasant place to work and live.

His Office has been responsible for the planting of grass, trees and shrubbery the Field over; for the construction of stage houses at the auxiliary fields; for the concrete garbage racks by the mess hall; for the Officers' Recreation Club; for aid given towards the construction of the bowling alleys, and for other advantages for the personnel of Strother Field.

The Major's main disappointment was his failure to have swimming pools built this season, caused by the shortage of chlorine; however, he hopes to have same built before the next swimming season arrives.

y Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Ranks For The Memory

HIGHBALL RECIPE For SUMMER

EQUIVALENT RANKS	
ARMY AND MARINES	NAVY AND COAST GUARD
GENERAL ☆☆☆☆	ADMIRAL
LT. GEN. ☆☆☆	VICE ADM.
MAJ. GEN. ☆☆☆	REAR ADM.
BRIG. GEN. ☆☆☆	COMMODORE
COLONEL ☆☆☆	CAPTAIN
LT. COL. ☆☆☆ (SILVER)	COMMANDER
MAJOR ☆☆☆ (GOLD)	LT. COMM.
CAPTAIN ☆☆☆	LIEUTENANT
1st LIEUT. □ (SILVER)	LIEUT. (JUNIOR GRADE)
2nd LIEUT. □ (GOLD)	ENSIGN

IN SUMMER, NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD OFFICERS WEAR KHAKI—RANK IS INDICATED BY METAL INSIGNIA (JUST AS IN THE ARMY) BUT ON BOTH TABS OF SHIRT COLLAR... (NAVY AND COAST GUARD BLOUSES HAVE SHOULDER "BOARDS"—▶ (★))

MINIATURE NAVY CAP DEVICE

RANK ON BOTH TABS IF HE IS A LINE OFFICER (CORPS DEVICE ON LEFT IF HE IS A DOCTOR, CHAPLAIN OR OTHER SPECIALIST)

NAVY LIEUTENANT IN SUMMER KHAKI

ONE NAVY AVIATORS WEAR WINGS ONLY ON CAP

MARINE CORPS DEVICE ON CAP

RANK ON BOTH TABS

MARINE LIEUTENANT IN KHAKI

Ground School To Have Additions

Major Merle W. Allen, Director of the Academic Department of the SAAF announced that the Ground school is having two additions built in the Ground School area.

Already you can see some of the barracks buildings which are to be used for this purpose being moved onto the field just north of the theatre. There will be two barracks in all, both 100 by 20 feet long. One will contain three classrooms; the other will hold two code rooms and a code section office.

Pvt. Dennis says he keeps in condition by working eight hours a day and sleeping eight hours . . . of course the same eight hours.

Plan Tournaments For Officers and EM

The Physical Training Department is planning to stage golf, ping-pong and badminton tournaments for officers and ping-pong and badminton tournaments for enlisted men, all to take place in the very near future.

Officers and enlisted men interested are asked to submit their names and the sport entered to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, PT Director, by August 1st. Also approximate scores in the sports and in the case of officers, their address, Arkansas City or Winfield.

In the golf tournament for officers, play will take place at both A.C. and Winfield. Then the first three place winners of each town will meet for the post championship. Medals will be awarded to officers and enlisted men winning first three places in the various events.

Ping-pong and badminton tournaments for officers will be held during PT class periods. Tournaments in these two sports for enlisted men will be held in the post gym during evenings.

In connection with the Physical Fitness Tests now being given the men of SAAF, the three best times submitted by officers and enlisted men will mean the awarding of medals to these individuals. An award is also to be given the cadet who turns in the best time for the obstacle course, cross country and Physical Fitness Tests.

The majority of softball games scheduled for the first of this week were postponed until later in the week, so the standings are not included in this week's issue of the Prairie Flier.

Cadet Class 43I, upperclass at Strother Field, is now undergoing the Physical Fitness Training. The lower class, 43-J, completed its tests last week, averaging "good."

We hear Pfc. Robinson is back in the hospital. He took a sudden turn for the nurse.

Softball All-Stars Play Wichita Tonight

The Strother All-Star softball team is to meet the City Church League championship team of Wichita in a double-header to be played in Winfield, Kans., Friday night at 8:30 p.m.

The local aggregation is made up of top-flight softball players of Strother Field and is captained by Cpl. Wm. O. Reed of the 1083rd Squadron. The invitation for tonight's games is welcomed by members of the All-Star team and the event promises a lot of entertainment for everyone attending. Officers and enlisted men of SAAF are urged to attend the game.

Postpone Game With Independence

A baseball game with the Independence Army Air Field scheduled for Wednesday night was postponed due to the State Semi-Pro Tournament in Wichita. The game was to be played in Arkansas City, but due to the IAAF team playing in Wichita on that evening, the game is to be played in A.C. at a later date.

Correction

In the physical training percentages which appeared in the Prairie Flier last Friday, the Medics were quoted as having 40% during the week of May 31 to June 5th. The correct figure is 87% for that period.

In reply to inquiries, as to what kind of fellow I am . . . if you ever see two men leaning against a bar and one looks bored to death, the other fellow is me.

Secretary:—Your wife wants to kiss you on the phone.

Major:—Take the message, please, and I'll get it from you later.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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".....and last night I did something I've always wanted to do!"

SPORTS

Strother Eliminated In State Semi-Pro

In one of the best played ball games seen so far in the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament being held in Wichita, the Strother Field team lost by a score of 4 to 3 to the Cessna Aircraft team. This defeat eliminated SAAF from further tournament play as it was their second loss.

The fray went eleven innings during which there were only 13 hits, Strother making 5 and Cessna 8. Strother Field led by a score of 3 to 2 until the eighth inning when Cessna scored a run, tying the score at 3 all. In the eleventh inning the Cessna team scored the winning run.

Strother Field was defeated by the Ft. Leavenworth Reception Center team earlier in the tournament, after defeating the strong Topeka Scotts team, for its only victory.



BOX SCORE

Strother Field				Cessna Aircraft			
ab	h	e	r	ab	h	e	r
DeRasmi, rf	5	1	3	Anthony, ss	5	1	0
Dalak, ss	5	0	0	Elliot, rf	4	1	0
Lough'r, 3b	4	0	3	Basgall, cf	4	0	2
Gabriello, c	4	0	13	Cline, 1b	5	2	19
Bova, 2b	5	3	3	Keeley, c	4	1	10
Par'vano, cf	4	1	4	Men'hall, 3b	5	0	0
Sellers, lf	4	1	4	Hupman, lf	5	1	1
Curtis, 1b	4	0	4	Willhoite, 2b	3	0	1
Harding, p	4	0	0	Parker, p	0	0	0
				Nusser, p	4	2	0
Totals	39	5	31	Totals	39	8	33

One out when winning run scored.
Strother Field 020 001 000 00-3
Cessna 002 000 010 01-4
Errors—Anthony, Keeley, Willhoite, Loughner, Harding, DeRasmi. Two-base hits—Nusser, Anthony, Elliot. Bases on balls—Parker 1, Harding 6, Nusser 3. Strikeouts—Harding 12, Nusser 10. Winning pitcher—Nusser. Umpires—Burns and Anderson.

Luise Rainer Here

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"I never think about her being a great actress. I know she is, and though I'm awfully proud of her successes here in America and the ones she had before she and I came to this country from Austria, I think of her only as my sister, and that is enough for me," S/Sgt. Rainer commented.

In 1935 Miss Rainer accepted an offer of M-G-M and it was her brother Robert who accompanied her to this country. Since their arrival here neither has returned to their former home in Germany. Their parents and a brother, Rudolf are now permanent residents of this country. S/Sgt. Rainer came to SAAF from Enid, Okla., air field last December 1st. Not until a few hours before Miss Rainer's arrival at SAAF did it become known that the famous film star was the sister of the popular staff sergeant.

Upon completing her visit with her brother at SAAF, she will continue her trip to the west coast.

SAAF Plays Enidairs At Ark City Sunday

The Enidairs, Enid, Okla., Army Air Field team and the Strother Field team meet in what promises to be the outstanding baseball game of the season, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The encounter, long awaited by both teams and baseball fans of this vicinity, will be one of much rivalry. M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding, nitching star of SAAF, was formerly stationed at Enid. He will be out to hand the Enid team a defeat Sunday, something it is rather unaccustomed to.

A game between the two teams was originally scheduled for Sunday of last week, to be played at Enid. SAAF was scheduled to play in the State Semi-Pro Tournament on that date, so it was necessary to postpone the game. The game this Sunday will be the first time the two teams have met. A capacity crowd is expected to attend the event.



CHEMICAL ANALYSIS Element: Woman

Occurrence—Found wherever man exists. Seldom found in free state, with few exceptions in the combined state.

Physical Properties—All colors, shapes, sizes and ages. Usually in a disguised condition. Face covered with a film of composite material. Boo hoo at anything and may freeze at any moment; however, melts when properly treated. Very bitter if not well used.

Chemical Properties—Very active. Possesses a great affinity for gold, silver, platinum, precious stones, or anything of value. Violent reaction when left alone. Undissolved by liquids, but activity greatly stimulated when treated with spirits solution.
—From "Goldbricking with Esquire"



Basic Training for Enlisted Men Started this Week at SAAF

Just as "40 and 8" was a common expression in France during World War I, so will be "40 and 9" at Strother Field during the months to come. Forty men, selected at random from all squadrons on the field, are now undergoing a new basic training program which is of nine hours daily duration, six days a week for four weeks. At the conclusion of each educational period, a new class will be formed and the men will undergo the same training.

"Every enlisted man at SAAF who receives this basic training, will be very thankful for it in time to come," said Lt. Isidore Brown, CO of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th BFT Group, who is officer in charge of the basic training program, announced this week by Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., Director of Training at SAAF.

"I have heard a lot of comment that the enlisted men here think they have had basic training. There are not many men who know how to prepare a pack for an overnight march or dig a slit trench or do many other important things that they will be taught during

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S. 1295 for College After The War

A bill has been introduced into the Senate of the United States by Senator Claude Pepper of Florida which proposes providing loans and aid to war-service personnel for educational purposes after the war.

The main features of bill S. 1295 are: any ex-service person, either man or woman, honorably discharged from the armed forces of the nation may choose their own college or professional training institution; these persons shall receive aid for tuition and board (maximum stipend \$1200 annually, not to exceed four years); and that these persons and their dependents shall receive free medical care while at school.

Copies of this bill for those who are interested may be secured from your representatives in Congress or directly from Senator Pepper.

Good Conduct Awards Feature Inspection

In connection with the monthly review at Strother Field last Saturday morning, approximately 180 enlisted men were awarded the Good Conduct ribbon. (Medals of this type are not being manufactured until after the war.)

The reviewing group consisted of Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer, Major Robert L. Wehr, S-4, Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., Director of Training and Lt. Elbert E. Hall, Post Adjutant. The awards were presented by Col. Carroll who personally congratulated and shook the hand of each of the men.

The ribbons were awarded for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity to each enlisted man who: on or before August 27, 1940, had or shall have completed three (3) years of active Federal Service, or who after December 7, 1941, has or shall have completed one (1) year of continuous active Federal Service while the United States is at War."

Class 43-K Arrives

Now that 43-I has mastered Basic flying and the Vultee Valiants and moved on to Advanced, 43-J has become the present upper class at Strother Field. Into the shoes of the lower class has stepped the young men of 43-K.

Welcome to Strother Field 43-K! We're glad to have you with us, and soon you too will sail off "into the wide blue yonder" to fight for Uncle Sam!



This is the new type of insignia for United States Army Air Forces planes. It consists of a white star on a circular field of blue, a white rectangle attached horizontally and red border enclosing the entire device.
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Construction Started On New Pool

Construction work began early this week on SAAF's new swimming pool, which in all probability will be completed within 30 days as planned, the Special Projects Office announced.

The size of the pool will be 100 by 50 feet, and from four to ten feet in depth. The sides and ends of the pool will be large slabs of limestone flagstone, which slope toward the bottom at an angle of 60 degrees.

Surrounding the pool will be a two foot wide sand walk. There will also be a watch tower and combined diving platform, two foot board in the center of the deep end, showers and foot bath. The entire area is to be fenced in.

If you are wondering just what you can do to help, don't worry. The preparation for flagstone laying must be done by hand labor, and that is where you come in.

Hey Men!
AAAAAAten-shen!
GI Movies,
Once Agen:—
This week, Post Theatre!
Watch for the
AAAAAAnounce-men'!

Easy to Identify New Insignia

The new Army Air Force insignia is making its appearance at Strother Field on the BT training planes. Several ships now have the insignia painted on them, and the others will bear the new marking in the near future, Chief Warrant Officer, V. J. Pierce of Post Operations said today.

The new type insignia consists of a white star on a circular field of blue with a white rectangle attached horizontally and a red border enclosing the entire device.

At the direction of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the AAF, the new insignia was developed by the Proving Ground Command after visibility tests were made of the present Air Forces, German and Japanese insignia. The old AAF insignia and the German and Japanese identification markers all resolved into invisibility at the same distance, and as they came closer they appeared in the form of a dot because all regular figures take this form at great distances.

The new device is visible at 60% greater distance than the former one and the two Axis insignias. At greater distance it maintains the shape of a long narrow bar, thus there can be no mistake in identity.



Miss Luise Rainer visited her brother, S/Sgt. Robert Rainer, of the Ordnance Department, and Lt. Garland O. Beck, Ordnance Officer, during her stay at Strother Army Air Field last week.



"Oh, how interesting," said Miss Rainer when she was told about the radio contact between training planes and control towers. S/Sgt. H. O. Halverson explains the procedure in the central tower.



Movie star enjoyed a noon meal with her brother in the 1,000 man mess. She followed the "clean plate" policy and carried her own dishes to the kitchen, along with all the enlisted men.



"This is something I have always wanted to do," commented Miss Rainer when she drove an army Jeep on the field. Lt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., Public Relations Officer accompanied Miss Rainer.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

CAPT. J. W. BOXLEY, Special Service Officer

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Speaking of—Dictators

We have read recently in the headlines of the newspapers that Dictator Mussolini—the castor oil king—the protector of the Ethiopians—the friend of so many dead Albanians and Greeks (to say nothing of the Italians) has “resigned” his office.

It seems a little strange to us that a man who has created the enviable role in history as the self-appointed assassin of so many innocent and peace loving peoples, and who has brought about the return of barbarism through his prodigious efforts for Facism thinks that with the single sweep of a petty pen he can blot out the bloody record of murder and rapine for which he is largely responsible.

No, Benito, you can never resign. You can never obliterate, no matter how much you try, the indelible etchings of your bastardy sword in the mind of humanity. You have set the clock back in the score of civilization, and the music you have created is a diapason of savagery.

You can never resign, nor can you escape the fate of all of your predecessors—Caesar-Napoleon, and the rest of the vultures that prey upon the trust of man. You shall go to your grave with the pleasurable memory of having been a scourge—a debit in the book of ages.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, July 31—Double Feature
YANKS AHOY . . . William Tracy
GOOD LUCK MR. YATES . . . Claire Trevor

Sunday and Monday, August 1-2
Matinee Sunday 1400
BACKGROUND TO DANGER
George Raft
News . . . This is America

Tuesday, August 3
CRIME DOCTOR . . . Warner Baxter
Dancing on the Stars . . . Al Donahue
Merrie Melodies

Wednesday and Thursday, August 4-5
HERS TO HOLD
Deanna Durbin, Joseph Cotten
The War . . . No. 6

Friday, August 6
SPITFIRE . . . Leslie Howard, David Niven
Dog House
Color Cartoon—Uninvited Pest

Our Times

LT. ADRIAS P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: The big news of course is the deposition of Benito Mussolini and the Fascist regime in Italy. Rumors on possible consequences are a dime a dozen, but facts in the case are almost nil as yet. It is not even known definitely what happened to Il Duce and what led up to his demise. Casting conjecture and rumor to the four winds, we can be sure that the Axis has been weakened considerably, and as a result the war in Europe should be shortened to some extent. It is safe to assume that the new government in Italy will eventually come to the terms of unconditional surrender laid down by the Allies. That will mean that we must feed and clothe some forty million down-and-out Italians, and garrison a sizable area for the duration. The net result of Italy's capitulation will be the advancement of the end of the conflict and the saving of thousands of lives and much equipment. Certainly, then, the news of Mussolini's ouster was cheerful for us, gloomy for Hitler and Hirohito.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The brave Greeks have not forgotten that they were forced to fight the Italians alone for a long time; now that Italy will no doubt try to withdraw her troops from the Balkans, Greece will want vengeance. And will get it, unless Badoglio sues for peace without hesitation. . . . Don't overlook the possibility of an American drive against Wake Island and other central Pacific Japanese bases. That should be a natural in view of the Jap's preoccupation in the southwest Pacific and the Aleutians area. . . . It is pertinent this week to repeat a recent assertion from this corner: the large concentration of American troops in Iran is not there for a show.

TRIVIA: Thanks to Lt. Fred Holbein for a fine job of pinch-hitting in this corner last week; only it appears that this scribe is pinch-hitting for Lt. Holbein, in view of the good job he has done. Other officers who seek expression of their opinions and analyses are welcome in this column.

Have You Read . . .

Low Man on a Totem Pole by H. Allen Smith.
War in the Desert by Raoul Aglion.
Book of Claudia by Rose Franken.
There Were Giants in the Land by Stephen Vincent Benet.

They're in your Post Library!

Thought For Today

'Tis the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of
the voice
Sing on in the soul away.

THE HUMAN TOUCH. —Spencer Michael Free.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

"Does this hot and dry weather go on for any length of time?" I have heard these words repeated so many times during the past couple of weeks, that the expression bothers me more than the heat!

Sure, this type of weather goes on for quite some time. In 1936 for instance, there was a week in July that Kansans would rather forget. Starting out with a 113 degree day, the heat increased daily until 119½ degrees set an all-time record in this vicinity, yet, no one died as a result of the extreme heat.

Many of the men on Strother Field come from parts of the country in which fatalities occur regularly when the mercury reaches a point many degrees less than we are accustomed too in Kansas. So, take it easy, you will survive this midwest climate all right.

A NATIVE.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By LT. DONALD E. WINEINGER, Chaplain

The Prairie Flier is pleased to announce the return of our Post Chaplain from O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., where he has been under treatment for over a fortnight.

"Everybody is a sorry bunch of so and so's (censored and necessary substitution of words) I hate them all." So runs the thought of the author of one of the current best sellers. The author was specific about supporting his frank opinion, but most of his illustrations came from his own profession which represents a very small portion of humanity, and I venture, an even smaller share of his reading public.

To say the least, it is upon these "Sorry People" the author was and is so dependent to accept and buy his book. Whether or not the public buys the book means the success or failure of the publication. If the readers and reviewers had turned thumbs down on the book, the author would have been quite unhappy for he had put much time and money in the venture. In other words his happiness is still dependent upon a favorable treatment by the public—toward which he is so hostile.

Here is a common trait of humanity. One who has any dealing with the public can easily become cynical. But even though he does become cynical and openly hostile his life and his happiness is still wrapped up in the treatment of the mankind toward him.

The greatest Teacher who ever lived, even though He was put to death as an innocent man, said before His death: "He who would find his life must lose it in the cause of humanity."

Liftings

The gals call every fellow who carries a biological gleam in his eye a wolf. Well, this ain't so. We know what a wolf is. A wolf is the kinda guy that would go into a restaurant and order a waitress; a wolf is the fellow that would pull the wool over a sweater girl's eyes. Now I askya: is that a GI?

GI: Is it true that your mother told you to answer no to every question that a soldier asks you?

Ark City Lass: Yeah.

GI: Well, do you mind if I hold your hand?

Lass: No.

GI: Well, wouldja object to my putting my arm around your shoulder?

Gal: Why, no.

GI: (Exploding) Man! Am I going to have fun!

Mother: What are the soldier boy's intentions?

Daughter: Well, he's been keeping me pretty much in the dark lately.

Major: What is a maneuver?

Recruit: Something you put on grass to make it green, sir.

Male Call



EASY DOES IT,
SPORT! HOW
ABOUT A GAME
OF RUMMY—
WITHOUT THE
GIN!

NO BRID
ENGINE
YOU CAN
A RUNW
THESE
SHOU



UNSUNG HEROES: The Administrative Inspector's Office

If you think just Saturday inspections are rugged brother, how would you like to be in the Administrative Section of the Air Inspector's Office pulling them all the time?

It's a tough job, but to Inspector Captain Joe B. McDonald, Ass't 2nd Lt. Paul E. Lange, M/Sgt. Alewine B. Cates, S/Sgt. Robert J. Chatelain and secretary Dorothy A. Ruckel, it is just routine.

To them it is their daily work to check the funds, records, administration and upkeep of most of the organizations on the Field. Think of what a man must do in a single squadron; he checks the paper work from the morning report on down; he carefully scrutinizes barracks, latrines, supply room, day room, squadron area, and the men themselves. Nothing which is not according to AR escapes his omniscient eye and it all goes on a report to be corrected.

When you stop to think that these few men must do the same job at the hospital, 1000 man mess, and the many other groups on the field, you will get some idea of the scope of their task.

Yes, it is a rough job, but these men take it in their stride as we fight the war at Strother Field.

Miss Rainer Gives Fine Performance

"We hereby resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, and that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

These immortal words, first spoken by Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, were repeated last Thursday evening from the stage of the Post Theater by lovely Luise Rainer, motion picture star, and guest of SAAF. She had visited Gettysburg while enroute to see her brother, S/Sgt. Robert Rainer who is stationed here at Strother Field, and was greatly impressed by Lincoln's words inscribed on the Gettysburg monument.

There were no studio spotlights, talented directors, or musicians present during this "scene" at the theater—only the small and slender figure of a truly great actress. The words she spoke in her lovely Viennese voice shall long be remembered by the officers and enlisted men who listened reverently as she spoke. Her performances in "The Great Ziegfeld" and "The Good Earth," resulting in her winning the Academy Award twice, were no more impressive than her deliverance of Lincoln's famous words.

Miss Rainer made a place in the hearts of men on the field who heard her speak and saw her smile during the day of visiting points of interest at SAAF.

A very beautiful pin in the shape of the British royal coat of arms was worn by Miss Rainer. It was disclosed by her that the diamond and ruby creation was presented by a British Colonel who has been stationed in Africa.

It's Up to You

You must see security as an additional weapon in your hands, a weapon which, if developed and perfected, can become as valuable to the United States Army as the tank, the airplane, or the anti-aircraft gun. That may sound like an exaggeration, but it is not. Our technical experts are working night and day to reduce our losses and increase our striking power by faster aircraft, and through the development of better equipment, but those losses would be reduced in a far more sensational way if all leakage of information to the enemy could suddenly be stopped.

Kownick's Korn

Pvt. Hoag finds—There's no fun kissing a girl over the telephone . . . unless you're right in the booth with her.

A child was born in an airplane the other day. He should be successful in life. At least, he got off with a flying start.

Did you ever stop to figure, the best thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said?

The height of something or other is the dumb guy who turned a deaf ear to a blind date.

Have you heard about Cpl. Heney—He ran around his bed—to catch up on his sleep.

Cpl. Ben McGee says—I do my best work sitting. . . . In fact, that's where I shine.

What does the bride think about when she walks into the church?—"Aisle, Altar, Hymn!"

Choice of Studies In Classes for EM

Whether it is algebra, geometry, orderly room forms, army correspondence or typewriting that you are interested in, you can have your choice in classes held each week for enlisted men.

Classes in algebra are held on Tuesday and Thursday and in geometry on Wednesday and Friday. These classes are held in the Academic Building of the Ground School, Classroom D, between 1830 and 1930. Classes in orderly room forms and army correspondence are held Tuesday and Thursday at the same time in the larger classroom south of the building. Typewriting classes are held in Board Room of the Cadet Headquarters Building on Monday and Wednesday. To enroll, fill in application blank in your orderly room or call Lt. Carl C. Banno, phone 357, for an interview.

Another Ark City gal has fallen before the "heartly" onslaught of the handsome dogs at the SAAF. This time it was Pvt. Neil Oliver of 1088th that took the plunge; and the girl who stood up with him at the JP's office in Ark City was Miss May Belle Hermanski. They are going to live in her home town until after the war; then Husband Oliver is going to take her back to his home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR TRUMAN C. ABBOTT

The headaches of a personnel distributor's war are well carried upon the shoulders of energetic Major Truman C. Abbott, the tireless Texan who is Personnel Officer at Strother Field.

Major Abbott was born and reared in the small town of Granbury, Texas. After graduation from Granbury High, he spent time studying both at John Tarleton and Texas A and M colleges, where he was not only an active student leader, but a prominent man o' sports. Although he received his letters in both basketball and football, he participated in baseball and track, and today sports of all types are his interest.

Taking with him his reserve commission gained after two years ROTC at Tarleton, Major Abbott started his business career, which went like this: '31-'35, Athletic Director, Scranton High School, Scranton, Texas; '36-'39, traveling salesman; '39-'41, Company Commander CCC.

At this point he foresaw the impending trouble for us during the coming years, and tried many times to get into active service. Finally, when the emergency reached a crisis, he entered the Army and the Air Corps, and was sent first to Corsicana, Texas, and then here to SAAF.

Another recent graduate of the General Staff school in Fort Leavenworth, he was given the difficult task upon his return of performing the miracle of the Exact Manning Table at Strother Field. He is the proud father of two fine sons, which he and his wife have brought with them to Kansas.

Captains Sprong and Erickson Promoted

Two recent officer promotions on the Field were those of Major John W. Erickson, Post Surgeon, and Major Aaron A. Sprong, Chief of Medical Service.

In addition to his promotion, Major Sprong has been notified by the War Department that he is soon to receive the Air Medal of the United States for his meritorious service while on overseas duty in Hawaii, Midway, and many of the small islands of the Down Under theatre of war, where fighting is still going on.

Major Erickson is a native of Minnesota, while Major Sprong is back home in Kansas, being a citizen of Sterling, Kansas.

P-47 Does 420 At 30 Thousand

Americans have long awaited the first combat reports of the fabulous Republic Thunderbolt P-47, and in Flying Magazine this month, Peter Maserfield, an Englishman, tells a startling tale of speed and fire.

Like all fighters, Maserfield relates, the Thunderbolt is a specialist. Altho it cannot compare with the Spitfire or Hurricane in dog-fighting, the P-47 can out-dive any ship aloft. She's at her best between 25 and 35 thousand feet, where she can go 420 mph on straightaway, a record which tops even the Nazis FW-190.

The Thunderbolt is murder when attacking enemy high altitude bombers, or forming protective cover for our big boys. Can you imagine someone seeing a flying battleship like the P-47 dive at them from the stratosphere blasting away with eight .50's at a speed of 725 mph when such a speed is faster than that of a bullet?

Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Quite A Battle Sight



USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.	Win.	Sports Nite
Ark.	Game Nite	
Sat.	Win.	Saturday Dance
Ark.	Dancin' and eats	
Sun.	Win.	Quiz Program
Ark.	Bingo Telephone	
Mon.	Win.	Informal Nite
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Tues.	Win.	Da Splasha Parts
Ark.	Record your voice	
Wed.	Win.	Dance Eats
Ark.	Dancin' N' food	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge Nite
Ark.	Splash Party	

Lose to Enidairs, 8 to 5 In Thrilling Baseball Tilt

The Enidairs, Enid, Okla., Army Air Field baseball team defeated SAAF by a score of 8 to 5 in an exciting game last Sunday in Arkansas City. Tied in the third inning at one all and again in the sixth inning at four all, the game was filled with suspense from the first ball pitched.

As for the Strother team, it was Padovano Day. The hustling center fielder was at bat three times, hitting a home run, double and single. He hit a homer in the second, drove in Bova and Loughner with a double in the fourth and later scored on a sacrifice. In the eighth he singled and accounted for the final SAAF run. Sellers singled him in.

George Gabrielli, pitcher, and Tom Gabrielli, catcher, the brother combination that was recently added to the baseball roster, formed the battery for Sunday's game. In the sixth inning, Strain, EAAF first baseman, knocked a home run scoring two team mates ahead of him. This tied the game at 4 all. In the eighth, Deal, EAAF center-fielder, hit a homerun with two men on, making the score 8 to 4. EAAF had scored one more run in the seventh.

Gabrielli was replaced by Wescott in the eighth inning, but the winning margin had already been made.

Medals to Be Awarded Officers and EM

Medals have been ordered by Physical Training Department of SAAF to be awarded winners of the approaching golf, ping-pong and badminton tournaments for officers; ping-pong and badminton tournaments for enlisted men; officers and enlisted men submitting the three best times in the physical fitness tests; and to the cadet who turns in the best time for the obstacle course, cross country and physical fitness tests.

BOX SCORE

Enid Air Base				Strother Field			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Ferguson, 2b	6	0	2	DeRasmi, rf	5	0	0
Honeycutt, ss	5	3	2	Dalak, ss	4	1	0
Strain, 1b	3	2	1	Loughner, 3b	3	1	1
Deal, cf	3	1	2	T. Gabrielli, c	3	0	0
Basgall, 3b	3	0	9	Bova, 2b	4	1	0
Pickens, c	2	0	1	Padovano, cf	3	2	3
Faulk, rf	4	1	1	Sellers, lf	4	0	1
Kretlow, lf	4	0	0	Curtis, 1b	4	0	0
Smith, lf	1	0	0	Bourbouse, *	1	0	0
Dent, p	4	1	0	Harris, †	0	0	0
				Ebert, ‡	1	0	0
				G. Gabrielli, p	2	0	0
				Wescott, p	0	0	0

Totals 35 8 9 Totals 34 5 5

* Batted for Curtis in ninth.
† Batted for Bourbouse in ninth.
‡ Batted for Wescott in ninth.

Score by innings:

Enid 000 003 130—8 9 2

Strother 010 300 010—5 5 3

SUMMARY: Runs batted in—Padovano (4), Deal (4), Strain (3). Two base hits—Deal, Padovano. Home runs—Padovano, Deal, Strain. Stolen bases—Harris, Strain, Deal, Honeycutt. Sacrifice—Loughner. Double plays—E. Gabrielli to Bova; Ferguson to Honeycutt to Strain. Left on bases—Enid (13), Strother (6). Bases on balls—Dent (6), G. Gabrielli (11), Wescott (1). Strike outs—Dent (7), G. Gabrielli (3), Wescott (1). Hits off—G. Gabrielli, 7 for 8 runs in 7 1-3 innings. Wescott, 2 for 0 runs in 1 2-3 innings. Passed ball—Pickens. Losing pitcher—G. Gabrielli. Umpires—Bucky Harris of Wichita, Art Sneller, Arkansas City. Scorer—Tommy Malcolm.

Defeat Thunderbirds By Score of 17 to 1

Strother Field went into a tie for second place in the last-half season play in the Arkansas City League, as a result of its 17 to 1 victory over the A.C. Thunderbirds in a four inning game played last Friday night. James May, pitching for SAAF allowed only six hits and one run as his team mates began hitting in the third inning. Eight runs scored in that inning and nine in the fourth put an end to the game.

Thunderbirds 010 0—1
Strother 008 9—17

The Herington, Kans., Army Air Field baseball team met the SAAF nine in a game played at Arkansas City last night. As the Prairie Flier goes to press on Thursdays it is impossible to present the final score and summary in this week's copy of your base newspaper.

SPORTS

Win From Packers In A. C. League

SAAF remained in a tie for second place in the Arkansas City League by defeating the Maurer-Neuer Packers 6 to 2 Tuesday night. Wescott pitched four-hit ball and Bova, 2nd baseman, hit two long doubles in four trips to the plate. Both of the Packers' runs were made in the first inning.

Maurer-Neuer				Strother			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
B. R'ter, rf	1	0	0	DeRasmi, rf	4	1	1
D. G'm'e, rf	2	1	0	Curtis, 1b	1	0	1
Sch'over, ss	3	1	0	B'house, 1b	3	1	1
Laird, cf	3	0	1	Dalak, ss	4	1	1
Steele, lf	3	0	0	L'ghner, 3b	4	1	1
H. S'ta, 3b	0	0	0	Bova, 2b	4	1	2
W'tman, 2b	2	0	1	Padovano, cf	2	0	0
Sherrill, p	3	0	0	De'waki, lf	4	0	1
Sison, 1b	3	0	0	Ebert, c	3	1	1
Johnson, c	3	0	1	Wescott, p	1	0	0
Valdola, 2b	3	0	1				

Totals 26 2 4 Totals 30 6 9

Score by innings:

Maurer-Neuer 200 000 0—2 4 4

Strother Field 300 030 x—6 9 2

Link Trainer On Way to Title

The Link Trainer softball team is well on its way to the winning of the first half pennant of the Squadron Softball Schedule. In its game with the QM last Monday night, Link Trainer won by a score of 8 to 7. This gives them a standing of 8 games won and none lost. Having won the Squadron Volleyball title this year, the Link boys appear certain to add another championship to their collection.

In other 11th round games played Monday night, the Guard Sq., won from the 55th BFT Group, 16 to 11. The Medical Det. defeated Ordnance by a score of 13 to 5. 23rd Communications drew a bye. No other games were played Monday night.

Teams planning on entering the second-half of season play, must notify Lt. H. H. Cummings, Asst. Director of Physical Training.

*Good luck to all
lads on Strother Army-
Air Field - and wishing
good wishes!
Sincerely
Luisa Rainer*

While visiting her brother, S/Sgt. Robert Rainer, and seeing the sights of Strother Field, Miss Luisa Rainer, motion picture star, penned the above message to the personnel of this base. (Courtesy of SAAF Photo Lab.)

Basic Training

(Continued from page one)

this four week training period," continued Lt. Brown.

Enlisted men forming the first training group have moved into one barrack where they will live together for the next 30 days. They will be issued no passes during the week except on week-ends. This affects married and single men alike.

Included in the training will be, military courtesy; hygiene sanitation; squadron orientation; chemical warfare; first aid and physical training; armament, including machine gun, rifle and pistol; aircraft identification; close order drill and extended drill; interior guard duty; overnight marches; formal retreat; and inspection on Saturday mornings.

"These men will not have to turn in nightly until a little after 22:00, so they may attend picture shows at the post theater if they so desire, and are able to walk that far after a day's training," concluded Lt. Brown.

M/Sgt. George S. Showalter, and Cpl. Joseph G. Kenihan of the Hq. and Hq. Sq. 55th B.F.T. Gp., are assisting Lt. Brown in the basic training program.

Standings of the teams at the end of the eleventh round of play are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Link Trainer	8	0	1.000
1084th Service Sq.	6	2	.735
Medical Det.	7	3	.700
1088th Guard Sq.	7	3	.700
1083rd BFT Sq.	4	3	.571
Quartermaster Corps	5	5	.500
Ordnance	5	5	.500
55th BFT Group	5	5	.500
1082nd Central Hanger	5	5	.500
1082nd South Hanger	4	5	.444
23rd Communications	1	7	.122
1083rd Post Operations	1	8	.111
1082nd North Hanger	0	8	.000

All-Stars Lose A Double Header

The Strother Field All-Stars consisting of players from all the squadron softball teams, met the Wichita Church championship team last Friday night and lost both ends of the double-header which was played in Winfield.

Both games were won without a single earned run crossing the home plate. The first game ended in a 5 to 3 victory for the Wichita team which also took the second game by a score of 3 to 1.

This was the second time the All-Star team played in a game together.

The Wolf

by Sansone





Parachutes Get Nylon—Legs Makeup—Sgt. Eyefull!



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Substituting leg make-up for Nylon, formerly used in hosiery but now a vital fabric in construction of parachutes, are, left to right, Mrs. Carroll E. Nickel, Sub-Depot Supply, wife of Sgt. Nickel, member of the 383rd. Band Squadron; Miss Doris Shipp of Ark. City, former employee of the Engineering Dept., of the Sub-Depot; Miss Patricia Mattimore, also of Ark. City, and an employee of the Engineering Dept., Sub-Depot.

Oh yes, we forgot Sgt. Markham of the Photo Lab. who appears so interested in Miss Shipp's wristwatch!

Welcomed "Memphis Belle" in Wichita SAAF "Annual" Being Distributed

A group of Strother Field officers and enlisted men were in Wichita Sunday for ceremonies held in connection with the arrival of the "Memphis Belle," famous Flying Fortress and its nine-man crew, which recently returned from Europe.

Local officers included, Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, and welcoming officer for the ceremony, Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., Major Jason L. Beatty, Major Truman C. Abbott, Major James R. Williams, Major Aaron A. Sprong, Capt. W. G. Whiteneck and Lt. Robert E. Lynch, Public Relations Officer.

Fourteen men from the 1088th Guard Squadron, headed by Sgt. B. J. Kehoe, were present to guard the Fortress during its stay in Wichita.

During a program held in Riverside Park Sunday night, the SAAF band entertained the vast audience gathered to honor the crew members of the "Memphis Belle." These men presented Air Corps Enlisted Reserve lapel buttons to twenty-seven youths.

Remember way back in May when representatives of the Army and Navy Publishers Inc., chased all over the field taking pictures to be published in the pictorial review of Strother Field? Well, that pic-book of the men and activities of groups on the Post is now being delivered to the squadrons who are in turn distributing it to their personnel.

The main pictorial section includes individual and group pictures of officers, cadets and enlisted men, and many shots of the buildings and grounds. Bound in a blue imitation leather cover, it bears the name of the Field and the motto of the GCTC "Ut Viri Volent"—"That men may fly"—on the cover.

The Public Relations Office, under the direction of 1st Lt. Robert E. Lynch, which handled the work in conjunction with the publishers, wishes to announce that any man who wishes to obtain a copy now may do so through the PRO.

The book contains a memorandum to Capt. Donald Strother.

Major Sprong Awarded Air Medal In Impressive SAAF Ceremony

Major Aaron A. Sprong of Sterling, Kans., and a member of the military personnel of Strother Field, was decorated with the coveted Air Medal by Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer, during a public celebration held in connection with the event Wednesday afternoon. A full military review added to the color in the presentation of the high military award.

War Dogs Stationed At Strother Field

Strother Army Air Field will in a few days have four more dogs added to its canine roster, but they definitely are not pets to be adopted by various squadrons—they are Sentry dogs.

Returning from the War Dog Reception and Training Center, Fort Robinson, Neb., where he has taken specialized training, Pfc. Calvin W. Pennell, of the 1088th Guard Squadron, will be accompanied by four highly trained dogs which are to be used in sentry duty work at SAAF.

"Barracks" for the animals have been constructed and each has a front porch, for shelter from the Kansas sun. It has been found that the maximum efficiency of war dogs can best be maintained if the kennels are placed in a restricted area, where no strangers or visitors are allowed, except the personnel who are responsible for their handling and maintenance. So, as curious as you GI's may be about our new "soldiers," do not try to become friendly or go near them.

(Take-off to Page 3, Col. 4)

The USO's of Wichita are having their "first Saturday of the month" formal dance on August 7th in the Midian Temple at Wichita. All SAAF men are cordially invited to attend.

Army Vehicle Drivers Now Attending Class

All drivers of army vehicles, whether they be soldiers or civilians, are to undergo a comprehensive study of the function of the vehicle they drive, in a series of six, 2-hour instruction periods, under the direction of Capt. S. S. Wolf, post quartermaster.

Drivers will learn to appreciate the capabilities and limitations of the vehicle; they will have a clear understanding of the wear, abuse and neglect to which the vehicle is subjected, and to learn by preventive maintenance how to lessen further abuse.

Lieutenants Garland O. Beck, ordnance officer, and Hugh G. Fowell, motor transportation officer, are assisting Capt. Wolf in the classes, first of which took place Monday. Instruction in elementary driving, nomenclature and function of parts, tires, wheels and lubrication, engine exercises, and driving practice will be explained, together with the showing of training films with which Capt. Wolf has been furnished.

(Take-off to Page 4, Col. 3)

The decoration of Major Sprong was the first such event honoring an officer from Strother Field, and the military review was the first for the public since the field was opened. The Strother Field band played for the marching of troops and for other parts of the brief program.

All interested persons were invited to attend the ceremony by Col. Carroll, and the gates to the field were opened to the public earlier in the afternoon. Cars were parked east of Headquarters and the review and presentation occurred near the flag pole in front of Headquarters.

Preceding the presentation ceremony, troops formed in a line and the Commander of troops, Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., presented them to Major Sprong and to Col. Carroll. The presentation ceremony followed, taking place in front of the troops.

First, the colors did "front and center," then the staff marched out and came to the front with the colors in salute to Major Sprong. All squadrons presented arms while the band played the Star Spangled Banner. Col. Carroll then awarded Major Sprong with the Air Medal. Retreat and the passing of troops in review closed the ceremonies.

The Air Medal was recommended for Major Sprong—then a captain—by command of Lt. General Millard Harmon last February 3rd for meritorious achievement while participating in an air flight on Dec. 16, 1942, over the Solomon Islands. Like in a game of checkers, Capt. Sprong was always one move ahead of the decoration. He had been recalled to the United States by the time the decoration had been sent to the Eleventh Bombardment Group, with which Capt. Sprong was serving.

The decoration was forwarded to the Airport of Embarkation of the West Coast and then to Strother (Take-off to Page 4, Col. 2)

Strother Pool to Be Completed Aug. 15

The Strother Field swimming pool being built just east of the bowling alleys will be completed on August 15th, announced Major Leon Vance Jr. last week.

In an earlier issue, the Prairie Flier timidly announced that the pool would be ready in 30 days, which was almost an unbelievable proposition. However, it seems the PF was wrong, for if the pool is ready for anxious SAAF pool-ghouls on the 15th it will have taken the Special Projects Office under hard-working Major M. P. Lee only approximately TWENTY days to complete the task!

This is an age of speed, yes, but this is more than speed—this is a miracle!

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Speaking of—Realism

There's no use fooling ourselves: few of us Americans at home have felt the war directly. Oh yes, we've had to deny ourselves a bit of sugar, coffee and meat; we've gone to CD meetings, given a pint of blood, and watched Ma practice first aid on Pa; but we do not know what *hell* war really is.

We haven't been bombed, strafed or invaded. We haven't seen any of our homes reduced to rubble heaps and our families flee in terror. We haven't seen our loved ones ripped into bloody shreds by flying shrapnel. And we have not felt the hot, fetid breath of the beast down the back of our necks.

That is why we have black markets, war opportunists, coal strikes and race riots. We have not faced the grim realism that is war.

When we learn what the man at the front knows as he stares into the hoary face of death—that we must fight unceasingly for a life worth having—never relaxing—never betraying that trust of vigilance—then, and only then shall we develop a home front realism, and in doing so, win the Victory and peace that follow.

Have You Read . . .

Life in a Putty Knife Factory—H. Allen Smith
Ambassadors in White by Charles M. Wilson
Immortal Sergeant by John Brophy
Military and Naval Recognition Book by J. W. Bunkley

They're in your Post Library!

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 7 August

GET GOING

Grace McDonald, Robert Paige
STRANGER FROM PECOS

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WHAT'S BUZZIN' COUSIN?

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Friday, 13 August

THE YOUNGEST PROFESSION

Virginia Weidler, Edward Arnold
Color Cartoon and Broadway Brevity

Our Times

LT. ADAS P. LABOREDE

THIS WEEK: Contrary to optimistic anticipation, the Badoglio government of Italy has not capitulated to General Eisenhower. To students of the situation, however, that is not surprising. Italy is caught between two fires: unconditional surrender to the Allies resulting in making Italy a fiery battlefield in ousting the Germans from that country on the one hand; on the other hand refusal to surrender and the consequent hammering of Italian cities by Allied air might. The decision facing Badoglio's regime is not an easy one to make. The fact remains, however, that the Italian people want peace with the Allies at any cost. That pressure will probably result in the forced resignation of Badoglio, and the inception of a peace-making clique in power. Regardless of the eventual denouement of the complex situation, the resistance offered by the Italian army henceforth will be passive and of little effect. In other words, we have succeeded in crushing one of the Axis partners.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The rebellious attitude of the people of Milan and other Italian cities can be expected to spread to German cities before long. No people can long withstand the horrors of all-out aerial blitz without breaking down. Already unessential citizenry is being evacuated from Berlin. The question, though, is where will that mass of humanity be evacuated to, in order to avoid the danger that hovers above? How many Nazi cities can stand the destruction meted to Hamburg before the contagious demoralization becomes uncontrollable? Anyone can answer that question.

TRIVIA: Goering is trying to buy a country, villa in Switzerland. Apparently, that guy is going to pull a Mussolini, and get out of Germany while the getting-out is still good. Il Duce's demise was quite a surprise, but he will not be the last of the Axis big dogs to pass out of the picture before peace comes.

Thought For Today

Democracy today is threatened by dictators from without. Democracy is always threatened by dictators and would-be dictators from within. Beware of the man with the will-to-power. He will constantly be sticking his head up; knock it down. The Master told us that he that would be greatest among us should be the servant of all. . . . The Council of democracy is . . . we can safely permit only those who wish to serve to be great among us.—From the speech "Our Flag," by Lt. Col. B. A. Brown.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

The expression, "If you don't gripe you are not a soldier," seems a little overdone by a lot of men new in service on this field, as well as at other bases and camps over the country.

I have been guilty of unnecessarily griping about little things that amount to absolutely nothing, so the other evening I began to count the many features of Strother Field for which I, as well as every other man stationed here, have to be thankful.

Sitting on the front steps of my barrack, I looked around the field. First there was the gymnasium with all its fine athletic equipment. Second, the swimming pool which will soon be ready for our enjoyment, the new bowling alleys soon to open, the baseball diamonds and football fields, the post theater, library, PX, all these things are for me and the rest of the soldiers here.

The Commanding officer of SAAF and all squadron commanders are interested in our welfare, and believe me, the privileges here are many more than we would receive if we were stationed elsewhere.

If every man on the field will take a few minutes time and look around the base at all that is done for him. I know that he will feel as I do, that Strother Field is a darn good base at which to be stationed.

A GL.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER
COURAGE

'Tis easy to be meeting
The ups and downs of life,
The harsh and pleasing moments,
That mingle in the strife,
When there is blare of trumpets
To echo down the street
And friendly voices shouting
Like music strongly sweet.
But man is truly tested,
As God Himself will own,
When he is made to journey
The rugged road alone.

'Tis easy to be facing
The tasks that we must do,
The commonplace endeavors,
That are both old and new.
When, as we live and labor,
There is somebody near
To strengthen us to struggle
With words of kindly cheer.
But, when a man must wander
In lonely path apart,
Lo he is truly showing
The courage of his heart!
—Edgar Daniel Kramer.
—From Christian Herald, August, 1943.

Liftings

Ya know, ya hear these gals in Washington yelping about crowded living conditions, but have they seen these last year's slacks on the girls in the SAAF Sub-Depot?

Wabbits are a funny wace,
The way they act is a disgwace,
You'd be surprised if you but knew
The awful things that rabbits do—
And often, too!

GI: (To his l'il wify) Haaaaaacey! You ain't goin' out in the street with that dress on is you? I can see right thru to your pink undies!

Wifey: Aw honey, yur wrong agen, dat ain't m' undies.

GI: Naw?

Wifey: Naw, sweets, dat's my sunburn.

GI: (At ye ice cream shoppe) Gimmie a pint of g—er—I mean orange sherbet.—Say, just a minute, is dis ice cream pure?

Ice Cream Gal: Why Sojuh-boy, this ice cream is as pure as your dream-gal!

GI: Oh, dat so? Have yuh got any pie?

Medico: (Examining arriving WAC's) Before I can complete this examination, Miss, I shall have to ask you to remove your blouse.

Auxiliary: (with girlish coy) Oh, my no! No doctor!

Medico: Come, come, Miss, let's not make mountains out of mole-hills.

GI: Wow! Is that a dress honey! Where'd ya buy it? Boy is it a corkeroo, no flaps and a yard wide!

Ark City Gal: Well, precious thank you! But I can't wear this tonight, 'cause I only wear it to teas.

GI: You mean me, baby?

Male Call

by Milton Can



UNSUNG HEROES: The Technical Inspector's Office

Practically everything that has to do with flying safety and maintenance is handled by the Technical Branch of the Air Inspector's Office. Heading a staff of experts which Strother Field has performing this responsible task is capable Captain John H. Hueners, and his assistant CWO Vernie J. Pierce.

The rest of the crew of six airplane inspectors, three communications inspectors and four clerks include: T/Sgts. Arlington C. Krajnik, Edward J. Kreuter, and James R. Leach; S/Sgts. Steve D. Broskovak, Richard H. Brumfield, Joseph A. Carack, and Raymond J. Tate; Sgt. Max Huetter, Cpls. Edward W. Pease and Edward Seeb. Pfc. Vernon A. Rosenblum, and Pvts. Edward J. Stewart and R. A. Eichler.

The duties of the Tech Inspector's Office are many and various. In addition to inspecting all of the station's airplanes, communication systems, and flying fields at least once a month, together with all the records appertaining thereto, they must check the maintenance of such departments as Instrument Training, Photo Lab, Field Lighting, Technical Library, and others. The TIO also supervises the vital job of fire and safety control, both on the line and field proper.

Little mention will ever be made in history of these hard-working Americans who fight silently behind the lines at Strother Field, but they are always there, plugging for Victory.

Proud Papa

Cpl. Vernon P. Hearn, 448th. Hdqts. and Hdqts. Sqd., received word Sunday of the arrival of a 7 lb. 12 oz. son, born at Houston, Tex., home of the Hearn's.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....Sports night..Eats
Ark.....Informal game nite
Sat.....Win.....Dance nite
Ark.....Dancing..Eats
Sun.....Win.....Quiz program
Ark.....Bingo..Phone call
Mon.....Win.....Informal nite
Ark.....Do-as-you-please..Food
Tues.....Win.....Swim party
Ark.....Record your voice
Wed.....Win.....Take it easy nite
Ark.....Dancing Refreshments
Thurs.....Win.....Record your voice
Ark.....Splash party

Member of Ice Follies

Aviation Cadet Kendall W. Anderson, member of Class 43-J at Strother Field, might find the ice on Posey creek during a cold winter morning a little rough compared to the stage of the Radio City Music Hall in New York City, but, skating is skating and he might try it just the same.

Anderson was a professional skater and one of the solo performers in the famous Ice Follies, prior to his enlistment in the Army Air Corps. He appeared in the Ice Follies less than two years after first buckling on a pair of skates, proving that he certainly has a sense of balance and coordination.

Following his enlistment, he was sent to Puerto Rico, the British West Indies and the Dutch West Indies, where for two years he performed the duties of an enlisted man and a student bombardier. In January, 1943, he returned to the U.S. and began his aviation cadet training at San Antonio.

Monthly EM-GSO Dance Is a Smash

The monthly EM-GSO dance held Thursday the 29th in the Strother Field gym, sponsored jointly by the Special Service Department and the local USO's met with the usual success: a smash hit!

An added feature this time was the music of the Strother Field Swingsters, composed entirely of the men of the 383rd AAF Band, who played the latest tunes like o'e smoothies.

Since one of these dances takes place each month, the fellows and femmes can look forward to about the same time in August when they may once again "move it over" the floor at Strother Field.

322nd Gives Eight Ball to 1084th

Last week at the change of the month, the old black eight ball, symbol of the highest VD rate, was transferred (in grade) to the 1084th Squadron.

In spite of the fact that the ball is still with us, the VD rate on the whole has been decreasing at Strother Field, and last month it reached its lowest percentage to date, Lt. Blum of the Medical Detachment announced.

Kownick's Korn

Salesman (getting off the train in Winfield and holding on desperately to his hat): "Phew! Does the wind always blow this way out here?"

Station Agent (solemnly) — "Naw, indeed. It blows this way for six months of the year, and then it turns round and blows the other way."

Sergeant Art Falke has a cousin in the sausage business. He says he has a tough job making both ends meat.

Sergeant Brickley—Why is a Jap like a silk stocking?

Pfc. Long—I don't know, why? Sergeant Brickley—One Yank and it runs.

Mess Cook: "Want your eggs turned over?"

Sergeant: "Yes, to the Museum of Natural History."

Private's Wife: "The people next door are such a devoted couple—he kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"

Private: "It sounds good but I hardly know her well enough yet."

\$1,763,500 Increase In Insurance Here

During the month of July, enlisted men and officers of Strother Field signed for \$1,763,500.00 in new and increased National Service Insurance.

The average of \$8,084.00 carried by 95% of the field's personnel was increased during this period to \$8,696.00 carried by 98.5% of the personnel. The standard set by the Seventh Service Command is for 98% of the military personnel to carry at least \$9,600.00 in insurance, so the goal set for July was surpassed as to personnel carrying insurance, but the average amount fell short by \$1,000.00.

"The increase in percentage of military personnel carrying insurance was due to the excellent efforts of all squadrons, insurance officers in raising the average at SAAF," Lt. J. K. Grigsby, Insurance Officer, said today.

The number of men on the field who do not carry insurance was reduced from 102 to 35 during the month of July.

In first place with an average of \$9,333.33 for 100% of its personnel, is the Medical Detachment. The 55th is in second place with an average of \$9,303.00 for 97% of its personnel.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR JAMES R. WILLIAMS

The Station Air Inspector, Senior Pilot Major James R. Williams is a man moulded by fine education, rugged military training and much experience.

Although his present home is in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Major Williams was born and raised in Marietta, Georgia. After completing his schooling in the elementary and high schools of Marietta, he attended famous Georgia University in Athens, where he studied pre-law and pledged Pi Kappa Phi. For his graduate work in law, the Major traveled to Chattanooga College of Law, and in 1930 he received his LL.B. degree.

In this same year, Major Williams made application and was accepted for cadet training at Randolph Field. Those were the days when the life of a cadet was really mean—and when Randolph Field was a rough place to live, let alone fly. In 1932 he graduated at Kelly Field with his wings, being one of the few 23 that made the grade out of a starting class of 87. A short year of active service with the AAF followed at Langley Field, Virginia.

Returning to civilian life in '33, he again took to his profession as a corporation tax and accounting attorney, and in the ensuing years along with the rest of his work, gathered to himself a CPA rating in 1939.

When the war broke out in 1941, Major Williams was not found rusty when he reentered the Air Corps, for he had been keeping in shape with reserve training. He remained for a time at Randolph as Squadron Commander, and in 1942 when Strother Field was activated the Major was transferred to Kansas, bringing Mrs. Williams with him. He and his wife have made Arkansas City their war-time home.

War Dogs Stationed

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"Your animal is a working dog and not a pet. He should be friendly with the service uniform, but his attachment for his actual masters should be the most strongly-developed feature of him. Guard this attachment and do not allow any but his actual masters to caress, feed, or care for him," so says Government directions on "The Handling, Feeding, and Care of War Dogs."

If any of you EM have ever given thought to entering the base after curfew by climbing over or under the fence, just forget it, because when one of these highly-trained dogs gets your scent and you hear the words, "hopp-hopp," from one of the sentries, brother, you are a "dead bird!" Not that the animal will tear you to shreds, but he will keep you from going anywhere except with the sentry.

Pfc. Pennell has undergone six weeks of training with these animals and will instruct members of the Guard Squadron personnel to handle these sentry-trained dogs to form working units.

Pappy Eskimo, to soldier sitting up with his daughter: "Don't forget, soldier, the nights are six months long up here."

Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Fever Communicated By Contact



SPORTS

PT Attendance Increased to 89%

Physical training attendance for enlisted men at Strother Field during the four-week period in July increased 10% over the previous five-weeks period. This figure of 89% is 14% above that required in the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, according to figures released by Lt. H. H. Cummings, Asst. PT officer at this base.

All squadrons averaged a percentage above the 75% required during the month of July. The 322nd squadron won top honors with an average attendance of 94%. In second place was the Medical Detachment, only one point behind first place with an average of 93%. In third place the 23rd Airways tied with the 1088th Guard squadron at 90%. The Guard squadron dropped from top position it held the previous 5-week-period although repeating its average of 90%. The 55th squadron was fourth with an average of 89%. Next in line came the 1084th squadron with 88% for fifth place; the 1083rd squadron sixth with 86%; 1082nd squadron and 448th Base Hdqts., tied for seventh with 84%; 383rd Band squadron 81% for eighth place, and the Third Weather Detachment was last with a percentage of 76%, same percentage as made in the June period.

The Medical Detachment showed the largest gain in percentage of attendance over the five weeks in June figures, increasing its attendance by 13%. The 1084th was second with 11%; third was the 322nd squadron with 10%; 55th squadron and 1082nd tied for third with an increase of 8%; 23rd Airways was fourth with a 6% gain; 448th Base Hdqts. and the 383rd Band squadron tied for fifth with a 4% gain. The 1088th Guard squadron and Third Weather Detachment showed no gain, however the former group's holding to 90% attendance is an enviable record.

	July 5-10	July 12-17	July 19-24	July 26-31	Avg.
Medics	90	82	100	100	93%
55th	85	81	95	94	89%
1082	79	87	87	84	84%
1083	79	66	98	100	86%
23rd	90	71	100	100	90%
3rd W.	79	63	63	100	76%
1084	82	90	85	93	88%
1088	90	71	99	100	90%
322	87	89	99	100	94%
383	84	82	59	100	81%
Total	82	81	95	97	89%

South Stage Wins In Officer League

The Officers South Stage softball team won the first-half race in the Officer team league with 8 wins and 3 losses. This team will play the winner of the second half for the championship. Awards will be made to the winning team, according to Lt. G. D. Allen, Asst. Director of Physical Training at SAAF.

Following are the standings of the teams at the conclusion of the first half:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
South Stage	8	3	.727
Center Stage	5	5	.500
North Stage	4	5	.444
Administrative	4	8	.333

Link Trainer Softball Champ

Link Trainer softball team won the first-half of squadron play with a perfect record of 10 games won and none lost. Second-half play started last night, and the winner will meet the Link Trainer team for the field title at the completion of season play. Members of the championship team for the year will receive individual awards, according to Lt. H. H. Cummings, Assistant Director of PT at Strother Field.

Following are the standings of the various teams at the end of the first-half of the season:

Standings of softball team at completion of first half of season:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Link Trainer	10	0	1.000
1084th Service Sqd.	8	3	.727
1088th Guard Sqd.	8	3	.727
Medical Detachment	8	3	.727
1083rd BFT Sqd.	5	3	.625
55th BFT Group	6	5	.545
Quartermaster	5	5	.500
Ordnance	5	6	.454
1082nd Central Hanger	5	6	.454
1082nd South Hanger	4	6	.400
23rd Communications	1	8	.122
1083rd Post Operations	1	9	.100
1082nd North Hanger	0	9	.000

Alleys Now Being Installed

The Post Exchange Office announced yesterday that the specialists from the Brunswick-Balke-Collender people have arrived at Strother Field and are at present installing the SAAF Bowling Alleys.

With the completion of this task, and the addition of a few finishing touches, the alleys should soon be open for business. Watch your base paper for later details.

Air Medal Awarded

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Field, where Major Sprong has been stationed since May 4th. The presentation Wednesday was at the direction of the Adjutant General's department at Washington, through the headquarters of the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center at Randolph Field, Texas, by command of Major General Brant.

The citation, issued at the command of Lt. General Millard Harmon, reads as follows:

"Aaron Sprong, captain, United States Army Medical Corps for meritorious achievement while participating in an air flight on Dec. 16, 1942 over the Solomon Islands. Captain Sprong was flight surgeon for the Number 5 wingman in a successful bombing mission with a flight of six B-17 airplanes. Sixteen enemy fighters attacked the formation and the number 3 wingman was disabled early in the encounter. Number 5 wingman remained with the injured plane until it crash-landed although he, too, had lost one engine in the encounter. The action by the number 5 wingman helped to prevent the complete destruction and loss of number 3 wingman from enemy action. The crew was later rescued. At least four enemy fighters were destroyed."

BOX SCORE

Herington				Strother Field			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Bursa, 1b	5	0	0	DeRasmi, rf	2	2	2
Godwin, ss	2	1	0	D'browski, rf	1	1	0
Atwell, cf	4	1	2	Dalak, ss	3	2	1
Hoffner, lf-p	4	0	0	Loughner, 3b	4	2	2
Decchaine, 3b	3	0	1	Sellers, lf	5	0	0
Moore, 2b	3	0	0	Bova, 2b	5	0	1
Cornwell, cf	4	0	1	Padovano, cf	4	1	2
Czech, rf	4	0	0	Curtis, 1b	3	1	0
Taylor, rf	2	0	1	Harding, p	4	1	1
Graff, p	1	0	0	Harris, *	0	1	0
Totals	32	2	5	Totals	35	12	9

* Harris ran for DeRasmi in third.

Score by innings: 8 1 0 0 0—2 5 3
Herington: 324 000 03x—12 9 3
Strother: 35 12 9
SUMMARY: Errors—Czech, Curtis, Moore, Bova (2), Atwell. Runs batted in—Bova, Padovano (2), Loughner (3), Dalak, Hoffner, Bova (2). Two base hits—Loughner, Padovano, Bova. Three base hits—Atwell (2).

Defeat Herington AAF in Two Games

The SAAF baseball team met and defeated Herington Army Air Field, Herington, Kans., in two games played last week, both by one-sided scores.

The first game, played in Arkansas City last Thursday night, ended in a 12 to 2 decision for SAAF. Johnnie Harding, Strother pitching ace, allowed the visitors only five hits and struckout 16 batters. The local team scored nine runs in the first three innings while Herington got over only one score.

Hoffner, Herington relief hurler who entered the game after Strother had scored nine runs, struck out eleven men, allowed only three runs and two hits for the remaining innings.

DeRasmi was hit by a pitched ball and forced to retire from the game. He had made two hits in two trips to the plate and was having a big evening when forced to leave the game.

Frank Padovano hit another homer, to add to his string of four-basers. He averaged .500 in batting as did DeRasmi and Loughner.

May, SAAF pitcher was credited with his team's second win over Herington in a game played at Herington last Sunday. He was relieved by Curtis in the 8th inning, but victory was still his, as Strother collected 16 hits for 17 runs while HAAF could tally only 7 runs out of 14 hits.

Loughner of SAAF batted .500 as he banged out 3 hits including a three-bagger in 6 trips to the plate. Padovano also batted .500, getting 2 hits, one a two-bagger in four trips.

Vehicle Drivers

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"To detect and then correct any failures of a vehicle's performance is the thing we want to emphasize," the captain said. "We want to impress on our drivers the fact that the mechanical perfection of the American Army vehicle is outstanding by comparison and also by its own proved performance. We want our slogan, 'Keep 'Em Rolling' to be as important to all drivers as 'Keep 'Em Flying' is to the fliers."

Attend Non-Com Training School

Sgt. Herman Stiles and Pfc. Albert Vance, Physical Training instructors at SAAF, left Monday for Miami Beach, Fla., where they will attend Non-Com Physical Training School for a six-week period. Upon completion of their training, they will return to duty at this field.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"—and what is a clutch?"



Poliomyelitis Causes Restrictions

As a direct result of the recent increase of infantile paralysis cases in this area, many of the amusement centers heretofore open to men at Strother Field have been declared "off limits" by post medical authorities.

Both of the local country club pools have been closed to GI's, together with the municipal pool at Ark City, where two cases of polio were discovered. The only nearby public pool not affected by the order was the one in Winfield, since no cases have occurred in that city.

Wichita, week-end haven of a lot of the fellows, has also been posted as "no go" with the SAAF medical staff. This is very reasonable in view of the fact that most of the polio cases discovered in this vicinity have been in the community of Wichita. In fact, the number of victims for the months of July and August is greater than the grand total of 1942 in the entire state of Kansas.

The main reason for closing these places of public contact is to reduce the threat of infection to vital soldier personnel. The Army is not trying to stop your fun, men. It just doesn't want you to get infantile paralysis!

Gen. Hornsby Here on Inspection

Brig. Gen. Aubrey Hornsby, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces 32nd Training Wing, Perrin Field, Tex., visited Strother Field Wednesday afternoon for an inspection of airdrome facilities in view of improvement and possible expansion here on the field.

Major J. H. Blackaller, Major Holsclaw, 1st Lt. J. G. True, 2nd Lt. William V. Prewitte, Aide to the General, and S/Sgt. F. R. Heater, crew chief, accompanied Gen. Hornsby on his visit to SAAF.

Veteran Fort Flyer Visits SAAF

Captain D. C. Bader, veteran B-17 pilot of 33 raids over enemy territory while stationed with the AAF in England, spoke to Cadets in the post theatre Wednesday.

Captain Bader was here to visit his brother-in-law, Cpl. Warren McClelland of the 448th Squadron.

Introduced by Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., Director of Training, who remarked that the Captain was excited over having just "soloed" in one of SAAF's Valiants, the Captain turned the meeting into an informal quiz session concerning his experiences in combat.

Altho the Captain was usually reticent, due to the confidential nature of some of the questions he was asked, he told of his narrow escape over Germany when two of his motors failed and a 20mm shell ripped into both of his legs; but in spite of this he returned to his base. Under his wings he now wears the Purple Heart.

28 New First Looies at Strother

During last week at Strother Field, 28 Second Lieutenants received well-deserved promotions and are now wearing silver bars.

Among those who are to be congratulated for their good work are: Flight Instructors Marcus C. Dilworth, Edward C. Fitch, George W. Gillert, John L. Musser, Howard Cable, Robert E. Carswell, Paul E. Gubbins, Emil D. Joost, School Instructors, Cyrus T. Baldwin, Gerald W. Collingsworth, Adras P. La Brode, John S. Urban, Harold S. Patterson, and Wallace A. Hilton; Classification, Chester H. Hancock and George N. Rood; Provost Marshal, Allan B. Jackson; Supply Officers, Franklin W. La Fave and George W. Nelson; Ass't Administrative In-



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Major A. A. Sprong, wearing the Air Medal awarded during presentation services last week, reviews troops parading in his honor. At left is Col. J. F. Carroll, CO of SAAF. Major J. R. Williams is at right.

spector, Paul E. Lange; Ass't Adjutant, William J. Logan; Personnel, John W. Ondreas; Civilian Personnel, Peyton F. St. Clair; Cadet Tactical Officer, Roy S. Sillings; Communications, James V. Thunell; Instrument Training Officer, Sherman L. Elliott; and in the Engineers, Gilbert W. Black.

Canine Cops Arrive at SAAF

Main attraction at Strother Field this week has been the Sentry dogs whose names are King, Sport, Ranger and Toby. Since their arrival last Sunday afternoon, nearly every GI and many officers on the field have walked by the area south of the guardhouse to see the animals.

"If this kept up for any length of time, SAAF would have four more pets instead of highly-trained sentry dogs," said Pfc. Calvin W. Pennell, of the 1088th Guard Squadron, who returned with the dogs from the War Dog Reception and Training Center, Fort Robinson, Neb.

"The dogs are to be kept in an area where there is very little noise and no visitors. I realize that every man on the field is interested in the dogs, but in fairness to them and the purpose for which they are here to serve, I ask that the other soldiers on the field refrain from coming around the animals," said Pfc. Pennell.

As to the breeds of the dogs, King is a Pointer; Sport is a Labrador; Ranger is German Shepherd, and Toby is a mixture of Chow and German Shepherd. When asked which one of the dogs he considered the best trained and

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(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Pfc. Calvin W. Pennell, 1088th Guard Squadron, puts new arrivals at SAAF through their paces. Toby is shown at left; Spot, top center; Ranger, lower center; King at the right.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

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Speaking of—"Annuals"

Remember the last day of school in your senior year when the annuals came out? You made an endeavor to secure the signatures of class-mates and instructors before all of you went your own way in the world.

We saw the same thing taking place one day this week only this time it was a soldier who was being honorably discharged. He could be seen rushing about Strother Field securing the signatures of GI buddies, officers and the gals who work in the Post Exchange.

Whether this individual was delighted or not, over leaving the armed services of his country, we do not know. We didn't talk to him, but in appearance, he was very happy.

No doubt the thoughts of home, loved-ones and a job in defense work were dominant in his mind, and to his buddies he no doubt said, "Boy, it is going to be swell to get out of the army, away from all this regimentation, etc." That is the way a real soldier would talk under the same circumstances. One just does not say the things deep in his heart, especially when he is leaving a bunch of rough-and-ready guys who have become an important part of his life during the past year or so.

He will miss these same guys. The thought of never seeing most of them again no doubt brought a lump in his throat, and walking out the gate for the last time was hard to do.

To this soldier and others who have, and will leave us we say, The best of luck, and we envy you, even though we know we're not kidding them with this "envy you," stuff.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 14 August, 1943, Double Feature
GALS INC., Leon Errol, Grace McDonald
WESTERN CYCLONE . . . Buster Crabbe

Sunday-Monday, 15-16 August
Matinee 1400 Sunday
SALUTE FOR THREE . . . Betty Rhodes
News, Cartoon and Rationed Rhythm

Tuesday, 17 August
FOR ME AND MY GAL (Revival)
Judy Garland
HITLER'S CHILDREN . . . Bonita Granville

Wednesday, 18 August
News . . . Sport Short and Cartoon

Thursday, 19 August
HE HIRED THE BOSS . . . Stu Erwin
News . . . Cartoon . . . Jungleland

Friday, 20 August
BOMBER'S MOON . . . George Montgomery
Annabella
3 Stooges . . . Cartoon . . . Amphibious Fighters

Our Times

LT. ADAS P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: The power punches of a mad mob are falling on the sore jaws of the Nazi army with increasing fury as the Red steam-roller moves westward on the Russian front. Bryansk and Kharkov are expected to follow Orel in returning to Russian domination. The Nazi overlords are still telling the folks at home that they're fighting a defensive war in that theatre, inasmuch as that front is a long way from Germany, and concentrating their activities to the more threatening onslaught from the South. Free peoples who know the truth are not misled. We can see that Russia is beating the hell out of the Nazis. The first summer offensive has been very successful. We can imagine what will happen to the German troops in Russia this winter. The spectre of a Red Army marching down the streets of Berlin is growing clearer and nearer.

SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill are getting together for another session. Those fellows don't meet to plan a poker party or a game of checkers. Unless their checkerboard is a map of the world, of course. Every time these two great leaders have met, large scale operations have resulted. We can therefore expect new offensive action in one or more theatres in the near future.

TRIVIA: Why take Jap prisoners? Maybe the question is irrelevant. It certainly doesn't belong under the "trivia" caption. The recent eye-witness account of the ambush and butchering of a convoy of American ambulances by Jap snipers is an answer to the question. No one can hear of such an atrocity without feeling heat rising under his collar. We can't hate those dirty yellow devils enough. It is true they have a lot more of our boys in captivity, to whom they could mete out further torture if we retaliate. It is still hard to exercise enough control over ourselves to capture a LIVE Jap, isn't it?

Liftings

In the infants' ward of a local hospital, a little boy and girl lay talking. When the nurse was in the far end, the two conversed in low tones.

"I'm a girl baby," said the cute one.

"I'm a boy," retorted the other.

"You are? Gosh, fella, you look like a girl-child to me—how do you know for sure?" spoke the lassy.

"As soon as that troublesome nurse leaves, I'll prove it to yuh," said he.

Well, soon the nurse left. Looking around cautiously, the little boy lifted up the covers of his crib and said: "See! I told you! Blue booties!"

Two GIs were conversing sleepily on the last bus back to camp.

"Do you know Jane?" one of the guys asked. "She's priceless!"

"Yeah, I know her," spoke the other. "So you've tried too, eh?"

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

In last week's issue of the base paper I read where the venereal disease rate has been decreasing at Strother Field, and had reached its lowest point during the month of July.

This in itself is encouraging news, but still the Eight Ball, symbol of the highest VD rate continues to be in circulation. The fact that there is a necessity for such a "trophy" is due to only one thing, and that is "FEAR." Not fear of contracting the disease, because if this fear was strong enough, contact would never take place.

It seems to be fear in the social sense of the word—afraid of letting your soldier buddies know that you have VD, having been afraid to take necessary precaution after contact, and afraid to go to the post hospital for treatment when you realize you have a venereal disease.

The record can be kept clean here at SAAF by doing away with fear which in turn means doing away with venereal disease, and the Eight Ball.

A PRECAUTIONARY G.I.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

Recently at a banquet in his honor at Washington the president of the Philippines confided the following about the character of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Mr. Quezon said:

"He reads God's Book every day. I have been in his room when we read the Book together. He not only reads the Bible, but he learns from it what to do in everyday life—especially when things get into what you Americans call a 'tight spot.' He and I have been in 'tight spots' together—as you well know. And how!

"He talks like a God's Book man, too. He quotes the Bible to illustrate his points. He's a tender man, but he is also a hard man in discipline and courage. In the Philippines we called him our 'Joshua.'

"I think you would be interested in knowing that the General prays. Every time I have heard him pray it has given me confidence—and faith."

Chaplain Brasted, at one time chaplain of a post where Gen. MacArthur was in command, said after a visit with the General:

"He spoke of the teachings of the Bible as the soul dynamic of our armed forces. He said that the Bible is the inspiration of our army, that it is the reason for the existence of our military establishment. He made it very clear that here in the Bible are the principles for which we as a people stand and for which we are ready to fight."

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Have You Read . . .

Arrows into the Sun by Jonreed Lauritzen

Death and Taxes by Dorothy Parker

Last Days of Sevastopol by Boris Voyetekhov

Last Train from Berlin by Howard K. Smith

They're in your Post Library!

Thought For Today

"The future's gain
Is as certain as God's Truth; but, meanwhile,
pain

Is bitter, and tears are salt; our voices take
A sober tone; and our very household songs
Are heavy with a nation's griefs and wrongs;
And innocent mirth is chastened for the sake
Of the brave hearts that nevermore shall beat,
The eyes that smile no more, the unreturning
feet."

—From "In War Time," H. W. Longfellow.

Male Call

by Milton



UNSUNG HEROES: The Photo Lab

Altho the Photographic Laboratory at Strother Field is a seemingly small and isolated organization, it performs one of the most necessary tasks at any Army post: that of taking all of the pictures essential to so many allied departments.

Heading an active group of men who are all over the field, taking pictures for Public Relations; clicking crash-ups for the Technical Inspector; and snapping chesscakes for the Prairie Flier, along with many other daily duties, is young 2nd Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, a native of Wichita. His assistant, T/Sgt. Harry E. Rosell, the Non-Com in charge, aids him in directing the work of the other members of the staff which includes: S/Sgt. Anton M. Horn, Sgt. Bernard E. Perry, Sgt. Charles F. Deane, Sgt. Charles R. Markham, Cpl. Walker Jennings, Cpl. George V. Piper, Pfc. John R. Farrell, Pvt. Edward K. Avery, Pvt. Sidney A. Morse, and Pvt. Robert G. Martin.

Altho a great portion of their work is done for the Public Relations Office taking publicity shots of the men and their activities on the field, they also must photograph all accidents and unsatisfactory equipment to supplement inspection reports. All identification photos of officers and cadets are made at the PL, and aerial obliques are a specialty.

For equipment, the Lab has nothing but the best. Their stock room is as near complete for all types of camera work as you can find, and their photo-machines include everything from a 4 by 5 Speed Graphic to a 2-ton, 20 by 24 copying "gadgets." Depending upon the type and quality of picture you desire, they can turn one out in record time.

These men are trained for their work at Strother and other fields, and they all have an undeniable flair for the snap-shutter, having had at least amateur, if not professional experience in civilian life. So whenever you think of the Photo Lab—remember—theirs is an essential job; it's not a small one, but they do it well!

The GI's on basic training are not the only enlisted men at SAAF who are learning how to dig a trench. Every EM on the field has been doing a little ditch-digging during physical training classes (not enough to hurt, of course!) in order to speed up the opening of the new swimming pool.

Post Library Receives 600 More Volumes

Over a period of two weeks, the SAAF Post Library has added more than 600 new books of all types and content. "This is an increase of ten per cent over the total of 6000 volumes that the Library now possesses, and there are more on the way," stated Captain Julian W. Boxley, Library Officer.

These new books include everything from the Rubiyat of Omar Kyam to text books on radio maintenance and upkeep. Many of the latest best sellers from the better publishing houses are included on the list.

1082nd Picnic Big Success

When the 1082nd BFT squadron, commanded by Major O. R. Smoot, does things it does them in a big way—as proven at the squadron picnic held Thursday night at Island Park, Winfield.

Nearly 700 soldiers, wives and girl friends were on deck for the affair and everyone had a swell time. The food which was comprised of 350 fried chickens, 20 gallons of potato salad, 30 gallons of baked beans, 100 gallons of lemonade and plenty of hot rolls, was prepared in the mess hall and kept at the proper temperature in two field kitchens in the park. Seven cooks were on hand to see that everyone had enough food.

The field band joined the group to play for the occasion and the Winfield swimming pool was made available to the picnickers free of charge. All in all the squadron get-together was a success in every way.

PX Installs Cooling Units

Cool drinks and cool air make the PX and beer room Strother Field's most popular spots.

Air conditioning units have been installed in the two buildings and are not only welcomed by the officers and enlisted men of the field, but the gals who are busy on the job all day and evening.

Lt. G. A. Mueller and Lt. J. F. Francella, Post Exchange officers, are to be thanked for installation of the conditioning units.

Kownick's Korn

Sgt. Sam Junkin claims he's a second story man. He has to have a second story ready when his wife doesn't believe the first one.

This pay as you go plan is nothing new, a lot of wash-rooms have used that same system for years.

What's this we hear about all the draftees sitting around and knitting sweaters for Lana Turner?

"Things don't change much," observes Cpl. Bertram. Thousands of years ago, Greek maidens sat all evening and listened to a lyre. Today many modern maidens still do the same thing.—He knows!

S/Sgt. Sam Schatzman is quite a Gigolo—he claims the world owes him a loving.

Remarkable what a drink will do for a man. Yes, and still more remarkable what a man will do for a drink.

Sgt. Craft has a girl that's as fit as a fiddle. She drew him for a beau. He'll string along with her.

Sgt. Mailand leaves a gal behind—unless she is streamlined.

Sgt. John May figures the girl who has the best points is the one with shapely pins.

One of the girls of Ponca City threw herself at Pfc. Whiteley. But he caught her at it.

Cpl. Harper's wife does bird imitations. She watches him like a hawk.

"I want to die with my boots on," boasted the soldier. And the red-head purred, "Well, put them on! Here comes my husband."

New Murals In Theater

First of a series of ten murals depicting aircraft insignias of all Allied Nations is now on display in the Post Theater.

Sgt. W. D. Morey, member of the Special Service Department at SAAF, designed the insignias, each of which is to be placed in what is known as shadow-boxes.

When the project is complete, there will be four of these boxes containing the cut-outs on each wall of in the theater, and two over the stage.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR AARON A. SPRONG

In a full military review last week, Strother Field and the nation paid tribute to a man who has done a magnificent job in this war by awarding him the Air Medal of the United States. This was none other than Major Aaron A. Sprong, SAAF Chief of Medical Service.

At Home in Kansas

Major Sprong is a native son of Kansas. He was born in Hutchinson, finished high school in Potter, and took his pre-med and medical training at Kansas University in Lawrence. Shortly after his graduation from KU, he settled in Sterling, which is his home today, and hung out his shingle. In those pre-war years he built up an extensive practice in this area, and became associated locally with St. Mary's hospital in Winfield.

Flight Surgeon's Career

His career with the Army began in December, 1940, and making known his preference for aviation medicine at Ft. Snelling, Mo., where he was stationed with the Infantry, he was transferred to the Air Corps and sent to Randolph Field for specialized study. After completing the Flight Surgeon's course, Major Sprong spent time at Waco AAF, in Texas, and Carlisle Barracks, Pa. It was at this time he received his long-awaited appointment to foreign service.

Adventures in East

To us for whom the war seems so far removed, Major Sprong's tour of duty abroad will sound like a Halibutonian diary. His first station in the East was the Hawaiian department, where he spent six months among the island group, mostly at Bellows Field. Traveling from Hawaii in June of '42, he spent eight days at Midway. From there he hopped back to Hawaii, only to be shipped to the Solomon Islands. Stationed with the 11th Bombardment Group, who were at that time preparing the way for the Marines on Guadalcanal, he learned first hand, many pertinent facts about the automaton Japs and their tactics. After some time among our fighting men, he returned to the U. S. and was ordered to Strother Field.

Kill Those Japs!

What is his advice about Japs? In a sentence: "The only good Jap is a dead one! They're treacherous and tough, and the only way to get rid of them is to kill them!"

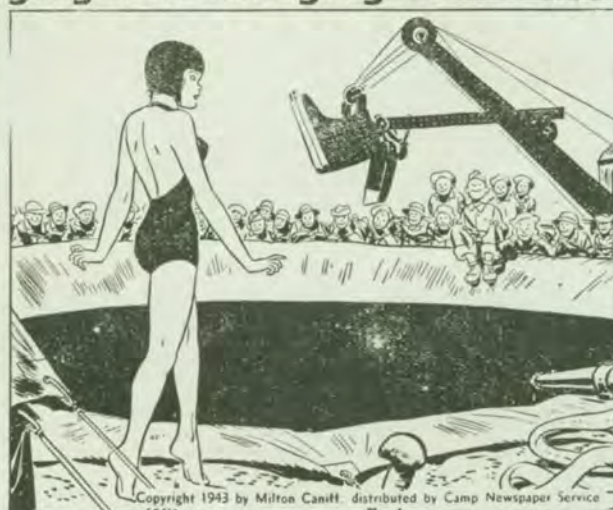
Farmer, "You must be brave to come down in a parachute in a gale like this."—Recruit, "I didn't come down in a parachute. I went up in a tent."

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Sport night
Ark.....	Game night	
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance..Eats
Ark.....	Dancing..Eats	
Sun.....	Win.....	Picnic..Free call
Ark.....	Bingo Game..Singing	
Mon.....	Win.....	Informal
Ark.....	Do as you please	
Tues.....	Win.....	Swim..Dance
Ark.....	Record your voice..Eats	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dance..Eats
Ark.....	Dancing..Games	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Bridge..Dance
Ark.....	Swim party	

Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Edging The Dredging With Lace



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PT Attendance 101% Last Week

Enlisted men of Strother Field set an all-time high for the week of August 2-7 in Physical Training attendance when the average for all squadrons totaled 101%.

The 448th Base Hdqts. and A. B. Sqd. won top honors with the percentage of 140%. In second place was the 55th BFT Group with an average of 103%. Third place was won by the Medics who had 102%.

Following are the percentage figures of all squadrons and detachments:

448th Base Hdqts. and A. B. Sqd.	140%
55th BFT Group	103%
Medical Detachment	102%
23rd Airways Communication	100%
1088th Guard Squadron	97%
383rd Army Air Forces Band	93%
1082nd BFT Squadron	93%
1084th BFT Squadron	87%
322nd Aviation Squadron	83%

Average101%

South Stage Leads In Officer's League

The South Stage Officer's softball team, winner of the first-half schedule, continues its victory march in the second-half play, having won two out of three games played so far.

Other teams have a percentage of .500 so far. The Center Stage has won one, lost one and tied one, while the Administrative and North Stage teams have each won one game and lost one.

Two New Arrivals

SAAF acquired a new leftfielder and a first-baseman who also is a pitcher, to bolster the baseball team roster this week.

Pvt. Roy A. Knepper, transferred here from Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. is the left-fielder, and Sgt. Malton Baudanza, first-baseman and pitcher, has been transferred here from Ft. Riley, Kans.

The girl who does everything under the sun gets her hide tanned.

Col. J. F. Carroll To Present Medals

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, is to present the medals to officers, cadets and enlisted men who are judged winners in a number of athletic events now taking place at SAAF. The presentations will take place during the regular monthly review held this month or the one taking place in September.

Receipients of the medals will be the winners of the badminton and ping-pong tournaments for enlisted men; golf, ping-pong and badminton tournaments for officers, all of which are now taking place; officers and enlisted men submitting the three best times in the physical fitness tests; and to the cadet who turns in the best time for the obstacle course, cross country and physical fitness tests.

Defeat Blackwell, 13-6

Two baseball games were played by the SAAF team this week, the first with Blackwell, Okla., was a 13 to 6 victory for Strother Field. The game was played in Arkansas City Wednesday night. Wescott hurled for the local team.

SAAF met the fast Oregon Fire-Fighters baseball team in a game played in Winfield last night. The Fire-Fighters won the Oregon state semi-pro tournament and are entered in the National Semi-Pro Tournament now being held in Wichita, Kans.

Due to the Prairie Flier going to press Thursday evening, it is impossible to carry the score and summary of the game in this week's copy of your base paper.

Officer and EM Tournaments Start

Golf, badminton and ping-pong tournaments for the officers of this field are now in progress and much enthusiasm is being shown in all three events. Rivalry is high, and most matches have been hard-fought affairs.

SPORTS

Start Second-Half of Softball Play

The first round of softball games commencing the second-half of season play at SAAF were postponed from Thursday of last week until Monday at which time only two games were played, one other was postponed, while a forfeit completed the round of five games scheduled.

Link Trainer, winner of the first-half with ten victories and no defeats, continued its perfect record with a bye. The 1088th Guard Squadron defeated the 1082nd South Hangar by a score of 22 to 1. The Medics defeated the 1083rd Squadron by a close score of 5 to 4. The 1082nd North Hangar forfeited to the Quartermaster and Ordnance team, and the game between the 1082nd Central Hangar team and the 1084th Squadron was postponed.

There are only nine teams entered in the second-half of play and their standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Link Trainer	1	0	1.000
QM and Ord.	1	0	1.000
1088th Guard Sqd.	1	0	1.000
Medical Detachment	1	0	1.000
1082nd North Hangar	0	1	.000
1082nd South Hangar	0	1	.000
1083rd Squadron	0	1	.000
1082nd Central Hangar	0	0	.000
1084th Squadron	0	0	.000

Bowling Alleys In Final Stage

Good news for you alley-cats! The Strother Field Bowling Alleys are in the final stages of construction, and may be ready for use within two weeks, the PX Office announced recently.

The Brunswick-Balke-Callender people, specialists in anything connected with bowling or bowling equipment, have completed their job of building the alleys, and installing the rest of the paraphernalia today. All that remains to be done is a little carpentry on the floors and the arrangement of final managerial matters by the PXO.

Organize All-Star Softball Teams

All-Star softball teams comprised of officers and enlisted men are to be organized in the near future, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF. The teams will schedule games with service teams from Enid, Okla., Coffeyville, Kans., and Independence, Kans., Army Air Fields. Games will be played at cities in which the bases are located, and at either Winfield or Arkansas City.

Nowadays mother's little pet is known as mother's little petter.

There's the co-ed who wouldn't have a date with the geography professor because she feared he might try to cover too much territory the first night.

Operation Plans Of Pool Announced

The new swimming pool at SAAF which is scheduled to be completed Aug. 15th, will be in use every night in each week for enlisted men and officers, following its official opening, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of Strother Field.

On Friday evenings, the pool will be open only to the enlisted men of the 322nd Aviation Squadron, while other evenings in the week the pool will be available to other enlisted men on the field.

Officers of the field will also use the pool every evening except on Friday of each week, in addition to scheduled daytime class periods. Classes are also to be held for enlisted men.

The pool is to be emptied and re-filled once a week, according to plans. This will be done on Saturdays, so that the pool will be available for use on Saturday evenings.

Authorized guests of officers and enlisted men will be allowed use of the swimming pool, according to Lt. Stoner.

Classes in life saving and water safety are now being organized and there is room at the present time for additional members. So, men interested in joining these classes are to contact Lt. Stoner as soon as possible.

"The Commanding Officer of SAAF and members of the Physical Training staff greatly appreciate the fine work being done by the enlisted men who have volunteered to help in speeding along the project to its completion," said Lt. Stoner today.

Canine Cops

(Cont. from page 1, col. 4)

most responsive to commands, Pfc. Pennell said, "Sport is the number one dog, although the others do their job in excellent fashion."

In the eight-week training period, two weeks were devoted to obedience and the remaining six weeks to agitation and alertness. This latter training took place at night.

The dogs can scent human beings at distances up to 250 yards. When unleashed the animals circle their quarry, barking loudly, until the sentry arrives to take over. If the individual being circled by the dog starts to run or makes a move toward the animal, woe to him! The dogs are taught to stop their man, even if it means sinking their teeth deep into his flesh.

Pfc. Pennell is enthusiastic about his work, even after suffering a bitten finger while separating Toby and Ranger who were settling a canine argument the hard way.

After looking each of the animals directly in the eyes—from a safe distance of course—we stopped by the guardhouse to tangle with the mascot there. After all, he weighs all of a pound or two, and towers to a height of twelve inches when standing on his hind legs!

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Let's get a little sun!"



Basic Training Group Strafed, Bombed

Thirty-six weary souls look forward to the arrival of next Monday at Strother Field. It will not be a national holiday, but to this group it signifies the return of normal life at SAAF—the end of four weeks of basic training—a period during which they all acquired valuable military training not in the everyday curriculum.

Although none have expressed a desire to do it all over again, not one of the men regrets the training received under the able direction of Lt. Isidore Brown, Commanding Officer of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th BFT Group, M/Sgt. George S. Showalter and Cpl. Joseph G. Kenihan.

Last Saturday morning the training group and officer and non-coms in charge, returned to SAAF following a bivouac Friday night. The group completed a 20-mile hike during this session of their training, and was bombed and strafed from the air.

The three planes forming the "attack group" were piloted by Major H. W. Markland, Director of Flying; Captain R. I. Choate, Commanding Officer of the 3rd BFT Sqn.; and Captain F. J. Barnard, O/C of Instrument Flying.

"The men took to cover fairly well when we came over to strafe them, but some of them were bunched together under trees and a few were running across open ground. If we had been shooting live ammunition there would have been no need of bombing the group as we did later on," commented Major Markland.

The "bombing" was done with 1 lb sacks of flour and two "direct hits" were made by Major Markland. The bivouac area was camouflaged in anticipation of the raid, but several pieces of 2 x 4 boards and the windshield of the mobile kitchen were visible from the air, according to Major Markland.

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Bowling Alleys Open Next Week

The new bowling alleys at Strother Field will be officially opened sometime next week when Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF rolls a shiney-new ball down one of the lanes into the ten-pins. This announcement, in answer to hundreds of inquiries as to when this new recreation center is to be opened, was made today by Capt. George B. Mueller and Lt. John F. Francella, Post Exchange Officers. The alleys are to be operated by the PX although civilian managed.

There is a possibility that play may begin on the alleys before the first of the week, although the building will not be considered officially opened until next week.

Enlisted men on the field who might like to pick up a few extra greenbacks by setting pins during their off-duty hours, are requested to contact either Capt. Mueller or Lt. Francella.

Nate Austin is to manage the alleys and will welcome all officers, cadets and EM interested in bowling.

No More Mid- Month Ratings

For you men who were looking forward to a few more stripes last Monday and didn't see any mention of the promotions in orders, the Adjutant's Office announces that there will be no more mid-month promotions here at Strother Field.

Disregarding all rumors you may have heard about the ratings being frozen again, you may rest assured that about the first of every month—but just once a month—promotions of those men deserving it will be made, and will be published.

This change will definitely have no effect upon the manning table allotment of ratings. It merely eliminates unnecessary bookwork premeditated by mid-month ratings. There will be less confusion along the lines of changes in pay, and notifying of orderly rooms.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

In case the wording on the sign is not suggestive enough in its warning to soldiers against talking too much, Pvt. Joe E. Rogers, 1088th Guard Squadron, shows Pvt. Andrew McKay, 448th Base Hdqts. and Air Base Sqn., another way to get results. X marks the former dictator of Italy.

GI Movies Entertain EM

Captain Clark Gable, moving picture star who is now in active service with the U.S. Air Forces in England, appeared in issue number four of the GI Movie series shown the first four days of this week at the Post Theater.

Capt. Gable gave the low-down on the A.A.F. Officer Candidate School in Florida in one feature of the pictures entitled, "Wings Up."

Other features included "How to Swim in Ten Easy Lessons." (The Ol' Swimming Hole with Burning Oil), "The WAC" (A Date with the Ladies), "Back Home" (New York Struggles with Rationing), "Soldiers in the Snow" (Russian Troops Sing in the Shower—at 50 Degrees Below), "General Vandergrift" (Tojo's Superman Meet the Marines on Guadalcanal). A Song Short completed the program which was thoroughly enjoyed by officers and enlisted men.

"Steppin' High" All-Colored USO-Camp Show Here Tuesday

"Steppin' High," an all-colored musical show is to be the USO-Camp Shows presentation at the Strother Field theater next Tuesday, August 24th.

Feature attraction of this fast-stepping revue will be Herbie Cowens and his All-Stars, a fine six-piece swing band which appeared last winter in the Lunt's Broadway musical, "The Pirate," putting the solid-groove stamp on the whole production.

Here is an interesting item from the Police Notes appearing in the Arkansas City Daily Traveler last week:

Boys were reported to be chasing girls around the USO building, Second street and Central avenue, at 11:30 p.m., but police found everything quiet.

Too bad the city slickers have not had physical endurance tests!

Cowen and his men will appear throughout the show and in addition to their singing arrangements of standard hits and feature numbers, include plenty of comedy skits, song and novelties.

Brilliantly blended into the show's red hot musical background is a skillful routine of comedy, singing and dancing handled by a cast of performers right off the big-time boards.

Emery Evans, comedy emcee, ties the whole revue together with his fast-paced patter which is precision-timed and hep. Evans also plays straight to Sandy Burns, famed comedian with the revue, who, dressed in his exaggerated reet-pleet, soot-suit get up, gives in a routine that has placed him at the top for years.

The Peters Sisters, three talented girls, will present a lot of harmony along with horseplay in an outstanding comedy routine.

Derby and Frenchie, boy and girl team that has played in the major theaters of the country and the famous Ubangi Club in New York, will present some very fine dancing during the revue.

Victoria Vigal, blues and rhythm songstress, will present the show's vocals. She is a veteran performer whose rich and true "blues" voice "sells" her song in a very solid style.

There will be two performances of "Steppin' High" presented Tuesday night, the first at 6:30 and the second at 8 p.m. As customary, the performances are free.

EM-USO Dance Next Thursday

Fifth in the series of EM dances, to be given in the post gymnasium under the auspices of the Special Service Office, USO and GSO clubs, will be held next Thursday evening, August 26th.

Music will be furnished by members of the 383rd AAF Band Squadron and there promises to be plenty of jive. This will be the second appearance at an EM dance of the local orchestra. The boys proved most popular with the enlisted men and their swingin' gals at the last dance held in the gym.

There will be a couple of hundred cuties on deck next Thursday night, dressed in their loveliest and with smiles only for the GI's, so plan on being there. The big affair starts at 8 p.m. and dancing will continue until 11 p.m.

There will be a refreshment stand in operation during the swing session through the cooperation of the Post Exchange.

He: "You're a nice girl."
She: "Yes, and I'm getting sick and tired of it."

Six More Officer Promotions

Six more officers at SAAF have been upped a rank within the last week. Three new majors, a captain, 1st Lt., and a 2nd Lt. were among the group.

Made majors were Captain Joe B. McDonald, Administrative Inspector, Captain Julian W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, and Capt. Dale D. Dunn, CO 2nd BF Sqn. 1st Lt. George B. Mueller, Post Exchange Officer, was made a Captain. The Sub-Depot's George Kelly was made a 1st Looie, and F/O Marion F. Clark, only Flight Officer here at Strother, was made a 2nd Lieutenant.

Congratulations gentlemen!

1st Lt. W. J. Logan, who has been Assistant Adjutant of SAAF, is now Commanding Officer of the 1084th Service Squadron. Capt. E. E. Breisch was formerly CO of this squadron.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.
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Speaking of—Silence

Everywhere today the air is filled with slogans of silence: "A slip of the lip may sink a ship" or "A careless word, but, Hirohito heard." These are timely reminders, but do we heed their wisdom of caution about military affairs?

I wonder. It is difficult sometimes, unless we keep careful watch upon our overactive tongues, to refrain from mentioning, even in "confidence," that insignificant item of information that the enemy may need to fit the pieces of a puzzle together.

Then too, there's a matter of morale. Sometimes we are likely to say something about military life, which if not explained in its fullest clarity, may be mistaken by those not familiar with Army routine. And there is nothing more dangerous in a republic than a citizen who goes around with a half-cocked opinion about affairs.

Rumormongering is another thing. Casual observations often are responsible for the manufacture of any number of colorful prognostications and latrineograms. If not dangerous, this is harmful. It impedes the spread of authorized news to those needing it, and makes for confusion to those who are less discerning about their information sources.

It does sound trite nowadays to toss in that hush-hush "military secret" manner—but it's the truth. We can only be efficient soldiers and civilians by saying what won't hurt our buddies over here or over there.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 21 August

MELODY PARADE

Mary Beth Hughes . . . Eddie Quillan
Color Cartoon and Tech. Featurette

Sunday and Monday, 22-23 August

THE CONSTANT NYMPH

Charles Boyer . . . Joan Fontaine
News of the Day

Tuesday, 24 August

STEPPIN' HIGH—USO Camp Show

Two Shows—6:30 and 8:00 p.m.—It's Free!

Wednesday and Thursday, 25-26 August

DIXIE—Bing Crosby . . . Dorothy Lamour
News of the Day—The War

Friday, 27 August

APPOINTMENT IN BERLIN

George Sanders . . . Marguerite Chapman
Gale Sondergaard

Merrie Melodie—Paramount Headliner

Our Times

LT. ADAS P. LABORDE

THIS WEEK: Yes, Germany is retreating and Russia has started a big offensive all along the Russian front. We are anxious and happy to see the Nazis pushed back, but let us not overlook the fact that they are giving ground in an orderly manner. Russia's losses are great. It is a known fact that when an orderly retreat takes place on a well fortified front the country on the offensive is losing plenty of men and a great amount of material. We are furnishing much of that material.

Germany does have pretty good officers, and since they have taken over there has been a change in the war plans. These generals now in power know that they must shorten their fronts for two reasons: first, less space for vulnerability; second, to solve their logistic problems. Germany will retreat orderly until they get to Warsaw and then dig in. Finland will be left out on the limb to perish before the Russians. Rumania will be kept intact for future Nazi exploitation of their resources. Greece will get out from under the yoke soon because they just won't give up and are continuing to punish the Nazis in power there.

This all leads to one thing; namely, that since we will have Italy within seventy-two hours under unconditional surrender terms, that Germany will have much less to protect and much shorter lines to furnish their armies with supplies. We will have those long lines over which we must get supplies to our armies as well as to our Allies.

We saw it took thirty-eight days to take Sicily, so our job of taking Germany is going to be harder than most of us are willing to admit. Yes, a lot of us who are in the Army now and thought Germany would crack quickly and we would not get the chance to see combat service, had better get our affairs in condition because they will need us over there soon.

Germany and Japan have several million slaves to do the many jobs that come about because of war, and thus their manpower as far as production is partially solved, even though there are some disadvantages connected with working slave labor. Nevertheless, they have the labor.

One very good thing about getting Italy out of the way is the freedom we will have in getting material from England and North Africa to India, where they will eventually be moved to China, where they really are needed now.

We are winning this war, little by little, but the important thing is: we are winning, but it will be a long, hard pull, and every American citizen will truthfully know that we are in a war before late next Spring. Too many do not know it now.

TRIVIA: Marshall Gregory Stern, head of the Russian Army facing Japan in the Far East, will soon be brought into this war. He will see action before the New Year rolls around. . . . There will be a lull after the fall of Italy, but when we strike next there will be more war than has ever been waged before on any front. Yes there will be the World's biggest battles to follow.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office in the Theater not later than Tuesday of each week.

There is a class of individuals at Strother Field who should be given a course of training in GI Party etiquette—otherwise, how and when to use a scrub-brush and mop on their barracks floor.

To this select group I would like to say just one thing—the idea of a GI Party is for everyone to pitch in and help with the weekly house-cleaning. It has to be done you know, and it always is by the same reliable few who cuss you out each week, but do nothing more about it.

It seems to me that if you men have the guts to use illogical excuses in order to get out of your share of the work, it is no more than fair that your names be turned in to the First Sergeant. Sure, you think this would be a lousey trick, but so is shirking your duty on Friday evenings. Remember, learning to rely on the other fellow is a bad habit. His rifle cannot defend both you and himself when you are in combat!

SCRUB-WEARY.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

"Modern Marriage" is one of the new books in the Post Library. Written primarily for single men who are thinking of marriage the subject matter is so discussed as to be interesting to all men. The style of the book is clearly free and easy, and the language non-technical. The book is factual and illustrated by a man who for 25 years has been helping young men and women understand each other and thus to come to better and more meaningful relations with one another.

In a popular language, Paul Popenoe discusses what he considers to be the elements of a permanent and successful relationship between man and woman. These elements are a biological mating impulse, economic relationship, emotional comradeship, intellectual companionship, and mutual interest in home and children. The author picks out the important links in the marriage relationship often corrupted by the neglect of any one of these important facts. He outlines three stages of immature love fatal to marriage, and prescribes the general basis for the selection of a wife. He explains what a woman seeks in a man, the proper approach to a woman before and during marriage, and the peculiarities of women most likely to be misunderstood or unfortunately disregarded by men.

Here is a book which every man can easily read, and thank the author for his helpful insights.

Have You Read . . .

Autolycus in Limbo by Vincent Starrett
Capricornia by Xavier Herbert
The Face is Familiar by Ogden Nash
Plans for World Peace Through Six Centuries by S. J. Hemleben.

They're in your Post Library!

Thought For Today

Our great thoughts, our great affections, the truths of our life, never leave us. Surely they can not separate from our consciousness, shall follow it whithersoever that shall go, and are of their nature divine and immortal.

—Thackeray.

Liftings

An ensign at one of the Navy Yards had been granted many furloughs, he applied for one more. It was denied. He complained to his commander, stating this additional furlough was positively most essential.

"Why?"

"Because my wife is expecting."

"Application denied. It was necessary for you to be present at the laying of the keel, but it is unimportant for you to be present at the launching."

Boss: "No, I'm afraid you won't do."
Stenographer: "Did I say I wouldn't?"

Male Call

by M



UNSUNG HEROES:

The Adjutant's Office

If there is any department on the field that knows who's who, and what's what it's the Adjutant's Office, for it is one of the integral units of the headquarters group.

Under Adjutant 1st Lt. Elbert E. Hall who capably heads this department come several sub-divisions. First of all, the Sgt. Major's office—and that means M/Sgt. Charles F. Robinson; then comes Message Center, HQ Supply, Files, Reproduction Center. The NCO in charge of these latter four groups is T/Sgt. Hyman P. Jackson of the 448th.

Message Center, in the hands of NCO-in-charge S/Sgt. Guadalupe Adame, Cpl. William J. Bush and Cpl. Rodger Ballou, is responsible for the handling of all incoming and outgoing confidential, and restricted official mail, as prescribed by AR's. They facilitate distribution of all interpost communications too, together with all types of departmental publications.

The File Section, under Sgt. Archie Shook (NCO-in-charge), Sgt. Charles W. Johnson, Cpl. Harold J. Palmer and Pfc. Robert J. Abbott maintains a record of all outgoing letters posted at SAAF, way back to the occupation of Strother Field by the first officers and EM.

The Supply Section is responsible for the maintenance of all forms and equipment needed in headquarters. Sgt. William F. Beiderman Jr., NCO, and Cpl. Moon Jim Yee have this job.

As for Reproduction Section, certainly not least, and the mimeographing of letterheads and the many other circulated HQ forms, Cpl. William James, Cpl. Vernon P. Hearn, and Pvt. David A. Frazer perform the task with skillful hands.

That, most briefly, is the Adjutant's Office. These men are busy just as those fellows overseas, fighting their war against the enemy at Strother Field.

Cadet Training Explained by PRO

A series of articles have been planned by the Public Relations Office to explain Cadet Training to civilians. Lt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr. PRO officer announced today.

These various articles are to be circulated to 12 newspapers throughout this area, and will familiarize the public with the scheme of things behind Cadet Training.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The men of Strother Field have a right to be proud of their new Post Library, the interior of which is shown in the above picture. The comfortable chairs, divans and fine tables in the library, plus the vast reading material available for education and amusement purposes, make this branch of the Special Service department a popular one with officers and enlisted men alike.

Kownick's Korn

Met a gal in town the other night who was downhearted. The draft board got her boy friend's number before she did.

Then there was the soldier with a wife so ugly that he had to always take her with him.—He never had the courage to kiss her goodbye.

Sgt. Francis Martin was stuck with a blonde the other night. He said: "I don't know where she came from. I just opened my billfold and there she was."

T/Sgt. Walker's motto is — Don't toot until you can see the whites of their eyes.

Have you heard about the Scotchman who bought only one spur. He figured if one side of the horse went the other was sure to follow.

S/Sgt. Gilligan says:—When a guy is loaded with sugar—the honey—she puts the bee on him.

Pfc. Whiteley:—"What's the idea wearing my raincoat?"

Sgt. Martin:—"It's raining. You wouldn't want your uniform to get wet, would you?"

Heaven will protect a working girl, but who is going to protect the fellow she's working?

1088th Mascot Dead

Chico, the black and white mascot pup of the 1088th Guard Squadron, was fatally injured Sunday evening when accidentally struck by an automobile.

Military burial services were held Monday morning for Chico, who was laid to rest in Strother Field.

EM Insurance Participation Over Top

Final figures of the percentage of enlisted men carrying National Service Insurance and the amount of each policy for the period ending August 10th, deadline of securing insurance without physical examinations, show that SAAF surpassed the figure set by the Seventh Service Command as far as participation is concerned. This figure for the field is 98.4% as compared to the 98% requested.

The average amount of each EM policy is \$744.00 which is under the \$9,600.00 set by the Seventh Service Command.

The 55th BFT Group is tops in percentage of participation and amount of average policy, among the squadrons on the field although some of the detachments averaged better on one or both figures, such as the 23rd Airways which had 100% participation and \$10,000.00 average in policies.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR HENRY W. MARKLAND

If you can picture in your mind's eye a lean, well cut, and aggressive young flyer, you have a fairly good idea of Strother Field's Director of Flying, Major Henry W. Markland.

Major a Minnesota Man

Major Markland hails from the Gopher State, Minnesota, where he was born and raised. The exact site of his birth was a small town in Beltrami County, altho his family later moved to Hibbing, where he spent his boyhood. After graduation from Hibbing High, the Major traveled to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. There, until the time he left for Cadet training in his senior year, he studied aeronautical engineering.

Product of Randolph

He was accepted for Cadet training in 1938, but it was not until '39 he received his call to Randolph Field, second only to West Point itself for its rugged program of training officers and fliers. Major Markland's CAA flying, both at Minnesota U. with land planes, and at Seattle, Washington, with seaplanes, proved excellent background for his Army flying, and in July of '40 he graduated at Kelly Field.

The Road to SAAF

His military career as a newly commissioned Lieutenant began at Randolph Field directly after his graduation, where he served for over a year as Flight Instructor. In December of '41, after the outbreak of war, he was transferred to EAAF, in Enid, Oklahoma, where he served as Flight Commander and Squadron CO. Then, almost a year to the day, he was ordered to Strother.

Special Service Takes Larger Quarters

The Special Service Office and staff, under Major Julian W. Boxley, have moved to larger quarters in the block just south of the PX on Exchange Street. Formerly combined with the Theatre Office in the Post Theatre building, the SSO had little space to carry on its necessary activities.

Now, in a rebuilt, redecorated and revitalized barracks building the entire organization: Major Boxley, the Prairie Flier, and the Art Department will have plenty of room to buzz about doing their daily duties. The phone number is still 297.

Sharing this structure with the SSO will be the Red Cross and War Bond and Insurance Offices, who are yet to move in.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Game night..Eats
Ark.....	Game night	
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance..Refreshments
Ark.....	Dancing..Refreshments	
Sun.....	Win.....	Golf..Tennis..Program
Ark.....	Bingo..Call..Cake 'n' coffee	
Mon.....	Win.....	Informal..Games
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please..Eats	
Tues.....	Win.....	Swim..Dance
Ark.....	Record-your-voice	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dance..Eats
Ark.....	Dancing..Games	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Bridge..Dance
Ark.....	Informal night..Food	

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



Stand By To Repel Side Boys



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Strother Field Wins A.C. Title Defeating Kanotex in Two Games

Pitcher Johnnie Harding backed by his hard-hitting team mates defeated the Kanotex Oilers in two consecutive games of a three-game series for the Arkansas City League Championship this week. Both games were tied until the last inning.

The first game played Monday night was a 1 to 0 victory for SAAF and featured an exciting pitching duel between Harding and Johnnie Rouse, Oiler star. Harding gave up three hits while the SAAF team collected five hits off Rouse. Harding struck out nine men, two less than Rouse whiffed.

The game was a scoreless tie until the last of the seventh inning. Then Dalak singled followed by Sellers who was safe on first due to a fielder's choice in putting out Dalak at second base. Teeters and Harding walked, loading the bases. DeRasmi laid down a squeeze bunt scoring Sellers with the winning run.

The second game of the series, a 7 to 5 victory for SAAF, was played Wednesday night and Johnnie Harding came to the relief of Sellers who was the starting pitcher. Sellers was hit for 10 safeties and 5 runs in 4 and 2-3 innings before leaving the mound. Harding gave up only one hit and no runs in the 2 and 1-3 innings he pitched and was credited with the win.

The score was tied three times before SAAF put over two runs in the seventh to win the game.

In this inning, Dalak flied out to centerfield and was followed by Teeters who singled to rightfield. Harding struck out and Sellers banged out a two-base hit to left field. Teeters going to third. DeRasmi came to bat, and for the second time it was up to him to bring in the winning run. He singled to rightfield and Teeters and Sellers crossed the plate with the two winning runs. No wonder DeRasmi is such a favorite with baseball fans. Not only is he a swell guy, but a great ball player.

BOX SCORE

Kanotex				Strother			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Steele, lf	2	0	0	DeRasmi, rf	3	0	2
Laird, cf	3	0	0	Knepper, lf	3	0	0
Mitchell, 1b	3	0	0	Bova, 2b	3	0	0
Rutter, ss	3	0	0	Loughner, 3b	3	0	0
Gilmore, rf	2	0	1	Padovano, cf	3	0	0
Westbrook, c	3	0	2	Dalak, ss	3	0	1
Rouse, p	3	0	0	Sellers, 1b	3	1	0
Jefferson, 2b	2	0	0	Teeters, c	2	0	1
Hock'bury, 3b	2	0	0	Harding, p	1	0	1
Coggins, 3b	0	0	0				

Totals 23 0 3 Totals 24 1 5

Score by innings:
Kanotex 000 000 0-0 3 1
Strother 000 000 1-1 5 0

Strother				Kanotex			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
DeRasmi, rf	5	1	3	Payne, ss	3	2	1
Knepper, lf	2	0	1	Rouse, lf	4	1	1
Bova, 2b	3	1	2	Laird, cf	4	1	2
Loughner, 2b	4	0	2	Rutter, 3b	4	1	3
Padovano, cf	4	2	1	Mitchell, 1b	4	0	1
Dalak, ss	4	0	1	Westbrook, c	3	0	1
Teeters, c	4	1	2	Coggins, rf	3	0	0
Curtis, 1b	2	1	0	Hock'ury, 2b	3	0	1
Sellers, P., 1b	4	1	3	Jefferson, p	3	0	1
Harding, p	2	0	0				

Totals 34 7 15 Totals 31 5 11

Score by innings:
Strother 022 001 2-7
Kanotex 202 010 0-5

Three Teams Are Tied For First Place

In the Squadron softball league three teams are tied for first place in the second half of season play as a result of third round games played so far this week. The Quartermaster-Ordinance, Link Trainer and Medics have perfect records. QM-Ord, winning three and losing none, Medics with two victories and no losses, and the Link Trainer team has won its only game played so far.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
QM and Ord.	3	0	1.000
Medical Detachment	2	0	1.000
Link Trainer	1	0	1.000
1088th Guard Sqd.	1	1	.500
448th Squadron	1	1	.500
1082nd North Hangar	0	1	.000
1082nd Central Hangar	0	1	.000
1084th Squadron	0	1	.000
1082nd South Hangar	0	3	.000

SPORTS

Swim Pool Open In 10 More Days

"I've been digging in the swimming pool." That has been the theme song of practically all G.I.'s at Strother Field the past few weeks. You are probably wondering, according to the postponements and the rate of progress, if you are finishing up a swimming pool or just beginning an ice-skating rink.

Well, fellows here is the official answer you have been waiting for. According to Major Vance, Director of Training, the completion of the pool rests entirely upon your shoulders. The more time you donate the faster the pool will be finished. He states that at the rate of progress now attained, construction will be completed in the next ten days. So let's get on the proverbial G.I. beam and finish the job up right.

"This pool is being constructed for the benefit of the enlisted personnel of the field," states Lt. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF. "No special privileges will be granted officers. The pool will be open seven nights a week for officers and enlisted men and their guests. On Friday nights the 322nd will have exclusive use of the pool."

At the present time Mr. F. A. Wallace, a Red Cross Swimming Representative, is here giving our capable P.T. Instructors a 30 hour course in life saving, water safety, and functional swimming. This information will, in turn, be referred to the various classes to be held for the men on the field.

Physical Training on Number Basis

A new set-up for checking physical training roll-call has been adopted by 448th Headquarters and Air Base Headquarters Squadron, and is to be used by other squadrons at Strother Field, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director.

The system which is worked out by numbers, was originated by Pfc. Paul K. Rukaveno, physical training instructor, who is in charge of the 448th group. Each man is assigned a PT number, and upon completion of each period, the group is formed into four columns. Non-coms go down each column taking the number called out by the men. These numbers are then marked on a master chart in the post gymnasium credit being given to the individuals whose names appear opposite the assigned numbers.

This system has turned roll call into a matter of a few minutes work compared to the lengthy periods of time formerly devoted to checking each man's name off the roster.

Pfc. Rukaveno is to be complimented for his solution of a time-wasting problem. What are we saying? This means more time for exercises!

Anyway since women demonstrated their independence and adopted one-piece bathing suits, they have shown the men a few things.

Beat Oregon By 5 to 3 Score

The SAAF baseball team met and defeated the strong Oregon Fire-fighter team, state semi-pro winner, by a score of 5 to 3 in a game played in Winfield Thursday night of last week.

M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding, Strother pitching ace, added to his string of victories and proved a timely hitter when he knocked a home run in the sixth inning. Padovano, hard-hitting centerfielder, bagged a four-baser in the seventh inning.

The Oregon team, composed of outstanding players most of whom are youngsters, threatened in the 8th and 9th innings to win the game after going scoreless the first seven frames. They tallied one run in the 8th and two in the 9th, but their three runs were all Harding allowed. Oregon hit safely 8 times while SAAF banged out 10 hits.

Strother Field 000 111 200-5
Oregon Firefighert 000 000 012-3

Receive Swim Training

Mr. F. A. Wallace, Red Cross Swimming representative, has been at SAAF this week giving our PT instructors a 30-hour course in life saving, water safety and functional swimming. In the course four hours have been devoted each evening to instruction in the Winfield pool. Classes of one hour each day have been devoted to training on the field.

Basic Training

(Cont. from page 1, col. 1)

Another phase of training given the men included a tear gas attack during which six pots containing the gas were fired electrically. Lt. D. M. Kain, Chemical Warfare Officer, who was in charge of the CW demonstration, gave a talk and demonstration on land mines, explaining how the mines are set off, either by a detonator or explosion cord. Other demonstrations scheduled by Lt. Kain were postponed due to the dry condition of the grass, some of which had ignited following the tear gas demonstration.

Upon their return to Strother Field an amazing thing took place, following the command, "Fall Out." Spectators, expecting to see the group hit the ground like bowled-over ten-pins, were astonished when every man made a dash for the barrack, seeming to have plenty of pep after all their marching.

Contrary to the popular story, the men removed their packs first, then off came their shoes for a foot inspection made by a member of the Medical Detachment. The rest of their clothing was then removed in preparation for welcomed showers. There was not a dry stitch of clothing on any of them, but all were smiling and wise-cracking as if they had been no farther away from the barrack than the PX.

Oh yes, group number two, comprised of men from all squadrons, will begin their training period next Monday morning—bright and early!

The Wolf

by Sansone

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Enlisted Men to Receive Present Grade Pay in Flight Training

"Enlisted Men—now is your chance to make application for flight training without a reduction in pay," states Lt. Patterson, Post Secretary. Flight training may now be taken in two forms: As an aviation cadet or as an aviation student with all enlisted status benefits. Selection as to which status the applicant wishes to declare himself must be made in advance of appointment to flight training.

Under the new provisions, an enlisted man may enter flight training as an aviation student and retain whatever rating he now possesses. Along with this he may continue gaining the benefits derived from any allotment of his pay that he has undertaken. In addition to his present pay and allotments, he will be paid 50% in excess of his base pay or what is commonly known as "flight pay." The latter will begin when he enters Primary.

He will be granted the same privileges as a Cadet. He will wear the same uniform, sleep in the same barracks, eat the same food.

The physical requirements have also been reduced. An applicant will take a minimized 64. He may have 20-30 vision in both eyes, correctible to 20-20. He may have 20-20 hearing in one ear and 15-20 in the other. He will be permitted to have full dentures (false teeth), but must not have gross dental infections. Also, the Schneider test is no longer required as a part of the physical.

So you see, G.I.'s, no longer do you have to hesitate joining Cadets because of a reduction in pay. Under the new provision as an aviation student, each and every one of you may gain an increase in pay. With the addition of the new pre-cadet training, the government estimates the value of the extended course as approximately \$50,000. Don't waste any time. See Lt. Robert E. Melbourne, Recorder of the Cadet Examining Board, Phone 309.

Pfc. John Whitely, 1082nd Squadron, and Pfc. Henry Harper of the 55th have been accepted for cadet training.

EM Have Music With Their Meals

"Lay that pistol down boy!" No, I'm not speaking of an M.P., I'm referring to the new addition to our 1000 man mess—the Jukebox. The machines, rented from an Arkansas City concern, were installed this week for the added enjoyment of the enlisted men on the field. There is one located on either side of the mess hall.

"These machines were placed here through the facilities of the Post Exchange. However they will be conducted on the same basis as the Jukeboxes in the beer parlor and the coffee shop. That is, the records will not be played free of charge. They will be five cents each. Money taken in will be used for maintenance and rental of these machines. Any surplus will be turned over to the Post Exchange fund," states Lt. Doody, Assistant Mess Officer.

We would like to thank Lt. Doody and the PX for this new treat. We realize with this current shortage the difficulties in obtaining these machines, and feel sure that they will be well appreciated. Meal time seems to be every soldier's hour of relaxation and with the addition of music they will have the atmosphere of the La Astoria instead of the GI mess hall.

New GI Movie Series Next Week

GI Movies, series number four, will be shown in the Post Theater next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Made up of three parts the film is sure to hit the spot in education and entertainment for all officers and enlisted men of SAAF.

In the section entitled, "The War," there are four featurettes—"Strictly G.I.-Allowances," how those checks are sent to the folks back home; "Seized from the Japs," the fall of Hongkong; "Around the Clock with the R.A.F.," bombers fly low and hit their targets; "Private Snafu," introducing the Army's new comic cartoon character.

Part two presents former Ambassador Joseph P. Grew in an interesting film that puts the searchlight on the Nips.

"Pups and Puzzles," the surprising reactions of humans and animals to humorous psychological tests. This is the concluding feature in this issue of GI Movies.

"Camera bugs attention!" An organizational meeting of the Ark City USO Camera Club will be held Monday, Aug. 30. Plans for weekly photo contests are to be formulated.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

"Here we come, out of the muddy water," took the place of the words in the Air Corps song for members of the first basic training group, headed by Lt. Isidore Brown, CO of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th BFT Group, as the boys crossed a river during their 20-mile-march last week.

So. Pacific Vet Speaks at SAAF

Major J. W. Mitchell, who recently returned to the United States from combat duty in the Southwest Pacific area, addressed officers and cadets in the post theater at a meeting held Thursday afternoon.

In his address, Major Mitchell stressed the importance of all phases of training, citing cases in actual combat where little points mean difference between life and death.

Major Mitchell has had 200 combat flying hours in the South Pacific, took part in 100 operational missions, and was a member of a squadron that shot down 60 Jap planes and possibly 12 additional ones in aerial combat. His individual record is 8 Jap planes destroyed.

Among the medals awarded Major Mitchell are the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross and Air Medal.

New Asst. SSO Here

2nd. Lt. Lewis R. Yehle, newly assigned Assistant Special Service Officer at SAAF, arrived Monday to begin his duties here. Lt. Yehle was formerly stationed at Pyote Army Air Base, Tex., where he was Special Service and Postal officer of the famous 19th. Bombardment Group. His home is in Enid Okla.

Bowling Alleys Officially Opened

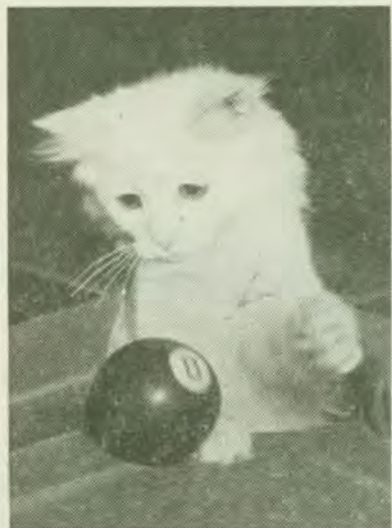
Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF officially opened the new bowling alleys Wednesday night. Introduced by Major J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, Col. Carroll cautiously approached the alley and set things off with a "bang" showing great skill in obtaining a spare and a strike on his first three balls sent down the alley. Major Markland and Major Boxley headed two teams, composed of officers of SAAF, in an exhibition match in which Major Markland's team was the victor.

Included among the many guests were Lt. Col. C. E. Jost, Director of Maintenance at Perrin Field, Texas, and Dr. J. O. Strother of Winfield.

Monthly Review Set for Saturday

A personal inspection of all squadrons will feature the monthly review of Strother Field enlisted men to be held tomorrow morning.

Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, will be the reviewing officer assisted by Major Robert L. Wehr, Commander of Troops and Lt. Paul E. Lange, Adjutant.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

"Lulu Belle," white kitten mascot of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, hides in side-pocket of a pool-table until one of the balls rolls by. Incidentally, she would pick out the 8-ball!

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

MAJOR J. W. BOXLEY, Special Service Officer

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Speaking of—Christmas

No Junior, the Christmas gifts and appropriate cards on display in stores at the present time do not mean that Santa Claus will fill your GI sock early this year.

Certainly the gifts are designed for the use and entertainment of members of our armed forces, but not for you who will hear the jingle of bells at Strother Field, or for that matter, any other camp or base in this country.

In order that our men serving on foreign soil may receive Christmas gifts from relatives and friends in America, it is necessary that such packages be mailed between Sept. 15th and Oct. 15th to assure delivery prior to December 25th, according to postal authorities. So, wipe the perspiration from your brow and do your shopping within the next few weeks for the boys overseas.

Remember, opening gifts will be a lot of fun right here at Strother Field; but think what it will mean to those of us who are stationed in the South Pacific and Europe—there is no comparison.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday 28 August

Double Feature

MEXICAN SPITFIRE'S BLESSED
EVENT . . . Lupe Velez—Leon ErrolFOLLIES GIRL
Wendy Barrie—Gordon Oliver

Sunday and Monday, 29-30 August

BEHIND THE RISING SUN
Margo—J. Carrol Naish
News—Sing

Tuesday 31 August

ONCE UPON A HONEYMOON (revival)
Ginger Rogers—Gary Grant
Speaking of Animals

Wednesday and Thursday, 1-2 September

HEAVEN CAN WAIT
Don Ameche—Gene Tierney
News—March of Time

Friday 3 September

PILOT NUMBER 5
Franchot Tone—Marsha Hunt
World of Sport—Headliner
Madcap Model

Our Times

LT. ADRA S. P. LABORDE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column in last week's issue of the Prairie Flier was credited to Lt. LaBorde, while it was written by Lt. Patrick H. Whitaker, who had graciously agreed to pinch-hit for Lt. LaBorde on another previous occasion. Sorry, Sir.)

THIS WEEK: The eyes of the World have been centered on Quebec. But just as was the case when Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill got together for other tete-a-tetes, those who expect big news will be disappointed. The results of such conferences are made public through action, not words. That is just logical. It would be utter folly to give our enemies an inkling of the formula adopted for their obliteration. It is a safe conclusion, however, that decisive action against the Japs was agreed upon. And Hirohito knows it. A broadcast from Tokyo this morning admits that he is worried about a lot of things, among them the Allied offensive and lagging production on the home-front. Fortunately, we have no consolation to offer Hirohito. We can only assure him that every human soul in the United Nations is behind anything decided upon in Quebec which might lead to the hasty destruction of everything Hirohito stands for. SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS: The monsoon season is nearing the end; Burma will shortly become the scene of considerable activity by Allied ground forces now poised in India. . . . An offensive in China is in the cards; immediate objective: establishment of air bases as near Japan as possible from which to "Hamburg" Japanese cities. . . . British intelligence will soon learn where German defenses along Europe's long coastline are thin; everyone knows that they are thin and comparatively feeble somewhere. When that spot is found, the much heralded invasion will eventuate.

TRIVIA: Today's version of a far-sighted business man: the guy who is studying how best to establish a filling-station and hamburger-shop on the North Pole in preparation for the large amount of traffic there via Great Circle routes after the war.

Have You Read . . .

Torpedo Junction by Robert J. Casey
War in Maps by Francis Brown
A High Wind Rising by Elsie Singmaster
Reprisal by Ethel Vance

They're in your Post Library!

Thought For Today

Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself.

—James A. Garfield.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Working at night and sleeping during these warm days is quite an achievement in itself, but when other men in the barracks who work during the daytime practically tear the buildings down with their heavy walking and yelling at the top of their voices—that is too much!

Many other men, including myself, dislike the idea of stopping their fun, but to be efficient at our jobs we must have a certain amount of rest. When we yell QUIET, it is not with the idea of starting an argument, we just want to sleep during the few comfortably cool morning hours.

The worst offenders are the men who return from the 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. physical training classes. A tornado could hit the barrack and not make much more noise. How about it men? Let us sleep in the mornings by entering the barracks quietly.

A DAYTIME SLEEPER.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

Jan Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, an old soldier, statesman, and philosopher, has made the following statement:

"Fundamentally, the world has no need of a New Order or a New Plan, but only of the honest and courageous application of the historical Christian idea. Our Christian civilization is based on eternal order—an endless plan in the message of Christ. Many new messages and messengers will appear in these times of great tribulation. Let us hold on to the Eternal Message.

"In the twilight of today, I see on that horizon—not the man of Moscow, not the man of Munich, not the man of Rome, but the Man of Galilee. I see Him going around villages and districts, teaching and spreading His message of a new kingdom, healing the sick and suffering. And His message is: 'Cherish in love your fellow man irrespective of race or language; cherish and keep the divine idea in your heart as the highest good!' This is the message also for the Church of today and for mankind milling around like frightened sheep without a shepherd.

"The Man of Galilee is, and remains, our one and only leader. And the Church, as the carrier of this message, should follow Him alone."

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Liftings

It's a wonderful thing for a girl to be as fit as a fiddle, but it still takes a beau to make her play.

"I only go out with the girls who wear glasses."

"Why?"

"I breathe on 'em and then they can't see what I'm doing."

She was only a film censor's daughter, but she knew when to cut it out.

There was a young WAAC named Kent,
Who said that she knew what it meant,
When men asked her to dine,
Gave her cocktails and wine;
She knew what it meant—
But she went.

Daughter: "Do you know what kind of man I want to marry?"

Mother: "I think so; just exactly the kind of man I wanted until your father came along and spoiled my plans."

Somebody told us about the girl who, when asked her war ambition, said: "I want to be an air raid siren."

The reason they call a sailboat "she" is that it makes its best showing in the wind.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff.



UNSUNG HEROES:

The Post Exchange

The Post Exchange, gathering place of officers, cadets and enlisted men from early in the morning until lights are out at night, is the most popular spot on Strother Field.

Seeing that the men are able to buy the things they want whether it is in the clothing department, merchandise department, fountain room or beer-parlor is the job so ably handled by Capt. G. A. Mueller, PX Officer and Lt. J. F. Francella, Assistant PX Officer.

Before entering the service Capt. Mueller was engaged in the automobile and automobile finance business as well as the photographic supply business. Lt. Francella was chief auditor and supervising accountant of the Auditor General's Dept., and office of State Treasurer for the state of Pennsylvania, prior to entering the service. He attended the Exchange school at Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

Among other services operated by the PX are three barber shops. One for enlisted men, another for cadets and officers and the third is for the 322nd Aviation Squadron.

The civilian messhall is another activity under the supervision of the Post Exchange, capably managed by Mrs. A. F. Neuman of Arkansas City.

Newest activity to be operated by the PX is the bowling alley which opened Wednesday evening, and the beauty shop located on North Exchange street which was also opened Wednesday. The beauty shop will cater to wives of officers and enlisted men and the WAC's—according to the Daily Bulletin of last Friday.

The Post Exchange operates at a very small profit, but even this money is turned back to the customers in various forms for their comfort and amusement. Each organization on the field will receive a percentage of the profits, and some money will also go to the Recreation and Chaplain's funds.

High on the list of unsung heroes on the field are the gals who so efficiently perform their duties in the PX, whether it is helping a GI select a bracelet for his girl or seeking out the coldest bottle of coke from the cooler in the fountain room. The job is no easy task, and it is amazing how they keep smiling all day long, but we are thankful for their catering to us even though we do not act like it at times.

Kownick's Korn

A couple of soldiers were standing on the corner when two women started across from the other side of the street. One nudged the other and said: "Imagine it, here comes my wife and my girl friend!" The other one shot back, "You took the words right out of my mouth."

Ran into a doctor friend of mine on the street. He's a bone specialist. Instead of setting them . . . he rolls them.

Don't trip over that cow-bell, Grandma, you're too old to be kicking the gong around.

Cpl. Hines has been troubled with black spots before his eyes. He had his glasses changed and now he can see the black spots much clearer.

Saw a map salesman in town . . . he has quite a racket. He knocks people unconscious and when they come to and say, "Where am I?" he sells them a map.

Cop: Wait a minute . . . Wait a minute! Say, lady, don't you know what it means when I raise my hand?

Lady: I ought to, officer . . . I was a school teacher for ten years!

Captain: (on sinking excursion boat) . . . Does any one know how to pray?

Passenger: I do.

Captain: Well, you pray, and the rest of us will put on the life belts. We're one shy.

Overheard a soldier say as he poured a double zombie into his gal's glass, "Say when." . . . And she quietly replied, "Right after this drink."

Start Work On Runways

Runways and taxi strips at Strother Field are to be repaired and replaced according to a new post construction project recently announced. The J. W. Craig Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., has been awarded the contract for this work, cost of which will be under \$500,000.

All four large runways and three taxi strips are affected. Present construction is of a bituminous mat material. Only take-off and landing surface to be left intact is the concrete apron.

Equipment for the new construction arrived this week from S Dakota and Minnesota.

Majors Defeated By First Looies

The bleacher was loaded, players were in position, the bright afternoon sun beamed down on brilliantly-colored uniforms and a bit of baseball strategy had been achieved by some such appealing remark as this: "Aw come on fellers, let's play nine innings instead of the seven agreed upon." (This took place following the last of the seventh of course!)

When a major says, "Do it!" to a lieutenant, it naturally is "dood" regardless that the officer of lower rank knows it should not be done.

Such was the situation when the majors of SAAF challenged and met the first lieutenants in a baseball game Monday afternoon. After seven innings the looies had beaten the socks off their dignified opponents, so the majors insisted on two more innings of play. The game ended 13 to 3 for the lieutenants, making matters even worse. After all, it is hard to give away 10 runs in 2 innings to make the game a tie affair. ask any lieutenant who played!

Major M. P. (Sluggar) Lee, Special Projects Officer, in the role of a pinch-hitter came through with a solid hit and later scored. His timely blow was the highlight of the game.

Mural Depicts Special Service Work

In the office of Major Julian W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, is a newly completed mural depicting the many activities of this department.

Pvt. Alden D. Craig, member of the art department in the SSO conceived and executed the attractive mural which is approximately 9 by 4 feet in size.

Pictured in the mural are the post theater, gymnasium, the base newspaper, the Prairie Flier, bowling and athletic equipment, books, music, orientation material and art work.

The Kansas skies are lovely and the folks down here are fine
There are lots of lovely maidens and the life down here is sublime.

I like the men I work with; could not find a better crew
And I'm proud to teach young fliers to soar safely through the blue.

But the thought I'm always thinking, and the phrase I almost say

Is "I'll never bag a Zero in a BT 13-A." —Anonymous.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR JOE B. McDONALD

The station Air Inspector-Administrative, is another one of those calm, collected and soft-spoken customers from Texas. His name is Major Joe B. McDonald, trouble-shooter for the CO.

Military-Man from Youth

Houston is Major McDonald's home, altho he was originally from El Reno, Oklahoma, his birthplace. He attended Texas Military Institute in San Antonio in his youth, and after graduation he proceeded back to Oklahoma and Oklahoma U. at Norman. Here he concentrated on geology, Delta Tau Delta, and Scabbard and Blade affairs. After two years more of ROTC training, he received his reserve commission in the Field Artillery, in 1931.

After School—Before '41

After leaving school, he was connected with the Interstate Theatre Circuit, and when he left there for active service with the Army, he had occupied the position of theatre manager.

When called to active duty, the Major was transferred to the Air Corps from the Field Artillery. His first and only station before Strother was Ellington Field, Texas, where he served for a time as Squadron Commander.

Duties at SAAF

His duties here at Strother Field have been many. For a while he served as Adjutant, before being reappointed to the all-important job of Administrative Inspector, who views the "conduct, discipline, bearing, appearance, administrative efficiency and living conditions of all units under the command of the station CO; he also supervises the economic and lawful expenditure of funds." And brother, that job is no picnic!

The Major has brought with him his wife and seven year old son, and they have made Winfield their temporary "duration and six" home.

An Embarrassing Moment

A corporal from Strother Field spent last week-end in Eldorado, Kans., and attended the ball game between SAAF and Eldorado Sunday afternoon. During an exciting part of the game a little boy edged up to the corporal and said, "I know you." The GI, glancing hurriedly at the kid in order to not miss the action on the diamond, answered, "You don't know me." Interest in the game was over for the corporal after the youngster answered, "Oh yes I do. You were with my mommy last night!"

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.	Win.	Informal night
Ark.	Game night	Eats
Sat.	Win.	Floor show
Ark.	Dancing	Refreshments
Sun.	Win.	Violin Recital at 4
		Watermelon Bust at 7
Ark.	Bingo	Call. Cake 'n' coffee
Mon.	Win.	GI Movies
Ark.	Camera Club	Food
Tues.	Win.	Swim Party
Ark.	GI Movie	Record-voice
Wed.	Win.	Dance
Ark.	Dancing	Eats
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge Tourney
Ark.	Informal night	

Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Whoops Group



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Flying Officer Tops Field In Physical Fitness Tests

Officers, enlisted men and cadets of Strother Field have completed their Physical Fitness Tests, resulting in extremely sore stomach muscles for the participants and a lot of figuring on the part of the PT instructors who gave the tests and compiled individual scores.

"Superman" on the field is Second Lieutenant Leo. E. Engels, flying instructor in the 1st Basic Flying Squadron, whose Physical Fitness Rating of 90 with 270 as his sum of scores, was the best performance at SAAF. In accomplishing this high score, Lt. Engels performed 114 sit-ups, 19 pull-ups and ran the 300 yard shuttle run in 43 seconds. His rating is that of excellent.

Among the enlisted men taking the tests was Cpl. George Gaynor of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th BFT group, who carried off honors with a Physical Fitness Rating of 81 with 240 as his sum of scores. Gaynor also performed 114 sit-ups while doing 15 pull-ups and running the shuttle race in 47 seconds.

In the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, Cpl. Bernard Kelly and Pfc. Harold Hester tied in PFR rating of 72 to lead their squadron, but Hester had 216 as his score sum while Kelly had 214. Hester's record was set with 64 sit-ups, 16 pull-ups and 47 seconds for the shuttle run. Kelly did 90 sit-ups, 15 pull-ups and his time for the shuttle run was 56 seconds.

S/Sgt. Kenneth McCormick of the 1084th Squadron was top man in his outfit with a PFR of 66 and 202 sum score. He performed 77 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 51 seconds.

Sgt. Boyd Fields of the 1082nd who acquired a PFR of 78 with a sum score of 234, was high man in his squadron. He also performed 114 sit-ups and did 16 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 51 seconds.

In the Medical Detachment Pfc. Edward Pfipsen headed his group

with a PFR of 68 and a sum score of 204. He did 73 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 49 seconds.

Cpl. Delmar E. Lanck of the 383rd Army Air Forces Band Squadron topped his organization with a 61 PFR and a sum score of 184, doing 73 sit-ups, 10 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 48 seconds.

In the 1088th Guard Squadron, Pvt. Samuel Walls was top man with a PFR of 72 and a sum score of 211. He did 96 sit-ups, 11 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 52 seconds.

Cpl. Meredith Knox of the 322nd Aviation Squadron was best in his group with a PFR of 70 and a sum score of 210. He did 96 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 55 seconds.

The Physical Fitness ratings are divided into five groups: excellent, very good, good, poor and very poor. The average score for enlisted men of Strother Field is in the "good" bracket, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director.

John A. Zimmerman of Cadet class 43J was top man among cadets with a PFR of 85 and a sum score of 254. R. M. Long, also a member of the same class, and whose home is in Arkansas City, Kans., was tied for second with Bert Straw, both men having a PFR of 81. However, Straw totaled 243 points in his sum score while Long had 239. These tests were given members of 43J the middle of July and at that time Zimmerman also won first honors, followed closely by Long.

Are you broke soldier? Here is your chance to pick up some extra money on off-duty hours. Any enlisted man interested in setting up pins at the new Bowling Alley contact Mr. Austin at the Post Exchange immediately. "Time's a'wastin'."

SPORTS

Softball Standings Show No Change

As a result of several squadron league softball games being postponed the first part of this week, there is practically no change in standings from that of last Friday. Other games to be played this week were scheduled for last night making it impossible to carry the scores and any change in standings in today's issue of the Prairie Flier.

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
QM and Ord.	3	0	1.000
Medical Detachment	2	0	1.000
Link Trainer	1	0	1.000
1088th Guard Sqd.	1	1	.500
448th Squadron	1	1	.500
1082nd North Hangar	0	1	.000
1082nd Central Hangar	0	1	.000
1084th Squadron	0	1	.000
1082nd South Hangar	0	3	.000

Baseball Team Has Great Season

The Strother Field baseball team set an enviable record during its first season of play, winning 23 games out of 31 for a percentage figure of .742.

In the Arkansas City league, SAAF won 8 of 9 games, losing one game with the Kanotex, 2 to 5. In the play-off series as a result of Strother winning the first half pennant while the Kanotex took the second half of season play, the army team won two consecutive games 1 to 0 and 7 to 5 to cop the championship title. Pitcher Johnnie Harding, SAAF star, won both of these games to give him a season record of 13 games won and one lost. His one defeat was to the Cessna Aircraft team during Kansas State Semi-Pro tournament play. The score was 4 to 3.

In other tournament games Strother defeated the Topeka Scotts by a score of 5 to 4 behind superb pitching of Harding, and lost to the Ft. Leavenworth Reception Center team by a score of 11 to 3. Bert Fern was the losing pitcher.

The fourth game lost during the season was to the powerful Enidairs, Enid, Okla., Army Air Field team. The score was 8 to 5 and Gabrielli and Wescott pitched for SAAF.

The four remaining losses by Strother Field were to the same team that Harding had twice defeated earlier in the season by scores of 4 to 3 and 8 to 3, this team, the Independence Army Air Field, Independence, Kans., trimmed SAAF by scores of 16 to 7, 8 to 2, 17 to 6, and 12 to 9.

Non-league wins by SAAF included victories over the following teams: Kanotex, 10 to 6, Curtis pitching; Kanotex, 6 to 2, Harding pitching; A.C. Dubbs, 17 to 3, Wescott pitching; Herington AAF, 12 to 2, Harding pitching; Herington AAF, 17 to 7, Curtis pitching; Blackwell, Okla., 13 to 6, Wescott pitching; Blackwell, Okla., 9 to 7, Curtis pitching; Oregon Fire-Fighters, Oregon state semi-pro champions, 5 to 3, Harding pitching; ElDorado, Kans., defeated by scores of 13 to 9, Harding pitching, and 22 to 2, Harding pitching.

In league play SAAF tallied 99 runs against their opponents 22 runs. This included the two play-off city games. Non-league games resulted in 187 runs for SAAF to their opponents 122 runs. The season total of runs scored is 286 to their opponents 144. The 62 runs scored against the army team in the four losses to IAAF accounted for 42% of this total.

Following are the league games and scores:

SAAF 5, Kanotex 1.
SAAF 10, A.C. Co-op 0.
SAAF 9, Maurer-Neuer 3.
SAAF 22, Thunderbirds 1.
SAAF 6, A.C. All-Stars 1.
SAAF 6, Maurer-Neuer 2.
SAAF 17, Thunderbirds 1.
SAAF 14, A.C. Co-op 3.
SAAF 2, Kanotex 5.

The bowling alleys will be open every day from noon till 2300. Price of a line will be 15 cents. Any type shoe will be permitted except rubber soled or cleated heels. "Set 'em up John."

Class 43J Cadets Show Athletic Ability

Cadets of Class 43J have been giving the Obstacle course, Cross-Country run and Physical Fitness Tests the "works" during the past week. Lt. G. D. Allen, Assistant Physical Training Director today announced the top three men in each event.

Obstacle course: Lt. R. J. Johnson of squadron 1-D, 1:58; William M. Holmes, squadron 1-C, 2:03; and Winton E. Newcomb, also of 1-C, 2:07.

Cross-Country: W. L. Skaggs, squadron 2-C, 6:02; N. W. Kirkpatrick, 1-D, 6:07; F. L. Higgenbottom, 1-D, 6:12.

Beat ElDorado In Two Games

The Strother baseball team added two more victories to its season's record this week, defeating the ElDorado, Kans., Oilers by scores of 13 to 9 and 22 to 2.

Johnnie Harding pitched both games. The first was played in ElDorado last Sunday and the second took place in Arkansas City Wednesday evening.

The game at ElDorado ended in a 13 to 9 victory and in the game at Ark. City, the SAAF bats were banging out hits and runs all over the diamond. Home runs were hit by Loughner and Kneper. Both these blows were over the center-field fence. Each man drove in six runs in Wednesday night's game, which is a good evening's work. The game was called after the 7th inning.

Golf Target Is Being Installed

Golf enthusiasts among officers and enlisted men of Strother Field will soon be using the new driving target now being installed between the post theater and gymnasium. Participants will have to bring along their own golf clubs and balls as such equipment cannot be supplied by the gym, according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Make up your mind—what do you want?"



Take Part in Legion Convention

Strother Field is to have an opportunity to really strut its stuff next Sunday, when troops, military vehicles and planes are scheduled to take part in the gigantic parade held in connection with the Kansas state American Legion convention in Arkansas City Sept. 5 and 6.

Invitations have also been issued to Independence Army Air Field, Independence, Kans., Coffeyville Army Air Field, Coffeyville, Kans., WAVES of Stillwater, Okla., RAF unit, Ponca City, Okla.; so SAAF will have plenty of competition in the military line. Invitations have been sent to the Boeing, Beechcraft and Cessna aircraft companies in Wichita asking these concerns to take part in the parade. Bands will include Strother Field, Wichita Legion, Arkansas City municipal and high school bands and the Ark. City-Winfield drum corps.

Several prominent speakers have been invited to take part in the convention. They include W. R. Wills, newspaper publisher and radio commentator who published an anti-Axis newspaper in Tokyo for 15 years before the war. On the day of Pearl Harbor, Wills was imprisoned two hours before the Japs actually struck. Although he endured the terrible hardships of a Japanese prison camp, he will always remain partially crippled from the punishment of being forced to sit cross-legged for long intervals.

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Polio Scare Off; All Spots Open

As one soldier on the field puts it: "I hardly know which place to go there are so many open now." Yes it's the unbelievable truth. Restrictions against local and surrounding areas, according to the Daily Bulletin, have been lifted. The Arkansas City Municipal Pool and the Country Club Pool are once again open to enlisted men.

Since August 11, week-ending GI's have been put at a disadvantage because of the restriction against Wichita. Wichita was put off-limits for enlisted men at SAAF except on official business only. You probably wondered at one time or another the reasons for these restrictions. Two words will explain—Infantile Paralysis! This dreaded disease broke out in Wichita with almost epidemic fervor. In order to protect the men at SAAF and the civilians in our twin-cities, enlisted men were restricted from its area.

But—once again we may travel at ease. The restriction was lifted Saturday, August 28. Soldiers of SAAF may now weekend again in Wichita.

Girls, girls, and more girls! With the restriction lifted on Wichita, here is the chance for GI's at SAAF to have a good time tomorrow night. The downtown USO at Wichita is having a formal dance, Saturday night, Sept. 4 at the Midian Temple. All enlisted personnel are invited. I'll be seein' ya there.

Strother Welcomes A New Year Class

It's a bit early to start shouting "happy noo yearr!" but the lads of cadet class 44-A, newest "gadget" arrivals at SAAF, remind us that it isn't far away.

Now, after standing thru Retreat parades at Preflight, riding a primary trainer piggy-back and wading thru a mess of academics, these young men are ready to tackle Basic flying. It won't be long either, before they will be thoroughly oriented at Strother, on the ground and in the air with their Valiants.

But lest we forget, let's say "so long, 43-J," in tribute to those men who have gone on to Advanced, when we extend our hands to 44-A.

Farm sign along highway 77: "MELON AND KITTENS FOR SALE" Bacon is still our favorite for breakfast!

1088th Guard Sqd. Cops Review Honors

The monthly review of enlisted men and cadets of Strother Field was the best ever held according to Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer. The 1088th Guard Squadron was judged the best squadron by Col. Carroll and his reviewing party composed of Major Robert L. Wehr and Lt. Paul E. Lange. The streamer designating this squadron as the best in the August review will be awarded it during the review next month. The 322nd Aviation squadron is now in possession of the streamer.

A marked improvement in haircuts was noted in last week's review. Among the things that were noticeably not up to par were belts, insignia stitching and the manner of standing at attention.

Fancy insignia stitching on shirts and blouses is improper and should be replaced with plain type.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Army Air Field, sends the first ball zooming down the alley in the new bowling center with a style that is envied by many fans. He scored a spare and a strike with his first three rolls, an accomplishment which any of us would be proud to achieve.

Seven More SAAF Officers Upped

During the past week seven more officers at Strother Field have ascended the ladder of rank another round. Among the group were two flying instructors, a dental officer, two Sub-Depot officers, the Chaplain, and Post Surgeon.

Made major was Harry D. Strouse, CO of the 377th Sub-Depot. The three new Captains are Raymond Chamberlain, dental surgeon, Ian W. Luke, post surgeon, and our genial Texas Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger. The remaining three who walked away with 1st Looie honors were Robert N. Hughs, and Doak S. Campbell, Jr., Flight Instructors; and Justin L. Weiss, also of the Sub-Depot.

Sgt. Giltner: He's a mechanic—always mechanizes at pretty girls.

Communion Sunday in Post Chapel

Communion will be served to those who desire it this Sunday during the regular general Protestant service at 1000 in the Post Chapel. The members of all denominations are cordially invited to attend. "An Answer to the Oldest Question" will be the subject of the sermon delivered by Chaplain Donald E. Wineinger.

Special music for this occasion will be furnished by Cpl. Frank Fenwick, cellist, and Cpl. Theodore Naman, tenor, who will be accompanied on the chapel's new Hammond organ by Pfc. Ashton Williams.

As always, friends and relatives of the Strother men are warmly invited to attend. Passes may be secured for visitors by arranging with Chaplain Wineinger on 340.

117 Strother Beavers Hit Stripe Jackpot

More stripes are in order for 117 Enlisted Men here at Strother Field as announced in Special Orders of 1 September, 1943. The lads who have been busy sewing on those extra chevrons within the past few days include:

448 B HQ & AB SQ

To Be Staff Sergeant

Charles R. Markham

To Be Sergeant

Roger C. Ballou William J. Busch
Howard F. Day Dias Fournier
Edward W. Pease Edward Seeb
Forrest A. Thomas

To Be Corporal

Robert H. Abbott Fred A. F. Boyd
John F. Brueggeman Oscar P. Cassibry, Jr.
Norwood Dillard James H. Dodds, Jr.
John R. Farrell David A. Frazee
Walter J. Gustafson Virgil L. Huhn
Charles V. Jones Walter L. Kelly
L. W. Sams Edward J. Stewart

HQ & HQ SQ, 55th BFT GP

To Be Sergeant

Harry Dresner Edward W. Heney
Phillip P. Kmiecik

To Be Corporal

Robert E. Bailey Leon L. Barton
Edgar W. Hansen John T. Jones
Charles Lidsky Samuel L. Mattson
Paul K. Rukavens William D. Thomas

1082 BFT SQ

To Be Master Sergeant

Herman C. Burleson Edwin L. Edmondson
Harold G. Emanuelson

To Be Tech Sergeant

Alvah R. Bailey John T. Barber
James W. Conn Lloyd H. Kinney
Howard A. Olson Glen O. Sanders
Allen M. Vosburgh

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Install Electric Organ In Post Chapel

From this moment forward, Sunday services at the Post Chapel will sound more like the church at home than ever before. Installed this week in the loft just above the Chapel entrance was a new console-type Hammond electric organ.

Placed in the center of the loft, the organ stands about four feet tall, and it has a length of approximately five feet. The sound box is placed a little to the rear and to the left as you face the altar. The instrument itself has two keyboards, the foot pedals and the many other standard organ gadgets which never cease to amaze the layman.

The Chaplain has not yet announced who the organist will be for the services, and who ever is chosen will find the task a pleasant one. The Chaplain informs you however, that if you DO know how to play an organ you are welcome to practice with SAAF's trim little machine at your leisure.

Another First For The 55th

The Chaplain's flag, awarded weekly to the squadron having the largest percentage attendance of personnel available on any Sunday to attend chapel, was awarded this past Sunday to the Hq. and Hq. Sqdn. 55th B.F.T. Group. The 55th had an attendance of 37 men. The Cadets held the flag last. Keep up the good work 55th and hold on to that flag.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

MAJOR J. W. BOXLEY, Special Service Officer

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Speaking of— American Spirit

(The following letter was received this week from a former SAAF enlisted man who was honorably discharged about three weeks ago.)

The Prairie Flier
Strother Army Air Field,
Winfield, Kans.

Gentlemen:

Greetings from one now a civilian. Just recently read a copy of the Prairie Flier of August 13th and noted the article on "annuals" was written about me. Thanks a lot for your well-wishes.

Yes, I was happy in obtaining autographs in my annual (referring to the book of SAAF) but only because after the "duration" it will bring me closer to all those I knew while at Strother Field.

You are right when you say I had a lump in my throat when I left the field for good. More than that, I also had an empty and sinking feeling, and as I walked out the gate I felt as if part of my very life was being left behind me.

I appreciated serving in the Air Corps and sincerely desired an opportunity of seeing overseas duty, but Uncle Sam has decided otherwise, so still hoping to be a soldier at heart, I have done the next best thing, secured employment with the Boeing Company in the Functional Testing Laboratory (electrical testing of equipment) both before and after installation, in the greatest plane of the day, the new B-29.

Wish to say that in former civilian life I had worked under many types of employers but never did I have the good fortune to work under such a group of understanding officers as at Strother Field. My hat is off to them.

Now boys, here is a tip. I'll do my bit-plus here on the outside to help produce these planes so keep on the beam boys and you'll be doing your part toward rushing through the cadets who will be our pilots of the future.

When I get a Sunday off, I would like to come out to the field again and renew acquaintances with the many boys I know. Regards to all, and yours for an early victory.
(Former Pfc.) EDW. M. TAYLOR JR.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Have You Read . . .

Eddie and the Archangel Mike by Barry Benfield

Smattering of Ignorance by Oscar Levant

Story of Dr. Wassell by James Hilton

Voice of Fighting Russia by Lucien Zacharoff
They're in your Post Library!

Thought For Today

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body; to risk his well-being, to risk his life, in a great cause.

—Theodore Roosevelt.

Our Times

LT. PATRICK H. WHITAKER

THIS WEEK: War experience was gained to a large degree when we entered Sicily; we also gained equipment and a jumping off place. Our Forty-fifth Division showed itself very good and real experience was gained by the Allied general staff in conducting land, sea and air operations simultaneously in a successful manner. They are ready for the big drive.

Denmark is now under the iron hand completely. By the way, Denmark would be a good place to start a mainland invasion; it is only six hundred miles from Berlin and think of the cooperation we could get from the Danes. Too, we could sure give the Nazis in Norway hell from newly established air bases in Denmark.

October will soon be here and the big push for Burma and Burma Road. We must take the Burma Road in order to get supplies through Mandalay into Central China. It is a hard task to fly everything over the mountains. We could send in four or five times as much over the road with ease.

Russia is still a thousand miles from Berlin, yet she thinks she is doing all the fighting; we will beat her to Berlin, but Russia will play a very dominant role in peace settlements because all the little countries are situated very close and many are inhabited by the Slavs. It will be very necessary for a close triple-alliance with United States, Great Britain and Russia if we expect a long peace after the guns are silenced.

United we stand, divided we fall, will hold true here to a certain extent.

Liftings

A hostess (by name, Henrietta)
Paraded about in a tight sweata;
Three reasons she had:
To keep warm wasn't bad—
But the other two reasons were betta!

Those same two GI's were talking again last night on the bus back to camp in their usual drowsy tones.
"What kinda a dress did yur skirt-flirt wear to the dance last night, pal?"
"I don't remember, chum, but I think it was checked."
"Man alive!" exclaimed the other, "That must have REALLY been a party!"

Didja hear about da moron who:
Went to bed with his clock becaws he had heard it was fast?
Thought his girlie was Egyptian becaws she was a hot mummy?
Kept a girdle to keep rumors from spreading?
Pitied cows because the bulls always left them holding the bag?

These haircuts at the PX bubbershop hain't so bad. Naw, wait awhile, watch 'em grow on yuh.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 4 September

Double Feature

THAT NATZY NUISANCE

Bobby Watson—Joe Devlin

HERE COMES KELLY

Eddie Quillen—Joan Woodbury

Sunday and Monday, 5-6 September

HI DIDDLE DIDDLE

Martha Scott—Adolph Menjou

News of the Day—The War

Tuesday, 7 September

THE FOREST RANGERS (Revival)

Fred MacMurray—Paulette Goddard

Popular Science—Terrytoon

Wednesday and Thursday, 9 September

SALUTE TO THE MARINES

Wallace Beery—Fay Bainter

News of the Day—Color Cartoon

Friday, 10 September

SPOTLIGHT SCANDALS

Billy Gilbert—Frank Fay—Bonnie Baker

Henry King and Orchestra

Sportscope—Cartoon—Pete Smith



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

She was only an Australian "bush" nurse, but her keen observation, accurate judgment, and simple faith have made well thousands of children throughout the world. It happened this way. Into a settlement of Pilton Hills, South Queensland, Australia, Elizabeth Kenny was called to treat a farmer's child who was desperately ill from what appeared to be the stomach ache. Sister Kenny, so called because she had joined the Sisterhood of Presbyterians, wired the medical officer the symptoms and asked his advice. Back came the answer, "Infantile Paralysis. Use best observation and judgment." Sister Kenny did not know the medical world prescribed rest and splints for the victims of polio, so she began to apply hot packs to relieve the pain in the inflamed areas. As she worked she repeated to herself, "I can of my own strength do nothing." She and the parents prayed for help. She urged the children as soon as the muscles were relaxed to exercise the legs and arms which were affected, telling them that they would soon be running about like the kangaroos.

Thirty years later, Sister Kenny came to Mayo Brother's Clinic upon invitation to teach other nurses her methods. Now when an epidemic of polio has swept the nation the victims can receive the Kenny treatment which has and is proving very successful. Thanks be to the keen observation, judgment and simple faith of this pioneer woman.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Of course the gripe about the goldbricker is not anything new; and few things are ever really said directly about this type of parasite, which might mislead one to believe that GI's have accepted this form of life as an unavoidable evil, but the remains: nobody likes a Chief F/O (and that's NOT Flying Officer).

Just why every guy in the outfit can't carry his share of the work on his own shoulders has always puzzled me. Always there will be one jerk who will sit on his dead end doing his damndest not to exert himself. He forgets that there is a war to be won; he is oblivious to the fact that there is work to be done; he is indifferent to the responsibility he has in playing the game.

The only way to cure these fudduddies of their "arthritis" is to build a bonfire of social pressure beneath their fat bottoms that will stir them to get out of the class of mental mummies. When they realize that there is nothing to be gained from getting out of doing a job except ostracism, they will get off of the merry-go-round.

A FORMER GB.

Male Call

by Milton



UNSUNG HEROES: The Ordnance Division

Which department is responsible for the supply, maintenance and repair of all of the small arms and general purpose vehicles (motor and otherwise) here at Strother Field, together with some in Wichita and Ponca City? It is the capable SAAF Ordnance Division.

And who are the men assigned to this essential task? They are the 23 Enlisted Men and 13 civilians under 2nd Lt. Garland O. Beck, Ordnance Officer, and his assistants; 2nd Lt. Hillary A. Buf-ton and Post Ordnance Sergeant S/Sgt. Robert F. Rainer.

The Division itself is of the 2nd and 3rd Echelon caliber. It may, for purposes of clarity, be broken down into four main groups: the Ordnance Office, which handles all paper work and supervises the entire outfit; the auto maintenance and repair group; the Ordnance Supply; and the small arms section.

The Ordnance Office is handled by the Ordnance Officer and his two assistants. Under the POSgt are Pfc. Robert G. McReynolds, file clerk, and the civilian office staff.

The auto maintenance and repair unit is in the hands of S/Sgt. Ray J. Myers, Motor Sergeant. Following his directions are Sgt. Kenneth Auterson, 2nd Echelon Shop Foreman; Sgt. Alfred E. York, (no relation) 3rd Echelon Shop Foreman; Cpl. Russell T. Thomson, Foreman, Lubrication; Cpl. Victoria Fergola, Mechanic; Pvt. Robert P. Davis, J. O. West, Mechanic, and J. E. Chermach, Welder, and Pvt. Gregory E. Bova, Florian Skarupinski, both Lubrication Mechanics.

The Ordnance Supply is managed by Sgt. Lynne O. Cannon, Ordnance Supply Sgt., and his men are: Sgt. Eugene L. Davis, Requisition and Automotive Clerk, Cpl. Kenneth I. Teeters and Pfc. Carl L. Wulf, Jr.

Last, but not insignificant, is the small arms section under Jimmy Deal, (you remember your machine gun instructor) and Pvt. Max A. Brown, Armorer.

All of these men are trained by the Ordnance Division (ASF) either here on the Field or at other posts. At present, the SAAF Ordnance unit has five men, namely, (Pfc's all) Howard B. Arnwine, Gilbert Borrell, Stephen V. Dutkewitz, Sam Friedman, and Forrest C. Carter, on DS in training.

When you stop to consider, this is no little job. It's a damn big one brother, but Strother Ordnance men are holding up their end in this war for survival.

Kownick's Korn

Sgt. Francis Martin slipped and sat down as he made a perfect strike while bowling. You could call that a sit down strike.

One of the boys is in the hospital because he drank to everybody's health—and ruined his own.

Another says he hates scotch—so he drinks it to get it out of his sight.

Sgt. Schatzman says he's a mean guy. I'll bet his mother wishes she hadn't kept his incubator warm!

Cpl. Wilson says: His mother-in-law has the skin he loves to touch. . . . She's got a terrific sun burn.

Waiter: "How do you want your rice served, Madam?"

She (wistfully): "Thrown at me."

Promotions

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To Be Staff Sergeant

Malton G. Baudanza
Franklin F. Hudgins
Richard Mohrbacher
William E. Noonan
John E. Rust
Dossie A. Cotter
Albert Kruska
Bob L. Newbill
Thomas E. Phillips
William R. Thorpe, Jr.
Anthony J. Yazbeck

To Be Sergeant

Elmer H. Berg, Jr.
Thomas E. Burg
Victor M. Fernandez
Leo E. Getta
Lyell A. Gregg
Floyd G. Hastings
Charlie E. Holden
Donald E. Jamison
Kelley E. Kilby
Boyd L. Miller
S. C. Myers, Jr.
Steve Schuster
Samuel R. Wood, Jr.
Thurman W. Brooks
Jesse L. Dunn
Edwin F. Gaddis
Beryl E. Gray
Howard L. Haney
John C. Hayes
Lloyd L. Hunsucker
Leo M. Jostad
Steve Kristich
John F. Mudgett
Robert J. Rainwater

To Be Corporal

Francis A. Abate
Harry C. Lutge
Donald N. Wiedeman
Francis H. Bonneau
Douglas E. Opsahl

1084 BFT SQ

Leo W. Crimmins
Leverle K. Dobson
Cecil L. Harmon
Byron W. Kauffman
John J. McGlothlin
George W. Miller
Joseph V. Orlowski
Ray Pace
Victor B. Parsley
Earnest L. Rogers
Norman J. Silsbee
Carl A. Denton
Borden W. Gibson
Lytle J. Hollis
Clemens B. Kindiger
Ellis D. McKibben
Mildor O. Mosiman
Edmund A. Overstrom
William M. Parks
Earl E. Rogers
Willard H. Shelton
Harry E. Theabold

1088 GUARD SQ

Harold D. Harris
Calvin W. Pennell

383 rd AAF BAND

To Be Sergeant
Albert R. Wilde

To Be Corporal

Charles L. Graves
Arthur J. Larivee
Roland G. Hites

DET FINANCE DEPT

To Be Techn. 4th Grade
Emmett W. Loughan

322 AVN SQ

To Be Sergeant
Meredith D. Knox
Hilton D. Lewis, Sr.

To Be Corporal

Elliott Myles
James Pickles
Tony St. Amant, Jr.

The Impossible Takes a Little Longer

Sometime ago it became apparent that facilities were inadequate to take care of the increasingly large classes of cadets. Major Merle W. Allen, Director of Ground School, decided that a radio code building was needed, and that the subject would be taught outside of the regular Academic Building.

The new building was acquired and upon its completion Major Allen and his staff were confronted with the seemingly impossible task of moving the intricate radio installation without losing any class time. The Radio Section of The Ground School consisting of Lts. W. B. Cox, A. P. LaBorde, L. J. LeBlanc and Corporals W. T. Whalen and John "Red" Walden rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Sweating all day and part of the night they accomplished what seemed impossible. They moved the code equipment and tables section by section, leaving enough in the old code room to handle current classes, and kept their instruction of cadets on schedule.

American Legion

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Also invited to appear on the program are Capt. W. H. Campbell, who flew President Quezon, his family and staff out of the Philippines to Australia, and Lt. John de Angelis, navigator of the plane that dropped Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker and his crew into their famous adventure on the South Pacific.

Among high-ranking officers of the army and navy who have been invited to speak on the program will be Brig. Gen. Alexander N. Stark and Capt. F. C. Dickey of the navy, who was serving as executive officer of the carrier Wasp when it was sunk in the South Pacific.

Other prominent speakers will include National Vice Commander Herman Lark, National Chaplain Paul DeForrest Mortimer, Warren Atherton, National Defense chairman, Everett C. Garrison, National Executive Committeeman. Cpl. Theodore Naman is to sing on the Memorial program Sunday evening.

E. M. Knight, Arkansas City Post Commander of the American Legion said today that all enlisted men and officers of SAAF are urged to attend the sessions of the convention in which the nationally-known speakers will appear.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR CYRUS F. BREEDEN

A towering, athletic figure of a man is Major Cyrus F. Breeden, Post Engineer at Strother Field. The many duties of the engineering office, from large construction work down to the insignificant item of rodent control, are carried well on his shoulders.

Half in Iowa; Half in Illinois

The major has divided his life between two states; Iowa, where he was reared, and Illinois, which is his present home. He was born on a farm in Jasper County, Iowa, went to Grinnell High in Grinnell, and later attended Iowa State College in Ames.

College Life Active

In college the major not only worked diligently at his chosen profession, civil engineering, but found time to become president of his local fraternity, which later went national as the Beta Delta-cron chapter of Theta Delta Chi; and win seven major letters in varsity sports, three in football, two in track, and two in wrestling. A year before he graduated in '19, he enlisted in the Reserve Corps of the Engineers, but failed to get into active service when the Armistice was signed.

A Busy Civil Engineer in Illinois

After receiving his Bachelor's in C. E. he traveled to Illinois, seeking a situation in his chosen field. In 1922 he was employed by the Illinois Highway Department, and after a series of rapid promotions, proving his acumen as an engineer, he became Supervisor of Day Labor Construction. His connection with the IHD lasted until '32, when he left the State's employment to set up "shop" on his own hook as consulting engineer in general contracting.

His Country's Engineer in '42

In 1942 he entered the Army's Corps of Engineers and began building things for Uncle Sam. Enlisting in the Rock Island District, he was stationed at Schick General Hospital in Clinton, Ia., where he served first as Ass't Area Engineer, and finally, Post Engineer. In January of '43, Major Breeden arrived at Strother Field, bringing with him his wife and daughter. They have made Winfield their temporary home.

The Strother Field Beauty Shop, newest addition of services offered by the Post Exchange, is now open for business in building 1500 and the wives of officers and enlisted men may make appointments by phoning 393. The shop is located near the north end of Exchange street. E. E. Moody, post barber shop concessioner, also manages the beauty shop.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....Dance.....Music
Ark.....Game Night.....Eats
Sat.....Win.....Sing Night.....Free Call
Ark.....Dancing
Sun.....Win.....Informal Night
Ark.....Bingo.....Call.....Cake 'n' coffee
Mon.....Win.....Games.....Eats
Ark.....Do as you please
Tues.....Win.....Dance.....Refreshments
Ark.....Record your voice.....Food
Wed.....Win.....Record your voice.....Bridge
Ark.....Dancing.....Eats
Thurs.....Win.....Do as you please
Ark.....Informal Night

on Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates

Why Don't You Do Wright?



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Shutout Kanotex, 6 to 0, In Season's Final Game

Victory number twenty-four was scored Monday night for the Strother Field baseball team when it met and defeated the Kanotex Oilers 6 to 0 behind Johnnie Harding's 4-hit shut-out pitching.

This was the season's final game for SAAF and saw the boys take everything offered by Pitcher Clay Smith, former Detroit Tigers hurler, yet smash out 11 hits, one a homer over the left field fence by Padovano, centerfielder, to score their 6 runs.

Preceding the game Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF, called from the grandstand Lt. Sara H. Blaine of the Station Hospital. Following her introduction to the crowd, Sgt. Pat Padovano presented Lt. Blaine with a medal in recognition of her 100% attendance during baseball season.

Emil Dalak, popular short-stop, had a rough night, all unintentional of course, when he was accidentally spiked at second base and later hit on the head by a wild pitch. It was a slow ball fortunately, and other than giving him a "floating" sensation during the rest of the game no serious damage was done. Dalak hit three times out of four at bat and scored one run for a near-perfect evening.

Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller played right field during part of the game and made two sensational catches in addition to getting a good hit in two trips to the plate for a .500 average.

Strother ended the season with 24 wins and 8 losses, a percentage of .750 which is a record to set. Harding finished the season with 15 wins and 1 loss, a remarkable record in any league.

During the first week of play since the opening of the bowling alley this recreation center has been the scene of constant activity from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m.

GI's, officers and cadets alike have shown their appreciation in having such fine equipment of this type by playing many lines. There have been many hot contests with exceptionally good scores resulting.

Now is the time for officers, enlisted men, cadets and their wives to organize league teams.

BOX SCORE

Kanotex				Strother			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Rouse, lf	4	0	2	DeRasmi, rf	2	0	0
Laird, cf	3	0	1	H'feller, rf	2	0	1
Mitchell, 1b	4	0	0	Knepper, 1b	5	0	2
W. R'ter, ss	4	0	0	Dalak, ss	4	1	3
H'bury, 3b	4	0	0	L'ghner, 3b	3	2	1
Gilmore, 2b	4	0	0	Bova, 2b	4	0	0
W'brook, c	4	0	1	Padovano, cf	3	2	2
Smith, p	2	0	0	Sellers, 1b	3	0	2
B. R'ter, rf	3	0	0	Tetters, c	4	1	0
O. T'mas, rf	0	0	0	Harding, p	4	0	0
Totals	32	0	4	Totals	34	6	11
Score by innings:				r	h	e	
Kanotex	000	000	000	0	4	3	
Strother	013	001	10x	6	11	1	



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Lt. Leo E. Engels shows how easy it is to do 114 sit-ups, to which he added 19 pull-ups and 43 seconds to run the 300 yard shuttle race. His performance in the Physical Fitness Tests was the finest of any officer, cadet or enlisted man on the field.

Majors Defeat Captains 17 to 16

The Major's softball team rallied in the final inning to defeat the Captain's ball team by a score of 17 to 16 in a game played Thursday of last week. The game saw a sawed back and forth—in the first half of the seventh the score was 16 to 12 in favor of the Captains. Captain Bowers became a little wild on the mound at this point of the game and loaded the bases. Major Vance, with the game in his hands, then stepped up to the plate and slammed out a "mean bingle" bringing in the winning runs and breaking up the ball game. Major Markland was the winning pitcher.

There were several outbreaks during the game because of the umpiring. Lt. Stoner was calling the game from the pitchers box. However this did not satisfy the Captain's team, and they complained until Lt. Stoner moved behind the plate to call from there.

Why Not an Air Base League?

Attendance figures have been high this summer during baseball games in which the Strother Army Air Field team has appeared, both in Arkansas City and Winfield, proving that baseball fans like the way the service men play the game.

Why not organize a baseball league composed of teams representing the various Army and Navy air bases in the state of Kansas, naming it the Sunflower Service League. It is against military regulations to name the bases as a group, but it is a well-known fact that there are enough bases to form a fast and good sized league.

In the case of Strother Field, one home game could be played in Ark. City and the next one in Winfield, providing entertainment for sport fans of both towns.

It is our sincere hope that the athletic directors of the other bases in Kansas, who have no doubt had the same idea in mind, will formulate plans for such a league and when spring rolls around again we shall be playing teams from every part of the state—all members of the Sunflower Service League.

55th Sqd. Has Best PFR Average

Squadron honors in the first Physical Fitness Tests given enlisted men last week went to the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th BFT Group with an average of 156 sum score and a PFR of 52 per individual. Running a close second was the 1088th Guard Squadron with an average of 154 sum score and also a PFR of 52.

Following are the individual percentages of the other groups competing:

	Sum Score	PFR
448th Base Hdqts. and AB Sqdn.	152	50
1082nd Squadron	150	50
383rd Air Forces Band Sqdn.	148	50
Medics.	146	48
322nd Aviation Squadron	143	48
1084th Squadron	131	44

Cadets of Class 43J topped officers and enlisted men with an average sum score of 184 and a PFR of 62. SAAF officers copped second honors with an average sum score of 165 and a PFR of 55.

All enlisted men who averaged 70 on their Physical Fitness Rating are invited by Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director, to compete in a play-off for selection of the three high individuals who will in turn receive medals. All men with this rating are asked to contact Lt. Stoner at the post gym.

Members of the Special Service staff were guests of Major Julian W. Boxley and Lt. L. R. Yehle, Special Service officers, at an informal get-together held Thursday of last week on the base. Sandwiches and cold drinks were served the guests.

Lt. Royer says with the gas coupon cut he doesn't have to worry about the 35-mile speed limit. On three gallons he can't even attain that speed... even down hill.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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Service Center Nearing Completion

When is the Service Center going to be open? Why hasn't anything been said about its decoration or operation? These questions are on the tongues of all men at Strother Field, and they have yet to be answered.

Major Julian W. Boxley, Special Service Officer, under whose management the SC will be operated, announces that the EM's fun palace will open just as soon as plans for furnishing, decoration and operation have materialized.

This week, the SC underwent a major internal operation. Wainscoating of knotty pine has been placed in all rooms of the new building. Hardwood floors have been installed in the foyer. The stage at the south end of the main building has been remodeled to fit the needs of a dramatic group, and other equipment necessary for such work, lighting sets and the like, have been installed. A passage has been built from the reading room in the south end to the library next door.

And that isn't all. Plans for decoration of the snack bar are completed. Furnishings have been selected, and work is about to start blending the building into a Picasso of comfort. At time, because of difficulties in the work program, things do move slowly. But a bit of patience and the job will be done.

SAAF Represented In Legion Parade

Members of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron and the 322nd Aviation Squadron took a "postman's holiday" last Sunday afternoon and strutted their stuff in the Victory parade of the Kansas American Legion convention in Arkansas City.

The 383rd Army Air Forces Band put out with the tempo that thrilled the thousands of spectators and the Strother Field representation in the parade was rewarded for its endeavor by continuous applause and cheering. Following the parade the 322nd Squadron gave a drilling exhibition that hit the spot with all spectators. We are proud to say that the boys are really good.

Other units appearing in the parade were Legion delegates, Arkansas City and Winfield American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps, Arkansas City Municipal Band, Boy Scouts carrying flags of the Allied Nations, army jeeps and members of the Winfield Saddle Club, which was a constant reminder of how glad we are that we joined the Air Corps!

Many delegates to the Kansas Legion Convention held in Arkansas City last Saturday, Sunday and Monday were really on the "loose" but this time it was a sign of age taking its toll!

The demand for powder to keep false teeth in place was terrific. "Time and teeth wait for no man."

New Waiting Room at Main Gate

Hospitality seems to be one of the virtues here at Strother, for a trim little waiting room is being built in annex to the main gate guardhouse to give shelter to those strangers and visitors awaiting authorized admittance to the Field.

The structure has a front porch, a southern exposure, and will be heated in winter. It is a quaint and attractive little site, and it is inviting enough to convert into a one room chateau. Hmm! Nice place to spend a three day pass!

One of the gals at the P.X.: "Does she get expensive gifts? Why that ring she's wearing came from a millionaire—Woolworth!"



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

You'll have to figure for yourself which direction Miss Glorianna Misak of Winfield is about to go on the dance floor, but there is one thing certain, she and her partner, Cpl. D. G. Dickos of the Medical Detachment danced with full steam up, from the expression on Miss Misak's face.

Boogie-Men and Yitter-Girls; The Chorale of Spontaneous Youth

Dig me brother, do you know the signs of the times? Once in every era, a generation invents its own fads, jargon and "culture." Today, American youth, whether in uniform or not, has gone jive crazy. The zoot suit, the neat pleat, Harry James and his howlin' horn, super-short skirts, sloppy joes, and "what's cookin' character?" all characterize the age of swing.

Granmamma and Granpappa had the waltz; Mother and Dad did the Charleston, and Junior, in his sad sack suit with a mile-long jacket, does the "Shorty George" and the new streamlined "Lindy Hop." It's nothing new, this boogie, for it's the "Cake Walk" under a new name, and it marks the tempo, the pulse of a rising, growing crop of youngsters. Tho some folks deride it as a retrogression to infantilism, it is nothing more than the flourish of youth.

So sing it out! Bruise me when you choose, sister, and let's grow old when the time comes! Let's hear a few hot licks on Tommy Dorsey's trombone, kick that gong around with a buzz of boogie, and shag the Sabu! Any ickie or long-hair with a hussle in his hussle can see that he ain't burnin' on the bagpipes this year! Snatch me fuzzie, chum, if you ain't caught in the crowd with that old-time razzamatuzz. You gotta pinch your little pig to make her jump, and you ain't gonna do that les you burn the midnight erl in a streamlined jug! Slap that bass, buggy-boy, and let the sadism set in!

Baby Ruth Quiz Show Will Be Here Next Thursday

Wits will be at a premium Thursday, Sept. 16th, when Mark Love, opera and radio star, brings Curtiss Candy Company's "Baby Ruth Quiz" to Strother Army Air Field Post Theater.

In addition to the "Baby Ruth Quiz" itself, during which members of the audience will answer questions and perform in competition for cash and candy prizes, the show will also feature a community sing directed by Mr. Love, singing by the opera star, and the presentation of the last uncensored message from Corredidor as prepared by the War Department.

Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of Strother Army Air Field, returned to his office this week following his recovery from a slight touch of pneumonia. He was confined to the Station Hospital for a few days last week.



MARK LOVE

Star of "Baby Ruth Quiz" Program

Members of Strother Army Air Field in the audience will also have an opportunity to give Mr. Love messages to their families and sweethearts which he will deliver later over Curtiss Candy Company's radio program, "Greetings From Your Boy," which is broadcast over WGN, Chicago, every Sunday morning.

Following the quiz show, everyone attending will receive a Baby Ruth candy bar, with the compliments of Curtiss Candy Company. "Baby Ruth Quiz" has been sponsored by that company since shortly after Pearl Harbor as a contribution to the morale of the armed forces, and Mr. Love has presented it before service men and women in cantonments and service centers throughout the Middle West.

Vance Made Lt. Col. Before Leaving

Major Leon R. Vance, Jr., formerly Director of Training at Strother Field, in place of Lt. Col. Douglas C. Polhamus who has been on DS attending Staff and Command School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, has left Strother Field for B-24 Liberator transitional training.

Before he left however, he saw his gold oak leaves turn to silver (and not from worry over the swimming pool) when touched by the magic wand of Washington. Now a full-fledged Lt. Col. he will prepare for combat in a giant Liberator bomber.

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Speaking of—Vacations

GUADALCANAL TOURIST BUREAU

By MAJOR WALTER L. STEWART
Bureau Director

Are you a housewife with nerves tattered and torn by life's mad pace? Are you a defense worker whose morale has been shattered by \$200 a week and the grim menace of Mitsubishies over Minneapolis? Does your battered soul thirst for some peaceful haven where days drift by like rose petals on the placid tide of sleep?

Then be of good cheer, for war's scarred face can be blotted out by the many-fingered shadow of a palm tree. Turn from the world's lurid buffets and come to Guadalcanal—to romance-drenched Guadalcanal, the Shangri-La of the tropics—the past participle of perfection.

To reach this isle of enchanted loveliness, you must cross the cobalt blue foothills of the Pacific. For a few glorious weeks you live in the fascinating man's world below decks. Tucked cozily in Tier No. 4 of an eight-bunk hitch, you watch the imprint of buttocks bulge and fade in the springs above you—hear torpedoes boil dreamily beneath the stern and realize that life can be beautiful.

Yet all this is but a poor herald for the island splendor which is to be yours on Guadalcanal, a flowered fantasy often referred to as the healthiest community West of the Fiji leper colony. Watch it burgeon above the clean line where sea embraces sky—vibrate to the top peaks wrapped in a golden nimbus of blood-sucking insects muscled like bull gorillas. You will embalm this first impression in your memory book and are quite likely to be embalmed along with it—a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

At first view, this lush fairyland is almost confusing. What to do? Will you ride a blooded steed along aromatic trails which sweep Mt. Austen? Or shall the first hike take you through the convulsive beauties of Bloody Ridge? Here the beauty-bewildered tourist is wont to fill his lungs with the breeze which blows across Samuri rotting peacefully in the ravines—to bathe his soul in glamour.

But there is always the good-humored argument between mountains and sea coast. So perhaps you'd prefer a day on Guadalcanal's world-famed beaches. You can laze on salt-white sand or plunge into incredibly clean breakers washed by the winds of half a world. Lie on your back and float in the mellow sunlight—romp with the playful sharks.

If you are the competitive type, you will find keen sport upon the green velvet courts of the Matanikau Bath and Tennis Club. Bring your sticks and tour the unmated fairways of Foxhole Golf and Country Club. Here are traps which have frustrated the best of the Japanese professionals.

And the nights—oh! the nights. Mighty chasms of darkness—sable curtains powdered with stars of an uncanny beauty. The Southern Cross hangs there like the kite of some god-like giant. The soothing coo of the vampire bat flows down from the stately palms and you can hear the lilting slobber of Japanese bodies washing softly along the beach.

And how will you spend your first evening? We might drop in on a native village where the simple black man lives in unspoiled dignity. In this thatched hamlet we find the romantic Solomon Islander in his proper setting—untouched by the grubby paws of the white man's world. Hear that eerie chant swirling through the fire-burnished darkness—"She'll be comin' round the mountain when she comes, when she comes. She'll be drivin' three white horses..."

Very well, if you insist upon Guadalcanal's upper drawer, we'll watch the sun set through tall and misty glasses in the air-conditioned bar of the Koli Plaza. We can live on dream-festooned terraces of the Lunga Lagoon Hotel. The evening may be brought to a fitting climax dancing beneath the stars at Club Kokumbona where Don Carlos' fluid flute drains the very soul of music and champagne corks fire a 21-gun salute to Bacchus.

And what can be lovelier than driving home through the ack-ack-spangled night—watching the lazy butterfly-fingers of the searchlights in their slow probing? You can feel your broken soul reknitting itself as the jeep tires croon on the boulevards.

You are rather a night owl, aren't you? Well, we'll drop in on some of the Bohemian places. You won't meet the whipped cream of Guadalcanal society here, but there ARE quaint characters. Rub elbows with Washing Machine Charley and that charming rouge, Pistol Pete.

And home at last to sink into the drowsy ripples of your bed. Let the elfin drone of mosquitoes urge you gently down the slopes of utter peace. Tune your ears to the crystal waters of the Tenaru as they wander toward the sea—chuckling contentedly through the picturesque eye-sockets of Japanese skulls. Open your pores to the haze of the tropics.

Yes, come to Guadalcanal—and bring your straight-jacket, you silly bastard.

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Our Times

LT. PATRICK H. WHITAKER

Last week, I wrote the Allies were ready to strike, that Sicily was a good jumping-off place, the Allies did jump off and were ready for battle. Italy was not willing to fight. They surrendered unconditionally to us, this will make a better jumping-off place. We were spared many lives and much equipment. Yet, the most importance of this, the Italians had lost confidence, and knew they were going to lose long ago. Germany will feel the same way soon. Can you think of a better way to have your enemy feel?

American people never realized what was possible in waging war from the air. One cannot describe all the damage wrought by the famous block-busters. The nerves of the strongest men are shattered, sane people are driven insane; factories completely destroyed; utilities wrecked; sanitation becomes a thing of the past; diseases spread rapidly. We thank God for our resources.

England was bombed severely; but in three big raids on Berlin, the Allies have dropped more tons of bombs there, than the Germans dropped on London in their many raids. The Germans ran out of bombers and bombs, the Allies have only begun to bomb. With Italy out of the way, the Nazis will be plenty soft now that the bombings are to be increased to the pitch our Air-Force has in mind for them.

COMING EVENTS

Immediate construction of large Air Bases in Italy from which Austria and Southern parts of the Hitler Domain will be severely bombed.

The appointment of a New U. S. General in charge of the European theatre of war.

A more cooperative Russian attitude toward the U. S. and Great Britain.

Joseph Stalin will soon set in on his first conference with the heads of our Government and Great Britain's Government.

Recognition of Chinese growing strength will soon be felt by the Japanese.

Bigger and better bombers by the end of December.

Where was General Patton? Look for him East of Italy and North of the Mediterranean soon.

Liftings

A Judge in one of the local courts was questioning the female plaintiff in a lawsuit against a GI.

"So the defendant stole your money from your stocking, eh?"

"Dat's right Judge," the voluptuous blonde replied.

"But why in heaven's name didn't you resist?"

"Well Judge; how wuz I ta know he wuz after me money?"

Ya know I usta believe all those stories Mother told me about da birds and the bees, but lately there's been one question in my mind what bothers me. After all, just who the hell DID bring the stork?

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 11 September

Double Feature

SUBMARINE BASE

John Littel—Fifi D'Orsay

SILVER SPURS

Rog Rogers—Smiley Burnette

Sun.-Mon., 12-13 September

SO PROUDLY WE HAIL

Claudette Colbert—Paulette Goddard

Veronica Lake—Walter Abel

News of the Week

Tuesday, 14 September

SWING YOUR PARTNER

Lulubelle—Scotty—Vera Vague

3 Stooges—Paramount Headliner

Wed.-Thurs., 15-16 September

I DOOD IT

Red Skelton—Eleanor Powell

Jimmy Dorsey and Orchestra

News

Friday, 17 September

AT DAWN WE DIE

John Clement—Greta Gynt

Popeye Cartoon—Community Sing

Traveltalk



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

People were forbidden to assemble. When assemblies were discovered the members were not immediately killed but were made the live targets for gladiator practice. Occasionally those found were burned at the stake or tossed into the arena with wild animals. These men of The Way continued to assemble together but their assemblies were underground, as the catacombs and caves about Rome give ample evidence. Christianity grew up in a very adverse and trying time.

Now as 1700 years ago, assembly is forbidden to Christians in many lands. Allegiance is authorized toward the State only. In Germany the people are told to stay away from the church. Out of fear most of the people have obeyed. Yet the power of the Church in Germany has not decreased. Many of its pastors have been lost before firing squads. Others carry out their ministry in the concentration camps where they are confined. Niemöller, a Lutheran pastor in a concentration camp, is as fervent a soldier for Christ now as he was servant of the Kaiser, World War I, as a U-boat commander. He with many other pastors, has preached the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of all peoples. Christians in Germany have secretly organized to visit families which have run afoul of the Nazi regime. Christians are hiding Jews from Nazi wrath. Christianity has influenced thousands of German youth to stay away from Hitler's Youth Movement.

In times of adversity the Church gets a new hold on its supreme purpose in the world. Because it imparts new life and hope which bombs cannot blast away, the Church of the Living God grows stronger.

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Policemen are always a problem. Too often, in pursuit of their duties, where they are in constant contact with humans, they become calloused and overbearing. They begin to look upon the law as a separate entity in itself, a system apart from the people who created it for the purpose of protecting society.

Policemen are the same, whether they are in the Army or not. Whenever I see an MP, puffed up with the pride and authority of his office, going out of his way to make his uncomfortable presence felt, I am reminded of a similar cynical official in my home town, and of the character Javert, a gendarme in Victor Hugo's masterpiece Les Misérables; both of whom had forgotten that the law's foundation is in humanity.

I do not believe that this is typical of MP's, but the few thoughtless fellows who carelessly overlook the true spirit of their task, stain the name of lawmen the world over.

Male Call



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UNSUNG HEROES: The 383rd AAF Band

The band organizations of the Army occupy a significant position. As morale building units, they succeed where other things fail. The 383rd AAF Band, stationed at Strother Field, has done a swell job in playing its role, doing their bit towards Victory.

The Band, now commanded by 2nd Lt. Lewis R. Yehle, and lead by CWO William F. Baker, late of the Hawaiian Department, was activated by the War Department in January, 1943. At that time, a cadre of nine men, headed by T/Sgt. Alton B. Calhoun, (non-com in charge) was sent to SAAF from the band at Randolph Field, Texas. Seven other musicians were found on the post, which brought the strength of the organization up to its present total.

The Band plays at Post Reviews, drill sessions for the Cadets and other military ceremonies on the Post. During the past season it also played regularly at camp baseball contests in Ark City and Winfield. Recently, in the Legion convention parade, they gave an excellent showing of themselves.

The orchestra, composed of 12 of the Band's members, has proved popular wherever it has played, whether at the regular EM dances in the gym or at social functions.

As for the future, when the Band reaches its required quota, it hopes to play concerts for the men on the Field, and otherwise increase the range of their activity. Much credit for their fine work is due all of their members. They are: Cornets: T/Sgt. Alton B. Calhoun, Pfc. Edward L. Smith, Pfc. Rubel J. Lucero; clarinets: Sgt. Albert R. Wilde, Cpl. Reginald W. Stechmann, Cpl. Del Mar E. Fanck; alto: Pfc. Leo L. Romano; alto sax: Pfc. Americo R. Babbini; baritone: Sgt. Carroll E. Nickels; trombones: Cpls. William H. Steck and Curtis W. Kininmonth; drums: Cpl. Roland G. Hites, Pfc. Milton E. Clark, and Pvt. Walter H. Christoffersen, Jr.; bass violin: Cpl. Arthur J. Larinee; and basses: Cpl. Charles L. Graves, and Cpl. William E. Garrison.

A large red cross against a white background, designating the Medical Detachment, has been painted atop the Administration building of the Station Hospital. It is plainly visible from the air, covering the entire surface of the building roof.

If this were a battle area in the Eastern theatre it would probably be wiser to camouflage the hospital unit, for Japs make defenseless groups their special targets.

Kownick's Korn

He called his girl friend "Checkers" cause she always jumped when he made a bad move.

Then there was the stenographer whose boss fired her for a mistake she wouldn't make.

The spinal column is a collection of bones running up and down your back that keeps you from being legs clean up to your neck.

Heard:

"What did you join up for?"

"I'm not married and I love war."

"What did you join up for?"

"For the same reason as you—only just the opposite."

When a girl has a nice build every man wants to be a building inspector.

The reason some girls go on a big blowout is because their pride's been punctured.

Sgt.: "Did you know that we're drinking our coffee out of bowls?"

Cadet: "That's nothing we're drinking our beer out of doors."

Heard at the Sub-Depot:

Blonde: "I don't intend to be married until I'm thirty."

Brunette: "I don't intend to be thirty until I'm married."

First: "Did you ever read 'Horrors at the Bridge'?"

Second: "No, but I've read Culbertson."

New Equipment Added to Link Dept.

If you notice the crash truck passing by don't get alarmed. It is being used by the Link Trainer Dept. to move 24 new Link Trainers. Each loaded trainer weighs 2200 pounds, so you see this would be the only practical conveyance.

The Link Dept. has contracted for 24 C3 trainers to be moved in and they in turn are sending 18 AN-T-18 trainers, which are used for advanced radio work, to advanced flying fields. The department has taken over the building recently used by the 1082 orderly room. With the addition of the new trainers the department will have 34 trainers in all.

The remarkable thing about the moving is the fact that no Cadet time has been lost. The Link Trainers have been kept open throughout the operation. Good work Link, that's helping to "keep 'em flying."

Woe to Men! Women on March!

(Selected from Liberty's "Woman's Talk," by Margaret Fishback.)

"Staggering Statistics: Forty-three per cent of last year's 1,800,000 brides married servicemen. . . The population of the country rose 1.2 per cent last year . . . mainly because births outnumbered deaths by almost two to one. . . . Sometime this year the women will outnumber the men in America, regardless of the number of war casualties, for the first time in history. Their majority will probably increase at about 100,000 per each year hereafter, according to Frank R. Wilson, former Census Bureau Official . . . this is because of the lengthening life span of the so-called weaker sex, and the greater vulnerability of males to the hazards of life."

Ye gods, men, what is this appalling picture before our eyes? Women in industry, women in business, women everywhere, all as a result of the shortage of single men to put them in homes where they belong. And brother, if you're a bachelor, watch your neck, because your days are numbered! Your pelt is at a premium, and you're going to be greatly overwhelmed by the torrent of beautiful single wenches out with an ax for a man!

P.S. Now we know what the "hazards of life" are that so many men succumb to.

CO of Sub-Depot Transferred to Topeka

Major Harry D. Strouse, Commanding Officer of the 377th Sub-Depot, Strother Army Air Field, has been assigned to the 307th Sub-Depot of the Topeka Army Air Base, Topeka, Kans. This is a control Sub-Depot which supervises the three sub-depots at Ft. Riley, Ft. Leavenworth and Herington, Kans., and the Air Depot Detachment at Kansas City, Mo.

Major Roy B. Mosher, CO of the Hays-Walker Sub-Depot, Victoria, Kans., will assume the duties of Major Strouse at Strother Field.

Major Strouse received word last week that the 377th Sub-Depot at SAAF had received a rating of "superior" as a result of an inspection by Gen. Arthur W. Vannaman, Okla. City Air Depot, Tinker Field, Okla. City, Okla. This is the first "superior" rating to be received by the local organization.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR HARRY D. STROUSE

A member of a family which has had a representative in every war that the United States has fought is Major Harry D. Strouse, formerly CO of the 377th Sub-Depot at Strother Field, now assigned to the 307th Sub-Depot at Topeka.

A Kentuckian Living in Illinois

Before the major closed his Evanston, Illinois, home to take his family with him on the second war-career in his life time, he had lived and worked in many parts of the country. He was born and schooled in Louisville, Kentucky. After completing high school he began studying law at the Jefferson School also in that city, but World War I interrupted his plans.

A GI from Way Back

In the first world conflict the major served every grade from Pvt. to Sgt. in the 84th Infantry Division before he was sent to OCS. After seeing action abroad, he returned to the States when peace was declared and went into business.

Active Business Career

Beginning in Rochester, N.Y., he married and became engaged in the oil burner business. After a short while he moved to Erie, Pa., and set up his own enterprise. Selling this some years later, he became attached to a New York firm, helping them promote a national sales organization. After continuing this work for 11 years he again went into business for himself prior to his second military venture. It was thus he lived.

His Second War

Liking the Army, and hoping that his country might have some use for his managerial talents during its crisis, he sought to get back into khaki harness. In 1942 he closed his business, found suitable employment for those working for him, and donned his uniform. Before arriving at Strother Field in November of 1942 he was stationed for a short while at the Oklahoma City Air Depot. His elder son is in the Air Corps also.

Windstorm Does Slight Damage

Roofs of the central and south hangars at Strother Field were the "objectives" of a strong windstorm that struck early Monday morning. Sections of roofing were ripped loose and scattered over the ground in the vicinity of the hangars. Two sections penetrated the roofs of adjacent buildings, but no one was injured.

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



Fire Control Manual

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Informal
Ark.....	Game night	Eats
Sat.....	Win.....	School Dance
Ark.....	Dancing	Refreshments
Sun.....	Win.....	Sing. Special Music
Ark.....	Bingo	Call. Cake 'n' coffee
Mon.....	Win.....	Kitchen Party
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	Food
Tues.....	Win.....	Bingo Night
Ark.....	GI Movie	Record-voice
Wed.....	Win.....	Dance
Ark.....	Dancing	Refreshments
Thurs.....	Win.....	Bingo and Game Night
Ark.....	Informal night	Games

New GI Movies Here Next Week

Fifth in the series of GI Movies to be shown at the Post Theater are scheduled for next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On the program will be the following features, "Corregidor," Army nurse, Lt. Juanita Redmond, one of the last to leave Corregidor, gives first-hand description of the gallant stand of U.S. Forces.

"Finishing School," the roughest G.I. playground, fighting rangers of the Amphibious Command in hell and high water attacks from the sea.

"Cos Cob, Conn." Under-Secretary of the Navy presents Army-Navy "E" to Harry Powers and his four-man war plant jammed into an old garage.

"First Birthday," our Women's Army explained pictorially from teletype to K.P.

"Gripes," featuring Snafu, the incorrigible Private in an amazing encounter with Technical Fairy, 1st Class.

"Plan for Destruction," the inside story of the development of the German plan for global conquest.



Here is one of the new Army discharge buttons which will be worn by millions of World War II veterans until American Legion buttons or those of other organizations eventually supplant them on coat lapels. Made of plastic, no larger than a dime, the new button displays an eagle set within a circle with its wings projecting outward.

Enlisted Man Averages 215½ in Four Games

Sgt. Lew Seet of the Cadet Detachment is the outstanding bowler of SAAF, according to Nate Austin, manager of the local bowling alleys. Monday of this week Sgt. Seet had an average of 215½ per game in a four-game series. His scores were 178, 193, 246 and 245, for a total of 862 pins.

Mr. Austin who held the Kansas bowling championship in 1941 and has rolled an average of 180 or better during the last twenty-five years, will give free instructions to military personnel interested in bowling.

Officers, enlisted men and cadets interested in forming squadron teams should contact Mr. Austen as soon as possible.

Fly War Bond Flag at Civilian Messhall

The Minute Man flag recently placed atop the civilian messhall, signifies that 90% of the civilian personnel is participating in the purchase of War Bonds at Strother Army Air Field.

No doubt a lot of pride is felt by those persons who are responsible for the blue and white flag flying in the Kansas breeze. This satisfaction should give them a better appetite each time they enter the messhall.

But what about the 42 civilians who have not contributed one single cent toward the purchase of War Bonds—who cash their fat checks made possible by Uncle Sam, yet refuse to save their money in this manner let alone help to bring a quicker victory to the Allies. Chances are they do not glance at the flag—and they shouldn't because it was the others that made this award possible, not themselves.

We wonder if these 42 individuals eat at a table of their own. They should and probably will if the many other civilian workers learn who they are.

SPORTS

Change to Be Made in PT Program

Enlisted men of Strother Field who are over 33 years of age or of general service classification are to be segregated from the present physical training classes. Their PT will be less strenuous and frequent rest intervals will be given during the class periods.

This suggestion was made to the Director of Training and the Physical Training Department by a board of medical officers following the request of Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director, that an inspection of the PT program be made for the purpose of making suggestions for improvement of this training.

"Age and physical condition due to past injuries of some enlisted men necessitates this segregation. A certain number of men are getting too much physical training while others are not getting enough so the results found by the medical officers making the investigation brought forth this plan of segregation," said Lt. Stoner today. So, "Less Pee Tee at Thirty-three."

Prepare Play Areas For Fall Sports

There are signs of Fall at SAAF—brisk weather, the erection of eleven basketball courts, soccer and football areas and the promise of the PT department of the installation of horseshoe pitching grounds.

The post gymnasium floor has been sanded and refinished for indoor sport activities through the coming months. The officer's shower and locker room has been redecorated and the floor of the latter also sanded and refinished.

Ping-Pong Tournament Nears Completion

The ping-pong tournament for enlisted men at SAAF is nearing its completion according to Lt. H. H. Cummings, Assistant Physical Training Officer. Still in the running are Sgt. W. F. Biederman and Cpl. W. O. Reed of the 448th squadron; Cpl. D. L. Gilbert and Pvt. W. M. Fernandez of the 1082nd squadron and Pvt. Leonard Milasch of the 1088th squadron.

Play in the enlisted men's badminton tournament will be continued as soon as work on the gymnasium floor is completed.

Medics and Link After Softball Title

While the Prairie Flier went to press last night a Squadron Softball League game was being played that could have decided the second-half championship. The Medical Detachment, leading the league with 6 wins and no losses met the Link Trainer nine. A win by the Medics would have cinched the title, but if the Link boys handed them a defeat, the schedule could end up with these two teams in a tie for first place. The Link team still has one game more to play, a postponed affair that if won would give it a standing of 6 and 1.

In case of such a tie, the two teams will play a series of games to decide the winner of the second half title. If Link would win this series it would automatically become squadron champion as this team had a perfect record of 10 wins and no losses in the first half season of play. If the Medics are the second-half winners they will then engage the Link team in a series of games to decide the title. If all this is confusing to you think what it did to us while writing it!

Following are the standings up to last night's games:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Medical Detachment	6	0	1.000
Link Trainer	4	1	.800
QM-Ordinance	4	2	.666
448th Sqd.	2	1	.666
1088th Sqd.	3	2	.600
1082nd South Hangar	2	4	.333
1082nd North Hangar	0	5	.000
1082nd Center Hangar	0	3	.000
1084th Sqd.	0	3	.000

Curtains Cover Stage's Nudity

With the installation of curtains in the Post Theatre, a shocking cinder has been removed from the eye of Strother Field. Heretofore, the Theatre's stage lay bare and unadorned, like a shamed woman.

Lush clothing has been draped over the provocative figure of our Madam Stage. The attractive combination of deep red, blue and dusty rose have formed an inviting curtained coverlet for our lady, that she may entertain her USO and camp show visitors in proper style.

This improvisation will add much to the formerly plain interior of the house and convenience for performances. The work has all been done in spare time both day and night by SSO men between lectures, shows and other activities in the Post Theatre.

The Wolf

by Sansone



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Reproduced above is the mural depicting Special Service activities as painted by Pvt. Alden Craig of the Special Service staff. The mural is in the office of Major Julian W. Boxley, Special Service Officer.



Week-Day Curfew Is Extended

In case you have become so accustomed to rushing for the 11 p.m. bus in Arkansas City or Winfield that the habit has carried through the past week—consider three and one-half man (and cutie) hours lost. Last Tuesday an amendment to Memorandum No. 4, this Headquarters, was issued stating that from Sundays to Fridays inclusive, enlisted men visiting cities or towns may remain until the departure of the 2330 field bus as effective last Wednesday. Thus 7 evenings of 30 minutes extra time devoted to the pursuit of happiness (GI variety) have been missed by those in the habit rut.

The customary time of departure on Sunday mornings from cities or towns visited remains 0200.

Need Not File Tax Returns Until March

By Camp Newspaper Service

Members of the United States armed forces needn't worry about not filing income tax declarations Sept. 15, the commissioner of Internal Revenue has announced.

Sept. 15 was the date when all U. S. taxpayers who are not in military service checked their financial position to see if the withholding tax clause under the new pay-as-you-go tax plan had brought them up completely on their 1943 tax indebtedness. If it hadn't they should have filed a declaration of estimated income and victory tax and paid half the difference by Sept. 15. They pay the other half by Dec. 15.

Exempted from this order are members of the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard and women's branches of the various services.

All these servicemen and women may postpone the filing of their declarations until March 15, 1944. At that time they must make a final calculation of actual income earned and the tax they paid—if any—during 1943.

According to Guy T. Helvering, commissioner of Internal Revenue, the wife of a serviceman has a special problem if she has an income of her own and is not in one of the armed services herself.

Mr. Helvering says that she must first determine whether she is required to file a declaration of estimated tax by adding her own income to the base pay of her husband, plus any income he may have received from sources outside his military pay and allowances. Then she deducts \$1,500. If the total of what's left amounts to more than \$3,500, she must file a declaration but in making it out she may disregard her husband's income entirely and she may also disregard any dependency allotment she receives from him, estimating the tax solely on her own income.

The civilian husband of a WAC, WAVE, SPAR, nurse or woman marine follows the same procedure. He receives no dependency allotment from his wife.

War Bond Campaign Underway on Field

In a letter directed to all personnel on War Department payrolls, Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, urges civilians and military personnel alike to participate in the Third War Loan Drive to raise Fifteen Billion Dollars through the nation.

The campaign at Strother Field has been in progress since Sept. 9th, and all personnel are being asked to buy with cash one \$18.75 bond in addition to increasing their payroll investment in War Savings Bonds at least 1% of their present pay. Increases will be in multiples of \$1.25 for civilian personnel and according to the prescribed plans for military personnel. Non-subscribers are urged to participate to the extent of at least 10% of pay.

"An acceleration of the diminution of supply of consumer goods accompanied by an irresistible movement towards higher prices may be expected unless each of us determines now that we will deny ourselves the full benefit of our current income by increasing our investment in War Savings Bonds. To the extent that we voluntarily decrease that income, we will assist in the fair distribution of a constantly decreasing supply of goods, and make it possible to purchase such things at uninflated prices when the war is terminated," said Col. Carroll in his letter.

The War Bond Campaign will close on this field when an increase in the investment over last month of at least one percent of the payroll through the payroll savings plan is accomplished.

Leave in Thirty Days For Cadet Training

Yes! Pack up your troubles and wait just thirty days after applying for Aviation Cadet training and your papers are accepted, and you will be sent away to prepare for a military flying career.

Already this year, over fifty SAAF GIs have gone the way of all smart flesh and become either A/C's or Aviation Students in the AAF's great new drive for more ambitious young men who want to get in on the ground floor in this age of flight.

The physical requirements in regard to visual acuity have been lowered to accommodate those men whose 20-30 vision can be corrected to 20-20. The provision of allowing enlisted men to retain their grade and receive additional flying pay when they enlist as Aviation Students is another new feature of the drive.

Brother, when this war is over, the ability to fly will be as necessary as the knowledge of driving a hack-buggy was yesterday, and you won't want to be left in the dust. Climb aboard the wagon! See the A/C Secretary in the Ground School Administration Building and put in your request for a Thunderbolt or a Zooper-Fortress. Do it now!



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The Color Guard, members of the 448th Headquarters and Air Base Headquarters squadron, the 383rd Army Air Forces Band of Strother Field, and the 322nd Service Squadron (not shown in the picture) approach the corner of Summit street and Fifth Avenue during the Kansas State American Legion Convention parade held in Arkansas City. The applause of spectators along the entire parade route expressed their enthusiasm over SAAF's representation.

OD's Optional Next Monday

Officers, cadets and enlisted men have been "taken for a cleaning" the past few days, an unusual situation to take place near pay day. In this case however, the "takers" are the cleaning establishments in Arkansas City and Winfield.

The occasion is the announcement by headquarters that OD's (olive drab blouse and trousers) may be worn optionally from next Monday, Sept. 20th until Oct. 1st. After the latter date they will be worn at all times, so sprinkle your khakis with mothballs, fall is here.

Lose Trophy; Win Flag

Losing the Eight Ball trophy and winning the Chaplain's Flag for church attendance—all within a period of a couple of hours time last Sunday, was the achievement of the 1084th Service Squadron of which 1st. Lt. William J. Logan is the Commanding Officer.

Members of the squadron and their wives turned out for services in the Post Chapel in a large group to take attendance honors. T/Sgt. Pennington, Mess Sergeant, refuses to take credit for his squadron winning the flag, but it is a known fact that he is responsible for the fine attendance and he along with his men are to be congratulated. "We are going to keep the flag in our possession, too. We are proud of the Chaplain's Flag and it will remain flying in front of the 1084th Orderly Room," said Pennington. So, it is up to his boys to back him up by attending chapel services each Sunday in the future.

First WAC Officers Arrive at Strother Field

Three second lieutenants have arrived at Strother Field to assume their duties. Don't kid yourself that this is not news—they are WACs!

Lt. Lavina C. Garrity arrived on the field Thursday and Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon and Lt. Geraldine Levy arrived today. All are from Randolph Field, Texas.

Their presence was requested by Headquarters in order to fill certain duties at SAAF. According to official information their presence does not indicate that other members of the Women's Army Corps are to arrive immediately.

Etiquette note to GIs: Forget what mamma taught you about doffing your chapeau in the presence of ladies. Leave it on and give out with snappy salutes—to your superior officers.

Eight SAAF Officers Promoted

Eight officer promotions announced this week include advancements to the rank of captain for four SAAF officers and to first lieutenant for the remaining four.

New captains are Samuel L. Fly, Trial Judge Advocate; John D. Williams, Adjutant of the 1082nd BFTS; Edwin S. Vickars, Fiscal Officer, and James F. Thompson, Flight Commander.

The four officers promoted to first lieutenants are all flight officers and include Eugene C. Hockendal, Walter F. Gunther, Andrew R. Winters and Michael J. Grogan III.

There was a young lady named Nance,
Decided to take just one chance.
She consented to pet
With a wolfish cadet,
Now all her sisters are aunts.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of--Loyalty

"I believe that, despite some opposite views, loyalty has an irreplaceable value in the life of peoples, just as it has in the lives of individuals a value without which human society would totter and its organization sooner or later collapse." So spoke Adolph Hitler, der Fooey of the German nation, on Sunday, September 10, 1943, shortly after the capitulation of Italy.

Come, come, come, come, Adolph old man, what's the rub? Don't tell us after all this time—after Poland, Denmark, Norway, and the rest, you are going to blubber in your britches, because some despicable scamp has caught you with your panzers down and gone over to the WINNING side. Yes, we know that Italy wasn't loyal to you. We realize how you feel standing on a mountain of skulls belonging to those unfortunates who believed in you and your hollow promises, as you cry in your battle rompers. Adolph, our hearts bleed for you; our minds are filled with sadness.

But Adolph, were they smart to do what they did? Is discretion the better part of valor as FDR said? If you answer these questions truthfully, dear little assassin Shicklegruber, we only have one reply to make over your tears and your misfortune. And that answer Mr. H., is pooh, POOH, POOH!

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 18 September

FALCON IN DANGER

Tom Conway—Jean Brooks

HENRY ALDRICH SWINGS IT

Jimmy Lydon—John Lital

Sunday and Monday, 19-20 September

Matinee Sunday 1400

WE'VE NEVER BEEN LICKED

Richard Quines—Ann Gwynne

News of the Day

The War

Tuesday, 21 September

GIRLS IN CHAINS

Arline Judge—Roger Clark

Back from the Front—Three Stooges

M.G.M. Miniature

Wednesday and Thursday, 22-23 September

LET'S FACE IT

Bob Hope—Betty Hutton

News of the Day

Arctic Passage

Friday, 24 September

ABOVE SUSPICION

Joan Crawford—Fred McMurray

Basil Rathbone

Color Cartoon—Person-Oddities

Our Times

LT. ADAS P. LABORDE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In compliance with memoranda, Hq, AAF, regarding expression of opinion on military matters by officer personnel, this is the last in a series of weekly commentaries by Lt. LaBorde.)

No, Joe, the war isn't over. . . .

Sure, Italy has surrendered, but that doesn't mean we've licked the Germans and the Japs. We haven't even taken Italy yet. On the contrary, we'll have to fight hard to take that surrendered country. Right now your buddies are going through the hell of war at its worst on the beaches of Salerno, south of the big port of Naples. Even if we win there we'll still have three-fourths of Italy to conquer, foot by foot, fighting determined Heinies all the way. And when Italy is firmly in Allied hands we will still have the hardest Boche defenses to crack.

Sure, the Russians are helping out. But don't forget, Joe, their gains are made possible because we're forcing the Germans to withdraw troops and arms from the Russian front to meet our threat on other fronts. You know the old saying, "A cock fights best in his own coop," or something to that effect. Well, we're approaching the Boche's coop, and the Russians are still a long way from it.

Yes, we'll have to fight long and hard before it's over, Joe. And you boys back here will have to work harder than ever, and buy more bonds. When you feel that you've got a gripe coming on just brace yourself and try to picture what's going on out there on the beaches of Salerno.

No, Joe, the war isn't over yet.

Thought For Today

"The American people! The mightiest force for good the ages have evolved. They began as children of liberty. They believed in God and His providence. They took truth and justice and tolerance as their eternal ideals and marched them fearlessly forward. Wildernesses stretched before them—they subdued them. Mountains rose—they crossed them. Deserts obstructed—they passed them.

"Their faith failed them not, and the continent was theirs. From ocean to ocean cities rose, fields blossomed, railroads ran; but everywhere church and school were permanent proof that the principles of their origin were the life of their maturity. God did not make the American people the mightiest human force of all time simply to feed and die. He did not give them the brain of organization and the heart of domination to no purpose and no end. God's work for us in the world is not finished; His future missions for the American people will be grander than any He has given us, nobler than we can comprehend. And these tasks as they come we will accept and accomplish as our fathers accomplished theirs.

"You are an American—remember that. And be proud of it. It is the noblest circumstance of your life. Think what it means. The greatest people on earth—to be one—that people; the most powerful nation—to be a member of that nation; the best and freest institutions; the richest land under any flag—to know that land for your country and your home; the most fortunate period of human history—to live in such a day. This is a dim and narrow outline of what it means to be an American. Glory in that fact. Our very being cannot be too highly charged with Americanism."

—From "The American People" by Beveridge.

Have You Read . . .

Army Brat by Tommy Wadeldon

A Latin American Speaks by Luis Quintanilla

Nor Any Victory by Roy Brock

Wings on My Feet by Sonja Henie

They're in your Post Library!

"Gosh, Honey," said a GI to his blonde babe, "I can't for the life of me see what keeps you femmes warm on these crisp autumn days!"

"Why Cuddles!" (His pet name was Cuddles) She replied, "You ain't supposed to!"



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

"We have heard it said that we shall 'knock hell out of the Japanese.' Well, that is a worthy ideal when rightly understood. But let us see to it that the war knocks hell out of us also—the hell of selfishness, snobbishness, self-righteousness, racial prejudice, bigotry and the like. For, if we act on the principle that we are faultless, we shall never learn any lesson from this war. A new America must come before we can create a new World. Christianity will work only when we work for Christianity!"

Chaplain Darlington, in "The Army and Navy Chaplain."

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

Editor, Prairie Flier.

Dear Sir:

How about reproducing this in your AIR YOUR GRIPES column?

Dear Yank:

After being in Texas several months we are convinced that most of the natives really believe Texas is winning the war alone. . . . Our opinion is the same as that of Gen. Sheridan, who once said: "If I had a ranch in Texas and a home in hell, I'd sell my ranch and go live in hell."

(Reproduced from "Yank" September 17th Issue.)

A YANKEE WHO 'BOOT TRAINED' IN TEXAS.

Liftings

A married GI was doing a bit of double-timing on the old woman and got home one night after a rousing hot party. He was all but undressed and ready to hop into bed when his wife (whom he thought had been sleeping) started up in bed and said: "Fattie! Where is your underwear?"

"Omigosh!" the sad-sack shouted, "I've been robbed!"

"Janie," spoke an indignant mother, "how far did that sodjuh go with you last night?"

"Take it easy mom," the gal retorted, "How far could he go, he only had an 'A' card."

"Johnny, what are f-e-e-t?" asked his first grade teacher. Johnny, mumbling and stammering, did not know.

"Now come on Johnny," said his teacher, persistent in her efforts to teach her pupil something, "What is it that a cow has four of, and I have only two?"

Well, dear readers, Johnny's answer was as surprising as it was unexpected. Can you guess what it was?

Male Call

by Milton



UNSUNG HEROES: Field Lighting

Every night, regardless of the weather, seven days a week, the men of the Field Lighting unit at Strother Field under Captain Robert E. Long of Post Operations, are on the job to see that the runways are illuminated for night-flying aircraft, both training and transient.

The work on the main base and two auxiliary fields is handled in rotation by three crews of FL personnel. Both Strother and the South Field have semi-permanent equipment installed, and the North Field is made ready for night flying by using portable units.

Do you think that job's a push-over? Not on your BVD's, chum, for the skilled handling of electrical and other types of lighting equipment used on Strother's three fields requires patience and ability.

The main hangout of the Field Lighting men is in a small building just south of Post Operations. Here T/Sgt. Benjamin F. Parker, Jr. (that blonde killer), NCO in charge, gives the necessary instructions to 21 hard-slaving joes about how the job is to be done. The boys: Sgts. Ross V. Blackwell, Norman Bonner, Durward Canada; Cpl. Arver Urtel; Pfc's. Robert Heinrichs, Joseph W. Strawn, Irvin Nelson, Melvin Young; and Pvt's. Joseph Sulphern, Alfred McBrien, Hoyt Butner, Morey Reynolds, Archie Nutt, Raymond Perlick. Leroy Dambrash, John Sandstrom, James L. Patterson, John P. Rogers, Charles Archambeau and Emil Carlson; they see to it that they are carried out.

Altho these men, together with many like them at SAAF and other flying fields thruout the country, are working, fighting the war at training bases way behind the actual fighting fronts, they are waging war with the enemy. In this global war, every workbench, every job, is as vital to Victory as the bullets and bombs that will blast the hell out of Hitler and Hirohito.

Jewish men who wish to observe the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which begin on September 29 and October 10 respectively, should contact Chaplain Wineinger at the Chapel immediately so that arrangements can be made.

S/Sgt. Warren has always been economical. When he was a baby he wore the same safety pin for two years. Guess he was just a pin-up boy.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sgt. Falke dreamed he was pitching pennies, and all night long he tossed in his sleep. He can't make heads or tails of that.

Met a soldier who was in the Legion Parade last week. Every spectator envied him as he marched along with Lana Turner on one arm and Hedy Lamarr on the other. (WHAT A JOB OF TATTOOING.)

Met a woman whose husband is an ex-fire eater but he was always kissing an old flame.

One of the boys doesn't live in town anymore he's so henpecked—he doesn't snore in his sleep anymore . . . he cackles.

A local boy is getting a job as a rubber at a Turkish bath—so he can sponge on his friends.

Second Basic Class Completes Training

"Hi Recruit!" is a common expression heard at SAAF as the second basic training class completes its program this week and the third group prepares to begin its four week schedule.

Usually the word "recruit" means that the individual is below the level of a soldier. Too bad the soldier who makes such a statement doesn't know he is showing his ignorance. Basic training is more than just marching up and down the terrain of Strother Field. It teaches individuals discipline, how to take orders as well as give them, and to achieve best results both as an individual and as a group. They also learn how to take care of themselves in the field and to help those who are injured.

Everyone thinks he knows how to shoot a gun but the question is can you hit anything when you pull the trigger? If something should go wrong during the heat of battle could you strip your weapon and repair it? This is one of the many things basic training is teaching the enlisted men of Strother Field.

It is not all work. Outside of a little tear gas and chiggers acquired on the overnight hike the boys have lots of fun. Even T/Sgt. Pennington outdid himself for the second training group with his field kitchen and able assistants. When basic training comes your way take it and be glad you have the opportunity to learn what you may in the future need to know.



Q. I am now an officer in the Army of the United States but after the war will become an enlisted man again. Will I be entitled to the same seniority benefits I enjoyed before I was commissioned?

A. Yes. Under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1939, an enlisted man who tenders himself for enlistment within six months after the honorable termination of active duty under his commission will be restored—without loss of seniority—to the permanent grade he held in the Regular Army before he was discharged to accept his commission.

We Don't Get It!

In last week's issue of the Enid Plane Facts, base paper of the Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Okla., appeared a story concerning WAC entertainment for enlisted men of that field. Following is the last paragraph:

"In the future the WACS will invite a different squadron each week. After a few get-acquainted dances, other forms of entertainment will be arranged, including hay rides, barn dances, scavenger hunts, and other innovations."

How is it possible to consider a hayrack ride as an innovation? We always thought it impossible to introduce new things in a hayrack ride!

Red Cross Moves to New Quarters

If you've misplaced the location of the Red Cross office in your mind, chum, it's not your fault, for the local Director Walter J. Hedberg and his staff have moved to new quarters.

Formerly located in the Ground School Administration Building, this beneficent organization now occupies a barracks suite along side that of the new Special Service Office, the third building south of West Street on Exchange Street. (That's the block south of the PX.)

This little squib is to remind you fellows who are in need of aid in any type of personal matter that the welcome mat is always out at the RC doorstep.

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR JOHN W. ERICKSON

A personable young military medico at Strother Field is Major John W. Erickson, the Post Surgeon. After holding many responsible positions at other posts in the States, he arrived at SAAF in October, 1942, to give us the benefit of his skilled hands.

Reared in Nebraska

Major Erickson was born in Twin City Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he spent a short period of his boyhood before moving to Grand Island, Nebraska, with his parents. In Grand Island, he enrolled at Creighton University Art College after graduating from high school. It was there he began preparing himself for his medical career. After "boning it out" in Creighton, taking two years ROTC and participating in a bit of aquatics on the side, he attended in the School of Medicine in Omaha. When he left medical school to do his internship at the Swedish Hospital, in Minneapolis, he took with him that well-earned MD sheepskin.

Army Practice Takes Over

About the time he was getting set in his private practice in Jackson, Minnesota, the Army called him to use his reserve commission in the service of his country. Taking his young wife and child with him he traveled to his first post at the Army and Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. After serving for some time as ward officer in the orthopedic section, he was transferred to the station hospital at Randolph Field, where he spent two years in specialized training and practice. During this time his second son was born. Emerging from Randolph as a Flight Surgeon, he spent a short time at AAFD Curtis Field (Primary School) in Brady, Texas.

With all of this experience behind him, Major Erickson now plays a leading role in the Medical Corps unit here at Strother.

Once again the Eight-Ball trophy signifying the squadron having the highest VD rating for the month has changed hands. This time it was presented to the 908th Quartermaster Detachment of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron.

Presentation of the trophy was made by 1st. Lt. F. W. LaFave, Acting CO of the 448th Squadron, to T/Sgt. Miller, Acting Non-Com of the QM Detachment.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....	Win.....	Ping pong..Informal
	Ark.....	Game night..Eats
Sat.....	Win.....	Dance..Special music
	Ark.....	Dancing..Refreshments
Sun.....	Win.....	Pienie..Sing..Drama..Call
	Ark.....	Bingo..Call..Cake 'n' coffee
Mon.....	Win.....	Kitchen "pop it" party
	Ark.....	Do-as-you-please..Food
Tues.....	Win.....	Bingo..Prizes..Food
	Ark.....	Record voice..Pop corn
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing..Refreshments
	Ark.....	Dancing..Refreshments
Thurs.....	Win.....	Bridge..Games..Eats
	Ark.....	Informal night..Eats

SPECIAL NOTICE

All fellows interested in Ping Pong please sign at U.S.O. office, Winfield.

on Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



Slight Snaf In Cupid's Path



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SPORTS



Write Your Own Caption — We Fainted!

Medics Win 2nd Half; Play Link For Championship

Final game of the Squadron Softball Championship series between the Link Trainer and Medic teams was played last night in Arkansas City. The SAAF officers played the Coffeyville AAF team on the same card. Results of these encounters do not appear in this week's edition of the PF as the paper was being printed during game time.

The squadron game which was the third of a two-out-of-three series for the 1943 title, had all the makings of a bang-up battle. In the first game played Monday night the Medics defeated Link Trainer by a score of 9 to 8. Tomasino was the winning pitcher. In the second game played Tuesday evening the Link team evened the series by winning 5 to 2 over the Medics. Brissey was the winning pitcher.

Link Trainer, winner in the first half of season play with 10 wins and no losses could have tied for the second-half title Thursday night of last week when it met the Medics in a league game, but lost this game by a score of 7 to 2. Had the Link team won, a double play-off series would have resulted — one series for the second-half title and the other for the complete season's title.

Sanding and refinishing of the gymnasium floor is nearing completion this week. Officers will start using the building next Monday. Officer and enlisted men's tournaments that were postponed due to this work are to continue within the next few days.

New PT Class Started Here

The Physical Training class for enlisted men over 33 years of age; those in the general classification, patients recently released from the station hospital and those having injuries, was started Tuesday of this week. This class is held from 1500 to 1600.

According to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF, the Medical Detachment has suggested that all men over 33 should take a medical examination to decide whether they should be assigned to the A or B classes of PT.

"Old medical excuses from physical training now held by enlisted men are out as far as classes in the future are concerned. The only excuses accepted will be those issued by the Medical Detachment at the present and in the future," reported Lt. Stoner.

In the new class there will be frequent rest periods between exercises, which will be less strenuous than those regularly given enlisted men.

Squadron teams will be playing touch-football in a couple of weeks according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of SAAF. The softball season is nearly ended and next event on the athletic calendar of our-door sports will be touch-football. Squadrons are urged to form their teams as soon as possible so that league play may commence in the very near future.

Sgt. W. C. Brej and Pfc. C. W. Lidsky, PT instructors at SAAF, returned this week from Miami Beach, Fla., where they attended Non-Commissioned Officer's Physical Training School.



Yesterday I dreamt I left the earth. Where I went I do not know, all I can do is tell you my story.

I drifted for hours, it seemed, until quite suddenly my dream-carpet stopped. The billowy cloud bank slowly rose, then faded from view, and I saw I was in a haystack. Now this sweet-smelling straw was pleasant, warm, and inviting, and not caring to move, I lay back comfortably and decided to go to sleep. I guess you might call it a sixth sense, but whatever it was that told me someone else was near, I got the message.

Drowsily I raised my head and surveyed my hay-heaven. When I was all but convinced that I was off my chop, and that there was no one there, suddenly in the distance a voluptuous form began to shape itself. Larger and more lifelike became the image; and larger and rounder became my eyes, until my eyeballs strained at their sockets like puppies on a leash. All of a wham it hit me. Jane Russell!

Jane Russell! Here? In a haystack with ME? Sassafaraz! I looked a second time. She was still there, more real, more come-hitherish, more accessible than ever. Madly my blood began to beat a familiar tattoo in my temples. I staggered to a crouching position and began to crawl towards her; first slowly, then faster and faster, till I thought I was flying thru the air. She seemed miles away after I first started, but gradually I felt her warm femininity coming closer, closer, closer. Then I realized: she was almost in my arms! I reached forward with a lunge —! And that luscious image, with a seductive smile on its face, vanished in my arms.

The next thing I can recall is the CQ shaking me like a dead rat-jap and shouting: "Hey, you work-jerk, wake up; it's 0530; this ain't heaven, and stop calling me Janie!"

Officers Played Game at Arkansas City

In the second game of a softball double-header played in Arkansas City last night the Strother Army Air Field Officers team played the Coffeyville Army Air Field team of Coffeyville, Kansas.

This was the second encounter between the teams and Strother Field sought revenge for the defeat handed it in the previous game. In that encounter SAAF lost by a score of 1 to 0 in the ninth inning.

Line-up for SAAF: Capt. Haverman, catcher; Lt. Honomichi, pitcher; Lt. Carlisle, first base; Lt. LaFave, second base; Major Dunn or Lt. Grubb, shortstop; Lt. Hardin, third base; Lt. Otto, short field; Capt. Hottenfeller, right field; Lt. Gunther, center field; Lt. Stoner, left field.

BOX SCORE

FIRST GAME OF PLAYOFF-SERIES

Link Trainer				Medics			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Peterson, lf	4	1	1	Smith, ss	4	1	1
Kmieck, 2b	3	1	1	Nicholas, sc	4	1	1
Falke, ss	2	2	0	Hundl, lf	4	0	2
Blackman, 1b	4	1	1	Dillon, cf	3	1	1
Cook, sc	3	0	2	Haungs, c	3	0	0
Dressner, rf	3	0	2	Rozewick, rf	3	1	2
Gearin, cf	4	0	1	Post, 2b	3	1	1
Hansen, 3b	4	0	0	Ona'wicz, 3b	2	1	0
Callaway, c	3	1	1	Gang'ere, 1b	3	1	1
Brissey, p	2	2	1	Tomasino, p	2	2	2
32 8 10				31 9 11			

SECOND GAME OF PLAYOFF-SERIES

Link Trainer				Medics			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Cook, sc	4	3	1	Smith, ss	4	0	2
Kmieck, 2b	4	0	2	Nicholas, 3b	4	0	0
Falke, ss	4	0	1	Hundl, lf	4	2	2
Blackman, 1b	4	0	1	Dillon, cf	3	0	2
Hansen, 3b	3	0	1	Haungs, c	3	0	1
Gearin, rf	3	0	0	Rozewick, sc	3	0	1
Kastner, cf	3	0	0	Post, 2b	3	0	0
Peterson, lf	3	0	0	Ona'wicz, rf	3	0	0
Callaway, c	3	2	2	Gang'ere, 1b	3	0	2
Brissey, p	3	0	1	Tomasino, p	3	0	1
34 5 9				33 2 0			

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Go ahead—don't be bashful!"



War Bond Carnival to be Held for Military and Civilian Personnel

In connection with the Third War Bond drive now in progress over the nation as well as at Strother Army Air Field, a carnival for the entertainment of military and civilian personnel is to be held next Thursday afternoon beginning at 4:45 p.m. in front of Post Headquarters.

The 383rd Air Forces Band, SAAF's own, will be on hand to play for the occasion, and different departments of the field will present special entertainment featuring both military and civilian personnel. Several Arkansas City and Winfield merchants are co-operating in making the event a success.

During the program no one will be asked to buy bonds and free refreshments are to be served the guests. All in all, it will be a great event and the entire personnel of Strother Field is urged to attend the carnival, which will be concluded about 7 p.m.

This is the first social event held on the field for both military and civilian personnel and a large attendance is anticipated by Lt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., Public Relations Officer of SAAF who is in charge of the carnival program.

The Winfield USO is giving a formal dance this Saturday, 25 September, for the purpose of introducing the new Southwestern College GSO girls to the men at SAAF.

It's at eight o'clock, so break out your blouse and throw yourself into it: you're going to dance until the bewitching hour! Come one, come all!

Monthly Review Scheduled Tomorrow

The September review of enlisted men and cadets is to be held tomorrow morning, September 25th, and OD uniforms will be worn.

Col. J. F. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SAAF, will be the reviewing officer assisted by Major Truman C. Abbott, Commander of Troops and Lt. George N. Rood, Adjutant.

To Quit Mess-Kit Will Be a Hit

Resolved: Nevermore shall I gripe about dishes, eating utensils and cups not being quite as clean as I thought they should be prior to September BMK (before mess kits).

Oh to fondly caress a red-hot china plate again! To once more see its gleaming white sheen and completely ignore the few specks of unknown origin—even a ring of coffee-stain within a white china cup will be a welcome sight.

May our trouser legs never again feel the stroke of knife, fork and spoon (a silly habit) in an endeavor to assure ourselves the utensils are clean without ever looking to see if the procedure is necessary.

It will be a great day when the dish-washing equipment and newly-

(Continued on page 3, col. 4)

1st. BFT Sqd. Wins Safety Plaques and Competitive Flags

For the first time in the history of the awards at Strother Army Air Field, a single squadron is in possession of both safety plaques and the competitive flags.

The First Basic Flying Training Squadron under the command of Captain Kline D. Culbertson achieved this honor when "D" flight of class 43J commanded by Lt. R. J. Kostka and flight "B" of Class 43I commanded by Lt. G. W. Gillert completed their training with perfect records to win both plaques. Lt. Gillert shared honors with Capt. N. S. Hays, commander of flight "A" class 43I, the Third BFT Squadron, whose flight also received the plaque. The plaques are awarded to the flight of each class showing the best judgment and safe operation by the students and outstanding supervision by instructors.

The competitive flags are awarded for outstanding showing in hurdle stages, accuracy stages, transition flying, instrument flying, acrobatic and formation flying. In class 43J the "C" flight commanded by Lt. R. J. Sealy and flight "A" of class 43I of which Lt. R. C. (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

Suspend Special Basic Training Class

Basic training instruction as given enlisted men during the past two months is being suspended for the present time, according to Lt. Col. Douglas C. Polhamus, Director of Training at SAAF.

"Due to the shortage of manpower on the field at this time it is advisable to suspend the training in its present form. For the time being basic training will be given the enlisted men by their own squadron organizations," said Lt. Col. Polhamus.

During the last two months enlisted men selected from departments on the field have undergone extensive training. Each of the two classes devoting four weeks time to the study of military courtesy; hygiene sanitation; squadron orientation; chemical warfare; first aid and physical training; armament, including machine gun, rifle and pistol; aircraft identification; close order and extended drill; interior guard duty; overnight marches; formal retreat; and inspection on Saturday mornings.

While participating in this training the men were relieved from their other duties on the field. Therefore the shortage of manpower necessitates the suspension of such a program at the present time.

First EM Arrived at SAAF Year Ago

On 21 September 1942 a cadre of men headed by S/Sgt. Charles F. Robinson (now M/Sgt.) arrived at Strother Field as the first unit of enlisted personnel. Among that group was S/Sgt. H. G. Emmanuelson, (now M/Sgt.), Sgt. H. P. Jackson, (now T/Sgt.), Cpl. Roy Lindstrom, Pfc. Paul L. Nelson (shipped out as S/Sgt.) and Pvt. Robert C. Gruman (now S/Sgt.)

When these men came, Strother Field was not as we find it today. There was no Theater, no Bowling Alley, and the PX was a soap box. Everywhere, as far as the eye could see, there was MUD. All around, the construction crews of the Post Engineer were fast at work raising buildings and constructing barracks. The runways now being repaired were nothing but streaks of wet substance; and roads which save us from getting stuck in Kansas mire nowadays were not yet laid.

Slowly, over a period of a year, Strother Field has turned from a drab, colorless, and lifeless field into a smart-looking military outfit. We have many, many things which these first men did not have to begin with, and there are more to come. SAAF is a growing young field among the Army Air Force bases; she is a base of which the country and the army can well be proud.

New Series of GI Movies Next Week

Sixth in the series of GI Movies are to be shown at the Post Theater next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and the film will be of great interest to officers, cadets and enlisted men alike, due to the subjects so ably presented in the production.

"Tank Eradicator," M-10 Tank Destroyer—high speed in water and out, which demonstrates how to make mincemeat out of axis tanks, is first feature of the film. Next is "Capt. Scott and Capt. Lawson," heroes of Tokyo raid telling of their exploits as planes take off from the deck of the "Hornet."

"Buna," is the third feature showing vivid pictures of the landing at Moresby. Aussie warriors battling side by side with Yanks in the New Guinea jungle-clad mountains.

War plant workers drilling, hiking, grunting and sweating in ODs for three days are shown in "Detroit, Mich.," another interesting feature of next week's movies. In the film soldiers are shown visiting war plants to get first hand dope on making weapons of war.

"The People," second installment of the Ambassador Grew series showing how Jap children are trained by the warlords of Nippon to fight and die for their country is the concluding feature of series No. 6, to be shown next week.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Pictured above are Strother Field's first WAC officers to arrive for duty here. Left to right are 2nd. Lt. Geraldine Levy, Assistant School Secretary; 2nd. Lt. Lavina C. Garrity, Assistant Unit Personnel officer; 2nd. Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon, Assistant Transportation officer.

Lt. Garrity's home is in Chicago, Ill. Lt. McCutcheon hails from Jasper, Alabama, while Lt. Levy is from Lynchburg, Va. There are no mountains or lakes to view from SAAF but it is our sincere hope that SAAF's new arrivals will enjoy living in Kansas.

USO-Camp Shows Presents Next Friday, October 1st
The New Variety Show that Keeps 'Em Guessing—

"WHAT'S NEXT?"

Girls—Comedy Acts—Singers—Dancers

Free!

Post Theater.

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Speaking of--Reconstruction

"And let the people's voice, the power
That sways the State, in danger's hour
Be wary, wise for all;
Nor honour in dishonour hold,
But—ere the voice of war be bold—
Let them to stranger peoples grant
Fair and unbloody covenant—
Justice and peace withal."

So spoke the great Athenian dramatist Aeschylus in "The Suppliants," the first book of a tragic trilogy, written many years before Christ.

This war of ours is far from ended; this we know. We realize also that the most difficult, the most bloody part of our task lies ahead. Let us not allow the consideration of these disheartening facts deter us from looking into the future—when we, the people of the Nations destined to triumph, must determine the basis of peace among men.

Are we to be lead again by those blind, those false prophets who by their shortsightedness laid the foundation for this catastrophe? Or are we, the free-minded people of the liberal nations to be certain that our enemies are given a "Fair and unbloody covenant—Justice and peace withal." One man has said: "The only thing that we learn from history is that men learn nothing from history." Let us hope that this sickening strife has educated us for peace.

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 25 September

THE KANSAN

Richard Dix—Jane Wyatt

3 Stooges Comedy—Popeye Cartoon

Sunday and Monday 26-27 September

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Fred Astaire—Joan Leslie

News—Disney Cartoon

Tuesday, 28 September

Double Feature

HEADIN' FOR GOD'S COUNTRY

Wm. Lundigan—Virginia Dale

HONEYMOON LODGE

Harriet Hilliard—David Bruce

Wednesday and Thursday, 29-30- Sept.

JOHNNY COME LATELY

James Cagney—Grace George

News of the Day—The War No. 10

Friday, 1 October

"WHAT'S NEXT?"—USO Camp Show
Two Shows—6:30 and 8 p.m. It's FREE!

We Think of Two Cities

As we fight, as we bury our dead, as we re-form our squadrons for new battles, we think of two cities—Berlin and Tokio. In the first World War twenty million men, women and children died. Cities fell in ruins, nations were decimated and empires crashed. But Berlin stood unscathed and Kaiser Wilhelm died in bed. Even as he passed, a second German madman was plotting another world war in Berlin. From that city went forth the goose-stepping legions who destroyed Rotterdam in three hours and Warsaw in a week. They snuffed out the lights of Prague, Brussels, Belgrade and Athens; they pounded London and Stalingrad mercilessly.

Cheered by four million residents of Berlin, Hitler boasted that the swastika on his chancellery would glow for a thousand years and that no one stone would be chipped from the Brandenburger Gate. What do you say to that, men of the Army Air Forces? Shall sentimental fools preserve Berlin this time? The Russians and the R.A.F. will have something to say about that—and so will you.

But do not forget that other city—Tokio. There a bespectacled monkey-god lives in his sacred palace. In Tokio, the Ginza is bright with stolen goods and the Yoshiwara is crowded with girls sold for a sack of rice. In Tokio, the proud architects of a new culture met to plot the infamy of Pearl Harbor. From Tokio they sallied forth to lay a hundred Chinese cities in ashes; to rape and pillage Singapore, Surabaya and Manila. And the people of Tokio shouted "Banazi Nippon!" which means a thousand years of life to Japan.

A thousand years for Tokio? The clock ticks. The sand trickles. The bragging toasts are proposed and drunk. Berlin stands. Tokio stands. And so did Sodam and so did Gomorrah. But on a wall the flaming letters read: "Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin!"

Germans and Japanese, it will not be a thousand years. You are going to get it sooner than that. Tokio and Berlin are going to get such punishment that the next leader who cries "War! War!" in those towns will be stoned by a mob and choke in his own blood.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

It may be against fire prevention regulations, but I wish the doors to the Post Theater, especially the side doors, could be locked tight during each performance.

A great number of the Strother Field theater-goers have acquired the habit of leaving by the side doors while the show is in progress. It is all right to leave, but why not use the doors at the back of the building that lead into the foyer? By their use no outside light flashes in to completely blot out the image on the screen. We like to see Betty Hutton, for instance, during her every appearance.

So, to those of you who leave the building during the show, why not cooperate by using the rear doors?

A CINEMA FAN.

Thought For Today

"My heart leaps up when I behold

A rainbow in the sky:

So was it when my life began;

So is it now I am a man;

So be it when I shall grow old,

Or let me die!

The child is father of the man;

And I could wish my days to be

Bound each to each by natural piety."

—William Wordsworth.

Have You Read . . .

Good Intentions by Ogden Nash

Jake Home by Ruth McKenny

Mitchell, Pioneer of Air Power by Isaac Don Levine

This is the Enemy by Frederick Oechsner

They're in your Post Library!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

Just yesterday a business man of Arkansas City said to me, "One difference I notice between the soldier of this war and the one of the last is the present soldier's religion." It isn't that the present soldier likes to talk in public or even in private about his religion. It is just that seriousness regarding the real values of life seem so natural in his life. Sometimes it takes real danger to bring an expression of this quality but it is there all the time secretly cherished and admired by most soldiers.

Several weeks ago an account appeared in the newspapers. A ship was torpedoed in the South Atlantic ocean. For 83 days a small group of survivors drifted. Of the five, two died and were buried at sea by their comrades. The other three kept alive by eating birds and fish which they were able to catch. One of the men taken ashore from the rescue ship said, "Every night we were on the raft, even before the first man died, we prayed for divine help and guidance."

Had any three men from Strother Field been through that experience their attitude, their efforts and their religion would have found expression in probably the same form.

Liftings

"You cannot get eggs without hens," said the speaker stressing the point.

"My dad can," piped a small voice from the rear.

"Please explain yourself, little boy," said the speaker.

"He keeps ducks," yelled the boyish voice from the rear.

"Hey, look—the barometer's falling!"

"Tsk, ts—probably wasn't nailed up right!"

"I gave a football player one dollar today."

"Did you get it back?"

"No; I got it half-back."

"Why does an ostrich have such a long neck?"

"Because its head's so far from its body, I guess."

Physical Examiner: "Any scars on you?"

Recruit: "No, but I've got some cigarettes in my pocket!"

Youngster: "Daddy, what is an Angel?"

Daddy: "A pedestrian who jumped too late."

"I want to do something big and something clean."

"Then wash an elephant."

"Do you know Art?"

"Art who?"

"Artesian."

"Sure, I know Artesian well."

"Which travels faster—heat or cold?"

"Heat, because you can catch cold easily."

"Did you ever run for office?"

"Yes. I did yesterday morning when the alarm clock failed to go off."

"I'm fed up on that," cried the baby, pointing to the high chair.

Male Call

by Mi



UNSUNG HEROES: The Weather Office

About once every hour, twenty-four hours a day, every day, a little man comes out of the back of an office located in Post Operations on the line, and looks longingly at the sky. After fidgeting around with a few instruments in a box, he makes tracks for the building, taking his notes with him. This guy is not off his noggin men, he's just busy as hell doing the work of the SAAF Weather Office.

The Strother Weather Officers include: 2nd Lt. George W. Runberg, chief Weather Officer, graduate of the Meteorology School at the U. of C.; his assistants: 2nd Lts. Stanley D. Atkinson, William D. Cropley, both grads of the Meteor School at MIT, and Donald R. Anderson, graduate of the AAF TTC school at Grand Rapids, Mich. The remainder of the staff of EM is headed by M/Sgt. Thomas F. Ramsey, Station Chief Forecaster, and S/Sgt. Ephraim H. Morneweck, Forecaster, both graduates of the Tech School at Champaign Field, Illinois. The Chief Observer is Sgt. Royce C. Richardson, and under him are Observers: Cpls. Donald W. Morrison, Joseph P. O'Brien, Edward H. Bacon, Jack Garner, Leo G. Valente; Pfc. Edward P. O'Connell, Gaetano N. Nicolais, Alexander Posner, Oscar S. London, Carmen C. Liccardo, Joseph A. Tracy and Louis W. Vlangas.

Besides observing the weather in this station area for our own pilots and other transient military aircraft, which is sent out in report form all over the country, these men are constantly compiling coded reports and making synoptic maps so that they are able to forecast the weather of any given locality in the country for the next few hours. This valuable information is made available to all SAAF departments.

Needless to say, this highly technical job is vitally essential to our job, which is training military pilots for the battle overseas; and when these men contribute their share of skill and experience, they are doing their part in the task which makes for ultimate Victory.

Mrs. Florence Goforth, who has been assistant manager of the USO Center at Winfield since its opening January 15, is now an enrollee at the Columbia University in New York City, in the special USO-YMCA training institute. The course has been instituted because of need for additional USO workers.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sgt. Francis Martin spent the week end on a sail boat. He wore his mates yachting outfit. He looked like a wolf in ship's clothing. The boat was well equipped. . . . Even the life-jackets wear life-jackets . . . and double breasted too!

I know an actor, who, thinking of his public, had X-ray photos of his teeth retouched before showing them to his dentist.

I was a born actor . . . as a kid, my father used to put me across his knee and applaud me. It broke me from taking encores—and other things.

Know a school teacher who has no class or principal. . . She's so cross-eyed she can't control her pupils.

JWB Opens New Center in Wichita

In order to meet the ever increasing needs of members of the Armed Forces who come to Wichita on week-ends, a new J.W.B. Center has been set up by the Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board at Water and Douglas Streets. Chairman Harold Zelinkoff, announced today. The Center, a seven room suite, located in the downtown section of the city, is run by volunteers on week-ends, and has among its many features a dance floor, a ping-pong room, and a room set aside for bridge and whist. Here one can come to relax, write, dance or participate in other game activities. All men and women in the Armed Forces are cordially invited.

Add Exterior Improvements

Come rain, sleet or snow, you can enter the Post Exchange in the future without putting on five pounds extra weight attempting to walk around the building to the door. The extra weight is in reference to the mud acquired from the soft ground formerly surrounding the structure.

Wide asphalt and board walks have been placed completely around the Post Exchange and beer-parlor buildings. It is customary for military personnel to enter the latter structure completely dry and the same will be true when entering the PX in the future.



Q. I'm getting an honorable discharge and would like to know whether or not it is possible to keep my National Service Life Insurance. If so, what steps should be taken?

A. You can keep your insurance. Write to the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C., stating that you have been discharged and want to continue your insurance. Give your name, rank, organization, serial number, insurance number and the address to which you wish premium notices mailed. You should also send any premiums which are due.

Q. Can a soldier who has been trained in an Army Technical School apply for transfer to the Army Specialized Training School if he has the necessary qualifications?

A. Yes. The Army Specialized Training Program has been assigned a priority rating following only direct assignment to Officer Candidate School or to Aviation Cadet Training.

(From PM) "At Saginaw, Mich., little Edward Zimmer took a bead on Hitler's mustache and let loose with his slingshot. He will never know whether he hit the mark because the newsreel flickered out at that point, the lights went up and an usher collared seven-year-old Edward. Zimmer, Sr., paid for a \$12.50 hole in the movie screen, then administered \$12.50 worth of corporal punishment, not missing his mark."

Speaking of school—Know a gal who graduated from a secretarial school with high honors . . . she finished three laps ahead of her closest rival.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Ping Pong Tournament
Ark.....Game night..Eats	
Sat.....Win.....	Formal Dance
Ark.....Dancing..Refreshments	
Sun.....Win.....	Special Music..Sing
Ark.....Bingo..Call..Cake 'n' coffee	
Mon.....Win.....	Movie..Refreshments
Ark.....Do-as-you-please..Food	
Tues.....Win.....	Bingo..Prizes
Ark.....Record voice..GI movies	
Wed.....Win.....	Informal Dance
Ark.....Dancing..Refreshments	
Thurs.....Win.....	Bridge..Record your voice
Ark.....Ping pong..Eats	

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

MAJOR

DALE E. DUNN

Down at the south stage in an office amid a hustling staff of workers, sits Major Dale E. Dunn, CO of the 2nd Basic Flying Training Squadron.

Utah and Idaho—Home Grounds

Major Dunn was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. After spending the early years of his youth, and attending elementary schools in this city, he moved with his family to their new home, Pocatello, Idaho. In Pocatello, athletic young Dale made a mark for himself at high school before going on to college.

Two Colleges: A Busy Man

The southern branch of the U. of Idaho, a junior college, was his first alma mater. Graduated from UI as class president, star sports man, and scholar, he continued his education, majoring in math and chem at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. When he left school in 1940 to accept an appointment as aviation cadet, he carried with him not only the memories of a busy social and scholastic student life but four major varsity letters: two for track and two for football.

From Cadet to Wings

Major Dunn, then A/C Dunn, traveled to the west coast where he took Primary training at Ryan Aero, getting his first taste of that sport he had always dreamed of doing: flying. After PTs he traveled to Randolph for Basic, then on to Kelly Field for Advanced. Late in '40, he pinned on those coveted silver wings and bars, and went back to Randolph. At Randolph he remained for two years, serving in the several capacities of flight instructor, squadron CO, and assistant post operations officer.

A Charter Member of SAAF

When Strother Field was activated, Gulf Coast sent Major Dunn to aid in our flying program. Bringing with him his wife and young son, his "pride and joy," he made his war-time home in Ark City. Army flying is the only thing for Major Dunn, and he hopes to remain in it after the war.

To Quit Mess-Kits

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built sink are ready for use once again in the 1,000-man mess hall, and mess-kits may be placed in the darkest corner of the lower part of one's locker.

It is a wonder our stomachs have not gone on strike. For years they have been accustomed to receiving the food we consume in an orderly manner—with dessert always on top. Things have changed since eating out of a mess-kit. The dessert is now on top in the little pan and in the bottom of our stomach! Sure, the mess-kit lid is to be used for dessert but when you carry your cup in one hand and the main part of the utensil in the other there is only one thing to do with the lid—put it back on top and there you are—the dessert is item number one!

KP's are wonderful individuals and may we never have another unkind thought about them. Please hurry up fellers and get the machines and sink going again—we love you all!

Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates

Go West, Young Man



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Medics Win 1943 Squadron Softball Championship

In the third and final game of the championship series between the Medic and Link Trainer softball teams played last Thursday evening in Arkansas City, the Medics handed their opponents a 12 to 7 defeat to take the title. Link Trainer, winner of the first-half of season play, lost the first series game by a score of 8 to 9 Monday night of last week, then came back the next evening to even the series with a 5 to 2 victory, but it was just to much Medics in last Thursday's game.

Tomasino pitched for the Medics and allowed only six hits. Brissy hurled for the Link Trainer team and allowed only nine hits. Link was near to victory only once and that was in the fourth inning when they scored six runs. Its hopes were shattered when the Medics tallied seven runs. The Medics had scored two runs in the second while Link had made one run in the same inning. With the score 9 to 7 the Medics cinched the game with three more runs making their total 12 to 7. No runs were scored by either team during the two remaining innings.

Medals are to be awarded members of the winning team by the athletic department in the near future.

BOX SCORE

Medics				Link Trainers			
ab	r	h		ab	r	h	
Smith, ss	4	1	0	Cook, sc	3	0	1
Nicholas, 3b	4	0	2	Knieck, 2b	3	0	0
Hundl, lf	4	0	0	Fulke, ss	1	0	0
Dillon, cf	4	1	1	Bl'kman, 1b	4	0	0
Haungs, c	4	1	2	Hansen, 3b	4	1	0
Rozwick, sc	4	2	1	Gearin, rf	4	1	0
Post, 2b	3	3	0	Peterson, lf	2	2	1
Omuk'ich, rf	2	1	0	Dressen, cf	3	1	1
G'gwere, 1b	3	2	2	Calloway, c	3	1	1
Tomasino, p	2	1	1	Brissey, p	3	1	2
Totals	34	12	9	Totals	30	7	6
Medics	020 730 0-12 9 4			Link Trainers	010 600 0-7 6 2		

SQUADRON SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIOSHIP TEAM



Shown above are members of the Medics' softball' championship team, winners of the 2nd. half of season play and who defeated the Link Trainer team, winner of the first-half pennant, for the 1943 title. Front row, left to right: Omukicwich, third base; Smith, shortstop; Rozewick, rightfield; Tomasino, pitcher, and Post, secondbase. Second row, left to right: Dillon, centerfield; Nicholas, short center; Haungs, catcher; Gangwere, firstbase, and Hundl, left field.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Urge Squadrons Form Touch Football Teams

Touch football play will begin in the near future according to Lt. Oren P. Stoner, Athletic Director of Strother Field. Squadron members interested in playing should form their teams at this time so that a schedule in the squadron league can be started soon.

SAAF officers have this week been using their redecorated locker and shower room in the post gymnasium and according to reports are greatly pleased with the re-finished' surroundings. The gym floor which has recently been sanded and refinished is now in use.

SAAF Officers Lose to Coffeyville Team

Coffeyville Army Air Field officers softball team handed SAAF officers team its second defeat in two engagements by a 7 to 4 score in the final game played last Thursday evening at Arkansas City.

The game appeared to be an easy victory for Strother Field in the first inning when Lt. Carlisle brought in Major Dunn and Lt. Stoner with a home run.

Coffeyville scored in the second and third innings to make the score 3 to 2. No other runs were scored until the sixth inning when each team scored one run, SAAF's being made by Lt. Stoner. In the seventh inning Coffeyville tied the score at 4-all and went ahead in the eighth to get three more runs to cinch the game.

Positions for Strother were: Dunn, shortstop; Otto, short-center; Stoner, left field; Carlisle, first base; Hottenfeller, right-field; Haverman, catcher; Hardin, third base; LaFave, second base; Markland, centerfield, and Honomichel, pitcher.

Win Safety Awards

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Dench was Flight Commander were awarded the flags. These flights were also in the First Basic Flying Squadron.

"A" flight of class 43K, which is in the same squadron is well on its way to receive a safety plaque for its outstanding performance of nearly 5,000 hours in the air without an accident. This is equal to 650,000 miles of flying, a distance of twenty-seven times around the world at the equator. During these hours of flying nearly 10,000 landings have been made without an accident.

Flight "D" of class 44A completed 68 flying hours without an accident by the middle of this week. Lt. R. J. Kostka is the flight commander.

Road at Main Gate Repaved

Last Sunday, 19 September 1943, the Main Gate, south on Main Street at Highway 77 was closed to traffic allowing the construction company to finish repaving the roadway approach to SAAF from the south.

This has been a part of the "beautification" program for the south entrance, the new location of the guardhouse and the waiting room being other features of this plan.

During the time the gate was closed, traffic to and fro was handled by the Hackney or East Gate, which is being considered by the Front Office as usable for a permanent all-time entrance.

Lt. Scott Key Wins SAAF Golf Title

Lt. Scott W. Key, Commanding Officer of the 1088th Guard Squadron, is the 1943 champion among officer golf players of Strother Field.

In the championship bracket Lt. Key won his final match with Major T. C. Abbott, 3 and 2. Col. J. F. Carroll and Lt. Col. D. C. Polhamus, in their match to decide the third place winner in this bracket, were tied at the end of 18 holes and a play-off match will take place later on.

Construct Outdoor Volleyball Courts

Outdoor volleyball courts are now being constructed on the play areas of Strother Army Air Field under the direction of the Athletic Department. From the look of the nets rain, snow and wind will do no damage to them—instead of the usual twin material these have been made of chicken-wire. Not a bad idea at that, as they can be left in place day and night.

The Wolf

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by Sansone

"He does everything so well!"



115 GI's Earn Stripes and Sheckels in Monthly Boost

This Friday, October 1st, 1943, 115 Strother Field GI's are a stripe or two richer than they were the same time last month. For you men who have been sweating it out for some time, it means you can relax until you start bucking for that higher grade. Congrats go to the following cigar-passers-outers:

448th B HQ & AB SQ

To Technical Sergeant

Bass, Edwin L.

To Staff Sergeant

Maxey, John W. Brickley, George L.
Smith, Jr. Starr L. Paulk, Joseph H.
Biederman, W. F.

To Sergeant

Naman, Theodore J. Zatorsky, John J.
Rubin, Benny (NMI) Miller, Weiler B.
Hamilton, Wiley F.

To Corporal

Brown, Max A. Morris, Nathaniel A.
Butner, Hoyt D. Newhouse, Robert L.
Cravens, John E. Sparkman, William D.
Eichler, Robert A. West, Jesse O.
Hocker, Alvin G. Wulf, Carl L. Jr.
Lee, Cedric B.

To Private First Class

Baker, John M. Toombs, George R.
Kohman, John T. Chittenden, A. W.
Miller, Henry M. Hall, Robert J.

HQ & HQ SQ, 55TH BFT GP

Anderson, W. W. Jr. Peters, Clark H.
Dalak, Emil J. Seek, Louis A.

To Staff Sergeant

Bailey, Robert E. Rukaveno, Paul K.
Ivy, Hollis L. Walden, John H.
Lawrence, Roy W. Woodward, W. M.
Martin, William D.

To Corporal

Babcock, Milan E. Jennings, S. (NMI)
Gorski, Carl T. Vance, Albert D.
Hebert, Melvin G. Leonard, Maurice R.
Hervey, Morgan A. O'Brien, Dillon J.

To Private First Class

Fisher, Elmer R.

1084TH BFT SQUADRON

To Staff Sergeant

Freeman, Edmund M. Tilton, Clifford R.

To Sergeant

Prouse, Donald G. Winterringer, O. L.

To Corporal

Buchanan, W. M. Wriborg, James W.

To Private First Class

Partlow, Donald W. Piazza, Leo A.
Pena, Santos (NMI)

1088TH GUARD SQUADRON

To Staff Sergeant

Gore, Meredith W.

To Private First Class

Curtis, Alfred R. Murdock, Ernest J.

1082ND BFT SQUADRON

To Technical Sergeant

Alexander, C. A. Shea, John P. Jr.
Colwell, Ray (NMI)

To Staff Sergeant

Armenta, Francis E. Moreland, W. T.
Cresswell, Robert E. Myrick, George A.
Dooley, Anthony C. Oswald, Gordon S.
Gual, Adolfo (NMI) Phillips, Morris J.
Gutauckas, Frank A. Riley, Charles F.
Hughes, Donald W. Theiss, Adam E.
Kennedy, Robert L. Trevillion, W. H. Jr.
Martens, Dale H. Warrington, L. A.

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Orientation Classes to be Resumed

Orientation classes for enlisted men will be resumed Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week following their discontinuance several weeks ago.

This is welcome news to enlisted men as the program affords the acquiring of interesting and valuable information regarding army orientation and discussion of history now in the making. Classes now begin at 1900 instead of 1915.

May Patronize City Barber Shops

Enlisted personnel of this station are now permitted to have their barber work done where they choose, according to a memorandum issued by headquarters and which became effective Monday of this week.

Patronage of the Post Exchange Barber Shop is encouraged however, in order that the shop may continue with the present prices and service.

All barber shops in Arkansas City and Winfield are to be inspected by the Post Sanitation Inspector and a list of those not meeting sanitary standards will be prepared. It is directed that no member of this command patronize barber shops declared to be unsanitary by field authorities.

The requirement that all men have their hair cut at least once every two weeks and more often if necessary is still in effect.

Show Increase in War Bond Purchases

Participation in the Third War Bond Drive by military and civilian personnel of SAAF should be gratifying to Uncle Sam and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. Enlisted men participation showed an increase of 12% during September over the previous month. This represents 11% of the entire EM payroll. The 448th Base Hdqts & AB Sqn., showed the greatest increase in participation, 17%.

Cadets increased their participation percentage from 68% to nearly 95%, for a boost of about 27%. Officers showed an increase of 9%, from 89% to 98%. Their payroll participation was 13 1-2%.

Civilian personnel reports are not as yet complete but according to Lt. F. M. Mathews, War Bond Officer, the payroll percentage will reach 12%.



Illustrated above is a view of Strother Army Air Field that is not familiar to many of its military and civilian personnel. It is the recently constructed center section of Post Operations with terraced landscaping and concrete letters identifying the field.

Located on the first floor of the center section is the office of Major O. R. Smoot, Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Officer and Capt. C. H. Pierce, Asst. Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Officer. Lt. Col. D. C. Polhamus, Operations and Training Officer and Major H. W. Markland, Director of Flying have their offices on the second floor.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Promotions for Eleven Officers

Eleven officer promotions announced during the last week include advancements to the rank of captain for seven SAAF officers and to first lieutenant for the remaining four.

Promoted to captain are Robert J. Lynch, Jr., Public Relations Officer; Charles H. Pierce, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Officer; Oren P. Stoner, Physical Training Director; Elton L. Clark, Richard S. Ouisenberry, Wilbur H. Carlisle and Robert J. Kostka, all SAAF Flight Commanders.

Promoted to first lieutenant are Donald M. Kain, Chemical Warfare Officer; James M. Crouch, Edw. R. Fry and Andrew R. Winter, Flight Instructors.

USO-Camp Show Here Tonight

Tonight is the night! The USO-Camp Shows "What's Next?" appears on the stage of the Post Theater in two performances 6:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Girls, singers, dancers and comedy acts comprised of outstanding talent from first class theaters and night clubs are in the cast of the hit show which goes over with a bang according to reports from other army bases at which it has appeared during this tour.

So, get your GI work finished early fellers and let's be off to see the cuties. Remember, the show is free to military personnel.

1088th-Medics Win Review Honors

In the monthly review of enlisted men held last Saturday morning on the field parade grounds, the 1088th Squadron and the Medical Detachment took top honors, winning the pennant for being selected the outstanding unit during the review. The two organizations drilled as a single unit for the occasion.

"A" group of the 1082nd squadron won second place honors as a result of the inspection and review by officers of Strother Field.

The squadrons as a group showed improvement over previous reviews according to reports of the inspecting officers.

Hundreds Attend War Bond Carnival

Strother Field's War Bond Carnival held in connection with the Third War Bond Drive was held yesterday afternoon beginning at 5 p.m. and was concluded at 7 p.m.

Lt. N. C. Webster, ground school instructor and orientation lecturer, was master of ceremonies during the carnival. He presented military and civilian personnel entertainers to the hundreds of persons attending the affair and auctioned the merchandise donated for the occasion by Arkansas City and Winfield merchants. Highest bidders received War Bonds and merchandise.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. JOSEPH F. CARROLL, Post Commander

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Speaking of--Unsung Heroes

We have spoken often of 'the man behind the gun' but we have never been qualified to speak of the great work—the enormous effort—the fighting task of the Airplane Mechanic. We leave this to General "Hap" Arnold, who knows what their job is really like when he says in the book "Winged Warfare" which he wrote in collaboration with Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, now in charge of the U. S. Air Forces in the European theater:

"Most men work for reward. There are various forms of reward. The cheers and commendation of onlookers, money, pleasure, self-expression, self satisfaction. The pilot gets all of these in some degree. What does the mechanic get? His pay ranges from fifty to one hundred fifty dollars a month. He sleeps in a long shed with a hundred or more of his fellows. His is the privacy of a bird in the cage. All of his personal belongings are stored under his bed in a four-dollar trunk. He eats in a community mess on fifty cents a day. His working clothes are ill-fitting coveralls. His hands are cut and black with contact with greasy engines. You can't keep that 'skin you love to touch' and maintain an intimacy with an airplane power plant.

He rises at daybreak by bugle call; he retires when the last plane is in, when his work is done. Don't ask me why is an airplane mechanic. What kind of a man would elect such a role, such a life? Rather tell me why is a hermit, wizard, nurse, nun or saint. I don't know. There is no accounting for occupational tastes, but every time I fly, I thank Fate for the good mechanic.

He's no dunce, either. To learn all he knows would give many a college professor an awful headache. He gets his invaluable training over a long period of years. The school of hard knocks is his. Truly, he learns by doing.

This modern airplane engine is no simple mechanism. It has more parts than human body and ailments too. A divine Providence has fashioned your internal mechanism more smoothly, coordinated your organs better than man has built this engine. But the good engine mechanic knows every part, every symptom, every malfunction, as well as any doctor or surgeon knows the causes and remedies for your aches and pains. The mechanic has the trained ear of a skilled musician. But his ear is tuned to the thunderous pounding of four hundred roaring horses, not the thinking notes of a harp.

One of the characteristics we always like to associate with heroes is courage. Here your mech is not found wanting. He'll fly with any pilot any time and that's something I won't do. It takes more courage to ride than to pilot the plane yourself. You always know what you are going to do. He never does. The chances are ten to one you are a poor automobile driver. Yet the chances are ninety-nine out of a hundred that you feel safer driving a car yourself than riding with Barney Oldfield.

Examine the rolls of flying dead and you'll find almost as many mechanics as pilots. Yet their names are forgotten. Others get the adulation, the praise, the medals and commendations. You can't name the mechanics whose work made possible the prominent flights, though the pilots' names are household words.

The mechanic is reliable; he is trustworthy. I cannot name a single airplane crash caused by his negligence. He takes his work seriously; he knows human life is at his mercy. He worries, too.

If I didn't have full confidence in my mechanics, I'd be a foot soldier. If they weren't reliable, it would be dangerous to fly.

So I say to you little mechs, my helmet's off to you. You may be ragged grease-monkeys to some, but to me you're the guardian angels of this flying business.

You're the real air heroes."

Have You Read . . .

Devil Loves Me by Margaret Millar
Destroyer from America by John Fernald
Time for Greatness by Herbert Agar
We Cannot Escape History by John T. Whitaker

They're in your Post Library!

Symbol of Army Air Forces

The symbol of the Army Air Forces is a white star in a blue circle. We paint it on the wings of all our planes. Men watch for this insignia—from the deck of a troop transport in the Coral Sea, from fox holes in a South Pacific jungle, from the bridge of a lonely tanker in Alaskan waters. Tired boys, far from home, battle-sore and facing death, look up with red-rimmed eyes and see our emblem in the sky and cheer.

Still others of our sons are waiting and watching for this symbol—General Wainwright's men and those who fought at Wake and Guam. They stand behind the barbed wire of Japanese prison camps. What will our white star, borne on avenging wings, mean to them? The Germans hold prisoners too, haggard men who with all their courage endure the weary days until we come.

The white star is more than a design painted on fabric or steel. It is the living symbol of our own flesh, our own blood, our own wounds, our own tears, our own fierce anger. It is a sign to all men who live in darkness and in chains. We Americans have put that star in the sky. We must keep it there. It is a sacred symbol, for it glows with Freedom's holy light.

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

"Your Analysis"

This is your column to air your "gripes." The Prairie Flier welcomes all letters and will print anything reasonable and legitimate. Letters should not be over 150 words and must be in the Prairie Flier office not later than Tuesday of each week.

There seems to be one outstanding similarity between military and personal life—backslapping while gently but firmly sticking the well-known knife in someone's back.

In this instance the "knife" is the remark made about his efficiency on the job or something of a personal nature. In the first place if the "saboteur" attended to his own job the way he should there would be no time to criticize another person's work. As far as the personal life of one's associates is concerned—what he does is strictly his own business and has nothing to do with his every-day work.

None of us is perfect and what we say about our fellow soldier-workers may in most cases apply to us, so why not devote our time to doing the job we have to do. Our superiors know which men are doing the job and promotions will come to these men even if they think their efforts go unnoticed.

The soldier you talk about today may tomorrow save your life—remember this.

Signed, A GI

'This Week' at the Post Theatre

Saturday, 2 October
SWING SHIFT MAISIE
Ann Southern—James Craig
Community Sing . . . Screen Snapshot

Sunday-Monday, 3-4 October
WINTERTIME
Sonja Henie-Jack Oakie-Cesar Romero
Woody Herman & Orch.
News of the day . . . Terrytoon
Panoramic

Tuesday, 5 October, Double Feature
ALASKA HIGHWAY
Richard Arlen-Jean Parker
THE WEST SIDE KID
Don Barry-Dale Evans-Henry Hull

Wednesday-Thursday, 6-7 October
BEST FOOT FORWARD
Lucille Ball-Virginia Weidler
Harry James & Orch.
News of the Day . . . March of Time

Friday, 8 October
SOMEONE TO REMEMBER
Mabel Paige-John Craven
Pete Smith Specialty . . . Terrytoon
Duke Ellington & Orch.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN DONALD E. WINEINGER

"Bibles will be rationed effective October 1st!" This announcement sent out to booksellers by one of the leading publishers of the Scripture, brought to mind an incident which occurred in South America about ten years ago.

The population of a small city had been aroused against a colporteur who had set up his display of Bibles at the edge of the market place. Within a few hours the bookseller had been driven from the city and his Bibles stacked and burned in the center of the street. As soon as the fire died down one of the natives scraped about in the ashes. To his joy there lay a large Bible with only the cover pages burned away and the edges of the center leaves charred. Because paper was at a great premium the native sold the unburned portion of the Book to a butcher for wrapping paper. One customer upon unwrapping his meat read for the first time John 3:16. His desire to learn more of such love caused him to return to the butcher shop and buy all the wrapping paper left. Many neighbors and friends began to gather regularly at the customers house to hear the fragments of Scripture read. Months later a church was organized.

What we so often take for granted is meat for some people who have never read. In our prosecution of the war it would be well for us to take seriously the recent words of our president when he said, "We must make of our nation not only an arsenal of democracy but also an arsenal of spiritual values." Five minutes a day spent in reading the Book of all books would enable us as soldiers to make greater discovery in spiritual values.

Liftings

Rookie: "I have a pain in my abdomen."

Army Doctor: "Young man, Officers have abdomens, Sergeants have stomachs. You have a bellyache."

The squad of recruits had been out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They tried at 100 yards. Not a hit.

"Tenshun!" the sergeant drawled. "Fix bayonets! Charge! It's your only chance."

It appears that Sandy was returning home from a big evening. His way led him through a cow pasture, in which he lost his brown tam o'shanter. He tried on four before he found one that fit.

A general and a colonel were walking down the street. They met many privates, and each time the colonel would salute he would mutter, "The same to you."

The general's curiosity got the better of him, and he asked: "Why do you always say that?"

The colonel answered: "I was once a private and I know what they are thinking."

Voice on phone—"Is Hugh there?"

Sweet thing (answering)—"Hugh who?"

Voice—"Yoo-hoo yourself!"

Once upon a time there were two sailors. Now there are gobs of them.

Male Call

CRIPES! EVERY TIME I SEE TH' GANG GETTIN' UP A LITTLE GAME I THINK OF SERGEANT HAWK!

YEAH, AND REMEMBER HOW HE COULD SWOOP DOWN ON A BABE AN' HAVE HER DATED UP BEFORE ANY OF US GUYS HAD A CHANCE? GOOD OL' "CHICKEN" HAWK!



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BEHIND OUR PILOTS

Behind every officer-pilot who makes a hop from Strother Field stands the Office of the Post Operations Officer, which helps plan, arrange and make ready many of the various details needed prior to take-off.

Captain Robert E. Long is the SAAF Operations Officer, and he, together with 2nd Lt. Cecil L. Turner, his assistant, see that the jobs of the dispatchers, the mappers, and the timers are kept up to par and on schedule. Together with these units which are directly under the POO, are the Field Lighting, Link Trainer, and several others which are affiliate groups.

Chief Clerk over the Dispatcher, Map and Time sections, is T/Sgt. Rolland I. Hopkins, who is aided by S/Sgt. Henry M. Gay, ass't Chief Clerk, in executing the orders of the Operations Officer. Along with them are Sgt. Arne O. Ofstad and Sgt. Forrest A. Thomas, also PO clerks.

In the Dispatcher section are the men who arrange all flights, keep track of all flights' progress, send out field condition reports, and control all flight plans of pilot-officer cross countries. This group includes: Sgt. Howard F. Day, Cpls. Freddie M. Charlton and Bob Maze, Pfc's Robert E. Karber and Hiram T. Musgrave, and Pvts. Ramon Lakey and George Shifflett. Pfc Tom Hudson is on TD.

The Map section is managed by Sgt. Albie K. Plett, Cpl. Palmer F. Vandenburg and Pvts. Charles T. Smith and Wayne E. Spenser. These lads see that all the weekly flying notice and radio facility charts are kept up to date and made available to airmen.

The Time section, which keeps all flying records including time, and the various officers' records pertaining to flights is maintained by five civilian workers: Mrs. Garnet I. Reese, Mrs. Katherine Hocher, Peggy Drennan, Maurietta Maurer, and Esther Ortiz.

Functioning together, like the B-17 fighting team, this organization, altho behind our pilots, is contributing its share towards ultimate and inevitable Victory.

Lt. James H. Rowe, Jr., SAAF flight instructor, walked into the officers' section of the Personnel office and said, "I just got married, what should I do about it?". Is he kidding?

Couple of boys followed a girl that had a funny walk. She twisted her hips as if they were on hinges. Sort of a swinging gait.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Sgt. John May has been so nervous the past week he could keep a cup of coffee awake. The Doc told him he'd have to cut out smoking between cigars.

I know a fellow who got an ear-ache from his wife and eye strain from the other women.

I know a Sergeant who has an eye that's always bothering him—the eye his wife keeps on him.

I met a fellow who's been married for 10 years and he's still in love, but his wife hasn't found out yet who the girl is.

Speaking of romance, when I was only six months old I was mixed up in a triangle. I came between the doctor and the nurse. They tried to pin it on me. Guess I was just a pin up boy.

As Mason said to Dixon, "We've got to draw the line some place."

Version—"One man's meat is another man's black market."

Sgt. Martin hasn't been able to find out whether there is social security for the wages of sin.



(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

The first baby delivered by a staff member of the Station Hospital following activation of Strother Field, has her first ride in an army jeep. Little Miss Judith Karen Boxley, 9-month-old daughter of Major J. W. Boxley, Special Service Officer of SAAF, expresses her delight with a big smile. Lt. L. R. Yehle, Asst. Special Service Officer is the driver.



Q. Are enlisted men in the Navy permitted to wear Army uniforms?

A. In some cases, yes. Enlisted personnel in the Navy who are serving with Army detachments are authorized to wear Army uniforms. Shore sailors with Army outfits will wear their own insignia on the Army clothing issued to them but otherwise they will dress just like soldiers.

Q. Is recognition given to Army units that distinguish themselves by outstanding performance in action?

A. Yes. The War Department has announced award of a citation to such units. To merit this recognition a unit must have distinguished itself among other organizations to the extent that would warrant the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to an individual according to an official memorandum.

PROMOTIONS

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To Sergeant

Alexander, Burl S.	Cubak, John H.
Barnett, Willis G.	Dougal, Porter B.
Cunningham, C. B.	Greer, Clarence M.
Flett, Edward J.	Hammontree, G. C.
Halford, Frank W.	Kennedy, Rae G.
Hetrick, Charles A.	Maisenhelder, C. G.
Linebarger, Ralph D.	McKee, John E.
Marcott, Floyd H.	Naylor, James V.
Mikelson, Lyle C.	Pere, Marion (NMI)
Overly, Fenton G.	Schur, John L.
Rupp, Raymond V.	Stinnett, Earl Q.
Smith, Arthur E.	Toothaker, George E.
Terry, Elbert G.	Watkins, John W.
Attebery, Allison A.	

To Corporal

Bass, Kenneth R.	LaLiberty, Gordon J.
Ellis, Dick D.	Newcomb, Donald P.
Hardy, C. B. Jr.	Oliver, Frederick D.
Jacobs, Wilbur L.	Parker, John B.
Kaplanek, Edward W.	Wajda, Louis J.

USO ACTIVITIES

Fri.....Win.....	Ping pong
Ark.....Game night..Eats	
Sat.....Win.....Dance..Floor show	
Ark.....Dancing..Refreshments	
Sun.....Win.....Sing..Specialties	
Ark.....Sing..Call..Cake 'n' coffee	
Mon.....Win.....Kitchen party	
Ark.....Do-as-you-please..Food	
Tues.....Win.....Puzzle Fix It	
Ark.....Record voice..Popcorn	
Wed.....Win.....Dance..Refreshments	
Ark.....Party night..Refreshments	
Thurs.....Win.....Bridge..Games..Eats	
Ark.....Ping pong..Eats	

OFFICER PROFILES



Presenting—

CAPTAIN
CHARLES H.
FREDERICK

To talk about 'battle-scarred veterans' would be trite when speaking of venerable Captain Charles H. Frederick, CO of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, who has probably seen more action, and who has been decorated more times than any other man, officer or enlisted man, on the Field.

A Colorado Man Born in Texas

Altho Captain Frederick's home has and always will be in Fort Morgan, Colorado, by a strange twist of fate, he was born in Herford, Texas. Texas disappears from his history almost immediately after his birth, for he took his schooling and passed his early youth in the neighborhood of Fort Morgan. He had intended to settle down to a busy and satisfying life of cattle-raising and ranching near Fort Morgan after his graduation from high school, but World War I came along to change his plans.

Corp. to Lt.; Battles and Ribbons

In May, 1917, Captain Frederick answered the call of his country by enlisting in the Army at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he spent but a short time before being sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, and from there overseas to France with the First Division. Jumping from Corporal to 1st Sgt. in France, he soon received his commission direct, and pinned on his 2nd Lt's bars. The fighting was fierce, for 20 out of the 28 men commissioned with him were killed in three day's fighting. After Cantigny, St. Mihiel, Champagne, Sedan and the Meuse-Argonne, the then 1st Lt. Frederick emerged with four wounds, the Croix de Guerre, the Palm, the bronze, silver and gold Stars, and the Purple Heart.

Demobilization and Ranching

Lt. Frederick returned from France in '19 as a casualty, entering the hospital at Camp Merritt, New Jersey. After two months he was back on duty, assigned to District Command No. 4 to aid in the demobilization of troops. Discharged in '19 as a temporary 1st Lt. in the Regular Army, he re-enlisted in 1920 as a 1st Sgt. again at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., staying in the Army until 1928 at which time he had been promoted to the rank of captain. In '28 he returned to ranching, his favorite sport and ambition.

War II: Back to Khaki

In November, 1942, Captain Frederick was recalled to duty at Lowry Field, Colorado as S-2 officer, later becoming CO of the 366th Tactical School Squadron. From Lowry he was ordered temporarily to Randolph Field, and from there to SAAF, where he rose from Adjutant to CO of the 448th BHQ and AB Squadron. It would not be editorializing to say that the men of the 448th are devoted to their CO, not only for his leadership, but for his keen understanding and appreciation of their problems.

Know a fellow—the last couple of weeks the only exercise he's taken is . . . jumping at conclusions.

Artillery Commander—"Fire at will!"
Recruit—"Where's Will?"

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

REMEMBER HOW HE COULD PLAY THAT GIT-TAR OF HIS?...I'LL BET HE KNEW A MILLION SONGS...

HAWK ALWAYS GOT A KICK OUT OF WALKIN' IN A BAR AN' HAVIN' STRANGE G.I.'S SAY, 'HIYA, SARGE?'—SAID IT GAVE HIM A WARM FEELIN'...

I WAS GATHERIN' UP SOME OF HIS STUFF ONLY TODAY...HIS KID BROTHER WILL WANT TO KEEP HIS OLD CORPORAL AN PFC CHEVRONS...

SOUNDS AS IF YOUR OUTFIT WILL REALLY MISS THIS SGT. HAWK! WHEN WAS HE KILLED?

OH, HE WASN'T KILLED, MISS LACE... HE WENT TO O.C.S.!



SPORTS

Cadets of 43-K Set New Records

Cadets of Class 43-K set the best record of any cadet class at SAAF in Physical Fitness Ratings, obstacle course and cross-country run, according to Lt. G. D. Allen, Assistant Physical Training Director.

In the PFR events, the class averaged 66.2. In setting this record the cadets averaged 76 2-10 sit-ups, 10 7-10 pull-ups and 49 7-10 seconds for the 300 yard shuttle run. The three top men were A/C Harold G. Norman with a PFR of 81 and a sum score of 246. In setting this record he performed 114 sit-ups, 15 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 45 seconds. Tied for second place were A/C John C. Furnas and A/C James F. Douglas with a PFR of 81 and a sum score of 240. Furnas did 114 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 43 seconds. Douglas did 96 sit-ups, 18 pull-ups and ran the 300 yards in 49 seconds.

In the obstacle course run A/C Furnas set a new record of 1:55 while A/C Douglas placed second in 2:06. A/C Walter F. Kopaczewski was third with the time of 2:12.

The three first place winners in the cross-country run broke the old record. A/C Glen J. Geyer made the run in 5:45, A/C W. D. Copp Jr., finished in 5:50 and A/C Albert L. Reynolds finished third in 5:59.

First place winners in all three events are to receive medals for their achievement during the Graduation Review of Cadets.

I know a fellow who has a head that's a foot long—but he doesn't use it as a rule. His girl friend went to first base with him—but his wife's on second.

Medals Are Awarded PFR Winners

Squadron and detachment winners of the recent Physical Fitness Rating tests held at SAAF for enlisted men met last week to compete in the finals for three medals offered by the physical training department.

First place winner was Cpl. Melvin R. Harper of the 1082nd Squadron with a PFR of 81 and a sum score of 239. He performed 114 sit-ups, 14 pull-ups and ran the 300 yard shuttle run in 46 seconds.

Second place winner was Pfc. Bernard Kelly of the 448th Squadron. He had a PFR of 78 and a sum score of 232, as a result of doing 114 sit-ups, 16 pull-ups and running the shuttle in 52 seconds.

In third place was Sgt. Benney A. Merquie of the 1082nd squadron. He had a PFR of 78, the same as Pfc. Kelly but his sum score was 230. He performed 73 sit-ups, 24 pull-ups and ran the 300 yards in 53 seconds. Unless the Prairie Flier has been misinformed Marquie is the only man on the field, including officers, enlisted men and cadets to achieve a perfect record in pull-ups.

Picnic Held for SAAF Ball Players

A picnic for members of the SAAF baseball team which recently concluded an outstanding season, was held east of Arkansas City last Friday night. In addition to the ball-players, their wives and girl-friends, the following officers also attended: Capt. T. R. Hottenfeller, Capt. O. P. Stoner, Lt. G. D. Allen and Lt. H. H. Cummings.



Among the Student Officers of Cadet Class 44A is 2nd Lt. Leon J. Hernandez, a native of the Philippine Islands, who is receiving his basic flying training at SAAF. While living in his native land he attended San Bedo College, the College of Engineering at the University of the Philippines, and the Philippine Military Academy. Later he came to the United States, visiting in China, Japan and Canada during his journey. In America he attended the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Following his graduation in June of this year he entered the Army Air Forces as a cadet, taking his primary training in Texas before coming to Strother Field.

(Photo Courtesy SAAF Photo Lab.)

Field Dispatcher Killed in Accident

Sgt. Loy F. Gerth, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Loy F. Gerth of Lane, Kans., and a dispatcher of the 55th Squadron was fatally injured in an aircraft accident involving two planes on the auxiliary landing strip at Cassoday, Kans., last Friday evening.

Sgt. Gerth was seated in the rear seat of the control plane stationed at one end of the field when a plane piloted by a cadet crashed into it.

A mild-mannered young man, Gerth did his job well. Hours meant nothing to him; he stayed at his work until it was completed even if it took far into the night. His many friends will miss him at Strother Field.

A short time before the fatal accident Sgt. Gerth had increased his army insurance from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This is another example of the advisability of enlisted men taking out the maximum amount of insurance obtainable, even though they are not serving in a combat zone.

Capt. Robert E. Lynch, Jr., Public Relations Officer of SAAF received a broken bone in his right ankle as the result of a fall while dove hunting last Sunday. Although his ankle caused him much pain Capt. Lynch continued his hunting trip not realizing the extent of his injury. Monday morning he entered the station hospital for treatment and X-ray pictures revealed the broken bone. He will wear a cast for the next four to six weeks.

Swim Pool Completed on or About Oct. 1st

On or about (that vague phrase) the first of October, weather being favorable, the SAAF sand-gravel bottom swimming pool, long awaited by the men at Strother Field, will be completed.

The swimming pool has been a question of much discussion by the men on the Field, since it did not open as Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance, Jr., (now gone to transitional training) announced. However, in spite of many reverses by the weather, the lack of manpower to push the job, the Special Projects Office, under hard-working Major Marcellus P. Lee, has finally got the pool to the finishing stage.

The remaining details for the pool's completion are: the finishing coat of concrete around the pool; the construction of flagstone walks around the pool; the building of a bathhouse which will have ten showers and ten footbaths, to be built just south of the pool.

Major Lee sitting in his new and enlarged office, commented that altho the pool will open too late for this season's swimming, it will be flooded and used for ice-skating this winter. Strange as it may seem, many EM made a similar observation some time ago.

Cpl. W. O. Reed of the 488th Squadron is the enlisted men's ping-pong champion for 1943. Reed met and defeated Sgt. W. F. Biederman, Jr., in their finals match. Biederman is also a member of the 448th squadron.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"You'll just love my cooking!"

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