



Prairie Flier Celebrates Its First Birthday Today!



Station Hospital patients get their PT.

The Prairie Flier, your field newspaper, is one year old this week. In honor of the occasion this issue is an 8-page affair, highlighted by the Milton Caniff and Cpl. Sansone congratulatory cartoon on page three (we're framing the original drawing sent us!)

Featured in this issue is a double-spread of pictures and newstory headings that have appeared in the PF during 1943-44, comprising the most important events taking place here during that time.

The most amazing thing on this anniversary is the fact that the editor and his assistant have never once been stoned as they walked up and down the streets of Strother Field—after all, we have taken a few pokes, all in fun of course, at Texas!

During this time the PF has published over one-third of a million words. Not the best, by a hell of a long way, but we have tried

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Noncoms to Get More Training And Recognition

By Camp Newspaper Service

Great care in the selection and promotion of noncommissioned officers in the U.S. Army is urged by Gen. Marshall in War Department Circular 70, recently released, which provides for the thorough training of noncoms and the removal of those who fail to attain or maintain acceptable standards.

"It has been clearly demonstrated in this war, as in past wars, that noncommissioned officers are the backbone of the Army," the circular states. "Success in combat depends upon the character and qualifications of the non-commissioned officers commanding small units. They must be outstanding leaders with a high sense of duty and a strong will. They must be resourceful and willing to assume responsibility.

"In order to assure that our non-commissioned officers are equal to the tasks that lie ahead of them, commanders of all echelons will give their personal attention to improving the quality and prestige of those noncommissioned officers who exercise command responsibility."

That these results may be attained, the order makes the following provisions:

1. That machinery be established to provide for the careful selection of noncommissioned officer material and a system of promotions that will be recognized as sound and just by all concerned.

Start Campaign For AAFAS

What is the AAFAS? Do you know? This week the personal affairs unit, headed by 2nd. Lt. Edwin J. Shore began a campaign to familiarize every EM and officer on the field with the Army Air Forces Aid Society, its aims, purposes and activities, and to enlist their support for this worthy organization.

The AAFAS was organized and incorporated in March 1942, for the purpose of giving assistance to the dependents of AAF personnel, including those of honorably retired, discharged, and deceased men, and to help provide for their education and assist them in securing employment.

At present, the AAFAS is inactive as a relief group because the ARC and the AER are carrying the burden, but they are accepting bequests, and gifts for the purpose of carrying on this work after the war.

2. That appropriate noncommissioned officer schools be established and operated.

3. That noncommissioned officers who fail to attain or maintain acceptable standards be removed.

4. That the prestige of the non-commissioned officer grades be enhanced by the extension of additional privileges and liberties to the holders of those ranks.

WD 70 also calls for public recognition of the accomplishments and importance of noncoms, and, lastly, for the thorough indoctrination of every noncom with the importance and responsibility of his grade and position.

Hospital Program Aids Recovery

Faster, more complete recovery from the illnesses that beset them is being achieved for Strother Field soldiers through the story-book hospital convalescent training program, that besides leaving a man physically fit actually endows him with a wealth of valuable knowledge for combat. The program, a chance discovery of an Army Air Forces surgeon concerned over the outlook of hospital patients and men recently discharged from hospitals, now is in operation at all Army Air Forces installations and already is recognized as one of the thrilling contributions to medical science to come from the war.

In the brief span of three months that the convalescent training program has been in operation at Strother Field hospital, the average number of days' hospitalization per patient has dropped from 7.5 days to 6 days.

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Anniversary Message

On its first anniversary, the Prairie Flier and its Staff merit unlimited praise and hearty congratulations on having done a marvelous job during the past year.

The Prairie Flier, during its first year, has grown in size and has assumed a position of importance in the life of Strother Field. We all look forward each week to Friday afternoon with a certain amount of unconscious anticipation. We look forward to getting a copy of the Prairie Flier, with its local news, its items of interest, and its jokes. To outsiders, it may not be interesting, but to us here at Strother Field, it is a pretty fine newspaper.

Those Officers and men in the Special Services Section who have devoted so much time and effort to getting out the Prairie Flier each week, and the other personnel on the post who have contributed to it, are deserving of an expression of appreciation from all of us. Their contribution to the life of the post has been entertaining, as well as beneficial, and is something of which they can well be proud.

JOSEPH F. CARROLL,
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

'Brazilian Nites,' USO-Camp Show at Theater April 10th

Attuned to the present wants of G. I. Joe, the showgoer, an exciting revue "Brazilian Nites" is the newest addition to the CAMP SHOWS circuit and we will see it here at 1800 and 2000 on Monday, April 10th. As it is a CAMP SHOWS presentation, the admission is free.

The show features: FORAN SISTERS & TOM, master of ceremonies—comedy, magic and dancing; JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ TRIO, Steel Guitars and Fiery Song; MACLOVIA RUIZ, Dances from the South; GRACI ESCOTT, Brazilian Bombshell of Song; JOSE GUIU, Pianist and Musical Conductor; and ROLANDO, Pantomime Artist.

Rookie Is AWOL

Rookie, that beer-hound red terrier mascot of the Ordnance Detachment of the 448th BHQ and AB Squadron is on the loose again. Cpl. Victor Fergola, formerly Non-Com in Rookie's detail, announced last week that a dragnet is set out for this canine two-striper in this area. Rookie was on DS up in Wichita where he lives with Cpl. Carl L. Wulf at 1010 Maple when he disappeared. Because of his numerous female acquaintances in this area he is expected to be around. Watch for him and let Cpl. Fergola or the guard sqd. know.

What! Again?

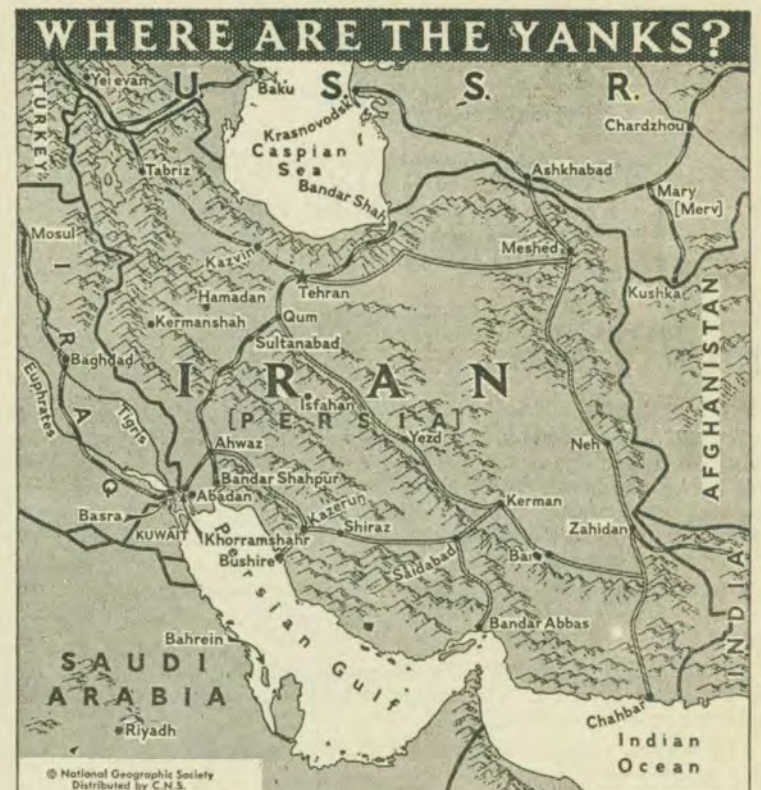
Of course you know that last week, along about 1 April, the EM ratings were once again frozen like a Russian winter, or closed tighter than a mouse's ear.

There is no info on just when they will be opening so be careful of those stripes; you can lose 'em but you can't get new ones just yet.

Chaplains Russell L. Young and Karl B. Smith wish to remind the Strother Field personnel that everyone is cordially invited to attend Special Easter Services this Sunday, April 9th, at the post chapel.

Catholic Mass will be conducted by the Rev. J. Edwin Kelly at 0800 on Sunday morning. He will also be at the post chapel from 1600 until 2100 on Saturday, April 8th to hear confessions.

The general Protestant Service will be held at 1000 Sunday morning.



Until late in 1942, it was feared that Iran might fall to Marshal Rommel's desert army and thus become the junction area for the Germans pushing through Russia and Egypt and the Japs moving westward across India. But Rommel failed and Russia held and today Iran is a transfer arsenal where Americans and British meet Russians on the shortened supply route to Europe's eastern fighting front. Historic Iran, formerly Persia, is more than twice the size of Texas, has a population of 15,000,000. Its annual output of 80,000,000 barrels of oil provide power and lubrication for Britain's Mediterranean and Indian Ocean Fleets and for the planes, tanks and transports of Middle East operations. Its capital, Teheran, was the scene of the history-making conference of November, 1943, where President Roosevelt met with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Library Has Many Mags

Maybe you don't know it, Bub, but your post library has got a pretty classy selection of mags at your disposal so's you can make with the reading on some informative stuff during your leisure.

102 magazines are received regularly, and that includes cultural standbys like Esquire, Coronet, Readers' Digest, Asia, Atlantic, Adventure Stories and many others. Technicals are aplenty too, with Aero Digest, Aeronautics, Electronics, Radio News, Science Digest, and more heading the list. Hell fellows, there are mags on flying, machinery, electricity, medicine, metallurgy and what-have-you.

For papers you can take your pick of the NY Times, Oklahoma City Oklahoman, Pittsburgh Courier, PM, Chicago Sun, St. Louis Post Dispatch, the Dallas News, and a couple of others.

New mags just added to the list are the Magazine of Art (with pichers), Negro Digest, Hobbies, and Omnibook, so you see the staff is on the beam.

Speaking of - - Is It Really Funny?

The other night we were sitting in a theater when they showed some pictures of Adolf Hitler sounding off in front of his stooges. Adolf was jumping up and down, waving his arms, and sputtering like a pinwheel. Everybody laughed.

They all laughed again when fat Hermann Goering showed up on the screen rubbing his belly. He looked so ridiculous. There he stood, smirking and holding that big fat stomach, and shaking all over. . .

But wait a minute. Is it REALLY funny?

Is it funny to look at Hitler, the man who plunged the world into war and sent his tanks grinding over the bodies of wounded Polish soldiers? Is it amusing to look at the man who enslaved half of Europe and let disease save him the bullets it would have taken to put a million starving wretches out of their misery? Is it comical to look at the man who wiped out whole towns like Lidice and darkened occupied Russia with the shadow of his gallows?

And how about Goering? Is it laughable to look at the man who sent his dive-bombers roaring down on defenseless Rotterdam and smashed the city to charred ruins just for target practice? Is it humorous to look at the man who rained incendiaries on London and built the biggest fire this side of hell?

Is it funny to look at Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Himmler and all the other lying, bloodthirsty tyrants who would—if they could—kill you, enslave your brother, starve your father, put your mother to work scrubbing floors, and carry your sister and your wife or girl friend off to be pawed and mauled by a mob of dirty, sweating, lust-crazed gangsters?

How about it—is it FUNNY?

No, it isn't funny. It isn't funny at all. It's too true to be funny.

The time for laughter will be after our bombs have blasted Berlin to ashes and our soldiers have marched across Germany and driven the Nazi rats into the sea. Then we may spit on Hitler's grave and laugh—a heartfelt, bitter laughter. * * *

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

The message of Easter is resurrection—the resurrection of Christ from among the dead as the first fruit, demonstration, and promise of God that all men who belong to Christ shall never be subject to death for very long.

Within the bellies of our Flying Fortresses are men who face death many times on every mission. Out of the heart of one of these men, a navigator, comes our Easter message to you.

Out of the flesh that lies so still,
Finding a quick release,
On wings of faith my spirit flies
To a land of lasting peace.

Borne to its shores like a buoyant ship
That rides a surging flood,
My soul sails forth through a sea of light,
Bought with my Saviour's blood.

Plucked from the mouth of a bottomless pit,
Pulled from the jaws of Hell,
Saved by His grace from an endless death,
Freed from Satan's spell.

It soars; and, soaring ever still,
It greets the silent sky
Whose stars make room to leave a path
Where it goes slipping by.

Beyond the sun it wends its way,
Beyond the reach of space,
And into the warm and golden glow
Of that celestial place;

And beyond the sun it takes its stand
To live, forever free,
And finds no shades of darkness there,
But light eternally.

So, Death, who claim my useless flesh
Who add it to your toll,
Know that you wrap in dark embrace
My body, not my soul.

—Lieutenant James E. Glover, III.

small Talk

Pvt Droolpidgeon (nmi) Fuddydudly sat up in bed with a start. He pulled out his watch and blinked at the hands. "Twelve-fifteen! Holy Gee, I was due on the line at six-toity!" And then he remembered that today was his day off. He rolled out of bed, pulled on his rompers and staggered toward the stove, holding a teasingly feeble fire, to get warm. "Why didn't da CQ wake me dis mornin' early like I asked him?" he shouted at a buddy trying to snooze.

"He wuz shipped out!" came a voice hoarse with sleep.

"Oh," spoke Fuddy, and he gathered up his shaving equip and headed for the latrine.

"Dasfunny!" exclaimed Droolie as he walked down the road toward the PX after shaving, "Da latrine orderly wuz shipped too, maybe it's contagious or somethin'."

"I wanna cuppa coffee ana roll," said Fuddy to a plump PX girl. "Say where's Gertie today?"

"She was shipped to a base in Alaska yesterday," spoke the big girl with a sweaky, mousy voice.

"Oh," said Duddy, and drinking his Arnholz poison he chinned a bit with the boys, ate his cardboard roll, and breezed out the door.

"Well I'll be hornswoggled!" he said to himself, "Donnie, Fred, Klepsmeyer and that big loud-mouthed tech all shipped out! What's happening to this place?"

"Hello Sgt," he said, interrupting his thoughts to put on his sweetest smile for the top-kick. "Howareya?"

"Whattahell are you doin' here Fuddydudly?"

"Me? Why Sgt, darling, I'm just walking along—what's da matter?"

"Why you sawed-off, squirrel-eyed, eagle-beaked, brown-nosing jackass! You were shipped outa here yestiddy to submarine school!"

"Oh," said Pvt. Droolpidgeon, putting on his best guardhouse grin.

● This Week . . .

— at the service club, things may seem routine, but don't you bank on it. There's something doing most of the time, if it's nothing but a hot game on the new pool table in the game room, or two guys battling out a point about war strategy at the top of their voices in the War Info Center.

The program reads—

Friday—GI Party 2000—free java, cookies, movies—come in and bat the fat with the gang.

Saturday—open night.

Sunday—Visitors' day, bring in your gal and smooch up the jernt. Monday—1900, Foto Club, then Bingo at 2000 with lotsa useful prizes. Bring your date.

Tuesday—Regular shag shuffle.

Wednesday—Bridge Tourney at 1930.

Thursday—322nd Party.

Friday—Put another nickel in Joe, here we go again.

Don't forget the buttermilk at the snack bar, the soft chairs in which to snooze if you choose, and all the other things arranged for your comfort.

Ye Liftings

Quizmaster at Company show: Little employee, when is quitting time?

Little female Quizkid: Ya mean when somebody knocks on da door?

GI: Aw common Baby, get hot!

Lassie: No sir Chum, I ain't gonna be no April fuel!

Small voice in the blackness of the night: Honey! Be careful, your Good Conduct Medal is scratching me!

A wee poem entitled: "For Officers Only," or "Brass Hat Stuff." Be careful men . . . be gentle with your hands, Your calloused touch may cause this flesh to bruise.

This loveliness is not for your demands;

Look elsewhere for another one to choose.

This happy blend of chromosomes and genes . . .

Will never come to rest within the arms

Of common soldiers, sailors, or marines.

She may of course respond to your caress . . .

Providing you've been to OCS.

Editorial comment: Mother pin a rose on me!

Newark, N. J. (CNS)—Police are seeking a man who perpetrated the apparently motiveless theft of a window dummy dressed in a bridal trousseau from a Newark department store.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 8 April

* IT HAPPENED TOMORROW
Dick Powell, Linda Darnell
Sports—Cartoon—Varieties

Sunday, Monday, 9-10 April

* THE HEAVENLY BODY
William Powell, Hedy Lamarr
News of the Day
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Tuesday, 11 April

Double Feature
* HAT CHECK HONEY
Grace MacDonald, Leon Errol
* TWO MAN SUBMARINE
Tom Neal, Ann Savage

Wed., Thurs., 12-13 April

* UP IN ARMS
Danny Kaye, Dinah Shore
News of the Day
March of Time

Friday, 14 April

* THE HOUR BEFORE THE DAWN
Franchot Tone, Veronica Lake
Traveltalk—Cartoon—Sing

* Family



Q. I'm a sea-loving sea dog, stranded in the Army. What I want to know is, can I get transferred to the Coast Guard?

A. There is no way of transferring from the Army to the Coast Guard as an enlisted man. However, on May 10 and 11, the annual competitive examination for appointments to the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., will be conducted throughout the country. If you are over 17 and under 22, a high school graduate, unmarried and can meet the educational and physical requirements, you are eligible to compete for appointment as a cadet. Applications must reach Coast Guard Headquarters by April 10. For full details write to United States Coast Guard Public Relations Section, 42 Broadway, New York.

Q. I have been married to my wife since 1942. She has a six-year-old child by a previous marriage. Is this child eligible for a family allowance?

A. Yes, you may apply for a family allowance for your wife and her child providing the child is living with her and she is responsible for its support. Illegitimate children are also entitled to family allowances, just in case you're interested.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

It doesn't matter how watchful and vigilant a girl is; if a fellow kisses her, it is ten to one he will do it right under her nose.

Consider the mosquito as an example. He rarely gets a slap on the back until he goes to work.

The Paper Doll wouldn't be so popular — if she knew that her mother was an old bag.

Know a fellow who never wears gloves when he calls on his girl. He says he feels better without them.

Then there's the playboy who kept calling his girl friend a little sugar and wound up by paying her a lump sum.

He: "I like your form."

She: "Must we go all over that again?"

Curb your tongue. Remember, it's in a wet place and liable to slip.

Attendance at the shop math classes held Wednesday and Friday evenings in room A of the Ground School is showing too much fluctuation, according to Sgt. Fricke, who is conducting the class.

For everyone to get the most benefit out of this training it is necessary for all class members to attend every single class, so all are asked to not miss any future sessions.

What's new in your home town?

Anderson, Ind. (CNS)—A tax payer asked the local tax office if he could claim on this year's income tax return his \$1,200 annual "depreciation" on his wife.

Chicago (CNS)—A tobacco store proprietor, who closed his shop when he entered a hospital here, left this information tacked on the door: "Burglars attention! Money and valuable removed. In hospital. Back in a week, I hope."

Cincinnati (CNS)—An inflation-conscious woman walked into a post office and ordered a large quantity of air mail stamps. "I better get them now," she said, "before the price goes up."

Detroit (CNS) — Two women fainted and several others were mauled when a department store announced a sale of plastic alarm clocks. When the battle had ended the store's shelves were swept clean of the 1,500 clocks that had been placed on sale an hour before.

Evanston, Ill. (CNS) — Police are seeking the meanest thief in the Middle West who stole two two-way stretch girdles from Mrs. H. D. Mitchell's clothesline. Girdles are almost unobtainable here.

Gallup, N. M. (CNS)—A newly-rich Indian bought a grand piano but found that the door to his mud hut was too narrow to enable him to get his treasure inside. So he built a new hut—around the piano.

Hollywood (CNS) — Violinist Hrach Yacoubian filed suit for \$20,250 against a local restaurant. He charged that a steak he bought there was so tough it lacerated his larynx.

Squadron Party Apr. 11

A big all-squadron party is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 11th, in the enlisted men's service club. Dance music will be furnished by Connley Butcher and his orchestra of Wichita, and there will be dancing from 2000 until 2300.

GSO girls from Winfield and Arkansas City are being invited to the party so there will be plenty of dancing partners. Free drinks and sandwiches will be served during the evening.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance Floor show
Ark.	Informal dancing a la jukebox	
Sun.	Win.	Easter Egg hunt Picnic
		Meet at USO at 2:30
Ark.	Bingo Free phone call	
Mon.	Win.	Do as you please
Ark.	Game and bridge night	
Tues.	Win.	Candy making night
Ark.	Do-as-you-please in USO	
		Dance Winfield and A.C. GSO at Field
Wed.	Win.	Games Ping pong Dance
Ark.	Snack-bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge party Games
Ark.	Ping pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Married couples' night
Ark.	Married couples' night	

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BURNING
AROUND HERE!



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
PRAIRIE FLYER
ON YOUR
ANNIVERSARY
AND BEST WISHES
TO THE GANG AT
STROTHER FIELD, KANSAS

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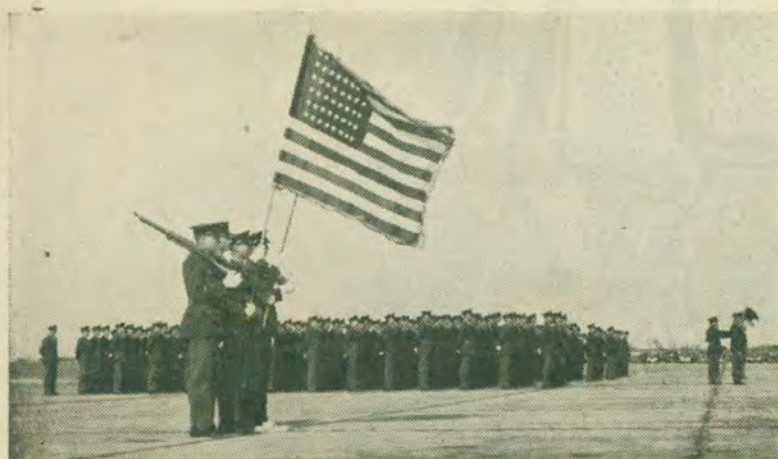
**MILTON
CANIFF**



First members of the WAC to arrive at Strother Field were, reading left to right, 2nd. Lt. Geraldine Levy, School Secretary, 2nd. Lt. Lavina C. Garrity, Assistant Personnel Officer, and 2nd. Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon, Post Rationing Officer.



Children of Strother Field officers and enlisted men after receiving Christmas gifts from old St. Nick during the Christmas party held in the enlisted men's service club, gathered around him for this holiday picture.



The color guard and members of cadet classes 44-D and 44-E are shown as they took part in the impressive review held in connection with the SF bond rally and open house on Feb. 6th.



Members of the championship 55th Headquarters and Headquarters, Basic Flying Training Group, basketball team completed the 1943-44 season without a single loss. Shown in the back row, left to right: S/Sgt. R. W. Lawrence, guard; Pvt. E. C. Miller, center; Cpl. A. V. Vance, forward; Sgt. H. W. Stiles, guard; Sgt. A. J. Falke, coach. Front row, left to right: S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, guard; Sgt. W. C. Brej, forward; Sgt. D. L. Ferrell, center, and Cpl. H. E. Wittman, forward.



The Strother Field baseball team easily won the Arkansas City league title as well as many other games participated in during 1943. Front row, left to right: E. J. Dalak, shortstop; C. E. Townes, utility outfielder; J. E. DeRasmi, rightfielder; H. H. Bourbouse, first base; H. D. Harris, utility infielder; I. I. Westcott, pitcher. Center row, left to right: R. L. Puckett, utility outfielder; C. E. Dombrowski, leftfielder; R. E. Ebert, catcher; J. Pastorek, pitcher; F. A. Padovano, centerfielder; Boris Cherenushin, 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 and Capt. Oren P. Stoner, SF Athletic Director. Johnny Harding, ace hurler, is not shown in the picture.

Strother Field News

Promotions Announced for SAAF Officers

Medals Are Awarded PFR Winners

Allen, Holbein, Fields Cop PFR Honors

Squadrons Sponsor Basic Training Classes

SF Carbine Shooters Splatter Bulls-Eye

Hospital Rec Room Builds GI Morale

Class 44-D Largest In Strother Field History

Week-Day Curfew Is Extended

Construct Outdoor Volleyball Courts



Pfc. Paul Burk, Coffeyville Army Air Field, and Cpl. Melvin Harper, Strother Field, mixed it up good and proper in their bout during the boxing card held in Winfield last April. If you recall, this began a series of boxing events in which SF men gave a good showing.



Miss Luise Rainer, internationally known movie star, visited her brother, July. She is shown above as she visited with 1st. Lt. Garland O. Beck, S/Sgt accompanied by Capt. R. E. Lynch, Public Relations Officer.



"The Naughty Nineties Revue," Strother Field's musical production, was presented in February at the post theater. The cast was composed of civilian employees and enlisted men. In the picture above the group is shown during a rehearsal period. This show was the first of its type to be presented on the field since it began. Standing, left to right: Bonnie Jean Smith, Gerrie Tuttle, Cpl. Herman Tindell, Phyllis Harris, Pvt. Denny Johnson, Sgt. Jamie Jagers,, Dorothy McConnell, pianist, Sgt. Jack Blackman, Sgt. Joe DeRasmi, Cpl. Charles Lidsky, and Nadyne Evans. Miss Peggy Reiter and Miss Betty Buckner are seated at the table.



Strother Field's swimming pool was completed and filled with water for the first time in November of last year. Aviation Cadet J. A. Gregory of class 44-A is shown looking over the project on which he assisted in the engineering work while at SF.

ws Views of 1943-4



Gruesome, aren't they? Especially as chorus gals appearing in the class stage show, but very handsome in their uniforms and white gloves during review periods while members of Cadet Class 44-D.



Members of the basic training class proved their amphibious ability when they waded the Walnut river during one of their marches as part of the class training last summer.

303 EM Volunteer
As Blood Donors

Canine Cops
Arrive at SAAF

Cadets of 43-K
Set New Records

Exact Manning
Now In Effect

Bowling Alleys
Officially Opened

Medics Win 1943
Squadron Softball
Championship

New Chapel Feature:
The Song Fest

EM Have Music
With Their Meals

Sub-Depot Honors
● Its Inventors



Formal opening of the enlisted men's service club at Strother Field was a gala event on Oct. 15th.

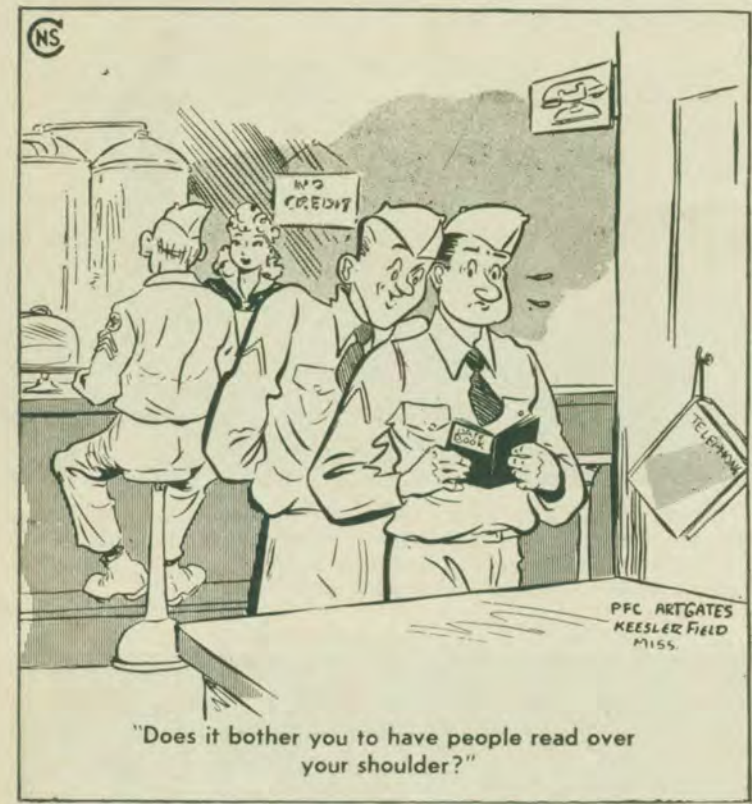


During the Kansas state American Legion convention held in Arkansas City last fall, members of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, the 683rd Army Band, and the 322nd Squadron took part in the big parade.



er brother, S/Sgt. Robert Rainer of the Ordnance Dept., at Strother Field last Beck, S/Sgt. H. O. Halverson, had lunch in the 1,000-man-mess and drove a jeep,

Cartoons and Cuties



Varga Legs Win



After famed pin-up-girl artist Varga declared she had the most glamorous legs in Hollywood, 19-year-old Hazel Brooks, above, was awarded a seven-year contract with M-G-M. The red-haired, green-eyed, former model, a native of Cape Town, South Africa, had been playing showgirl roles.



'Baby Dynamite'



Soldiers who ought to know their explosives, the staff of the Camp Hahan Tracer, newspaper of Anti-aircraft Artillery Training Center, Camp Hahan, Calif., have dubbed the cutie above "Baby Dynamite." She's 18-year-old Elena Verdugo, dancing girl of film, "Moon and Sixpence."





A group of station hospital patients study aircraft identification under direction of 2nd. Lt. Nevin J. Rhodes, medical officer.

Hospital Program

(Continued from page 1, col. 1)

From the very day a patient undergoes an operation or is admitted for treatment of a serious ailment until he is able to rejoin his fellow soldiers in the gymnasium, in the air, on the line as a mechanic, or in the office, his physical and mental powers are kept at peak condition. The program, flexible to the nth degree, is changed to fit his case and as his strength and interests return, he is constantly challenged by new features of CTP. These features fill a full, five-days-a-week, six-hours-a-day schedule, with suitable time out for rest for each patient. Included are two periods for physical training, at least two lectures each day, a period for required reading on military subjects, a movie or some other recreational attraction and a discussion of some war-time subject of special interest. The entire program is conducted in the hospital wards or day rooms, where the soldier, wearing his red corduroy robe and slippers, earns a certificate for the military training he learns while his body heals!

The SF soldier keeps touch with his special wartime interests. His fingers, skilled in code, may keep in practice on the practice sets that are part of the CTP equipment. A mechanic, he may learn more of Uncle Sam's airplanes by building model planes while he's a hospital patient.

A unit of the post library is set up at the hospital. Though it contains literature of all kinds, of prime consideration are books, articles and magazines on the required reading list. Completion of 10 hours' military training means a certificate with copies for the squadron commander.

The Birth of a Rumor

When news reached the field recently of the stand-by basis setup scheduled for Strother Field in July, Dame Rumor gave out with multiple birth of some little dandies. Topping them all was the story that Strother Field was to be converted into a submarine base!

One bright-mind even explained how the conversion was to take place. The Strother Field branch of Posey Creek was to be widened and deepened all the way to the Walnut river which flows into the Arkansas river south of Arkansas City and then on southward into the Mississippi—water passage all the way from the Gulf of Mexico to Strother Field!

The first of this week a couple of workmen were seen laboring in the field ditch by the smart guy who dreamed up the submarine story. He stopped, looked at the workman and turning to his buddy said, "Well, I'll be a so-and-so, suppose they're really gonna do it?"

Magic Show Coming

Burch, reportedly America's foremost magician and his company of assisting artists, will appear in the Arkansas City auditorium-gymnasium the night of April 17th, under the auspices of the Kiwanis club.

In the two-hour stage show a girl is sliced into four pieces—all in fun, of course—a live pony is made to vanish in midair and Burch will attempt to escape from a heavy box now being constructed in an Ark City lumber yard.

Admission price for civilians will be 75c while men in uniform will be admitted for 40c.

Officers Have Stiff Program

If you GIs think that you have it tough with military training about an hour a day, you should give a look at the officers' schedule.

Every Tuesday either in the morning or in the afternoon, these lads and gals with military jewelry on their collars get about a half-hour of code plus nearly three solid hours of courses like chem warfare, malaria control, aircraft recognition, armored vehicles, naval vessel recognition and the like.

And again on Thursday, either in the afternoon or morning they gather for another two hour session on special subjects similar to those mentioned above.

And there's no pulling of rank to get out of them either, because nobody's excused without the CO's (Col. J. F. Carroll) okeh. With all of their regular duties, plus conferences, board meetings, pulling OD, courts-martial and PT meetings, they are pretty crowded for time.

So ya see Joe, you got it pretty easy.

55th Clambake Rings the Gong

Amid a nautical atmosphere members of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 55th BFT Group and guests, held their first squadron party last Saturday night in the Winfield Country Club.

Password of the evening was the word "Skipper," the name given to the squadron commander, Capt. Charles H. Frederick for the occasion. There was a ship's helm, wheel, life preservers and portholes used in the decoration, all making the party a truly salty affair.

Mrs. Paul K. Ruckaveno, attractive wife of the popular physical training instructor, was selected Queen of the evening and Pvt. A. H. Gregory was selected King. Each received a \$10.00 cash prize.

Among the guests attending the party were Col. and Mrs. J. F. Carroll, Lt. Col. and Mrs. James R. Williams, Major and Mrs. Kline D. Culbertson, Major and Mrs. Cyrus F. Breeden, Capt. and Mrs. Oren P. Stoner, 2nd. Lt. and Mrs. Horace H. Cummins, CWO and Mrs. Kenneth Wolf, Capt. Stewart E. Burns and 1st. Lt. William J. Logan.

Col. Carroll, Commanding Officer of SF, presented athletic medals to members of the 55th championship basketball team.

Committee members responsible for all the party arrangements were: Sgt. James E. Bates, Chairman; Sgt. Edward W. Heney, Sgt. Jack Blackman, and Pvt. George H. V. Hunter.

New City, Iowa (CNS)—Jimmy Smith, 11, stopped cutting his birthday cake to demonstrate to his friends his conception of Jap harakiri methods. He wound up in New City hospital with an uncritical, accidentally inflicted wound in the stomach.

Sub-Depot Party Proves a Smash

The 377th Sub Depot Welfare party was held in the officers' mess last Saturday evening, and quite a party it was, indeed. The affair was off to a great start when the words "Dry Martini" were read on the menu with gasps of amazement and sheer joy.

The Ed of the PF began to regain his long-lost faith in mankind when he suddenly found his dinner plate surrounded with five cocktail glasses, liquid and olives intact. Forgetting it was still April Fool's day, he gulped the first one and reached for the second only to discover that he was drinking a very weak grade of tea!

He had company in his sulking over such treatment when Lt. Col. Norman E. Borden, Director of Supply and Maintenance and Major Harry D. Strouse, formerly head of the 377th Sub Depot, who is now stationed at the Topeka Army Air Base, were served old and wrinkled hotdogs and blackened baked potatoes.

Finally the party was off to a great start with a fine menu featured by grilled steak, and everyone began to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

A clever program featured several songs presented by a sextet composed of Capt. R. R. Hermes, 1st. Lt. George C. Kelly, 1st. Lt. J. W. Wadsworth, 1st. Lt. Fred R. Hundley Jr., 2nd. Lt. Robert A. Browning Jr., and 2nd. Lt. Charles C. Law. Their vocal offerings were ably directed by Lt. Col. Borden who did succeed in getting the

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Mustering Out Aid by ARC

"On February 3 the president signed a bill providing for mustering out pay," said Mr. Thomson, American Red Cross field director. "As soon as word of it spread over the nation Red Cross chapters in your home towns began answering calls for information and for help in filing these applications."

He explained that everywhere Red Cross chapters are prepared, through their home service departments, to assist veterans of the present war in filing applications for mustering out pay.

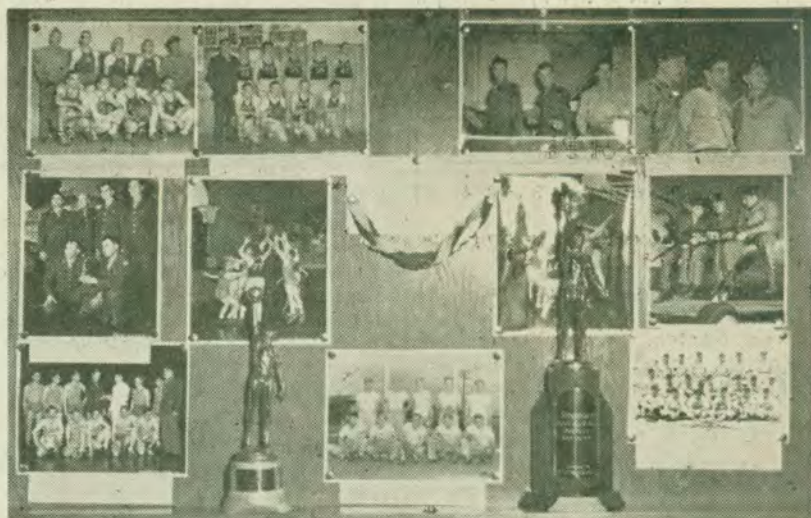
While there is no official form established by either the army or navy for application for mustering out pay, Red Cross home service workers have supplies of blanks which have been officially approved and can be used, Mr. Thomson said. They are also equipped to give detailed information the ex-serviceman will want to know, such as the proper place for filing, which varies with the branch of service.

"This is just another example of what Red Cross chapters back in the home towns are prepared to do for servicemen and ex-servicemen," Mr. Thomson added.

All military personnel of Strother Field are invited to a breakfast at the First Methodist Church in Winfield, 7 o'clock, Easter Sunday morning. It is free. Come and enjoy the food, fellowship and Sunrise Service to follow.

Remember, when you're down in the mouth . . . Jonah came out all right.

Two Trophy Cases at EM Club



Newest addition to the enlisted men's service club are the two wall trophy cases placed each side of the main entrance of the auditorium-lounge.

One case contains pictures of field sports champions and two trophies and the other case contains pictures of the squadron basketball teams.

In the photo above can be seen the following pictures, PT attendance certificate and trophies: Top row, left to right: 55th basketball team, champions of the 1943-44 season; SF All-Star basketball team; Ping-Pong champions; Badminton champions. Second row: Link Trainer Volleyball team, 1943 squadron champions; basketball action shot; PT Certificate for best attendance among squadrons during first three months of 1944, won by the 448th Base Hdqts. and AB squadron; basketball action shot; PFR winners in 1943. Third row: SF officers basketball championship team for 1942-43; Medics softball championship team in 1943; SF baseball team.

The trophy awarded to the 1048th BFT squadron, basketball champions in 1942-43 and the Ark City baseball league trophy won by the SF baseball team in 1943 are on display.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Must Have Come From Under The Rock Of Ages



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"Your face isn't familiar . . . but your 'line' is!"

Urge Use of Bowling Alleys

With the forming of squadron bowling leagues scheduled in the near future, enlisted men should be spending more of their spare time in the post bowling alleys not only for the purpose of practice but for the benefit derived from the exercise.

According to recent reports the percentage of military personnel using the alleys has fallen off, for reasons unknown. It cannot be the alleys, as they are the best that could be installed, and the price per line of 15c is certainly within reason. The alleys are open enough hours each day and night to allow a great many men time to bowl on off duty hours.

Sub-Depot Party

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who did succeed in getting the group stopped.

Another singing group was the Supply Yodlers, Delbert Eubank, Oren Gaston, Oscar Foster and Madison Russell. Two of the group appeared in scanty hula costumes, to the delight of the spectators.

The Apple Sisters in corny costumes made a hit with their songs. This timid group was composed of Bob Johnson, Boles Farris and Luther Pierce.

There was singing galore by dinner guests to the able accompaniment of T/Sgt. George P. Rosewick.

Harry Frank Woody, head of the engine department, was master-of-ceremonies.

The latter part of the evening was devoted to dancing, music supplied by the juke-box.

PF Anniversary

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to give you the news of the field and its many activities.

The Prairie Flier is grateful for the fine cooperation shown by the field public relation department composed of Lt. P. H. Whittaker, Miss Ruby Boory, and Cpl. W. E. Garrison; to the officers and enlisted men who have contributed many items and stories; to Chaplains Russell L. Young and Karl B. Smith for their columns; Sgt. Harold Kownick for his contributions, and to Camp Newspaper Service for its information and fine cartoons, "Miss Lace" and "The Wolf."

Greatly appreciated is the cooperation shown by the post photo laboratory under the direction of 2nd. Lt. E. W. Armstrong. The enlisted men in this department have gone out on special assignment day and night for the PF and helped us to have a better paper by contributing 160 excellent photographs during the past year.

The Ed.

Marignoni says: Stamina Means Combat Success

Heavy demands of combat upon the physical energies of every man are being reflected throughout the armed forces by the men who return from the battlefronts to assume teaching and administrative positions. At Strother Field, Lt. Louis A. Marignoni, who returned a few months ago from the North African campaign, echoes the advice to all military personnel to get and keep themselves in prime physical condition for whatever demands are made upon their physical endurance.

Lt. Marignoni urges full participation in the physical training program for he believes the success of American soldiers in combat rests in a large measure upon their physical fitness.

The great physical strain on forces in combat came forcefully to Lt. Marignoni's attention when the supplies failed to get through to the fighter outfits in one advanced-line sector of the North African theater where he was engaged.

"The only way we could transport supplies to them was by air and the supplies were not getting there in the quantities needed. As a result, these boys were living on practically no water, and sometimes there would be two or three days in a stretch when our food transport planes were turned back by Nazi fighters

"All the rules of health were being violated. And there are so many germs in the desert and the climate is so mellow that even the slightest wound gets infected and causes a lot of trouble. I got a little scratch while swimming and the next day I went to the dispensary. The wound was infected at that time.

"The Allies had blown up the German's pipeline, and our men were restricted to a gallon of water a day. That is approximately 1/30 the amount used by each person at Strother Field. Sometimes it was possible to sterilize utensils; more often it was not. Sometimes it wasn't possible to spare the water to wash one's hands.

"Food wasn't too good or too plentiful. Hours of rest, too far apart, were broken by the exigencies of warfare.

"Men in good physical condition can keep going when the forces are moving up. In combat, the mission has first priority. Food, if any, comes after the mission, for without success in the mission the food supply can never be certain, so men in the front lines, wearied by running and crouching and by sleepless nights never eat regularly. It takes a vigorous, healthy body to withstand the battle."

The man in the moon isn't half as interesting as the lady in the sun.

South Stage Os Average 35 Pernts

In winning the officer's basketball league this year, the South Stage team had a scoring percentage per game of 35 1/3 points and was 38 points ahead of its nearest competitor for total scoring honors.

The South Stage totaled 212 points in six games to take honors. The North Stage officers had 174 points for an average of 29 points. In third place is the Administrative outfit with a total of 172 points for an average of 28 2/3 points per game, practically tying the NS team. The Center Stage team which lost all six games amassed 144 points for an average of 24 points.

Hold That Tiger!



Inaptly garbed in leopard skins, screen actress Dolores Moran is pictured after receiving word from China that a group of USAAF pilots, formerly with the "Flying Tigers," had selected her as their "Tiger Girl."

Lt. Mize High Man In Officers' League

1st. Lt. Marion L. Mize, adjutant of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base squadron, and member of the Administrative officers basketball team, copped scoring honors in the officers' basketball league which completed the 1944 season last week. He made 47 points which included 22 field goals and 3 free throws in six games for an average of 7 5/6 points per game.

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Dan Parker, the Bessarabian beauty who writes a sporting column and runs an elevator at the New York Daily Mirror, claims that things are so tough with the Brooklyn Dodgers this year that Leo Durocher was forced to give a Flatbush Avenue milk wagon horse a tryout at first base.

According to Parker, the Lippy One discovered an old platter prancing around in the outfield in front of a grass-cutting machine. Durocher liked the spavined beauty's footwork and assigned him to cover first.

In a ten-minute workout, nothing got by the plug. He speared hot liners and gobbled up grounders in his teeth "in a manner that won Leo's admiration." Later, at the plate he socked the second pitch into deep center, then stood at the dish, watching the ball sail through the air.

"Well, what's the matter?" Leo hollered. "Why don't you run?"

"Run!" bellowed the swayback. "Listen, if I could run I'd be entered in the first race at Jamaica!"

Plans already have been formulated for a Battlefront Olympics to help heal the scars of war once the war is won. Rep. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, has disclosed in Washington. Rep. Monroney said that, although the proposal lacks the official confirmation of the Army, preparations are in the fire for post-war games for athletes in uniform to be held in some major Allied capital, probably London.

U.S track and field stars in the services, who would be eligible to partake in the proposed games, include Eulace Peacock and Harold Davis, dashmen; Les MacMitchell

Close behind Lt. Mize came 1st. Lt. John L. Sublett of the South Stage team who made 45 points to take second place honors. He made 19 field goals and 7 free tosses in 5 games for an average of 9 points per game.

Capt. Oren P. Stoner of the Administrative team missed tying for second place by one single free throw. His total for five games was 44 points, 19 field goals and 6 free throws. His average was 8 4/5 per game.

Of the ten high scorers among the four officer teams playing in the league the south stage team which won the title placed four players in the group. In addition to 1st. Lt. Sublett there are Major D. D. Dunn, Capt. W. H. Carlisle and 2nd. Lt. R. J. Beck. The Administrative team, the north stage and center stage teams each placed two men on the honor list. The North Stage representatives are 2nd. Lt. R. P. Brooks and 2nd. Lt. D. R. Ball. The Center Stage members are 2nd. Lt. B. F. Bramble and 2nd. Lt. W. E. Wendling.

Following are the ten high scorer's records in league play:

Name	Team	FG.	FT.	TP.	GP.	Avg.
Mize	Adm.	22	3	47	6	7 5/6
Sublett	South S.	19	7	45	5	9
Stoner	Adm.	19	6	44	5	8 4/5
Dunn	South S.	18	3	39	5	7 4/5
Bramble	Center S.	17	4	38	6	6 1/3
Carlisle	South S.	16	5	37	5	7 2/5
Wendling	Center S.	13	6	32	6	5 1/3
Beck	South S.	13	3	29	4	7 1/4
Brooks	North S.	11	6	28	6	4 1/3
Ball	North S.	11	3	25	3	8 1/3

and Frank Dixon, miles; Greg Rice, two-miler; Al Blozis, weights, and Cornelius Warmerdam, pole vault.

Ens. Hovey Seymour, USNR, football star at Yale in 1942, was killed recently in a plane crash on the West Coast. A member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Yale, he declined a commission after his graduation to become a naval aviation cadet at Pensacola, Fla. He received his wings last June and was sent to a West Coast base.



Shown above are members of the 1943-44 championship officers' basketball team, the South Stage. Standing, left to right, are: 1st. Lt. C. W. Conte, center; 1st. Lt. J. S. Neff, guard; 2nd. Lt. R. J. Beck, guard; Capt. W. H. Carlisle, 2nd. Lt. W. F. Gunther, 2nd. Lt. J. F. Hinkley, and 1st. Lt. J. L. Sublett, forward. Front row, left to right, are: Major D. D. Dunn, forward; 2nd. Lt. G. P. Otto, forward; 2nd. Lt. P. R. Douglas, guard; 2nd. Lt. P. B. Hardin, forward; and 2nd. Lt. A. J. Saunders, guard.



Check and double check is an everyday procedure in the property warehouse of the Quartermaster Department. Shown above are 2nd. Lt. William Price, Assistant Property Officer, Sgt. Rudy Barrios, warehouse foreman (on ladder) and Pfc. F. R. Abbondola, receiving and issuing clerk, as the group checks inventory in the clothing department.

Member Cadet Class 43-G Has Six Zeros to His Credit

With the downing of six Jap Zeros to his credit, 2nd. Lt. Raby Larue Jeanes of Coleman, Texas, becomes the first Strother Field graduate known to have been decorated for his meritorious achievements in a combat zone. He is pilot of a P-47 in the South Pacific, presumably in the area of New Guinea.

Announcement of the presentation of the Air Medal to Lt. Jeanes by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific area, has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jeanes of Coleman, Texas, and by his boyhood schoolmate, Sgt. Earl R. Harris of the 1082nd squadron at Strother Field.

As an aviation cadet of Class 43-G, Lt. Jeanes completed his basic flight training at Strother Field last May 24, and was sent to Eagle Pass Army Air Field, Eagle Pass, Texas. He flew in a transport plane to Australia, arriving on Dec. 1, 1943, and later was transferred to New Guinea where he now is stationed.

From New Guinea, Lt. Jeanes has written his parents and Sgt. Harris of his experiences in combat. Letters written at least a month ago to Sgt. Harris reveal that Lt. Jeanes had shot down six Jap Zeros up to that time.

Lt. Jeanes has written his parents and friends that he is thoroughly enjoying his work. They feel certain he is for he has studied aviation and gunnery for several years. He was born at Ballinger, Texas, on Aug. 18, 1922, and was graduated from Coleman high school in 1940. After assisting his father in the grocery business for a short time, he volunteered for service with the Army Air Forces, joining on Jan. 27, (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

Khaki Clothing Optional Sat.

Got your khaki pants, shirts and cap washed and ironed? Better get them ready if you are anxious to get out of OD's—khakis become the garb of the day, Saturday, April 15th, optional of course.

Post headquarters has announced that khaki uniforms will be optional from April 15th until further notice. Last year we had cool weather after the optional date was up and special orders had to be issued to allow the men to continue the wearing of OD uniforms. This year there will be a long enough optional period to assure the men of clothing comfort, come a freeze or 100 degree days.

40 Officers, EM Qualify on Range

Six officers and 34 enlisted men compose the latest group to qualify on the firing range. Five of the officers qualified in firing the pistol, cal. 45, while the sixth qualified in firing the carbine, cal. 30. All the enlisted men in this group qualified on the range with the carbine. This group of 40 is authorized to wear appropriate insignia in accordance with AR 600-75.

PISTOL (DISMOUNTED)

2nd. Lt. John P. Alkire Jr., 2nd. Lt. Frank J. Barnett, 2nd. Lt. Darrel L. Johnson, 2nd. Lt. John W. Kidwell and Flight Officer Ray A. Wheeler.

CARBINE MARKSMAN

2nd. Lt. John J. Campbell.

CARBINE EXPERT

Pfc. Lonnie E. Hart.

CARBINE SHARPSHOOTER

T/Sgt. Andrew J. Cyfers Jr., Pfc. George Kasabian, Pfc. Thomas G. McRady Jr., Pvt. Odell J. Eddleman, Pvt. Robert L. Kennedy, Pvt. Eugene W. Wray, Sgt. William D. Morey, Pvt. Edward H. Mertz, Cpl. Richard L. Witteman.

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Air Crew Men Arrive Here For 'On-the-Line' Training

Strother Field headquarters has received orders and has begun "on-the-line training" of an air crew detachment which approximates in size a class of aviation cadets such as normally trained at this station. This detachment is in addition to the two classes of aviation cadets now taking flying training at Strother Field.

Be in the Know On Foreign Lingo

If you happened to be in Naples, Italy, on a several day leave and wanted a hotel room would you know how to inquire as to the location of a hostelry? Chances are you wouldn't and neither did we until we read the war department booklets titled, "A Guide to the Spoken Language," and listened to the recordings issued in connection with the booklets.

The records and booklets are in five languages; Italian, French, Russian, Spanish and German. On the recordings various words are spoken in English and then repeated twice in one of the foreign languages, making it relatively easy to acquire an understanding of many words in the native tongue.

For example here are the words in the above languages you should use when asking, "Where is the (a) hotel?"

Spanish: DOHN-day ess-TA el o-TEL? (Donde esta el hotel?)

Russian: G-DEH ga-STEE-neet-sa?

German: VO ist ain ho-TEL? (Wo ist ein Hotel?)

Italian: do-VAY lo-TEL? (Dov'e l' hotel?)

French: oo AY lo-TEL? (Ou est l'hotel?)

The recordings and booklets are available to enlisted men in the service club at all times and men interested in any of the foreign languages should form groups for the purpose of studying at convenient hours.

The young men who have come to Strother Field—arriving Tuesday to Thursday—are air crew volunteers from civilian life and from the various services of the armed forces. They have completed their basic military training and their five-month course in a college as a prerequisite to flight training. Because the number of college-graduated trainees is greater than can be entered in pre-flight under present quotas, the overage is being assigned to special stations of the Central Flying Training Command for on-the-line training. As rapidly as they can be absorbed into pre-flight schools, they will be drawn off to begin their training as pilots, bombardiers or navigators.

A small group of the men came from Liberal, Kans., where they had been assigned for this training. They were ordered to SF after the recent storm struck the army air field there.

The new arrivals at Strother Field came from colleges and universities in the following cities: East Lansing, Mich.; Galesburg, Ill.; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; San Marcos, Texas; Fayetteville, Ark.; Alva, Okla.; St.

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No Socks-No Shoes-No Eat!

A private of Strother Field recently went to chow in the 1,000-man-mess minus socks and shoes, wearing house shoes instead. His non-regulation garb was noticed by not only a number of men who suddenly found their appetites waning, but by a squadron commanding officer and T/Sgt. Pennington, mess sergeant.

Comfort is a wonderful thing, but there is a time and place to wear house shoes minus socks and the place is definitely not the mess-hall.

Cadets of Class 44-F To Frolic Tonight

A gala evening is in store for cadet members of Class 44-F tonight. First comes the super-production, "From Sweet to Sowers," written by Cadet M. L. DeArvil and directed by Cadet Jack A. Miller. The production will be presented at 2030 in the post theater. This event will be followed by the class graduation dance and buffet supper in the post gymnasium.

"From Sweet to Sowers" is the horrible story of Elmer McFlub-dubble, portrayed by Cadet Jack R. Clark, from the time he reads the Army Air Forces poster "You Too Can Become a Cadet," through his various training periods until the time he graduates from basic flying training at Strother Field.

Cadet J. S. McFall will present a special feature on the stage of the post theater when he takes the part of "Frank Swoonatra." Cadet Royal Brantley will direct the chorus in the production which will also feature an original song written for the occasion. The final scene will be a reading by Cadet Peter Q. McKee. The post dance orchestra and several cadets will present the musical background for the production.



Shown above are thirty-five Strother Field flying officers, all former SF cadets, who went through basic training here. Shown in the front row, left to right, are: 2nd. Lts. Horton E. Tatman, Douglas W. Gray, R. P. Brooks Jr., Joseph A. Pope, Donald D. Sollenberger, Harvey E. Adams, John J. Clancy, David R. Ball, C. B. Galvin. Second row, left to right: G. R. Jones, H. L. Kennedy, Lowell C. Morris Jr., Roy N. Coats, Raymond E. Canover, James Codron Jr., Joseph L. Agoes, John G. Caulfield, W. A. Bowles, Max L. Antrim. Third row, left to right: W. C. Posey, George W. Templeton, William R. Florence, Lewis J. Rooney, Richard J. Beck. Rear row, left to right: Arthur A. Karst, Gordon N. Place, William H. Allen, David D. Cuniff, Charles E. Carlson, Alfred W. Gordon Jr., Paul R. Douglas, Frank L. Kieler, La Verne W. Snowden, Gergory H. Shaw, and C. F. Heires.

Speaking of--We Too Have a Sword

They led our brother, and he a prisoner of war, to a muddy hole on a South Pacific island and cut off his head. That stroke of a Japanese sword has stirred the American public to indignation. Why? It was a kindly and chivalrous act, measured by Japanese standards of behavior. The sword glittered warningly in the air and it was very sharp, was it not? There was no warning at Pearl Harbor. Many American boys, ambushed on that occasion, still suffer in hospitals. The sword of Japan rarely kills with quickness and mercy.

How many American mothers, wives and sweethearts feel this Japanese sword in their breasts tonight? How many live with the phrases . . . "Listed as missing" . . . "Badly wounded" . . . "We regret to inform you—" The words are English, but they fester from the dull, relentless prodding of the Japanese sword.

Our men in the prison camps of Luzon, Formosa and Honshu know the Japanese sword. For them it struts and clanks . . . waiting, mocking, tormenting. The proud Samurai steel has many moods. It leaped and danced and gorged itself on blood at Nanking, at Hong Kong, at Manila. It purred in its scabbard at Washington, then rasped out a cruel snicker through the Orient. It hacks, it bites, it hisses—until victims beg for one good, clean stroke—and death.

Who wears the Japanese sword? Who wields with brutal glee this weapon forged in the Dark Ages? Shall we in unspeakable treason to our dead proclaim that a sub-lieutenant or a lieutenant commander controls the Japanese sword? These are not the guilty ones. Two men in Tokio have pointed this evil blade at our hearts. Bomber squadrons, remember their names. Up, Fortresses . . . Up, Liberators . . . we, too, have a sword!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

The Post Chaplain wishes to share with you the message that came to him from the office of our District Chaplains in Randolph Field.

How shall the spirit of man adjust to tragedy? This question asked on Good Friday was answered on Easter Sunday. Have you thought about that? It took the tragedy of Good Friday to prove to the Disciples that Jesus was in earnest. It took the glory of the Easter experience to prove to the Disciples that God was not yet through with man. God can still do something after man has done his worst. For those who believed, Easter became a Global challenge. "Go ye," said Jesus, "and make Disciples of all nations." He said that after Easter, not before! Had He said it before the tragedy of Good Friday nobody would have believed Him. But things look different after tragedy has struck. Some believed Him then; some believe Him now!

Ours is a global war. God is trying to say something to every one of us in this tragic hour. Men and women and little children bombed, blasted, and obliterated, innocent victims of mass slaughter—guilty and guiltless alike. "I've been on 37 missions," said a young bombardier, "and I have never been able to look back once and see the destruction I've wrought. I just hold my head and hit for home." Steady, son, the real guilt is not yours alone—it's mine, too, and it belongs likewise to the folks at home. We're all in this together! In one way or another God will make us think in global terms. This is one world.

"Go ye into all the world," said Jesus. Our faith would show the way. But we didn't follow our faith. We thought we could escape without it. Well, we didn't. And now something more difficult than faith is emphasizing our Oneness. God will be heard! So Easter comes again in a way so compelling it will not let us go. Embrace it with your life and love, else the earth shall never green again and hope shall die. God is deeply in earnest!

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you the whole wide world to live for and die for, that Peace may come again.

Chaplain Roy C Davis
Chaplain Leland W. Mann
AAFCFTC

small Talk

"You better watcher step, Sgt," said Pfc Pipsnipple R. Crashmouth, in the nicest tone of concern he could muster where a Sgt was concerned; "I saw two healthy-looking Cpls swallowed up in that quick-mud this morning as they fell out for early morning latrine formation." Then he pointed warningly to a sinister-looking mud-bog which had grown alarmingly during the spring rains.

"Gawann, you stinky little private," answered the Sgt, a little swayed by the fact that the top-kick had made him noncom in charge of ankle-chains, whips and blackjacks the day previous, "Dat stuff is all stooperstition. Ya gotta be more intellergint today. Da trouble wid youse feather-merchants is dat you guys tink you is smarter dan officer awthorritty, and you ain't. It takes brains to become a Sgt; ask any one of 'em, they'll tell you."

"But Sgt, in school they taught us that mud-bogs—"

"You anjer edjercashun!" He carped, "I hoid enuf of dat stuff. I'se gonna prove how wrong you is." And with a smile of I-told-you-so-yarbird, he started across the bog. On his third step he halted, did an about face, and was just about to sound off again—when he slipped down in the mud up to his neck.

"Halp!" He shouted. "Hey you pretty little Pfc, pull me out, or run and get the pullmotor!"

"Oh Sgt, don't be ridiculous, everybody knows bogs are a lot of stooperstition. Let's talk about something else."

"Glug! Glurp!" strangled the Sgt, as his mouth and eyes went under, and soon even his bald head disappeared.

"Now let me see," said Pipsnipple, pulling out a list of names. "We're down to the 'Hs' already!"

● This Week . . .

— at the EM service club, in spite of the fact that Joes are worrying about being on the next train for Bougainville, a neat little week of fun and activity is planned.

We have on tap—

Friday—GI party, free java, cookies, movies—so cum in an tear up some talk with the gang

Saturday—Open night

Sunday—Visitors' day—bring in the family, da goil friend or the little ball and chain

Monday—1900—Foto Club meeting; 2000 hour gives wid the Bingo Game and plenty of prizes.

Tuesday—Sheag shuffle—Wellington girls—Wichita Orchestra—breeze over

Wednesday—1930—Ye bridge tourney

Thursday—Regular 322nd Party
Friday—Whoops—here it is Friday again, haul out the mops, Junior, let's hit the deck!

Don't miss the Tuesday party lads, because if you remember last Tuesday's, you won't wanna be absent from the gaiety. Thassall!

Ye Liftings

Some women are so high-strung that a little thing like a busted brassiere leaves them dangling in air.

Soon will the sun beside the sea
Tan many human pelts.
The bathing season will be on . .
But very little else.

I know a place where there's never any smoking, drinking, and where men and women never neck.
Don't give me that stuff. There ain't no such place.

Yep. There is. And there's another thing about it, too.

What's that?

No people live there.

Mr. Green: "My wife is scared to death someone will steal her clothes."

Mr. Jones: "Doesn't she have them insured?"

Mr. Green: "She has a better idea. She has some guy stay in the closet and watch them. I found him there the other night."

He: "What would you say if I told you I have come 1,000 miles through ice and snow with my dog team just to tell you I love you?"
She: "I'd say that was a lot of mush."

"Now, my son," said the father, "tell me why I punished you?"
"That's it! First you pound the life out of me, and now you don't know why you did it!"

Air Crew Men

(Continued from page 1, col. 5)

Louis, Mo., and Springfield, Mo. The new "on-the-line" training program between college and pre-flight for air crew volunteers also is designed to acquaint the potential fliers with the mechanics of the planes they fly.

Major Robert H Austin will be the commanding officer of the new air crew training detachment, which will be attached to the 1083rd Basic Flying Training squadron. 2nd. Lt. R. E. Melbourne will be adjutant, 2nd. Lt. Ray B. Sowers will serve as supply officer and 1st. Lt. Howard Cable will be tactical officer.

Overhead personnel has been transferred from the 1088th Guard Squadron, with T/Sgt. Benjamin J. Kehoe as first sergeant, S/Sgt. Leslie C. Ellard as supply sergeant, and S/Sgt. William Maxwell as chief clerk.

The air crew training detachment is being quartered in the block which until a few days ago housed the 683rd Army band. The band moved into barracks formerly designed for occupancy by Wacs. The trainees are being fed at the 1,000-man mess hall.



Q. I have been sending my mother a family allowance of \$37 a month, as a partial dependent. Recently my sister, who used to help support my mother, was married and can no longer send my mother any money. Is it possible for me to get an additional allowance for my mother's support?

A. Yes. If your mother now depends upon you for her chief support, she is entitled to receive an allowance of \$50 a month.

Q. I'm trying to find the whereabouts of my brother who has been sent overseas. Where can I acquire his APO?

A. You can get this information from the Adjutant General's office, War Department, Washington. However, the number of daily inquiries pertaining to the whereabouts of individual soldiers has become so great that in the future specific replies to these inquiries will be sent only to members of Congress, parents and close relatives of soldiers and certain public authorities.

Milwaukee (CNS)—A local resident, seeking an extension of time to fill out his income tax, explained his request: "I sent my wife with \$150 to pay our taxes and I haven't seen her since."

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 15 April

* THE NAVY WAY

Robt. Lowery, Jean Parker
Roscoe Karns
Sportscopec
Little Abner Cartoon
Flicker Flashbacks No. 7

Sun. and Mon., 16-17 April

* SHINE ON HARVEST MOON

Ann Sheridan, Dennis Morgan
News of the Day

Tuesday, 18 April

Double Feature

* HI, GOOD LOOKIN'
Harriet Hilliard, Eddie Quillan
Ozzie Nelson and Orchestra
* OKLAHOMA RAIDERS
Tex Ritter

Wed. and Thurs., 19-20 April

* BUFFALO BILL

Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara
Linda Darnell
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Friday, 21 April

* KNICKERBOCKER HOLIDAY

Nelson Eddy, Charles Coburn
Constance Dowling
Merrie Melodies
Unusual Occupations

* Family

What's new in your home town?

Bath, Me. (CNS)—The heirs of Sam Francis, who died in 1857, leaving a bank account of \$150, recently collected the \$150—plus interest of \$6,245.

Bridgeport, Conn. (CNS)—Leon A. MacDonald, a baker, handed a package to Mrs. Selma Carlson, a customer. Mrs. Carlson took it home, thinking it was just a loaf of bread. When she opened it she found it contained \$1,850 in cash. Mr. MacDonald, it seems, got mixed up and gave her the wrong package. He was so happy to get his money back that he gave Mrs. Carlson a free loaf of bread.

Chicago (CNS)—A police captain, inspecting a squadron of cops, moved slowly down the front line, then passed around the end and moved up the rear line. "A fine bunch of heels!" he remarked. The cops stiffened, reddened, shifted their eyes. "The finest shod feet I've seen in some time," the captain continued.

Denver, Col. (CNS) — A local lady sent a check for \$80.57 to the tax collector here and on the back of the check was the imprint of her lips. Literally and figuratively, she kissed the dough goodbye.

Detroit (CNS)—Women are beginning to feel the pinch of the war—in their feet, says Dr. W. J. Stickel, executive secretary of the National Chiropody Association. He pointed out that women's feet have widened considerably as a result of standing on them while engaged in their patriotic activities. Consequently, their shoes pinch.

Harvard, Neb. (CNS) — Robert Pinckney, 16, who last summer bought the town jail for \$1.50 at an auction, recently sold it at a profit of \$60 to a man who plans to turn it into an icehouse.

Hollywood (CNS) — Ole Olson and Chic Johnson, famed Hellzapoppin scamps, have designed some new tricks for their forthcoming show, Jerks Berserk. Examples: Eight seats in the third row will collapse and drop customers into the cellar, drinking fountains will spout hot water, dachshunds will be trained to steal lady customers' shoes.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Formal dance. Door prize
		Floor show. Refreshments
	Ark.	Informal dancing. Bingo game. Free telephone call
Sun.	Win.	Special program. Free call
	Ark.	Singing
Mon.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
	Ark.	Bridge and game night
Tues.	Win.	Candy night
	Ark.	Do-as-you-please
Wed.	Win.	Dancing. Games
	Ark.	Snack-bar party
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge night. Voice recording
	Ark.	Pingpong tournament
Fri.	Win.	Bingo. Prizes
	Ark.	Married couples' night

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Master Magician At Ark City Apr. 17

Birch, America's foremost magician, with his company of assisting artists will play an engagement in Ark City next Monday evening, 8 p.m., in the auditorium-gymnasium. The Kiwanis club is sponsoring the event.

The Birch show is the largest magic production now on tour in this country. Equipment, scenery and effects valued in excess of \$25,000 are carried and will be seen at the local performance.



Slicing a beautiful girl into four parts, shooting a live canary into a burning light bulb, causing a live pony to vanish in mid-air, and many other startling mysteries will be presented by this master magician and company in a magic potpourri of thrills and fun.

The current tour is Birch's twentieth annual one. Thurston publicly declared that Birch is the only magician sufficiently talented to be his successor and the man he picked to "fill his shoes."

Heading the Birch staff of assisting artists is Mabel Sperry, hailed by critics as the world's greatest girl xylophonist. Miss Sperry plays brilliant solos on her special built Marimba Xylophone.

Tickets will be 40c for men in uniform and 75c for civilians.

Told to Await Orders, He Does—For 13 Mos.

Roxbury, Conn. (CNS—S/Sgt. John Zealor, of Roxbury, a tail gunner who received three decorations for service in the African Theater, was returned to the U. S. in January, 1943, given a furlough and told to go home and await orders.

Sgt. Zealor took these instructions literally. He came home and stayed here, catching up on his hunting, fishing and apple pie eating. Last month his mother received a telegram from the War Department stating that it did not know where her son was. She replied, by return wire, that he was at home.

Now Sgt. Zealor is back at a redistribution center. He has only one beef—no pay for 13 months.

HOW TO VOTE IN 11 STATES HOLDING PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN MAY

NAME OF STATE	DATE OF ELECTION	FORM OF BALLOT	HOW TO APPLY FOR BALLOT	Earliest Date State Will Receive Application for Ballot	Earliest Date State Will Forward Ballot to Applicant	Final Date Received Ballot Must Be Sent To Be Eligible To Be Counted	SPECIAL STATE PROVISIONS
ALABAMA	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 30 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with Alabama law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Montgomery, Ala. (Separate application must be made for each primary.)	Primary: 12 Apr Run-off: 10 May	Primary: 12 Apr Run-off: 10 May	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 30 May	Note that there are two primary elections and that separate applications must be made for each one.
CALIFORNIA	16 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with California law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Sacramento, Calif.	Any time	8 Apr	Ballot must be marked by 14 May & get back to state by 1 June.	
FLORIDA	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 23 May	Official War Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla. (Only one application needed for both elections.)	Any time	Primary: 18 Mar Run-off: 12 May	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 23 May	If a serviceman is not, or has not been, registered, his votes for Federal offices only will be counted in this election. Note that there are two primary elections but that one application will suffice for both.
INDIANA	2 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with Indiana law, or b) By mailing to the Secretary of State, Indianapolis, Ind., the WD post card on which the serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as an application for a State Absentee Ballot.	2 Apr	17 Apr.	8 May	Note that the serviceman must write on WD post card that he wishes it to be treated as an application for a State Absentee Ballot. This information is on basis of existing state law. The Indiana Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
MARYLAND	1 May	Official War Ballot or State Absentee Ballot, both covering Federal offices only as no other officer will be voted on.	a) Official War Ballot: By mailing WD post card to the Secretary of State, Annapolis, Md. b) State Absentee Ballot: In accordance with Maryland law.	Any time	7 Apr. (Either form.)	a) Official War Ballot by 1 May b) State Absentee Ballot marked by 1 May, received by 6 May	Note that Maryland provides servicemen with either of two kinds of ballots. Method of application and date by which ballot must be received differ for the two types. This information is on basis of existing state law. The Maryland Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
NEW JERSEY	16 May	Official War Ballot covering Federal, state and county offices.	By mailing WD post card to the Secretary of State, Trenton, N. J.	Any time	21 Apr	16 May	This information is on basis of existing state law. The New Jersey Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
NORTH CAROLINA	27 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with North Carolina law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.	1 Apr	1 Apr	27 May	Servicemen who are 21 or will attain the age of 21 years on or before 7 November 1944 are eligible to vote in this primary.
OHIO	9 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, district and county offices.	a) In accordance with Ohio law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.	9 Apr	9 Apr	6 May	This information is on basis of existing state law. The Ohio Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
OREGON	19 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with Oregon law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Salem, Ore.	Any time	9 Apr	12 May	
SOUTH DAKOTA	2 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with South Dakota law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Pierre, S. Dak.	10 Apr	10 Apr	Ballot must be marked not earlier than 17 Apr. & get back by 4 May.	
WEST VIRGINIA	9 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with West Virginia law, or b) By mailing to Secretary of State, Charleston, W. Va., WD post card on which serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as "request for State Absentee Ballot or Ballot Application."	Any time	19 Feb	9 May	Note that servicemen should write on WD post card that he wishes it treated as "request for State Absentee Ballot or Ballot Application."

*Application should reach officials on, or as soon after it as possible, the date the state starts sending out ballots.



This chart contains all the information you will need if you are a resident of one of the 11 states listed above and desire to vote in your state's primary elections in May. Material in the chart is taken from WD Cir. 66, 14 Feb. 1944, one of a series of WD circulars issued on opportunities to vote in state primaries. The War Department postcard mentioned throughout the table is the regular WD AGO Form 560, used in the elections in 1943. If you can't get one of these, you can apply for your ballot by letter, using the same text set forth in the card. Except for residents of North Carolina, servicemen from these states must be 21 years old at the time of the election in order to vote. If you're not sure whether you are entitled to vote or not, write your Secretary of State and ask him. Remember, too, that in a primary, you are merely voting a party ballot. Therefore, you have to indicate what party you belong to so that the officials may send you the correct ballot. And when you get your absentee ballot, be sure you fill it out and send it back immediately. Don't waste time.

All-Squadron Party Packed Service Club

The enlisted men's service club was packed and jammed Tuesday night with luscious lovelies from Winfield and Arkansas City and EM from all squadrons on the field. The occasion was an all-squadron party sponsored by the special service department. Dick King and his orchestra from Wichita put out with smooth rhythm and there were plenty of delicious sandwiches and lots of cold drinks.

Comment heard since the party indicates that all the men and their GSO guests had a very wonderful time and want another party of this type. Their wishes are to be granted soon, in fact Tuesday of next week when once again there will be an orchestra, plenty of drinks and food and the GSO girls from Wellington will be on hand to make the party another huge success.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Dewey Campbell, a hotel clerk, was bitten on the nose by a patron who became enraged when told that no rooms were available.

Well, There's Some Use For An Old Flame

Did you notice the item on "reviving" carbon paper which appeared in a recent issue of the Daily Bulletin?

We quote in part for your information. The wee sly thoughts in parentheses are our own; thank you!

"Take the sheet of carbon which you believe to be worn out and hold it over a match or candle flame. You'll be amazed at the short time it takes to produce a practically new sheet. (and at the long time it takes to grow five new fingers). This process can be repeated several times. (twice in fact, unless you are fortunate enough to have three hands, and then one more time).

"One caution: Don't hold the paper too close to the flame or in one spot too long. Otherwise, your efforts will go up in smoke. (as well as turning your head into a smudge pot.)

The woman who concealed her instep now has a daughter who shows her step-ins.

Wonders will never cease—take for instance the GI who astonished his barracks-mates by wearing a hair net to bed. There is nothing wrong with it, of course, but it is a bit unusual, don't you think?



S/Sgt. Roy Lawrence, Headquarters and Headquarters, 55th BFT Group and Cpl. William Garrison, 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron, compare P-40 model planes in the War Room at Post Operations.

Male Call

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



Scents-ible Approach

MILTON CANIFF

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"Chicks! You're always talkin' about chicks. S' far as I'm concerned, I never wanna see another egg again!"

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Now is the time for all good baseball fans to go into spring training once again. The old hot stove has been boarded up for the season and faithful fans from coast to coast are dusting off their sailor straw hats, cranking up their bottle throwing arms and oiling their foghorn larynx the better to hurl vituperation and spleen from the stands on opening day.

This is strenuous stuff, even when compared to paratroop training, but most of the fans back home probably can round themselves into shape without any help from this quarter. However, for the benefit of those GI fans who still follow baseball, we have prepared a little pre-season refresher and primer.

Let's go, bo:

Q. When does the season open?

A. In the American League the Big Show starts Apr. 18 at Chicago, Detroit, Washington and Boston and Apr. 21 at New York, St. Louis, Cleveland and Philadelphia. Over in the National League, the season begins Apr. 18 at New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and St. Louis and on Apr. 21 at Brooklyn, Boston, Pittsburgh and Chicago. The All-Star game will be held July 11 at Pittsburgh, the regular season ends Oct. 1 and the World Series starts Oct. 4 at the park of the National League winner. See you there, right back of third.

Q. Are there any good ball players left?

A. There are a few slightly spavined but still serviceable 4Fs around. The Yankees have Nick Etten, Frank Crossetti and Tiny Bonham. Detroit has Dizzy Trout, 21-game winner, and Doc Cramer, ever-reliable outfielder, and the Browns have a good 4F infield. The Cards' Mort and Walker Cooper are still around, though maybe not for long, and Mel Ott, Giants' player-manager is IA, but may be rejected. The Dodgers still have Dixie Walker, the people's cherse, and Lippy Leo Durocher, who has acorns on his elbow. Jimmy Foxx is trying a comeback with the Cubs and Pepper Martin ditto with the Cardinals. Connie Mack's draft board hasn't called him yet, either.

Q. Who will win the flags?

A. Well, in the National League, the experts like St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati and Brooklyn. The Cards have the most players, the Cubs have the most promise, the Reds have the most pitchers and the Bums have the most men over 38. In the American League the experts have gone way out on the limb and picked the Yankees.

Q. Where's Bobo Newsom playing this year?

A. Bobo is hanging his hat at Shibe Park, Philadelphia, although

WD Circular 100 Bans Discharge Of 'Useful' GIs

By Camp Newspaper Service

Soldier, are you looking for a CDD? Do you think, for example, that those 20-200 eyes of yours make you a liability to the Army? Or do you suppose, perhaps, that the Army has no more use for those two flat feet of yours?

If you do, brother, just forget it; because, according to War Department Circular 100, just off the presses, the discharge of men who can render effective service to the Army is prohibited. There are plenty of useful duties a near-sighted man can perform and a flat-footed floggie isn't utterly useless, either.

On the other hand, WD 100 states that the retention of men unable to perform a reasonable day's work for the Army is wasteful. Therefore, commanders and surgeons are urged to exercise "extreme care and judgment" in arriving at a decision to discharge enlisted men on physical grounds.

Other provisions of WD 100:

1. "It is contrary to War Department policy to permit an enlisted man physically qualified for general service and under 38 years of age to remain at a fixed installation or activity of the zone of the interior in excess of one year, unless he shall have served honorably overseas."

2. "Each commander must evaluate the physical condition of his men and apply prompt corrective measures through training or medical treatment."

3. "When a defect which requires special consideration in the assignment of the individual concerned or which disqualifies him for overseas service is discovered at a hospital or other medical installation, the medical officer concerned will transmit to the man's unit commander data necessary to permit proper reclassification and reassignment in keeping with the man's mental and physical capabilities."

New PRO Officer

1st Lt. Adras P. La Borde today assumed his new duty as public relations officer of Strother Field. Lt. La Borde has been an instructor in the ground school. 2nd Lt. Patrick H. Whittaker, who has been PRO officer, is now post historical and assistant intelligence officer.

he hasn't signed a contract as yet. He's says he's going to win 20 and pitch the A's out of the cellar and into the pennant. Bobo's still the same old talky-talk.

Q. Is Judge Landis still around?

A. He sure is.

Q. What does he do?

A. Darned if we know.

Reduce Bowling Line Price Here

Have you heard of the new deal at the post bowling alleys? You can now bowl your head off for practically nothing — the line charge has been reduced from 15c to 2½c. Think of it, only half a nickel per game!

This reduction in price per game has been made possible in order for more men to participate in the squadron leagues, play of which is scheduled for the near future.

Now is the time to sharpen up on the game in order to be ready to participate in the league. There is no excuse now about the sport being expensive, and too, it is excellent exercise, so let's go, men.

Ground School Enrolls in AAFAS

Twenty-five officers and enlisted men representing the ground school have enrolled in the AAF Aid Society, the first group from Strother Field to join the society, according to 2nd Lt. Edwin J. Shore, personnel affairs officer.

Purpose of the organization is to give assistance to the dependents of AAF personnel, including those of honorably retired, discharged, and deceased men, and to help provide for their education and assist them in securing employment.

Here is a case where a civilian worker at Strother Field came to the rescue of a soldier.

It seems that the soldier planned on getting married Thursday and had to have some clothing washed and ironed Wednesday night. The civilian worker took the clothing home and did the washing and ironing all by herself.

No, she isn't the gal the soldier is marrying, but still a darn good sport.

Keep Your Mind on Your Work



Looking pretty is easiest thing Esther Williams does. She's also a topnotch swimmer and film actress.

Cadets of 44-F Set New Records In PFR Individual and Class Tests

Members of cadet class 44-F not only set a new class average record in physical fitness tests but a member of the group broke all existing records for individual scoring, 1st Lt. George D. Allen, asst. physical training officer, announced this week.

Announce Class 44-F Sports Winners

Squad No. 3 is basketball and volleyball champion of Flight "A," cadet class 44-F, according to announcement made this week by 1st Lt. George D. Allen, asst. athletic director of Strother Field. Squad No. 2 of Flight "B" took basketball and volleyball honors in its flight.

Cadets W. E. Fields and B. D. Foster, squad 3 of "A" flight, are handball champions of their flight and Student Officers 2nd Lt. Paul D. Faris and 2nd Lt. Ransom D. Kenny of squad 3 are handball champions of "B" flight.

In table tennis competition Cadets Robert R. Elder and Olin D. Evans, squad 3, emerged as champions of "A" flight while Cadets Raymond J. Novak and Frank Muscal of squad 1 are champions of "B" flight.

Member Cadet Class

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1941. He came to Strother Field from Cimarron Field at Oklahoma City, and received his commission on July 29, 1943, at Eagle Pass, Texas.

Lt. Jeanes received specialized training at Thomasville, Ga., where he made the second highest score in a gunnery test, being surpassed only by the commanding officer at the field. The young officer has won several marksmanship medals. He is not married.

Evan D. Peteoff amazed field athletic officers by performing 114 sit-ups, 28 pull-ups and in running the 300-yard shuttle run in the quick time of 43 seconds. This gave him a PFR of 98 with a sum score of 293.

The previous record holder was Wayne H. Smith of class 44-D with a sum score of 273, 20 points less than Peteoff's total.

Class 44-F as a group averaged 76 5/10 in PFR with an average of 107 5/10 sit-ups, 11 9/10 pull-ups and 49 1/10 seconds for the shuttle run. The PFR average of this class is 1 5/10 points higher than the record formerly held by class 44-E.

Cadet Raymond L. Dennany of class 44-F took second place honors with a PFR of 93 when he did 114 sit-ups, 24 pull-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 45 seconds.

The next seven high men of this class all finished with a PFR of 90 but there was a difference in their sum score which counts in their individual standings. Here are their performances and sum scores: Guenther E. Tuckeback, 114 sit-ups, 22 pull-ups, 45 seconds for a sum score of 274; William L. Sinesky, 114 sit-ups, 15 pull-ups and 43 seconds for a score of 268; Raymond J. Harrington, 114 sit-ups, 22 pull-ups, 48 seconds, for a total of 267; Richard A. Smith, 114 sit-ups, 19 pull-ups, 46 seconds, totaling 265 points; Jack R. Clark, 114 sit-ups, 21 pull-ups, 48 seconds, for a sum score of 266; Homer E. Jennings, 114 sit-ups, 13 pull-ups, 42 seconds, for a total of 264 points, and Joseph I. Jolet, 114 sit-ups, 20 pull-ups and 48 seconds. His sum score of 264 tied Jennings.

448th Continues To Lead in PT

The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron continues to lead all other squadrons in percentage of physical training class attendance.

According to figures released last week-end by the physical training department for the one-month period from 28 February to 1 of April, the 448th had a 99% attendance figure. The 1088th Guard squadron finished in second place with 97% in attendance. Following are the other squadrons and their percentage figure for this period:

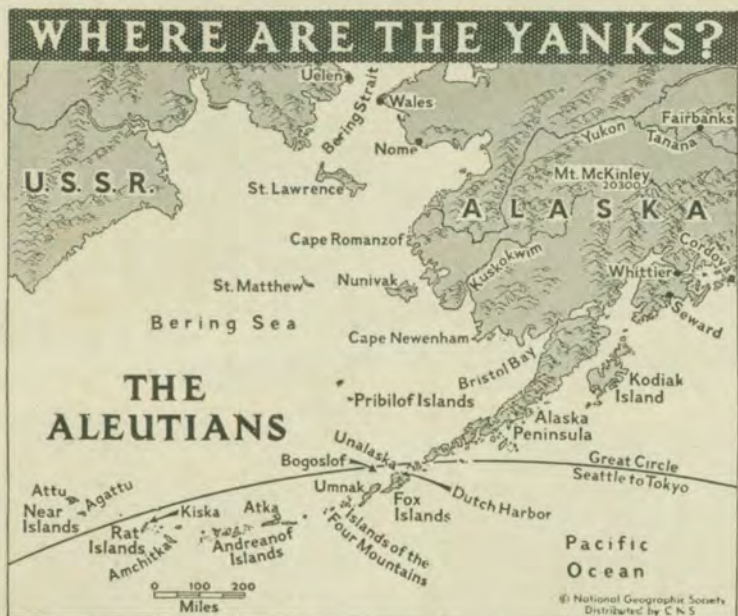
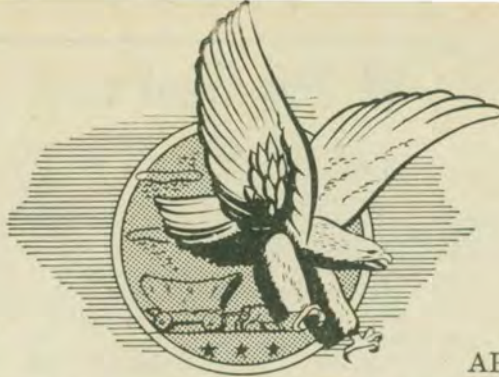
683rd Army Band	94%
Hq & Hq Sq. 55th BFT Gp	93%
Medical Detachment	92%
1082nd BFT Sq.	86%
322nd Aviation Sq.	84%

40 Officers, EM

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CARBINE MARKSMAN

S/Sgt. Malton G. Baudanza, Sgt. Boyd Fields, Sgt. Clarence J. McAdams, Sgt. Frank D. Parrish, Cpl. Edward M. Bulte, Cpl. Arnie L. Cauthen, Pvt. John Dudick, Pvt. Edward J. Schaechterle, S/Sgt. Meredith W. Gore, Sgt. Emil C. Bolton, Sgt. Jack Morgan Jr., Cpl. Mildor O. Mosiman, Cpl. Harold J. Palmer, Cpl. Harry E. Theabold, Pfc. Harmon Hall, Pfc. R. L. Phillips, Pfc. Roy R. Price, Pvt. Howard S. Bell, Pvt. Leonard Bolin, Pvt. Ernest Davin, Pfc. Clarence E. Nichols Jr., Cpl. Milan Babcock, Cpl. Louis M. Pelvis, Cpl. William D. Thomas.



The fog-bound, mist-hung Aleutian Islands string out a thousand miles across the north Pacific from the coast of Alaska to Asia. Attu, last whistle stop on the line, is farther west of Portland, Ore., than Portland, Ore., is west of Portland, Me. The Japanese, who early in the war seized Attu, Agattu and Kiska, have been driven away and the Aleutians once again are occupied by the U.S.A., providing stepping-stones in the essential United Nations supply routes across the Pacific to Soviet Russia. Yanks returning from these outposts of ours to the north will remember the Aleutians as islands of freakish weather, mists and fog, where the winter nights were long and cold and the spring was all too bleak and short.

SF Flying Instructor Has Suspense-Filled Experience

"A Yank from Oxfords," is the title of an amazing true story that 2nd. Lt. Edward J. Vallish, flying instructor of Strother Field, has been telling his friends and associate flying officers this week.

Lt. Vallish and Cadet Paul Jenkins of class 44-F were on a routine flight last Sunday and just south of Strother Field Jenkins put the ship into a slow roll at 8,500 feet.

In picking up his microphone to direct the cadet in handling the plane the cord on the instrument became entangled in the release of the safety belt worn by the instructor, opening it. The canopy above his head was open and Lt. Vallish reached up to grab the catch on it in order to close the canopy.

By that time he found himself passing by the canopy, on his way out of the ship and down to earth when suddenly he found himself stopped. The canopy had closed after all, but on his feet! Hanging from the plane and with his body banging against the fuselage at least once, Lt. Vallish gave a terrific kick and was able to jerk loose from his low cut flying boots, parachuting to earth and landing on the gravel road that runs along the south edge of the field west of highway 77. A scratch behind one ear was the only injury sustained by Lt. Vallish.

Cadet Jenkins, completing his slow roll, heard something banging back of him and looking around discovered he was minus his instructor. Glancing down he saw a billowing parachute and decided he better come in for a landing. When he climbed out of the plane imagine his amazement to see a pair of boots fastened in the canopy.

Close for Inventory

The PX will be closed at 1300 Monday for monthly inventory and will reopen again Tuesday morning. The beer room and bowling alleys will remain open.

The monthly review of enlisted men will be held Saturday morning on the parade grounds east of post headquarters.

Major Julian W. Boxley will be commander of troops and 2nd. Lt. Joseph K. Grigsby will be troop adjutant for the occasion.

448th War Room A Popular Spot

The 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron is proud of its war room and its own orientation instructor, Pvt. Edward H. Mertz. The latter, through the able sponsorship of 1st. Lt. Roy W. Sillings, squadron commander, has made possible the successful project of an individual squadron war room.

As a result of this untiring endeavor the men of the 448th have a comfortable place to spend their spare time in acquiring valuable information on World War II. Once each week, on Mondays at 1630, members of the squadron meet with Pvt. Mertz to hear ably-presented lectures on orientation by this former director of adult education for the state of Kansas and director of the industrial division of the state labor department. Occasionally current event quizzes are given squadron mem-

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Wichita Amer. Legion To Present Stage Show

The Thomas Hopkins Post of the American Legion in Wichita, Kans., is to present a stage show on the stage of the post theater Monday evening, April 24th, at 2030.

The organization will present its drum and bugle corps and service troop along with many entertainers including dancers, vocalists, and acrobatic dancers in a talent-packed show that promises to hit the spot with military personnel of Strother Field. The cast includes 60 persons and the show features 20 acts.

As is customary with other types of entertainment presented for soldiers, there will be no admission charge to the show.

Strother Field To Be Placed In 2nd Air Force Command

Letter From Bogart Tells of Visiting SF Soldier's Mother

At least one GI at Strother Field has a particular claim to fame: Humphrey Bogart wrote him a letter.

Private George Hunter, Hq. & Hq. Sqdn., 55th BFTG, has been showing it around the barracks the last couple of days; a real letter, signed by Humphrey Bogart and his wife, Mayo Methot. The story goes something like this—

Pvt. Hunter's mother is a Red Cross worker now stationed somewhere in Italy. She has been over there for some time, working with GIs at an airfield at (censored) behind the lines. Last winter the Bogarts visited her Red Cross Club on a USO tour, and his mother mentioned their visit in a letter to her son. When Pvt. Hunter discovered the Bogarts had returned to Hollywood, he wrote them, c/o the studio, asking about his mother—one of those reverse fan letters. Well, it took a couple of weeks for the letter to reach Bogart. In fact, one of the boys in the barracks picked up a hometown paper and saw something about the letter in a Hollywood column before Hunter had heard from Bogart.

Finally, at long last, the great day came: a letter from Hollywood. (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

Strother Field will be placed under command of the Second Army Air Force instead of going on the standby-basis according to announcement by the War Department. It will be used for whatever training purposes the Second Army Air Force desires, the report said.

On March 25th the War Department announced that Strother Field was one of twenty-two camps and air force installations scheduled to be placed on a standby basis. The definition of the term "standby-basis" was given as follows at that time: "On a standby-basis operations will be suspended and caretakers will be stationed at the installations to keep them in readiness for future use."

Nothing is known at the present time concerning any changes in the military and civilian personnel setup under the new program.

The Second Air Force which has its headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo., has fields in twenty states. These include Texas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Louisiana, Oregon, Oklahoma, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Tennessee, Utah, Georgia, Washington, South Dakota, Arizona, Iowa and Kansas.

Fields in Kansas under Second Air Force supervision are the Pratt AAF, Pratt, Kans., Smoky Hill AAF, Salina, Kans., Walker AAF, Victoria, Kans., Great Bend AAF, Great Bend, Kans., Herington AAF, Herington, Kans., and the Topeka AAF, Topeka, Kans. All types of combat aircraft are used on fields controlled by the Second Air Force—pursuit and fighter ships, medium and heavy bombers.

Build Tabletop Sanitation Model

A clever tabletop model of field sanitation has been constructed by hospital patients as part of the occupational therapy program in the station hospital. 2nd. Lt. Nevin J. Rhodes, convalescent training officer, is in charge of the program.

The model is approximately 3 ft. by 2½ ft. in size with the various sanitation facilities set up on each side of a stream bed. On the left side are two straddle trenches, a QM box latrine, funnel-type latrine over a soakage pit, a barrel shower on a platform and a Serbian barrel for clothes delousing.

On the right side of the tabletop are a Lister bag, paris green mixer, food storage box, mess kit cleaner, cross-trench incinerator, inclined plane incinerator, rock pile incinerator and a grease trap over a soakage pit.

In the miniature stream bed one section is rock lined for the control of mosquitos, another section is log lined. The banks of the stream bed along this area are clear of all brush and foliage. There are signs along the stream bed designating areas of drinking water, bathing, laundry and for the washing of vehicles.



The interior of the 448th squadron war room is shown in the top picture. At the left Cpl. Michael Manion is shown reading current war news while Private Edward H. Mertz, orientation instructor, and S/Sgt. Richard Brumfield discuss battlefronts on a world map.

Tank models appear realistic amid the rugged terrain of the display case in the 448th war room. The picture shows only one-half of the display.

Speaking of -- Winfield and Arkansas City

Since March 25th when the War Department announced that Strother Field was to be placed on a standby-basis in July, the citizens of these two nearby towns, many of them civilian workers on the field, have appeared tragedy-struck.

It has not been worry by the field civilian workers over possibly losing their jobs—transfers to other army installations being available. Strother Field, to these and other civilians in the two towns, has become a part of this community, a beehive of activity bringing close to them the tempo of war of the training front. The officers and enlisted men have become part of the local population, many of them residing with their families in either Winfield or Arkansas City.

Stimulating news for these people appeared this week in the newspapers of both towns—the Second Army Air Force is scheduled to take over Strother Field. This means that there will be no standby-basis with only caretakers as personnel. The lights will continue to burn at night, military vehicles will continue to be seen on the city streets, there will be men in uniform in the churches and stores of both towns. Perhaps not the same faces as in the past, but the same familiar khaki.

Cowley county will continue to be a site of the vast air force program now going full-blast in this country and the honorable name of Strother Field will carry on toward ultimate victory.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Werner Moelders, colonel in the Luftwaffe, was credited with 115 victories in aerial combat. His country had honored him with the highest decoration bestowed on her brave men. He was a wizard in the air and a tough customer—ruthless, fearless, terrifying in the relentless drive of his purpose.

His God was Hitler; his religion—war. His prayers were Nazi songs in which Germany's enemies were consigned to destruction. His Bible was Mein Kampf. It was fun for him to hurl bombs down on defenseless civilians; to machine-gun women and children. In leisure hours Werner Moelders and his comrades danced in the churches of surrendered countries and jeered at priests being driven off to concentration camps.

Then came Russia and the cold winter, imparting to him a nameless dread. One day two Hurricanes dived on him from out of a clear sky. With a damaged engine he turned and ran for it. He threw himself about the sky in vain attempt to shake off his pursuers, but still the tracer bullets followed him, flashing by his cockpit and eating into his machine. For the first time Moelders was afraid.

By a miracle he escaped and struggled back to his base. As he climbed from his plane he was shaken to the depths and ashamed of his cowardice, for in those terrible moments when his life hung in the balance he had, almost unconsciously, whispered a few words:

"God, God Almighty in Heaven—help me out of this. You alone can save me."

Moelders shut himself up in his room—alone. Childhood thoughts crowded in upon him—prayers at mother's knee, his church at home, his faith in God. Yes, only faith in God had saved him.

In spite of his fear of his comrades' scorn, Moelders imparted to them his experience. Hardly had he reaffirmed his boyhood faith in God when his companions began to confess that they too had been praying secretly to God, that only in this faith did they find strength and comfort. Then came strange stories of front line German soldiers to whom they had dropped supplies, and whom they had found kneeling and praying—praying to God to save them.

ONLY FAITH IN GOD CAN SAVE—INDIVIDUAL, NATION, OR HUMANITY.

Fight, Squadrons, Fight!

Ho, Squadrons ho! Our White Star rideth high,
And Kitty Hawk where we were born so lowly
Hath naught to give us now—but genius. Fly,
Squadrons, fly! The pusher-kites are gone and nothing
They bequeathed is left—save daring. Soar, Squadrons,
Soar! The tides of Mars have swept us far
From weedy fields in France, where Rick and Luke
And Lufberry set free their spirit's fire;
Dive, Squadron, dive! The German cities burn
From sparks struck long ago; great Mitchell's heart
And Maitland's faith were legacy enough
For Wagner, Kelly, Doolittle. The Japs
Remember them. Cheer, Squadrons, cheer! Our Corps
Is rich indeed. We count the nameless flyers
Bereft of youth and life, who from the sky
Fell flaming—and made us heirs to glory.

Pray, Squadrons, pray: that we who have
Inherited this dream, this gallantry,
This Air Corps of the Army—never halt.
On, Squadrons, on! Each chain we break, each prison
Wall that topples, and every cry of freedom
In the night—but build our own estate,
Till flight on flight we pass, while trumpets call
Our last review. So let us bear ourselves
That we may say: "Dear sons, we leave you all
Bright honor sent us forth to win. No gold,
Nor gems, nor aught that tinkles in the market
Place—but merely this: The hate of tyrants doomed,
The love of slaves set free! Fight, Squadrons, fight!
—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

This Week . . .

Friday—GI party, movies, free coffee and cookies.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—Open, bring out your visiting friends, gal or relatives. The Snack Bar is open of course, and you can entertain your guests with delicious sandwiches, pie, coffee and malts.

Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.

Tuesday—All-squadron dance, music by post orchestra. The Newton, Kans., Freedomettes girl drill team, will be guests.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—322nd Squadron party.

Ye Liftings

Model: "I don't like that look in your eyes. How many models have you had previously?"

Young Artist: "Three—an apple, a banana and a vase."

Absent-Minded Prof: "Madam, what are you doing in my bed?"

She: "I like your bed, I like your house and I like your neighborhood. Furthermore, I'm your wife."

Lillie: "I have a new boy friend now."

Millie: "What's he like?"

Lillie: "Oh—whiskey, gin, beer—anything."

Politician: "In this great and glorious country of ours there is no North, no South, no East, no West."

Listener: "No wonder we don't know where we're at."

Some girls are not afraid of mice . . . others have pretty legs.

Although she's as plump

As a girl can be—

And weighs no more

Than two ninety three

I love to dance with Winnie Bridle
'Cause never a single ounce is idle.

The demure young bride, a trifle pale, her lips set in a tremulous smile, slowly slipped down the long church aisle clinging to the arm of her father.

As she reached the low platform before the altar, her slippered foot brushed a potted flower, upsetting it. She looked at the spilled dirt gravely, and then raised her child-like eyes to the sedate face of the old minister.

"That's a hell of a place to put a lily," she said.

AAFAS Has Timely Slogan

"The Army Air Forces Takes Care of its Own," is the slogan adopted by the Army Air Forces Aid Society.

The AAF Aid Society was organized and incorporated in March 1942, for the primary purpose of providing a fund for post-war assistance for officers and enlisted men of the AAF and the dependents of AAF personnel, including those of honorably retired, discharged and deceased men, and to provide for their education and assist them in securing employment.

At present there is being conducted a campaign to familiarize every enlisted man and officer on the field with the aims, purposes and activities of the Army Air Forces Aid Society, and to enlist their support for this worthy organization through the medium of memberships.

Anyone desiring additional information concerning the AAFAS should contact 2nd Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Personal Affairs Officer, phone 203.

Oklahoma City (CNS) — Dr. Carl R. Bailey applied to the OPA for permission to buy a new automobile. "Are you engaged in production of essential materials?" he was asked. "Yes," the doctor replied, "babies." He got the permit.



Q. Although my wife receives an allotment from my Army pay each month she is not dependent on me, having other sources of income. In the event of my death will she be eligible for a widow's pension?

A. Yes, a widow does not have to prove need. Payments to them are automatic by the Veterans' Administration and in case of the death of their servicemen husbands, they will receive widows' pensions even though they may have other income.

Q. My wife gave birth to a blue-eyed baby boy the 13th of last month. Am I entitled to receive \$30 for the baby for the entire month or do I just get a part of the \$30 in the form of an allotment?

A. Your new son will be happy to know that he gets the full \$30. No matter what date in the month a child is born on it gets the full payment for the entire month. All the parents have to do is file a copy of the birth certificate with the ODB to start the payments rolling in.

New York (CNS)—Mrs. Frances Sheldon Whitehouse, who died here recently at the age of 91, was famous the world over as the oldest woman ever to fly the Atlantic. She flew from Lisbon to New York by clipper in 1940.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Sat., 22 April

CRASH DIVE

(Revival)

Tyrone Power, Anne Baxter
Noveltoon

Sun.-Mon., 23-24 April

FOUR JILLS AND A JEEP

Kay Francis, Carole Landis
Martha Raye, Mitzi Mayfair

News of the Day

Community Sing

Tues., 25 April

Double Feature

THE FALCON OUT WEST

Tom Conway, Barbara Hale

JAMBOREE

Ruth Terry, Don Wilson

Wed.-Thur., 26-27 April

MEET THE PEOPLE

Dick Powell, Lucille Ball

Bert Lahr

News of the Day

This is America

Fri., 28 April

YOU CAN'T RATION LOVE

Betty Rhodes, Johnnie Johnston

Sports Parade

Speaking of Animals

Melody Master Bands

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. . . . Win. . . . Dance. Refreshments

Ark. . . . Informal dancing

Sun. . . . Win. . . . Program. Free call

Ark. . . . Free telephone call

Mon. . . . Win. . . . Do-as-you-please

Ark. . . . Bridge and game night

Tues. . . . Win. . . . Candy night

Ark. . . . Do-as-you-please

Wed. . . . Win. . . . Dancing. Games

Ark. . . . Snack Bar party

Thurs. . . . Win. . . . Bridge night. Recording

Ark. . . . Ping-pong tournament

Fri. . . . Win. . . . Ping-pong tournament

Ark. . . . Married couples' night

What's new in your home town?

Albany, N. Y. (CNS) — Prison inmates prefer travel literature to almost any other kind of reading, according to a recent report of the New York State Library Association.

Chicago (CNS)—It was April Fool's Day and the crowd that gathered about a suspicious-looking package on the sidewalk in front of a Loop restaurant just stood there and chuckled, waiting for a sucker to come along. Finally one simple-looking passerby picked up the package and opened it. It contained two large steaks, presumably dropped from a delivery truck serving the restaurant. Nobody said "April Fool."

Fall City, Kans. (CNS) — Arraigned on a charge of not paying train fare, Arthur Fleem explained to the judge that he unintentionally destroyed his ticket by idly eating it while riding on the train.

Italy. Tex. (CNS) — Charlie Dawson, just turned 18, claims he's the youngest father of three children in the entire Southwest. His third child arrived last week, just before Dawson received his draft call.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Jennie Reese, who weighs 300 pounds, was gossiping over the back fence with a neighbor when suddenly she disappeared. The neighbor found her, unhurt, at the bottom of a long-forgotten well.

New Haven, Conn. (CNS)—Dr. E. M. Jellinek is director of the section on Alcohol Studies of the Yale University Laboratory of Applied Physiology but when a friend asked his 8-year-old daughter what her daddy did for a living, she replied: "He teaches the boys at Yale how to drink."

Norwalk, Conn. (CNS)—There was a hot time in Norwalk the other night when 60,000 quarts of distilled spirits, including bonded, 100 proof whiskies, were placed on sale to satisfy a Treasury claim against a local distilling firm for unpaid taxes. At the conclusion of the sale there wasn't a bottle of rye, bourbon or scotch, or even a dry cork left on the shelves and thirsty Norwalkers were headed home loaded down with the ingredients for the happiest weekend they had enjoyed since the spirit shortage started.

PRAIRIE FLIER

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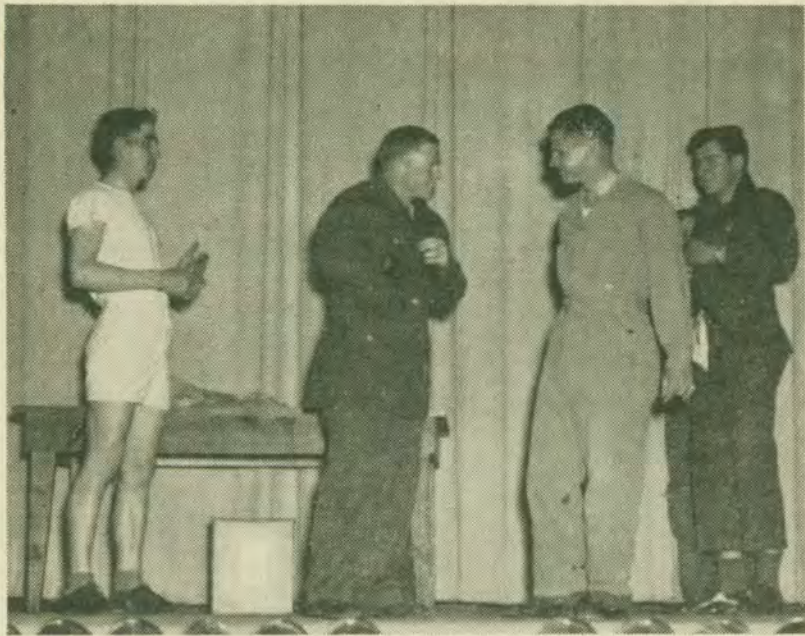
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Cadets of 44-F Have Big Evening



The scene at the top as enacted in the Cadet Class 44-F stage show held in the post theater last Friday night, brought many a chuckle from the audience. Cadets Jack R. Clark, Horace T. Castillo, Kenneth V. Gleason and Benjamin H. Grumbles receive their army clothing at a "reception center." The nightmare of over or undersized garments is vividly displayed.

The center picture shows members of the cadet chorus being ably assisted by Miss Betty Evans of Sioux City, Iowa, in the black dress, and Miss Gerri Barton, right, civilian worker in the cadet detachment and whose home is in Ark City, during the class 44-F stage show.

The lower picture shows members of class 44-F, their dates and officer guests during the graduation dance held in the post gym following the stage show at the post theater last Friday evening.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Met an old flame who has a genuine mink coat. She's not married, not even engaged—just under new management. She has such nice blond hair—this week. She has a figure like a million dollars—but the money's deposited in the wrong places. She won a beauty contest but was disqualified on two technicalities — her face and her figure.

Garden Romance: He's a dead beet—and she's an old tomato.

Many a man who in his time has cast sheep's eyes at a pretty girl, has afterward had the wool pulled over them.

And then there was the condemned golfer who asked the hangman, "Mind if I take a couple of practice swings?"

Marriage is a lottery in which men stake their liberty, and women their happiness.

Speaking of a Will: Know an attorney who sat up all night—trying to break the widow's will.

Do You Know?

Here are a few facts that may be of interest to you relative to National Service Life Insurance.

Did you know that after your policy has been in force for one year it may be converted to Ordinary 20 or 30 Payment Life? That simply means your insurance would act in a dual capacity first, as protection for your dependents and secondly as a savings for future necessities or emergencies. Under the Five Year Level Term Plan in which you are now participating it is understandable that protection is the only factor when one considers the premium. Ordinary, 20 and 30 Payment Life have two interesting features inasmuch as they have a loan value and also a cash surrender value should one elect to cancel at a future date.

It may be of further interest to know that your present National Service Life Insurance will fit into your insurance program when you retain civilian status. All that is necessary to keep the insurance in force is direct remittance to the Veterans Administration. If a period of 120 days should elapse before making premium payment it would be necessary to take a physical examination to reinstate the insurance, therefore it is a matter of prime importance that a check be made to determine when the premium is due.

All men who are qualified for overseas service and do not have the maximum amount (\$10,000) should drop into the Insurance Office and make application. As the station hospital is overburdened and considerable time is necessary to process the application it is important that this matter be acted on immediately.

It would only lead to confusion to try to point out the various plans to which you may convert, however anyone desiring any information along this line is requested to drop into the Insurance Office.

Where Are Your Khakis, Sissy?

Occurrences of khaki uniforms since last Saturday, first day of optional wear, have been few and far between. A few brave souls ventured out with their summer uniforms only to change back to OD, and for good cause. The average minimum temperature during this period of time has been 39 2-5 degrees!

Beginning with last Saturday, we have had two mornings with a low of 37 degrees, one that was 39 degrees and two mornings when the minimum reading was 42 degrees. Oh well, it won't be long until June.

Medics Party Great Success

Enlisted men of the Medical Detachment, their wives and girl friends had a big time last Saturday night in ward 6 of the station hospital, scene of the Medics party.

This organization, not to be outdone by other units on the field, threw their own social affair which featured a buffet supper and dancing. There were also contests in pool playing, pingpong and bingo during the evening.

1st. Lt. William A. Wishart, detachment commander and 1st. Lt. Kenneth L. Winters, hospital adjutant, attended the party.

Members of the committee that handled the party arrangements included M/Sgt. William Taylor, chairman, S/Sgt. Orville Forbord, Sgt. Donald Nicholas and Cpl. Donald Prys.

Houston, Tex. (CNS)—There is a city ordinance here which prohibits citizens from looking at a girl in a manner described as "making goo-goo eyes."

SF Instructor Killed in Crash

2nd. Lt. Raleigh V. Logan Jr., flying instructor at Strother Field, was killed last Friday night at 2330 when his plane crashed seven miles southeast of Oregon, Illinois, while on a training flight to Moline, Ill.

Lt. Logan had landed at Lafayette, Ind., where Capt. Charles W. McMillin of the Strother Field station hospital had left the plane.

A board of qualified investigators from Truex Field, Ill., will determine the cause of the accident.

The body was taken to Centerville, Iowa, home of his mother, Mrs. Alberta A. Logan. Lt. Logan's father lives in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Lt. Logan's wife who lives in Arkansas City, left for Centerville following the fatal accident.

Cub Scouts Visit Station Hospital

Cub Scouts of Den No. 1, Winfield, Kans., visited the station hospital this week where they delivered to 2nd. Lt. Nevin J. Rodes, convalescent training officer, copies of Esquire magazine and comic books for the patients.

In return for their "good deed," Lt. Rodes accompanied the group of nine youngsters on a tour of the hospital. The boys were allowed to play ping-pong which they thoroughly enjoyed. They were greatly interested in the various models including airplanes, constructed by patients.

The group of scouts included Richard A. Deatrick, Jimmy McKnight, Richard Stone, Doyle Hoyt, Robert Kuhlmann, Buddy Munding, Bobby Rich, Craig Thomson and Bill Thomson. The tenth member of the group was confined in his home with measles and unable to make the trip, darn it!



Male Call

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



Forecastle Armor

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Troop Training Program Complete

The enlisted personnel of Strother Field has completed its course of training in sanitation, first aid, malaria control and chemical warfare. The classes were started four weeks ago by Capt. Joseph V. Farmer, Assistant Training Officer.

Lectures, motion pictures and tests made up the training program on sanitation, first aid and malaria control, while in the chemical warfare study there were lectures, a test, field demonstration and motion picture.

Several members of the Medical Detachment, M/Sgt. William Taylor, T/Sgt. G. P. Rozwick, Sgt. D. L. Nicholas, Sgt. H. J. Plowhead and Sgt. R. E. Gangwere, ably handled the training program on the first three subjects. The chemical warfare program was directed by 1st. Lt. Donald M. Kain, CW officer, who was assisted by the enlisted men of his department, Sgt. W. B. Boyd and Cpl. D. W. Phillips.

In the final session of the training program held Wednesday, Chaplain Russell L. Young gave an interesting talk followed by the showing of a motion picture film on Japan.

All-Squadron Parties Hit Spot With EM

The enlisted men's service club had a full house for the weekly all-squadron party Tuesday evening. GSO girls from Wellington and Arkansas City were guests and dance partners of the many enlisted men attending the affair.

The service club was decorated with flowers for the occasion and Dick King and his 10-piece band from Wichita provided the smooth dance music. Refreshments included punch and cookies.

Next Tuesday the Newton, Kans., Freedomettes, girls drill team, will be guests at the all-squadron party, along with GSO cuties from surrounding towns. The Freedomettes will present their precision drill routine during the intermission of the party. The post dance orchestra will play for the occasion, members of the organization having now returned from furlough.

GI Movies at Service Club

Release No. 19 of the popular GI Movie series will be shown in the service club today, Saturday and Monday.

This particular issue is made up of four parts. The main feature of the film is the Army-Navy Screen Magazine which shows activities of members of the WASP, what goes on when a soldier gets a 3-day pass in India, and what Italy is to a GI.

The other features of the film are titled, "Set 'Em Up," "Three Cities," "Army Air Force Song."

Vet of Libyan Campaign Stresses PT Importance

T/Sgt. Carl R. Gray, veteran of the Libyan campaign and who saw action in India, left the Strother Field hospital during the week-end for further recuperation at Camp Mystic, Texas, from a serious operation that has hospitalized him for the past four weeks. T/Sgt. Gray came to Strother Field base hospital from the Wichita sub-station of the Kansas Recruiting District to which he was assigned by the Western Technical Training Command to recruit Air Wacs. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gray of 418 Springdale, Cumberland, Maryland.

Pinned to his pajamas at Strother Field hospital, T/Sgt. Gray wore the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for his meritorious service as an engineer-gunner on B-17's and B-24's with the Tenth Air Force in the East African and Asian-Pacific theaters of war. He had approximately 305 hours in combat in his 14 months' service overseas and participated in 33 missions.

Once he has fully recovered from his illness, T/Sgt. Gray hopes to be returned to a combat zone. That possible return he knows means he must be in the pink of physical condition, for there is no time in combat to take physical training. Demands of combat call for almost superhuman strength from men. Malaria and sand-fly fever germs lurk everywhere, awaiting a depleted human victim. Lack of sleep, nervous tension and great expenditures of physical energy demand the best, he pointed out.

T/Sgt. Gray commented before he left Strother Field on the importance of men assigned to the hot climates wearing their sun helmets. The sun plays devastating tricks on the spine, and in addition, the humidity makes a good coat of tan a virtual impossibility. Without their helmets, most soldiers in combat in the tropics or desert countries would secure a dangerous sunburn.

'Raise Eyebrows, Raise'

Ward 4 of the station hospital had two physical training instructors this week—as patients. Sgt. Paul Ruckaveno injured his right knee while doing a job of refereeing and Sgt. Raymond Muchowich "spun in" from a horizontal bar in the gym, injuring his neck. Ruckaveno is getting along fine and Muchowich was to be released this week.

Sgt. Ruckaveno has been giving PT to the hospital patients, so 2nd. Lt. H. H. Cummins, assistant physical training officer, has been handing him some of his own medicine. Ruckaveno's exercises have been confined to eyeball, eyebrow and finger movements!



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

When Tom Killifer was a kid his old man, Red Killifer, taught him how to pitch. Red was a good teacher, too, having pitched in the majors himself, coached the St. Louis Cardinals and managed several Pacific Coast League teams. But somehow Tom never learned how to control his fast one. It always broke early and sailed neck-high—or higher—over the plate.

Back in 1937 Tom went to the mound one day when Stanford university was playing Waseda University of Tokyo. Tom bore down on the first pitch, his high, hard one. It broke too soon as usual and knocked the Jap batter cold. The next Jap stepped warily up to the dish and Killifer wound up, unleashed his fast one, and dusted him, too.

Today, however, Tom's control is pretty good. He's a naval lieutenant, flying a Corsair with the Skull and Crossbones Squadron in the South Pacific. He has shot down four Zeroes over Rabaul and Bougainville and has assisted on several other kills. And that, says the Navy, is good pitching.

Max Schmeling gets his name in the papers more often than any other fighter, with the possible exception of Joe Palooka. This time he is supposed to be in Rome, training for a fight with a young Nazi paratrooper now stationed on the Cassino front. Previous intelligence on Der Schlager reported him dead, wounded, a prisoner of war, and a permanent KP in Odessa.

Big League Draft Bozscore

Accepted by Navy: Clyde Shoun, Cincinnati; Rip Radcliff, Athletics; Joe Glenn, Yankees. Passed pre-induction physical: Lon Warneke, Cubs; Ernie Bonham, Yankees. Classified 1A: Nick Etten and Johnny Lindell, Yankees; Whitlow Wyatt and Luis Olmo, Dodgers. Rejected: Vernon Stephens, Browns, because of a bum knee; Oscar Grimes, Yankees, on account of "joint mice" in his knee, and Leo Durocher, Dodgers, for "acorns" on his elbow.

448th War Room

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bers and during other meeting periods guest speakers appear on the program.

The war room occupies the former dayroom of the squadron. There are news bulletins, headlines, maps and pictures pertaining to the Burmese area, western European front, Russian front, Southwest Pacific and Mediterranean theaters of war. These are kept up-to-date at all times. In addition there are current and past Newsmaps on display, pamphlets and books pertaining to the war may be checked out for study by squadron members. There is also a large world map on which all battle fronts are clearly marked.

Latest addition to the war room is the miniature tank display. A show case containing battle-ground terrain constructed by Pvt. Aldon Craig of the Special Service Department holds British, German and Japanese model tanks.

Pinehurst, N. C. (CNS) — "George," the ever-reliable Pullman porter on the Seaboard Airline Railway train, saved the lives of nine of its customers recently when gas escaping from a break in the air-conditioning system threatened to asphyxiate the entire car near the station here. George awoke, smelled gas, stopped the train, aroused the passengers and had them removed to a hospital where all recovered.

Strother Field Baseball Team Not To Be Reorganized

The Strother Field baseball team which had such a victorious season in 1943 when it won 24 games and lost 8, will not be reorganized this year. This sad news was announced this week by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, athletic director of the field.



Cadet Evan D. Peteoff of class 44-F who set an all-time PFR record at Strother Field last week is shown in the picture above. Peteoff performed 114 sit-ups, 28 pull-ups and ran the 300-yard shuttle-run in 43 seconds to achieve a PFR of 98 with a sum score of 293. He was presented a medal by Col. J. F. Carroll, commanding officer of SF, during the class graduation festivities last Friday evening for his athletic prowess.

Letter from Bogart

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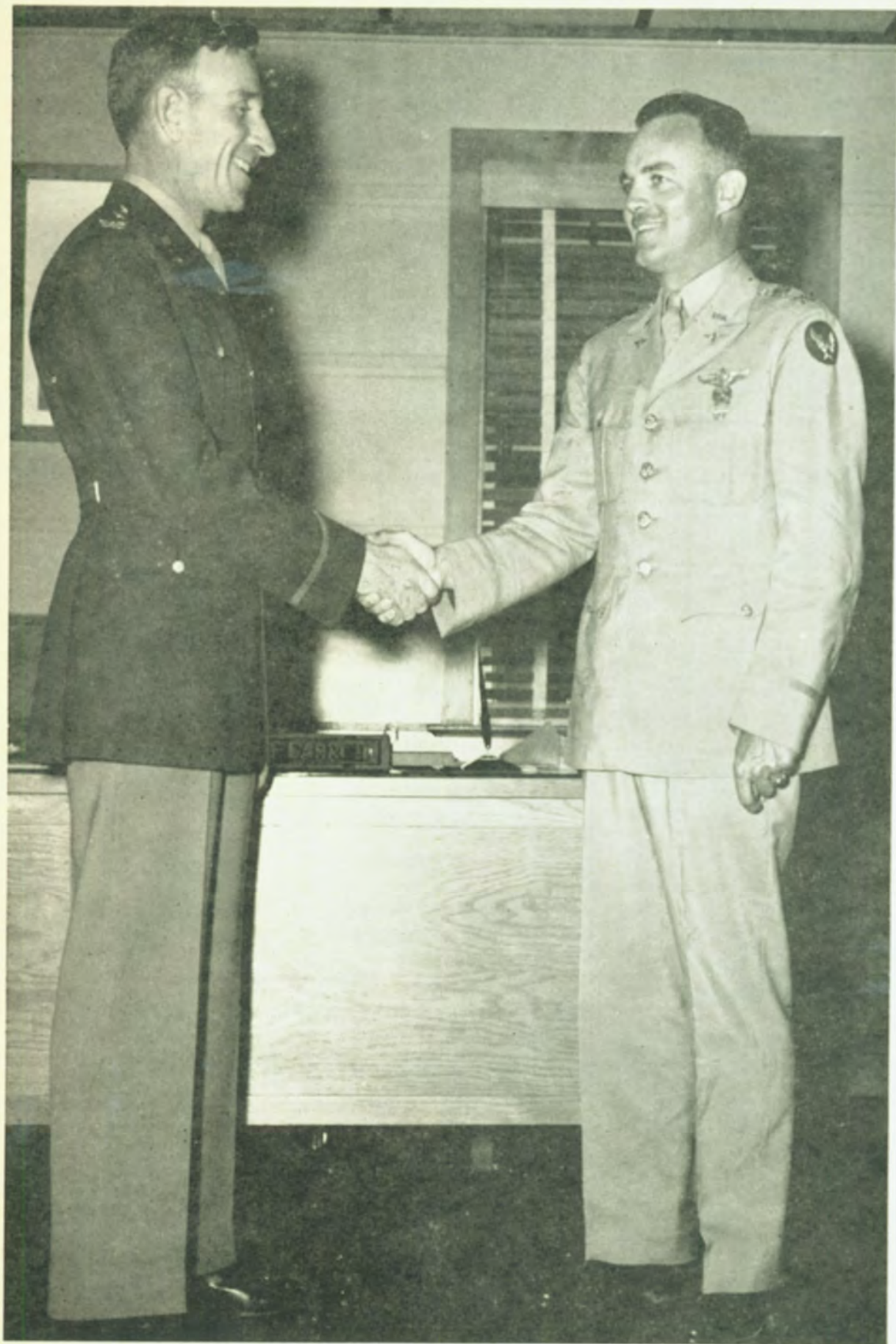
wood. Sure enough, the Bogarts had visited Mrs. Hunter's club, and had ridden in a plane with her from some (censored) point to another (censored) point, and remembered her very well. Yes, she was well and happy, and doing a great job. They even added a few well chosen words about keeping a stiff upper lip and fighting the battle of Kansas, but Hunter doesn't mention that. He wants overseas service, Italy preferred!

Pvt. Hunter has an odd situation on his hands. In most cases mothers in this country do the worrying about their sons in service overseas—while he is doing the worrying over here about his mother who is over there.

School Was Never Like This



The little red school house's loss was screenland's gain when curvaceous Betty Alexander, above, went to Hollywood to go to school but had her mind changed by a movie contract. She's currently appearing in "Shine On Harvest Moon."



Col. Joseph F. Carroll, commanding officer of Strother Field from September, 1942 until 23:59 last Saturday evening, welcomes Col. Lamont Saxton, his successor, as the two officers meet in post headquarters.

Strother Field Has New CO; Colonel Carroll to New Post

Strother Field now has a new commanding officer, Col. Lamont Saxton of Ellington Field, Texas, who assumed command of SF at 24:00 Saturday of last week.

Col. Joseph F. Carroll, who has directed the field's steady progress since Sept. 19, 1942, has assumed command of the Independence Army Air Field, Independence, Kas.

Col. Saxton has been commanding officer of the 668th Navigation Training Group of the Central Flying Training Command since last July. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with the class of 1935. Immediately after his graduation he went to Randolph Field, Texas, where he was stationed until September of 1936.

During the next 34 months Col. Saxton was stationed at Barksdale Field, Shreveport, La., after which he went to West Point to serve as an instructor for four years. He concluded that assignment in March of 1943, and in

the months intervening before his assignment to Ellington Field served at Washington, D. C., and at Mather Field, Sacramento, Calif.

Col. Saxton is a native of Chatham, N. Y., where he was born Aug. 25, 1912. He is married and has one child, a five-year old daughter, Frances Ann.

A farewell review for Col. Carroll was under way Saturday morning, the enlisted men and air crew trainees arrived on the ramp as rain began to fall. They were marched into the central hangar where they were notified the review had been cancelled.

Photo Lab Boys Are Fast Workers

Speed and efficiency is the byword of the post photo lab. Last Saturday morning Col. J. F. Carroll and Col. Lamont Saxton posed for the picture shown on this page. Within one hour's time the photo lab boys had gone to headquarters to take the picture, returned to the lab where the negative was developed and dried. Then an enlarged print was made, washed, dried, delivered to the Prairie Flier, and mailed to the engravers.

A group of air crew trainees drove up to a house in Ark City's threatened flood area last Sunday night. On the porch were several young lovelies waiting to be evacuated. The boys fell out of the truck in a mad rush only to be halted by an elderly woman who informed them that her home was next on the list.

SF Soldiers Battle Flood Waters in Winfield-Ark City

Strother Field soldiers Sunday night and Monday battled along side civilians of Winfield and Arkansas City to save human life and civilian property in history's most devastating flood in the vicinity of this base. To them today was given the credit for the daring nighttime rescue of Clay Cochran, 45, and Vann Cochran, 48, from the treetops on the brink of the Walnut river south of Winfield where the men had taken refuge when their home was swept away 12 hours earlier.

Sgt. Green And S-Sgt. Burros Win Insignia Contest

The Strother Field insignia contest results, subject to approval of the Army Air Forces Training Command Headquarters at Fort Worth, Tex., have been announced by post headquarters.

Sgt. Robert H. Green, 322nd squadron not only took first place honors but also copped third place to win \$30.00. First prize is \$25, second place \$15 and third place \$5.

Sgt. Green's winning insignia is red, white, gold and blue. It is circular in shape with a diamond border inside. Within the center border is a jackrabbit speeding across the ground. There is a sunflower popping out of the Kansas soil under the rabbit. At the bottom of the diamond are several red stripes and at the top is a white star with a blue background.

Second place honors go to S/Sgt. Karl T. Burros of the 1082nd squadron. His insignia is circular with three American eagles shown flying in front of a red and blue background studded with stars.

Sgt. Green's third place winner is circular with wings extending out each side. There is a gold background with a shield composed of stars and stripes. In the center of the insignia is a sunflower.

1,000-MAN MESS IS ON THE BEAM

"Cookin' with gas," has been just an expression at Strother Field this week. With the gas supply line cut off due to the flood it has taken a lot of ingenuity on the part of T/Sgt. Pennington, mess sergeant at the 1,000 man messhall, to prepare meals for officers, enlisted men and air crew trainees, all of whom were fed there the first half of the week.

Field ranges have been used in preparing breakfast each day and the additional use of steam to cook with has provided everyone with well-balanced meals. Cooks at the 1,000 man messhall have worked from 3:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m. each day—15 long hours out of each 24.

Mess-kits were used as it was impossible to wash eating utensils at the mess hall with the washing equipment necessarily idle.

448th Squadron To Have Picnic

Members of the 448th Base Hdqts. and AB squadron, their wives or girl-friends are going on a deluxe picnic Sunday at the Spring Hill park in Arkansas City.

Festivities will start about noon with the serving of fried chicken and all the trimmings including ice cream and soft drinks. There will be various athletic events during the afternoon and a camera contest in which prizes will be given for the best and also the funniest pictures taken during the affair. The post photo lab staff will select the prize winners.

The post band will be on hand to furnish music during the affair.

Military personnel and military equipment were employed first in Winfield and later in Arkansas City as the tensity of the situation increased. From the new commanding officer, Col. Lamont Saxton, and the retiring one, Col. Joseph F. Carroll, on down the line practically every officer and soldier was busy, either with the rescue efforts or in doing double duty at the field to keep activity there as near normal as was possible.

Colored men of the 322nd Squadron were first to receive and respond to the call for help, followed by enlisted men and air crew trainees of the 1083rd Basic Flying Training Squadron who stayed steadily on the job throughout Sunday night. Monday air crew trainees worked on the Arkansas river dike at Arkansas City. All men were restricted to the post Sunday afternoon and evening and men not living in either town were restricted to the field Monday night also. They were alerted for duty wherever needed.

Every facility of Strother Field was placed at the disposal of the two towns. Trucks, cut off from Winfield by the flood waters of the Walnut, were driven into town Sunday afternoon over the railroad trestle immediately west of the highway. Later some of them were returned to the field by the same route when Arkansas City asked that a number be made available for evacuation of some areas of that town.

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Field Lighting Provides Power

"Four Jills and a Jeep," feature picture attraction at the post theater Monday of this week, was shown to military personnel through the aid of field lighting equipment.

Power supplied Strother Field by the municipal plant in Winfield, went off at 13:30 Sunday afternoon due to the flood. Not only was there no show on Sunday evening but there had been no lights or power of any kind on the field until late Tuesday.

Col. Saxton, new commanding officer of Strother Field, desiring that the military personnel be provided entertainment, made arrangements for use of the field lighting equipment in the theater so that the show could go on. His consideration of the men on the field has meant a great deal to all of them, verified by many statements volunteered by both enlisted men and officers.

The field lighting equipment used at the theater has been operated by S/Sgt. Ross Blackwell, S/Sgt. Norman Bonner and Sgt. Hoyt Buttner.

In addition to the post theater light and power was provided the 1,000-man messhall, bakery shop, towers, guard house, communications, post operations and the dental clinic by the field lighting organization.

Two flood light trucks sent to Winfield to aid in the rescue of the Cochrane brothers stranded in a tree were operated by Sgt. Arver Urtel and Pvt. John Rogers. Pfc. Robert Heinrichs worked a double shift in the field lighting office Sunday night, taking care of all calls that came in. Other members of the unit took part in rescue and evacuation work, so, all in all the field lighting boys had a busy time on and off the field during the emergency.

Speaking of--Col. J. F. Carroll

"Gosh, I hate to see Colonel Carroll leave here." These words formed the typical reply of officers, enlisted men, cadets and civilian employees when it became known that the commanding officer of Strother Field was being transferred to Independence Army Air Field, Independence, Kas.

They are simple yet eloquent words—spoken with the realization that each of us was losing a sincere friend. Sincere in his successful endeavor to make Strother Field one of the best basic flying training schools in the Central Flying Training Command. Sincere in his fair treatment of military and civilian personnel, an example of which has been the privilege extended enlisted men allowing them to spend their off-duty hours with their families or friends in Winfield or Arkansas City. This is a privilege for which every enlisted man of this field is deeply grateful.

Colonel Joseph F. Carroll is a quiet man, seldom seen by most of us. Every hour of each day was one in which his undivided attention was given to the achievement of the one purpose of this field: The successful completion on time of the basic training of cadets in order to prepare them for advance training and eventual combat duty.

The records show a job well executed, thanks to the ability and leadership of this gentleman and officer, Colonel Joseph F. Carroll.

Air Crewmen Are on the Ball

If you do not know the words of the song, "Beat Me Daddy," you'll soon have them down pat—just by listening to the aircrew trainees as they go marching by to work, chow, or to their barracks.

Speaking of marching, have you noticed the snap as they go gliding by? Even in fatigues they look good. Yeah, we know this group is composed of future cadets—that they are new to army routine and naturally on the ball. Still, they are due a lot of credit for their enthusiasm.

Their on-the-line training before going into primary is an opportunity not afforded men who are now combat pilots. Many of these pilots have said they wish that they had been taught more about aircraft engines during their course of training. Not that one has time to climb out on a wing and repair a P-51 engine while in the heat of battle, but there have been many instances when a thorough understanding of that thing under the cowl would have meant getting off the ground again after making a forced landing due to engine trouble.

These young men want to fight the Axis in the sky and whatever is dished out to them is welcomed. They volunteered and are glad to be a part of the army air force, so power to them. Please fellows, let's not sing "Mairzy Doates!"

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN RUSSELL L. YOUNG

The writer is not blind to the fact that there is lots of rot and wickedness in individual lives and the world at large. Despite this, there is much that is good, fine and lovely in the old world yet. People who think the world is going to the dogs, need only to open their eyes and minds, look, think and make proper evaluation.

Those who witnessed Walnut river, ordinarily rather small and placid, spreading out like the 'Father of Rivers', moving with a fury that threatened to sweep everything before it, saw tragedy and heroism of a high order.

Two men, bachelor brothers, were trapped in their home a little way below the Winfield bridge. As the water rose higher and higher around their home, they moved to the roof, then as the house was gradually crushed and washed from under them, they took to a nearby tree. Hundreds of us watched, helplessly but with sympathy and prayer while others worked patiently, skillfully and bravely to effect a rescue. Finally, two men with no tie other than that of human brotherhood, deliberately risked their lives to save two of their fellowmen. This attempt at rescue was unsuccessful. For a while it was reported and feared that one had given his life in the attempted rescue. However, after 12 hours of ceaseless effort, the men were rescued without the loss of life.

This happened before our very eyes. We saw it! But we need to look through the eyes of our mind and see that such things are not happening once, but a thousand times over throughout the world. Millions of our finest and best are willingly risking, yea giving their lives for others,—you and me.

Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this: that a man give his life for his friend." And these are risking and giving their lives for those they do not even know. As long as there are millions in the world, dying for a cause they feel greater than themselves, and other millions willing to give their all, the heart of the world is essentially and fundamentally sound. True, all is not well with the world, but God is still on the throne of the universe and in the heart of His children. Let us, then, take courage, and move forward into the dawn of a new day. Like Sidney Lanier, as he watched the marsh hen build her nest on the watery sod, let us, by faith take our free hold on the goodness and greatness of God.

The Phantom Invasion

The German cities burn and the German nerve is quivering raw. Hamburg is dead, Berlin two-thirds destroyed. . . . Kiel, Essen, Bremen and Cologne are funeral pyres flickering against the night sky as the German spring brings its mournful gloom. Once more this land of murderers and bullies is facing a twilight of false gods. Yet the German land armies are nowhere broken. They stand, they retreat to new lines, they even counter-attack.

Then why, with cold realism, do observers in neutral capitals say: "Hitler is whipped. Germany is finished"? Flyers of the RAF and the AAF know the answer. The mightiest military power in Europe is falling before the phantom invasion of air power. Battle lines and fortifications are meaningless. Air power leaps the vaunted German "west wall"; it sweeps across defenses-in-depth; it marches five, six, seven hundred miles in two hours and batters at the gates of inland citadels.

Air power's destructive force is a phantom army equipped with two thousand siege guns; it is a battle fleet that steams up the Rhine—and all Herr Hitler's astrologers cannot dispel this black and deadly magic. The moat of the German castle is filled with German corpses. Its draw-bridge is a broken toy. Air power has set a torch to every door. Small wonder that the Nazi cut-throats cringe beneath the stair and think little whimpering thoughts of peace. There are phantom footsteps in the hall.

These Germans who put their trust in blood and iron have "waged with phantoms an unprofitable strife." For them the gibbet creaks and for them the earth rumbles hungrily. Oh, flyers, make haste with the good work of digging graves for Germans. Sixty million Japanese await their turn!

—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

This Week . . .

Friday—GI party, free coffee and cookies.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—Open, bring out your friends, gal or relatives.

Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.

Tuesday—All-squadron circus dance, music by post orchestra.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—322nd Squadron party.

Ye Liftings

Mary had a little wolf,
She fleeced him white as snow.

Cinderella: Godmother, must I leave the ball at twelve?
The Good Fairy: You'll not go at all if you don't stop swearing.

The Old Fashioned Girl who used to step out as fit as a fiddle, now has a daughter who comes home tight as a drum.

"Why don't you take Helen to the movies any more?"
"It was raining one night and we stayed home."

Every lassie
Loves a laddie
Coming through
With rye.

"You look sweet enough to eat,"
He whispered soft and low.
"I am," she said quite hungrily,
"Where do you want to go?"

Chaplain: "Son, are you following the Ten Commandments?"

Private: "I don't know, sir. It's all I can do to keep up with station memos and notices."

Receives Very Clever Birth Announcement

A clever birth announcement was received this week by the Prairie Flier from 1st. Lt. and Mrs. Joseph W. Wadsworth telling of the arrival of a daughter, Joanne Alice, born April 19th.

Mrs. Wadsworth is the former Bernice Scharmer, second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Lt. Wadsworth is assistant aircraft engineering officer of Strother Field.

Red Cross Lauds SF Flood Workers

During the brief lull that comes between caring for those hit by disaster and the start of a rehabilitation program, H. A. Thomson, Red Cross Field Director at Strother Field, today took time to laud the military personnel of Strother Field for assistance during the recent Winfield and Arkansas City flood.

"The military has done one grand job and I'd like the men to know that I, personally, and the Red Cross, as an organization, appreciate the help given."

"Lt. Col. Beatty (Jason L. Beatty, executive officer) headed the military personnel at work in Winfield Sunday night and any request I made of him for the Red Cross was immediately granted. All calls for workers, equipment and emergency food supplies were granted, insofar as it was possible to have them granted."

"I've never seen closer co-operation or better spirit exhibited than that of the enlisted men who bore the brunt of the load of evacuating civilians in the two towns—principally Winfield for the need was much greater there."

"Colonel Carroll's farewell to Strother Field was a burst of energetic work Sunday for the field's neighboring city—Winfield—in a time of great need."

"Colonel Saxton, new commanding officer, was on hand when and where he was most needed as commander of a military post—in Winfield Sunday, in Arkansas City on Monday. He ate his Monday morning breakfast at a Winfield relief station for flood evacuees after a night spent directing rescue activities. That's what I call really going to bat. I want you men to know that the Red Cross' humanitarian work in this area has been greatly facilitated by the military personnel of Strother Field."



Q. If I was on KP and inadvertently broke a few dishes, would I be required to sign a statement of charges for them and pay for them out of my Army pay?

A. A tough question, but according to AR 35-6640, a statement of charges is issued only if the party charged with losing, breaking or otherwise impairing government property is guilty of carelessness or willful neglect. So, unless you broke those dishes on purpose or "through carelessness or neglect," you probably won't have to pay for them.

Q. Where does the Air Medal rank in the order of precedence of awards made by the War Department?

A. Ninth. The Air Medal has been placed above the Purple Heart by a change in Army Regulations. It is preceded by the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal and the Bronze Star Medal and is followed by the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Medal.

Teaneck, N. J., (CNS)—A patient in a hospital here found the bed too short for his six foot four inch frame so he bought one to fit him. When he was discharged he left the bed behind—for the use of future oversized patients.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Sat., 29, April
THE YOUNG IN HEART
(Reissue)

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.,
Paulette Goddard
Merrie Melodies, Variety Views

Sun.-Mon., Apr. 30-May 1st
UNCERTAIN GLORY
Errol Flynn, Paul Lukas
Jean Sullivan

Tues., 2, May
THE MONSTER MAKER
J. Carroll Naish, Tala Birell
Madcap Model, 3 Stooges
Panoramics

Wed.-Thurs., 3-4, May
TAMPICO
Ed G. Robinson, Lynn Bari
Victor McLaughlin
News of the Day
Army-Navy Screen Magazine
Donald Duck

Fri., 5, May
LADIES COURAGEOUS
Loretta Young, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Diana Barrymore
Walt Disney Cartoon
Community Sing

What's new in your home town?

Charlottesville, Va., (CNS)—The University of Virginia student newspaper carried these two ads, one under the other, in a recent issue: "Wanted—Dates for Easter Week. See Co-ed Editor." and—"For sale—Six new wolf pelts."

Chicago, (CNS)—Twin beds are a blight on civilization, Judge Frank E. Donoghue declared recently in a juvenile delinquency hearing. In the old days, said the judge, one or the other parent in a double bed was always awake when the child came in. Now, they both sleep soundly in their separate beds and know nothing of their offsprings' whereabouts.

Dallas, Tex., (CNS)—A local firm asked a high school typing teacher to recommend a stenographer. "How much money?" asked the teacher. "She can start at \$175 a month," was the reply. Teacher took the job herself.

Denver, (CNS)—Cass Cassell was judged by authorities after he drove a tractor, with a plough attached, down Denver's main street, ploughing a deep furrow in the pavement and crashing into a traffic signal. Police said there was "considerable evidence" that Cassell had been drinking.

Houston, Tex., (CNS)—When a couple of prisoners escaped from the city jail, the warden sent a guard and two bloodhounds after them. He hasn't seen the prisoners, the guard or the bloodhounds since.

Lincoln, Neb., (CNS)—Mrs. Joe Reynolds didn't mind it much when her husband started spending most of his time cleaning his collection of shotguns, but when he began taking firearms to bed with him, she sued for divorce. "They scratched," she explained.

Los Angeles, (CNS)—Mrs. Earl Bonton left a street car, then discovered she had left her purse behind. She flagged at passing motorist, overtook the street car and recovered the purse. Then she discovered she had left her fur coat in the stranger's car.

New York, (CNS)—Sol Bauman, 65, was arrested in a church on Easter Sunday morning while praying vigorously. Detectives spotted him picking another worshiper's pocket.

ing all fields in the CFTC was

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Birthday party for EM.
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Sun. Win. Musical Program.
Ark. Singing. Informal dance
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Candy night
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dancing Games
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Bridge night. Recording
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Married Couples Night.
Ark. Married couples' night

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. LAMONT SAXTON, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

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Cadet Paul Jenkins of Class 44-G at Strother Field, firmly ties his flying instructor, 2nd. Lt. Edward J. Vallish into the cockpit of a training plane. Lt. Vallish recently fell out of a plane near Strother Field when Jenkins put the ship into a slow roll during a routine training flight.

Air Crew Trainees Are Praised For Their Work in Local Floods

Air crew trainees, taking their on-the-line study of aircraft mechanics at Strother Field, Kansas, Sunday and Monday put to practical use their skilled minds and their strong bodies in a determined effort to thwart the ravages of the flooding Walnut river.

When calls for assistance came to Strother Field from the cities of Winfield and Arkansas City—both partially inundated by high water—men of the Air Crew Training Detachment were quickly pressed into service, their ranks divided to meet the separate, immediate demands of the two towns.

A multitude of duties were presented to the air crew trainees and how well they performed their tasks is evidenced by the fact that quick letters and calls of commendation reached their commanding officer.

J. W. Griffith, district superintendent of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, expressed his appreciation for the services five trainees gave his company at its Winfield plant. The plant, striving to handle the thousands of calls that such a disaster inspires, was menaced by the rising waters. While telephone operators were making the necessary connections—some of them responsible in themselves for the saving of human life—the air crew trainees took turns operating a hand pump that prevented water from halting service, and kept communications open.

Other trainees manned the dikes during the early afternoon Sunday, preventing breaks until

the tide reached a level so high the waters flowed over the levees and onto the town of Winfield. While these crews were busy on the dikes, others from the air crew detachment worked feverishly, removing from the threatened areas the residents and their movable properties.

At Arkansas City, a group of about 30 air crew trainees carried to safety beyond the reaches of rising waters 150,000 pounds of meat for Maurer-Neuer, Inc.

"I don't know what we would have done without them," Stanley Spencer, manager, said Monday. "The meat was sweet pickled, in metal curing boxes weighing from 500 to 1,000 pounds apiece. Each box had to be handled by hand. These men from Strother Field, working devotedly and with all speed, carried all of these boxes from the first floor to the safe level of our warehouse. They certainly performed a valuable service for this company."

Aviation Student G. H. Petersdorf of Colorado Springs, Colo., who came to Strother Field from his air crew college training course at Springfield, Mo., Teachers College, summed things up for his trainee mates here when he remarked humorously Monday:

"I didn't know when I entered air crew training eight months ago that piling sand bags on a menaced levee and evacuating civilians from a flood-threatened area were included in the course of training. But you never know who or what your enemy will be."

Entertain Prairie Grove Students

A group of enlisted men from Strother Field presented a musical program in the Prairie Grove Community school house last Friday in honor of the last day of school for children of that vicinity. The GI "kids" even drew teacher's picture on the blackboard and some of them were stuck in the students chairs after eating the big fried chicken dinner provided by Prairie Grove ladies.

The community had purchased sufficient war bonds to purchase a jeep so the entertainers from the field took along a jeep and command car to show the people the versatile vehicle they had purchased for the army.

Enlisted men forming the quartet which presented several musical numbers included Sgt. Jack Blackman, Sgt. Jany T. Jaggars, Cpl. Kenneth Dugan and Pfc. Denny Johnson. T/Sgt. George Rozwick pleased the crowd with his accordion presentations and Cpl. Marty Faloan and Miss Winifred Dewey accompanied the quartet. The former playing the guitar and the latter the piano.

Urge Enrollment In AAFAS

Monday May 1st is the day to join the Army Air Forces Aid Society. By enrolling in this Society members will be joining with thousands of other Air Forces personnel in helping to establish a post-war fund which will be used to relieve distress of AAF personnel and their dependents, including dependents of honorably retired or discharged or deceased personnel.

The campaign for membership among the officers of the field began on the 15th of April, and at this time the reports are almost 100 per cent enrollment.

THE PRAIRIE FLIER WAS EXHIBIT NO. 1

The anniversary issue of the Prairie Flier, Strother Field's newspaper, was the first Central Flying Training Command publication shown by Col. Henry G. Stein, chief of the Special Service section of the CFTC, to Public Relations officers attending a one-day meeting at Randolph Field, Tex., Thursday of last week.

1st. Lt. A. P. LaBorde, PRO of Strother Field, attended the session and was surprised to see that the first field publication picked from a stack of papers representing all fields in the CFTG was the Prairie Flier. Col. Stein exhibited the various papers to show the typography and makeup used at different stations.

Terre Haute, Ind., (CNS)—Fabian Sevitsky, director of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, was about to start a concert here when he noticed that his cellist was missing. A search disclosed that the missing musician, en route to the concert hall, had taken a wrong turn and stepped—cello and all—into a swimming pool.

San Francisco, (CNS)—Fifty policewomen have been assigned to San Francisco's downtown night patrol to curb drinking by juveniles. "We seem to calm them down better," one policewoman said.

MEMORANDUM)

TO) All Personnel of Strother Field

I wish to express greetings to all members of this station. I am delighted to have the opportunity to assume command of such a congenial and willing organization. Although I have been here but a short time, I feel that I know most of the members of this Post very well, having been thrown with them very abruptly during the flood emergency. I was a little worried before I reported, as to what type of reception a new Commanding Officer might get upon relieving an Officer who had built the station and made such a fine Post. However, that was very quickly dispelled when I saw how eager everyone was to cooperate and make my position easy. I know that everyone will carry on under my supervision with the same cooperation as they did under Colonel Carroll's.

Although the Post is in a turmoil as to who is going where and when; I feel that the Training Command will soon let us know definitely so we can chart a course preparatory to change of status of the Post.

I wish to again thank all personnel for the superior performance of their duties during our recent flood control emergency.

LAMONT SAXTON
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

Air WAC Answers

Q. Do Air Wacs fly?

A. They don't pilot any planes. A few, with jobs such as Link Trainer instructor or radio operator, sometimes ride planes in line of duty. Off duty, any Wac is like any other soldier; she can take a ride, or catch a furlough hop, if she applies through Operations and there is available space in the plane.

Q. What kind of basic training do Wacs get?

A. The subjects include Army customs and military courtesy, military operations, world events and map reading, company administration, property responsibility and mess management, physical training, close order drill, and safe-guarding military information. Wacs never are given any combat training.

Q. Can a Wac who was a Civil Service employe in civilian life get back her job after the war?

A. Yes, if she had a permanent Civil Service status when she enlisted.

Q. I've heard there are limitations on the jobs Wacs can hold. Do Air Wacs and other Wacs have only a few jobs?

A. There are no combat jobs for Wacs in any branch. They can hold any job having suitable environment and working conditions, which is not beyond their physical strength or endurance—assuming, of course, that they have met the usual qualifications required of any soldier for the specific job. Of 628 Army classifications, more than 400 are considered suitable for women, and Wacs are being enlisted for 239 specific jobs. Air Wacs fill approximately 200 classifications.

Management of the Zile theater in Winfield came to the rescue of the post theater Tuesday night when it sent out two feature films to be shown military personnel.

The regularly scheduled film failed to arrive due to the flood situation and there would have been no show Tuesday if the Zile theater had not shown such fine cooperation.

PARTY FOR TRAINEES IN POST GYMNASIUM

Air crew trainees stationed at Strother Field are scheduled for a big evening tomorrow, Saturday, April 29th. A dance in their honor is to be held in the post gym with attractive young things from Arkansas City and Wellington adding glamor to the affair.

The post orchestra will provide dance music in their own smooth style, turning on the heat when it comes time for the jitterbug contest scheduled during the party.

There will be five acts of entertainment presented by members of the Edler School of Dancing. This group is from Wichita and has a clever routine.

Making the evening complete will be the sandwiches and soft drinks to be provided everyone. This is the first party held for the air crew trainees and promises to be a great success.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Uncle Sam has so many flying heroes—When a Jap pilot gets close enough to an American plane, he now yells: "Don't make an ace of yourself!"

If you are in doubt whether to kiss a pretty girl, give her the benefit of the doubt.

"My only regret is that I have but one wife to send to the country.

And then there's the shoemaker's daughter—who gave the boys her awl.

Father up-stairs: "Daughter, is that young man down there yet?"

Soldier: "Damn right, I am. What's it to you?"

The oyster is not the only one who has a crab for a mate.

Our unfortunate experience is that a day off is generally followed by an off day.

Male Call

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



Son Of The Beach





SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

April 28, 1944

Enjoy a Real Sport At Little Expense

Are you taking advantage of the 2½¢ per line bowling rate that recently went into effect at the post bowling alleys?

A great number of men are bowling each day and night and having a lot of fun and exercise at very little cost. After all, you can practically wear both arms out for a few cents. At that price one can afford to become ambidextrous (a pretty big word for talking about 2½¢).

Enlisted men are urged to get in a lot of practice so that when leagues are formed in the near future they will be able to carry their team on to victory.

PT Classes Called Off; Exercise Fighting Floods

The post gymnasium was a dark and gloomy building the first four days of this week—perhaps remaining so during the rest of the week. With the physical training instructors joining other military personnel in fighting the flood waters—the lack of electricity, etc., it has been decided advisable to cease physical training classes.

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Well, anyway, one day just a little while ago there was a piece in the papers all about how that hard riding torero, Senor Rogers Hornsby was the hottest tamale in the Mexican League where he was engaged in the profession of running the Vera Cruz baseball team.

It seems that Rog rubbered up to the plate that day to assay a pinch hitting role and golted a cripple over the centerfield wall and into the tropical reaches beyond to win a tight one for his side.

Well sir, the fans and aficionados from Vera Cruz all fired their revolvers into the air and then they carried the Rajan from the field on their shoulders, shouting "Bravo!" and "Ole!" withal. After running all the way around the bases, the 48-year-old Rog felt grateful, forsooth, for the lift.

From this dispatch you judged that Hornsby was all set for a lifetime of ease south of the border, down Vera Cruz way. But a couple of days later there was another piece in the papers about Rog, this time from St. Louis, where he was holding down an armchair in the shade of a potted palm at the Hotel Coronado. Seems he grew tired of all that Mexican idolatry, quit his \$10,000-a-year job and is now scouting around for a major league berth.

Say, how do you figure a bozo like that?

Thornton Lee won 22 games for the White Sox in 1941 but the next year he came up with a sore arm and won only two. Last year his arm was still sore and he won exactly five more. But during the off-season he had his throat slit and now he feels fine once again.

Lee explains that a taut tendon in his neck was the cause of all his trouble. The tendon was removed in an operation and now he says his arm feels as porous as a first sergeant's nose. If Lee stages a comeback this summer, a lot of dead-armed pitchers will probably cut their throats from ear to ear next October.

Billy Herman, veteran second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has begun his boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Some New Commissions Authorized Overseas

Washington (CNS)—Warrant officers and enlisted men serving overseas in non-combat assignments who have demonstrated outstanding qualifications but who cannot be released for Officer Candidate Schools because of the importance of their work may now be appointed second lieutenants by their commanders, the War Department has announced.

Although overseas theater commanders had previously been authorized to appoint officers from the ranks for combat leadership, appointment of officers from the non-combat categories was formerly subject to War Department clearance. In general the new appointments will be limited to filling positions of a command nature or those which require special technical or professional skills.

Pittsburgh, (CNS)—Mrs. Henrietta Mustacchio won a divorce on the grounds that her heartless husband left her when she got the mumps and again when she got the whooping cough.

This decision is perhaps the one enjoyable thing that has happened in connection with the flood in Winfield and Ark City—no grunting and groaning by the numbers. Of course, most of the men on the field have had their share of exercise, filling sand bags and moving furniture.

Oh, Chute!



The doughty lads of the San Antonio Air Service Command, Kelly Field, Tex., started singing "Chute, Chute, Baby" when they saw this picture of screen actress Marjorie Riordan, and promptly dubbed her "The Girl We'd Most Like to 'Chute the Works With.'"

BATTLE FLOOD WATER

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Blankets, mattresses, and cots were sent out from Strother Field in large quantities to supplement those available in the two towns and those brought in by the American Red Cross from Springfield, Mo., and from Oklahoma City.

Only casualties to military personnel were a lieutenant, Lt. Edward Brown, who was forced to swim out when the lifeboat he was attempting to maneuver to the Cochrans became entangled in some brush, and Pvt. Walter L. Lutz. Pvt. Lutz worked in water from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday and was ordered to the hospital for rest and treatment of exhaustion and shock. Lt. Brown was released from the hospital Monday morning and Monday afternoon was flying as usual. Pvt. Lutz was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Winfield for treatment.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Members of this Command.

I wish to commend every Officer, Enlisted Man, and Civilian of this station for the excellent manner in which he cooperated with this Headquarters during the flood at Winfield and Arkansas City. It is a pleasure to serve with personnel who willingly work on dangerous projects; in fact, who ask for assignments on dangerous projects. There were many instances where military and civilian personnel of this station exposed themselves to considerable danger in helping the populace rescue their effects or rescue the civilians themselves. I feel that it was due to the untiring efforts of all, that serious danger was averted in both cities. Men, when told to return to the Post and get some rest asked if that was an order, that they did not want to return; although they had been on duty, doing manual labor for periods of from twelve to thirty hours. It is this spirit that is reflected throughout the Air Forces, that is reflected throughout the country; which will enable us to definitely win a victory in World War II.

LAMONT SAXTON
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding



Shown above are a few of the enlisted men of Strother Field who devoted many hours to the task of filling sand bags to be placed on the Arkansas river dike at Arkansas City last Monday. Right to left they are: Cpl. Sherman Jennings, Cpl. Carl T. Gorski, Cpl. Victor Lair and Pvt. George Hunter.



\$600 In AAFAS Membership Drive

\$601.40 in Army Air Forces Aid Society memberships have been received from Strother Field officers and enlisted men, according to figures released today by 2nd. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Personal Affairs officer.

Following are the organizations and their participation figures in the membership drive.

Org.	Amount of cash in memberships	Pct. Participation
Officers	\$315.00	90 %
683rd Band	\$18.25	67.7%
Section "A"	\$50.00	12.4%
Section "B"	\$77.00	59.2%
Section "C"	\$121.25	25 %
Section "E"	\$19.90	26 %

Aims and purposes of the AAF Aid Society, organized by General and Mrs. Arnold to assist those in need of a helping hand when the war is done, are explained in a letter from AAF Headquarters, which follows:

We are now in the midst of a great war. Much remains to be accomplished before the threat to our country is removed. Although every effort must be expended in prosecuting the present conflict to a successful conclusion, it is not too early—indeed, every passing day makes it more imperative—to prepare to assist those among us who, when the war is done, will be in need of a helping hand. The AAF Aid Society is admirably suited to fulfill that mission.

With the rapid deterioration of the international situation in the summer of 1940, the augmentation of the Army began. National Guard units were called to duty in September, 1940. General Arnold realized that the constitution and by-laws of the Army Relief Society would not permit that organization to provide the benevolent service essential to the well-being of AAF personnel. He therefore caused the AAF to with-

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Trainee Dance Successful Event

Approximately 300 guests attended the first dance held at Strother Field for the air crew trainee group last Saturday night in the post gym.

Girls from Winfield, Arkansas City and Wellington, totaling nearly 100 in number, swarmed onto the field for the gala occasion and were enthusiastically greeted by the trainees. Outnumbered 2 to 1, the gals took a deep breath and entered the gymnasium ready for plenty of dancing and fun.

The post orchestra's musical presentations hit the spot with the cuties and trainees alike, their applause rocking the rafters after each dance number.

A troupe of entertainers from the Edna Cavanis School of Dancing in Wichita presented a 45 minute floor show and shortly after the intermission period a jitterbug contest was staged. First place honors went to A/S Clarence H. Pinkus and Miss Erlene Morhaia of Ark City. Second place winners were A/S Theodore H. James and Miss Betty McCarty of Wellington. Taking third place were A/S Anthony J. Bernadi and Miss Charlotte Sharer, Ark City. The contest was judged by Major Robert H. Austin, commanding officer of the trainee squadron and 1st. Lt. Howard Cable, tac officer. Aviation Student Kenneth Scher was master-of-ceremonies during the evening.

The gymnasium was attractively decorated by Pvt. Aldon Craig of the Special Service Dept.

Sandwiches and soft drinks were plentiful for all attending the party.

Officer Promotions Are Announced

Thirteen officer promotions announced last week-end by post headquarters give Strother Field a new major, captain, and eleven first lieutenants.

Ronald Hermes, supervisor of maintenance, was promoted to the rank of major. Russell L. Young, chaplain, received his promotion to that of captain.

Among the SF officers promoted to the rank of first lieutenant are P. H. Whitaker, intelligence officer and post historical officer; and Joseph K. Grigsby, assistant intelligence officer and claims officer. The nine other officers now wearing silver bars are all flying instructors and include George E. Bartley, Keith L. Cowden, Elmer C. Goodman, William H. Hagebush, L. D. Davis, Jr., Glenn P. Otto, George B. Royer, Jr., Cecil D. Peters, and Richard W. Smith.

NOTICE ENLISTED MEN

Here is an example of the manner in which you will write your return address on all mail sent from Strother Field.

Pvt. John J. Jones (Serial No.)
2545th Base Unit
Section "A"
Strother Field,
Winfield, Kansas.

(This does not apply to aviation students and aviation cadets).

SQUADRONS AND DETACHMENTS INTEGRATED INTO BASE UNIT

A streamlined system of organization, which officially carries into effect a manpower-saving program already developed at the nation's far-flung Army Air Forces training schools, was announced today by Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general of the AAF Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas.

The new plan of operation placed in effect at Strother Field at 0001, 1 May, consolidates personnel of individual squadrons and detachments into a single "Base Unit" to conduct administrative, operational and training functions at each station within the Training Command. Miscellaneous organizations formerly required to maintain training station activities will be disbanded and personnel integrated to form the all-inclusive "Base Unit," headed by a single commander.

SF Memorandum Explains Sectional Setup On Field

For the information of military personnel here is a line-up of the alphabetical Sections in the Base Unit setup as described in Strother Field Memorandum No. 20-2:

In order to facilitate military administration, the Base Unit will be composed of the following sections:

Unit Headquarters Section, "A" Administration and Services Section, "B" Training and Operations Section, "C" Supply and Maintenance Section, "E" Medical Section, "F" Aviation Section and "H" Pilot Student Section.

Personnel will be assigned to sections according to the following: Unit Headquarters Section: Post Commander and all personnel assigned to the following activities, (a) Personnel, which includes Unit Personnel, Civilian Personnel, Personal Affairs, Classification and Ground Safety. (b) Air Inspector including Ad-

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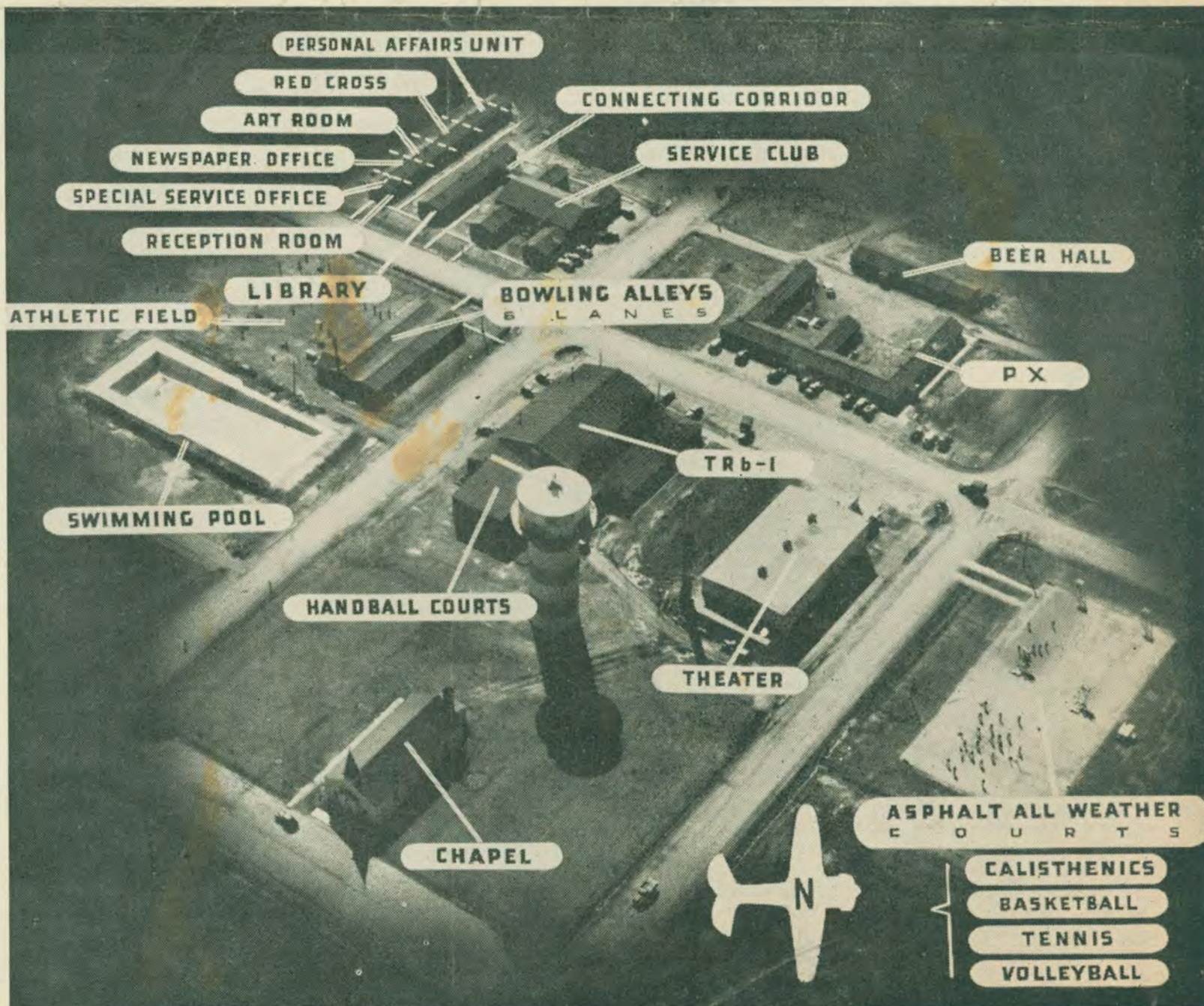
REC Facilities Well Grouped

"Centralization" is a welcome word to the military personnel of Strother Field where a Broadway arrangement of recreational facilities makes getting around the spots of interest a short hop and a jump.

Taking advantage of the inadvertent but fortunate placing of one recreational unit after the Post Exchange, gymnasium and theater had been built, engineers and post authorities have seen to it that authorized additions for recreational purposes have been placed in the same area. A virtual downtown business district has been created as shown in the aerial picture on this page.

The ration board didn't sit in on the planning, but centralization means less shoe leather and less gasoline spent. This set-up is perfect for the walking enlisted men or flight-weary cadets and officers.

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If your relatives wonder about the recreation facilities at Strother Field and if you have any place to go on the base in your spare time send home this copy of the Prairie Flier showing the fine aerial picture above. Not only does it show the recreational area but all facilities are designated for their information.

Speaking of - - Service Flags

During the evacuation of flood victims in Winfield and Arkansas City last week the number of service flags bearing one or more stars was very noticeable in these stricken households.

The flags were the first articles removed from the homes as the mothers or wives remarked that they too had someone in the service.

Where the evacuation was being done by military personnel from Strother Field these women remarked that their menfolk in the service would be grateful to the soldiers, as they were, for the aid given by SF personnel.

Perhaps this week their own sons and husbands may have been evacuating people and their belongings along the flooding Mississippi river. Perhaps some of the families in that area are those of Strother Field officers and enlisted men.

The military personnel of this field was glad to be of assistance in Winfield and Arkansas City. After all, these two cities are our adopted hometowns and the people have treated us as their own sons since the activation of Strother Field.

Your Job Is Making History

Do you know that the job you are doing at Strother Field is making history and is a vital part of the ultimate victory of the United States and its Allied nations over the Axis?

Your work may seem a very insignificant part of the tremendous military program taking place among these nations, yet it is being recorded in the post history of Strother Field which will become part of the permanent record of the Army Air Forces.

Each department of this field is responsible for a minute record of its functions. Every section must prepare a unit history, all of which are submitted to the post intelligence and public relations offices for assimilation into installments of this post's history.

The first installment began with the site location of Strother Field and recorded all activities through the 29th of February, 1944. The history is kept up by installments of two month intervals and the March-April history went out this week to the CFTC headquarters. It was highlighted by the chronicling of Strother Field's participation in the flood which last week wreaked havoc on Winfield and Arkansas City.

The record of Strother Field is one of which we can all be justly proud. We all are responsible for this fine record which is becoming part of the history of the Army Air Forces, so let's continue at top peak until the day of victory arrives.

The Humor of G I Joe

Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels ran afoul the G. I. Joe's grimy humor. The Heinies shot down a Fortress nicknamed "Murder Inc." and Goebbels announced that American flyers were gangsters to the last man. A few sourpuss viewers-with-alarm in the United States fell for another bit of G. I. whimsy. It was soberly reported by a returning airman that Tokio Rose, the Jap broadcaster, was the A.A.F.'s favorite pin-up girl.

G. I. Joe fights this war for home and country. He fights to save his own neck and the lives of his family and friends. He fights to keep America out of a German or a Japanese jail. These are serious matters, in all truth, and G. I. Joe knows it. But he also fights for the right to enjoy his own particular brand of humor. He expects the Hun to take a dismal view of his jokes and he knows that the Jap baboon is incapable of joyous laughter.

But his own countrymen—even columnists and editorial writers—ought to understand G. I. Joe by this time. When Joe yells "I wanna go home!" it is not indicative of low morale, desertion or mutiny. G. I. Joe yelled the same thing at Valley Forge. American fighting men sang "Mama, your boy wasn't meant for a soldier" as they rolled forward to smash the Hindenburg line.

In the name of Mr. Dooley, Ole Bill, Dere Mabel and Private Berger, may G. I. Joe's corrosive and irreverent laughter be cherished as a sacred right. There are fields, there are streets, there are homes and hearts hungry, these long months, to hear Joe's wondrous humor and laugh with him again.

Aircrew Trainees

The Prairie Flier wishes to apologize to the aircrew trainees who were referred to as being "new to army routine" in last week's editorial.

Unbeknown to the PF at the time the editorial was written was the fact that these men have had basic training and many have been in the army from four months to five years—many with ratings as high as that of master sergeant.

Their excellent morale and soldierly appearance is not due to their being new to army routine. They are this way because of their pride in being part of the United States Army Air Forces.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain Karl B. Smith

A thief is most simply defined as one who appropriates for himself that which is definitely known to belong to another. It makes little difference whether the thief enters a house under the cover of a dark night and takes a sum of money or whether he enters a nation, or nations, and steals the freedom, the homes and the rights of the people who live there. He is still a thief.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." (Ex. 20:8-10). What more definite declaration could God make that the one day out of the seven belongs to Him? God has labeled His property. Are you surrendering God's day wholly to Him?

Necessity may demand that you do not worship with the saints on the Lord's day. Therein lies the danger. Is it out of necessity brought on by the present crisis or the carelessness and indifference of your own heart that you use God's one day for other things?

It is a serious matter, worthy of your most earnest consideration. Remember! The day is God's and to be kept holy. Let's begin this Sunday.

This Week . . .

Friday—GI party, free coffee and cookies.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—1400 to 2100: 322nd Formal May Dance. Guests from Wichita and Ponca City.

Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.

Tuesday—All Squadron May Day Formal Dance. Music by SF Airchords.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—322nd Squadron party.

Ye Liftings

Adam and Eve seem to be the first systematic storekeepers. They introduced the first loose leaf system.

War Bond Officer: You forgot to dot the "i" in your signature.

Bond Signer: Would you do it for me, sir?

War Bond Officer: I'm sorry, but it has to be done in your own handwriting.

Sentry: Who goes there?

Voice in the Night: The devil!

Sentry: Pass. You know where you can go.

Wife: John, dear, why don't you want me to join the WAC?

Soldier: You wouldn't be happy, darling. It's non-combatant duty.

Voice (to busdriver): "Gee, catcher wait until I git all my clothes on." (And fifty soldiers twisted their necks around while the laundress got onto the bus with her basket of clothes.)

Our grandmothers believed that there was a destiny that shaped our ends, but the modern girl places her faith in girdles.

Beautiful: I can't go out with you anymore. I've been told that I wasn't to go around with anything lower than a sergeant.

Dutiful: Honey, I didn't know there was anything lower.

I guess you know item: The two biggest wolves in the world are Chase and Sanborn—they seem to date every bag.

Daffynition of Shock Troops: A bunch of new lieutenants at a burlesque show.

Little Miss Muffet decided to rough it in a cabin quite old and medieval; A frat man espied her and filled her with cider, And now she's the forest's prime evil.

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Strother Presented China Service

That Strother Field may "continue to send out fine boys, qualified and willing to carry on our flag from where Capt. Donald R. Strother was forced by death to hand it to his comrades-in-arms" is the hope expressed by Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Strother in a recent letter to the commanding officer and the Strother Field officer personnel.

The Strothers' aspiration was included in a letter of appreciation for a service-for-six set of Strother Field chinaware, recently presented them at an impromptu ceremony in the Officers' Club in behalf of all Strother Field officers. Every piece of china bears the imprint of the Air Forces insignia and the inscription "Officers' Mess, Strother Army Air Field."

Dr. and Mrs. Strother are the parents of Captain Donald R. Strother, who was killed in action in Java in the early days of the war, and for whom the local air field was named.

LOST

A watch belonging to A/C Hugo F. Beyer was lost at the time of an aircraft accident on 7 Feb. 1944. Anyone who has any information which might aid in the recovery of his watch is asked to contact the Post Surgeon, Phone 234.

Modern girls are fond of nice clothes, but they are not entirely wrapped up in them.



Q. Is it permissible for me to take out a Class "E" allotment for the benefit of my girl friend, or must the beneficiary be a relative?

A. Class "E" allotments may be taken out for the payment of money to any individual. The fact that they are not members of your family does not matter.

Q. Before the war I served three years in the Regular Army Reserve. Does this entitle me to longevity pay?

A. Credit for service in the Regular Army Reserve must be of an active nature. If you went to camp during the time you were in the RAR, you are entitled to longevity pay, but if you did nothing more than become a member, that is inactive service and cannot be credited toward longevity pay.

Q. I'm a paratrooper and recently, during training, I was injured in a jump. Now I want to know if I'm entitled to paratrooper pay for the time I spent in the hospital.

A. You are. AR 35-1495 states specifically that men hurt on parachute duty are entitled to receive paratrooper pay for three months while in a hospital.

Trenton, N. J. (CNS)—The will of Mrs. Mary Kubery left \$2 to her husband with the proviso "That he uses \$1 of same to purchase a rope to hang himself."

This Week at the POST THEATER

SAT. 6, MAY

"JAM SESSION"

Ann Miller-Jess Barker

Louis Armstrong's Band

Featurette

Little Lulu-Cartoon

SUN.-MON. 7-8, MAY

"FOLLOW THE BOYS"

George Raft-Vera Zorina

All-Star Cast

News of the Day

TUES. 9, MAY

"THE COWBOY AND THE SENORITA"

Roy Rogers

Sportoscope—Magic Carpet

Phantasia Cartoon

WED.-THURS. 10-11, MAY

"ANDY HARDY'S BLONDE TROUBLE"

Mickey Rooney-Lewis Stone

Bonita Granville

News of the Day

FRI. 12, MAY

"WEIRD WOMAN"

Lon Chaney-Anne Gwynne

Evelyn Ankers

"MEMPHIS BELLE"

Filmed in Technicolor

Color Cartoon

What's new in your home town?

Beech Grove, Ind. (CNS)—A motorist convicted of driving while intoxicated was fined \$50, sentenced to serve six months on the penal farm and barred from driving a car for the next 25 years.

Bellport, R. I. (CNS)—Frank Trotta has papered the walls of his newsstand with letters he received from GIs abroad. He's got hundreds of 'em.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—A man arrested here for failure to have a draft registration card had a good reason for it. He told police he didn't know his name or address. Hospital attendants said he was a victim of amnesia.

Clearwater, Okla. (CNS)—Mrs. Mildred Stewart, 43, became a mother for the 17th time the other day, the day after she had become a grandmother for the seventh time. Of her 17 children, 14 are living and three of the girls are married and have children.

Fargo, N. D. (CNS)—"Send the paddy wagon quick!" an excited woman informed police by telephone. "There's a drunk in my hallway." Police responded immediately, but before they could leave the station house, the phone rang again. "Never mind," the woman said. "It's only my husband."

Fresno, Cal. (CNS)—Mrs. H. L. Marley won her divorce but lost a petition to bar her ex-husband from their home. Hubby told the court he had no other place to sleep.

Kansas City (CNS)—"Look," the bus driver pleaded as passengers crammed into his vehicle at a street corner, "please don't crowd me." The passengers paid him no heed, so the driver, slightly miffed, climbed out the window, locked the bus doors from the outside and walked away—never to return.

Memphis, Tenn. (CNS)—This city has a new candidate for "Meanest Man in the World" honors. He is the unknown thief who stole two guitars from a blind musician.

Minneapolis (CNS)—Guy H. Moe, 64, of Alexandria, Minn., was visiting in Minneapolis when he slipped on the wet pavement and fell down. A couple of kindly strangers helped him to his feet, dusted him off, snatched his wallet and ran away.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....Win.....Dance-Refreshments

Ark.....Bingo-Free call

Sun.....Win.....Musical Program.

Ark.....Singing-Infomral dance

Mon.....Win.....Do-as-you-please

Ark.....Bridge and game night

Tues.....Win.....Candy night

Ark.....Do-as-you-please

Wed.....Win.....Dancing-Games

Ark.....Snack Bar party

Thurs.....Win.....Bridge night-Recording

Ark.....Ping-pong tournament

Fri.....Win.....Married Couples Night.

Ark.....Married couples' night

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. LAMONT SAXTON, Post Commander

An activity of the Special Service Department.

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Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Know a gal who was such a good egg—and now she's just a shell of her former self. She's got a peculiar philosophy. She says wisdom is knowing what to do. Skill is knowing how to do it. And virtue is not doing it.

The old fashioned man who had a good head for figures now has a grandson who has a great eye for them.

A girl may love you from the bottom of her heart, but there's always room for some other guy on top.

Kissing a girl is just like opening a bottle of olives—the first may come hard, but it's a cinch to get the rest.

Air WAC Answers

Q. What jobs do Air Wacs have in England?

A. With various air commands they are plotting and briefing missions, doing photo interpretations of bombings, handling communications, assessing combat film from fighter planes, working in intelligence sections. Space does not permit a complete list, but here are examples from a medium bomber headquarters: processor of secret documents, assistant sergeant major, secretary to the Commanding General, secretary and confidential clerk in intelligence, compiler of statistics on bombing and combat results. An 8th AF fighter station: switchboard supervisor, stenographer, film assessor, operator in Combat Operations room, mail clerk.

Q. Can Wac recruits request assignment to a specific post?

A. If the recruit wishes her first assignment to be within the Service Command where she enlists (as you know, the United States is divided into nine Service Commands) and would like to serve at a particular station within that Service Command, she can make the request at the time she enlists. Insofar as the needs of the Army permit, she will get her first assignment as requested.

Q. What weather jobs are open to Air Wacs?

A. The following classifications: meteorological plotter, meteorologist, theodolite observer, weather forecaster, weather observer.

INTEGRATED INTO BASE UNIT

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In a concurrent directive, which went into effect April 30, the Training Command initiated a four-way grouping of responsibilities at each station. The Commanding Officer will be assisted by "deputy commanders" for administration and services, for training and operations, and for supply and maintenance. The fourth aide to the station commander will be the Air Inspector.

The double-barreled streamlining process is in line with the Training Command's policy to eliminate administrative complexities and to operate its vital aircrew and ground crew training programs with a minimum of personnel.

Section "A" Picnic Set for Sunday

Members of Section "A" Administration and Services, will hold their picnic this Sunday at the Spring Hill picnic grounds north of Arkansas City. The event was originally scheduled for Sunday of last week but was postponed due to the rain Saturday.

There will be 300 deliciously fried chickens along with all the trimmings including ice cream to make the event one long to be remembered. The picnic is scheduled to begin at 1400.

There will be game contests and a photo contest for which prizes will be awarded the individuals taking the funniest picture and the best candid shot. Members of the photo lab will judge the entries.

A large sign will be placed at the entrance to the Spring Hill golf course showing the way to reach the picnic grounds. The Ark City bus company will provide transportation from the field and Ark City to the picnic grounds and return.

Battled Flood In Home Town

Two of the Strother Field soldiers who battled flood waters in Winfield last week were fighting to protect their home town. They were: Donald D. Dietrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dietrick of 1205 East Eleventh, and Charles Russell Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cummings of 819 East Fifteenth Ave. Both are aviation students with the air crew detachment of "H" Pilot Student Section at Strother Field. They are taking on-the-line training, at completion of which they will enter pre-flight school as the next phase of their training to become pilots in the Army Air Forces.

Women's Club Entertains

Members of the Strother Field Women's Club honored their husbands with a formal dinner party in the Officer's Club on the field last Saturday evening. The event was also a welcoming party for Col. and Mrs. Lamont Saxton and a farewell event for Col. and Mrs. J. F. Carroll.

Mrs. Carroll was presented a crystal vase in a silver holder by Mrs. Bernard H. Bloom, president of the Women's Club.

Places were set for 176 guests and a floor show was presented by the Ellen Cavanis troupe from Wichita, Kans., following the dinner. The tables were decorated with garden flowers and candles.

Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Robert A. Ralston, Mrs. Patrick H. Whitaker, Mrs. Wilbur G. Seale and Mrs. Robert I. Choate.

St. Louis (CNS)—A flour mill has added a rock-tosser to its payroll. The man is paid to stand on the banks of the Mississippi river and throw rocks at wild ducks because the mill had been shut down five times in one week by ducks which dived into the river for food and were sucked into the plant's intake pipes.

Field Alerted For Flood Threat

Helmet liners, fatigues, over-shoes and raincoats were the order of the day for a number of enlisted men on Monday of this week when it was reported that the city of Winfield might be in for another flood siege.

Fortunately rains falling Sunday night north of Winfield on the Walnut river were not heavy enough to cause any trouble. The field was returned to normal status late Monday afternoon after being on the alert during the entire day.

Swear In Seven Air Wacs Here

Entrance of three more Southern Kansas young women into the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field Saturday, boosted to seven the recruitments of Air Wacs at this station last week. Five of the seven are being assigned to the Air Transport Command.

Among the new recruits is a worker from the 377th Sub-Depot, the first Strother Field woman employee to enter the armed forces since the field was activated. She is Pvt. Loretta Williams, 27, of Arkansas City.

Also among the new Air Wacs sworn in Saturday was Pvt. Mervie G. Mahannah, 49, of Argonia. Pvt. Mahannah, a graduate of Southwestern college, has been teaching in Argonia high school the past 22 years. At the present time she is instructor in mathematics and pre-flight aeronautics. Pursuance of the latter line of scientific training she hopes to continue in the Air Transport Command, to which she is being assigned as an Air Wac.

Third of the recruits signed up Saturday was Pvt. Betty Jane Davis, 21, of El Dorado. Until recently, Pvt. Davis was a file and stock room clerk for Boeing Aircraft at Wichita.

Thursday of last week, three Wichita young women and one from Eureka were sworn into the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field. Included in this group were two sisters—Roxy Ellen Slicker, 24, and Lera Jean Feltrop of 3170 South Yale, Wichita. For the past 19 months, Pvt. Slicker has been a riveter for Beech Aircraft, but recent entrance of her husband, Paul Slicker, a Boeing Aircraft foreman, into the armed forces made her decide to join up, too. With her goes her 20-year-old sister, Lera Jean, a waitress in a Wichita restaurant.

Ruth Frederica Miller, 30, of 915 North Walnut, Eureka, and Winnie V. Dees, 22, of 346 North Topeka, Wichita, also were sworn into the Women's Army Corps last Thursday. Both are employees at Beech Aircraft at Wichita.

MARINE'S SHOT SAVES PALS, THEN HE Buries VICTIM

New Britain (CNS)—Marine Cpl. Edward J. Maleski, of Southport, Conn., saw a Jap take a bead on some of his buddies with a grenade. Maleski potted him before he could throw it.

When an officer came up and asked who had killed the Jap, Maleski stepped forward proudly.

"Well," said the officer, walking away, "you'd better bury him."

Spent a three day pass repairing my fish seines—sort of a holiday for strings.



Shown above are four young women who were sworn into the Women's Army Corps last week at Strother Field. In the top picture is Pvt. Lera Jean Feltrop of Wichita. Below, shown left to right are, Pvt. Ruth Frederica Miller of Eureka, Kas., Pvt. Winnie V. Dees and Pvt. Roxy Ellen Slicker of Wichita. Privates Feltrop and Slicker are sisters.

Vets Assured U. S. Aid In Job Placements

Washington (CNS)—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt has assured discharged veterans that specific information on job opportunities in all the principal cities of every state will be made available to them in the government's efforts to place them in these jobs.

Mr. McNutt said this information will be available at the United States Employment Service offices and will be revised monthly to indicate the expected labor demand six months in advance.

The National Association of Manufacturers also is speeding a plan whereby preparations by individual companies for re-employ-

ment of returning servicemen will be stimulated throughout American industry.

WHO SAYS THIS AIN'T A DEMOCRATIC ARMY?

India (CNS)—Cpl. John Wolfe, a staff car chauffeur, was driving along a muddy road with a load of brass in the rear seat. Suddenly the car became mired in the mud and wouldn't move. Cpl. Wolfe gazed hopelessly at the hub-deep muck.

One of Wolfe's passengers, a general, turned to the others, a colonel and two lieutenant colonels, and said: "Well, gentlemen, what are we waiting for?"

Then one star, one eagle and two silver leaves proceeded to push two stripes and a staff car out of a muddy hole.

Male Call

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



Not Afreud Of The Dark



\$600 In AAFAS

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draw from the Army Relief Society and to prepare to implement his slogan that "The Army Air Forces takes care of its own."

To this end, General and Mrs. Arnold assembled a committee to devise an organization for the AAF of such broad scope as to provide for all AAF officers and enlisted men, whether of the regular Army or of other components, and to include retired and honorably discharged personnel, together with their dependents. In March, 1942, as a direct result of the untiring efforts of General and Mrs. Arnold, the AAF Aid Society was born.

Almost immediately the War Department recognized the necessity of a similar program for the Army, including the AAF, and established the Army Emergency Relief to function during the emergency.

The AAF Aid Society has therefore agreed not to initiate and drive for funds as long as AAF personnel are beneficiaries of funds provided by the American Red Cross and Army Emergency Relief. This agreement, dated 26 March 1942, was at the time believed necessary to prevent confusion and to the responsibilities of Army Emergency Relief and the AAF Aid Society.

The agreement does not prohibit AAF personnel, or others, from applying for the membership in the AAF Aid Society or making voluntary donations, bequests, or legacies. It is believed to be within the terms of the agreement for a commanding officer to explain the aims and purposes of the AAF Aid Society to the members of his command.

The great majority of our officers and men are not aware of the existence of the AAF Aid Society is taking the long-range view in preparing now to meet the obligations that will be heaped upon it when hostilities cease.

Four classes of membership in the AAF Aid Society have been established in order to provide all individuals, both military and civilians, an opportunity to participate in this worthy organization: "Patron" members pay \$100 and "Life" members \$50, with no further dues; "Benefactor" members pay \$5.00 per year, and "Members at Large" \$1.00 per year.

Thousands Ask Transfer To Infantry Units

Washington (CNS)—The War Department has announced that thousands of enlisted men under 32 recently requested transfer to the Infantry so that they can "fight the enemy at close quarters." In many cases these requests are being granted, the WD added.

Trinidad, Colo. (CNS)—Eddie Mantelli, 11, penned this plaintive note to the City Council: "On March 16 I paid \$1.10 for a dog license. On March 22 my dog died. My mother won't let me have another dog. Can I have my money back?" The refund was granted.

Memorandum Explains

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ministrative, Technical and Training personnel. (c) Adjutant including Sergeant Major's office, Message Center, Reproduction, Headquarters Supply and Post Office. Statistics, Processing and Base Unit Supply are included in the Unit Headquarters Section.

The "A" Administration and Service Section includes the Executive Officer (Deputy for the Adm and Serv) and all personnel assigned to the following activities: Budget and Fiscal, Finance, Chaplain, Public Relations, Special Service, Post Exchange, Legal and Claims, Photo, Mess Section, Intelligence, Provost Marshal, Guard, Military Police, Police and Prison, Rationing, Telephone and Telegraph office and squadron administration of the 448th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron.

The "B" Training and Operations Section includes the Director of Training (Deputy for Training and Operations) and personnel of the Flying Training Dept., Link Training Dept., Ground School, Physical Training Department, School Secretary, Post Operations, Field Lighting, Personal Equipment, Weight and Balance, Weather (attached unassigned), Army Airways Communications (attached unassigned) and the squadron administration of Hq & Hq Sq, 55th BFT Group.

"C" Supply and Maintenance Section includes the Director of Supply and Maintenance (Deputy for Supply and Maintenance) and the following personnel: Supervisor of Maintenance, Supervisor of Supply, all aircraft engineering officers, all Technical Supply and Technical Transportation officers, and all personnel assigned to the following activities: Post Engineer (except personnel of C of E), Parachute Dept. Chemical Warfare Service, members of the 1082nd BFTS, Det 908th QM Avn (Ser), Det 2052nd Ord Co, Avn (Ser), Det 857th Signal Ser Co (Avn) and the 377th Sub-Depot.

"E" Medical Section includes all MC, DC, VC, MAC and ANC personnel.

"F" Aviation Section includes all personnel assigned to the 322nd Avn Squadron.

"H" Pilot Student Section includes all permanent party personnel both officer and enlisted assigned to the Hq and Hq Sq, 55th BFT Group, 448th BH & AB Squadron, and 1083rd BFTS and on duty with the Aviation Cadet Detachment and the Aircrew Trainee Detachment. All Student officers, Aviation Cadets, Aviation Students and On-the-Line Trainees are attached to this section.

The Status of the 683rd AAF Band has not been changed by this organization of the Base Unit.

Shreveport, La. (CNS)—Chased by her husband, who was brandishing a hot smoothing iron, athletic Mrs. Lucille Cash cleared a seven-foot barbed wire fence and escaped. Later she sued for divorce.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

May 5, 1944

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

GIs overseas are going to hear broadcasts of big league ball games this summer although as yet no one has thought of a way to shortwave them the schnapps and frankfurters the concessionaires peddle daily at the Polo Grounds.

The Armed Forces Radio Service plans to shortwave play-by-play accounts of the last hour of a major league game over an East Coast station every Sunday from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. to England and North Africa. Yanks in South and Central America, the Antilles, Caribbean, Alaska and Aleutian bases will get broadcasts of Pacific Coast League games every Sunday at 2:30. A half hour recreation of a big league game will be beamed by five West Coast stations to the same locations five days a week and also to the South Pacific, Southwest Pacific, and the CBI Theater.

BANGTAIL DEPT. Gee-gees now sharing the news spotlight are Pericles, the much drooled-over "wonder colt" who soon makes his debut at New York's Belmont Park; Man o'War, the incomparable, who just marked his 27th birthday at Lexington, Ky., and Sun Beau, third biggest purse-winning plater of all time, who died in dignity at 19. This Pericles cost his owner \$66,000 and is supposed to be faster around the first bend than a goldbrick ducking a week-end detail; This Man o'War didn't cost his owner very much but he won all but one of his races and a lot of money in purses and stud fees, having sired more children than Papa Dionne. This Sun Beau, no ice wagon swayback himself, won \$370,744 in five years of racing, a total exceeded only by Whirlaway and Seabiscuit. He'll be buried in his owner's front yard under a plaque.

Although Lt. Mickey Cochrane lost most of his fine Great Lakes Naval Station baseball team last fall, he has a new club this year that may be even better. Cochrane has an infield comprising Johnny McCarthy, Braves, first base; Billy Herman, Dodgers, second; Ed Skladany, Minneapolis, short stop, and Merrill May, Phils, third base. Clyde McCullough, Cubs, and Joe Glenn, Yankees, will do the catching, with Schoolboy Rowe and Syl Johnson, Phils; Bill Brandt, Pittsburgh and Virgil Trucks, Detroit, on the pitching slab. Cochrane hasn't corralled a major league outfield yet — but he probably will.

Attention! Meet the No. 1 Pin-Up-Girl



The No. 1 pin-up girl, RKO Radio studio's Chili Williams, above, makes her movie debut in this Henie designed bra-and-pant swim suit for "Having Wonderful Crime." This outfit is the sequel to the polka-dot bathing suit photo that made her famous. She's had over 30,000 requests for her picture. (NEA Telephoto.)

Quarterly PFR Tests Underway

With the flowers and showers of May comes another physical fitness test for all military personnel. It seems only yesterday that we were able to move around normally after taking the last test, but the calendar shows that the month of February comes three months before May, so there is no excuse for not giving out with the so-called muscles again.

Officers are taking the test this week and enlisted men will commence theirs next Monday. Cadets and aircrew trainees will undergo the test later on, according to announcement made by Capt. Oren P. Stoner, athletic director of Strother Field.

In the test given in February 1st. Lt. G. D. Allen and 1st. Lt. F. W. Holbein tied for first place honors among the officers with PFRs of 85 and sum scores of 253. Sgt. Boyd Fields of section "C" was tops among enlisted personnel with a PFR of 81 and a sum score of 246.

Know a Prisoner Of War in Germany?

Anyone at Strother Field who has a relative or friend who is a prisoner of war in Germany will find the following article of interest. It is the procedure of getting letters or parcels through to such parties and is taken from the Red Cross POW program. The Red Cross has used every possible means to keep Americans in enemy hands well fed, comfortably clothed, and in close contact with people at home.

The first step is to find the prisoner's exact address by writing directly to the Provost Marshal General in Washington. It may be safely assumed that all prisoners in German hands are receiving the Red Cross food packages weekly without any action on the part of the prisoner's family. The Red Cross has been trying since the outbreak of hostilities to guarantee similar comforts to our men held by the Japanese, but to date Japanese co-operation has been conspicuous by its absence.

Letters to prisoners of war should be written on plain stationery. Lately the Germans and Japs have been confiscating large amounts of mail whose envelopes or letterheads urged the recipient to buy War Bonds, or simply carried the sentiment "V for Victory."

In order to get through, a letter to a POW must contain no indication that the writer is a member of the Armed Forces. This can be accomplished by inclosing the letter in two envelopes, the

Pins-Up Girl



A real pins-up girl is San Francisco dancer, Jean Atoise, who keeps in trim, it says here, by dancing barefoot on bowling alleys and nimbly leaping out of range of balls streaking for pins. Keglers keep their eyes on pins — bowling pins, of course. ☺

first franked to your home address and the second addressed to the prisoner. This second envelope must have "Free" in the upper right hand corner, "Prisoner of War" in the upper left hand corner, and your name (without rank) and civilian address on the back flap.

Packages may be sent to prisoners once a month by members of the immediate family. All packages must bear one of the Prisoner of War stickers distributed by the Provost Marshal General.

Anyone wishing further information may inquire of Mr. H. A. Thomson, the Red Cross Field Director for the Base.



Section "A" of Strother Field is shown above as it participated in the review held last Saturday morning on the parade grounds. The group's precision marching and excellent appearance won first place honors for it.

'A' Section Wins Review Honors

The first review of troops held at Strother Field since the arrival of Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer, took place last Saturday morning on the parade grounds east of post headquarters.

First place among all sections went to section "A" Administration and Services, of which 1st. Lt. Sherman L. Elliott, Jr., is commanding officer and 2nd. Lt. James S. Long Jr., is adjutant. The blue and gold pennant was awarded to the section for winning first place.

Major Oliver R. Smoot was commander of troops and Capt. Oren P. Stoner was adjutant for the review.

New Chaplain Assumes Duties

First Lieutenant Ezekiel W. Elrod of Maysville, Ky., has been appointed post chaplain to succeed Captain Russell L. Young. Captain Young has been transferred to Victoria Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas.

Chaplain Elrod reported here on May 4 from Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas. He has been in the army 13 months, following graduation from the chaplain school.

Mrs. Elrod is staying at Maysville, with three of their four children. The fourth, Staff Sergeant William W. Elrod, 22, is in the Army Air Forces overseas.

S/Sgt. Elrod has earned for himself a number of decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, as well as a presidential citation.

Formerly a gunner in a Flying Fortress in the South Pacific, (Continued on page 4, col. 4)

Wichita American Legion To Present Stage Show

The Thomas Hopkins Post of the American Legion in Wichita, Kans., is to present a variety show on the stage of the post theater Monday evening, May 15th, at 2030. This event, originally scheduled for April 24th, was postponed due to flood conditions at that time.

The organization will present its drum and bugle corps along with many entertainers including dancers, vocalists, and acrobatic dancers in a talent-packed show that promises to hit the spot with military personnel of Strother Field.

As is customary with other types of entertainment presented for soldiers, there will be no admission charge to the show.

Strother Tower Is Wide Awake

Strother Field, Kansas, May 12—If you don't think the men who direct traffic by radio at this basic pilot school of the Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command are on the beam just listen to this:

Saturday morning, a BT-13 was rolling in after a perfect landing. The control officer in the tower observed that the pilot was violating a student flying regulation.

"Number Two Three Five, take five stars for taxiing with your canopy closed," he barked.

"Okay," answered No. 235 good-naturedly. "If that's the way you feel about it just charge them to Colonel Saxton."

The pilot of 235 was Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer at Strother Field.

16-Year-Old Discharged

Paul Silberman, of 2121 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, after serving seven months in the Army Air Forces, has been honorably discharged because it was found that he was under age. The soldier enlisted in New York at the age of 15 years and 3 months.

Silberman arrived at Strother Field in September, 1943. He was assigned to the 683rd AAF Band, where he doubled on the sax and clarinet.

Composition of 683rd Band Member Played Over Coast-to-Coast Hookup

Did you happen to hear Will Osborne and his band on the Coca-Cola "Parade of Spotlight Bands" program the night of April 27? If so, how did you like the number titled "Hindu Tea Dance" played over the coast-to-coast network? Did you know that it was composed by a member of the 683rd Army Band and the Airchords, Strother Field's own musical organizations?

Sgt. Angelus Robert Delabadia is the composer's name. Before entering the service, Del, as he is familiarly known to his many friends, played with Osborne's famous dance band and composed the "Hindu Tea Dance" number.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Del started playing the clarinet in high school when 14 years of age. When he reached his 18th birthday he was playing with a dance orchestra.

While at Strother Field Del has written and arranged two songs, one known as "Pine Bluff Stop" named after a trombone player, Cpl. Pete Steck who hails from the city of that name. "Pine Bluff Stop" is what is commonly called a "jump" tune by those who dig the musical parlance and has been

SF OFFICERS TO STAND RETREAT

You guys who beef about those monthly reviews should hang around some Wednesday evening.

Effective this week, all SF officers have to stand retreat each Wednesday at 1630, on the drill field east of Post Headquarters. Key positions will be rotated within each Section to give every officer a chance to learn all positions.



Here is the insignia of the 2nd Army Air Force, the organization which is to take over Strother Field in the near future. The insignia is approximately 2 inches square and has a blue background with gold eagle on it. There is a small star at the top of the design.

widely acclaimed by SF's jitter-bugging clientele.

The second number which has not been blessed with a title is Del's version of a sentimental ballad. He wants it known that any and all volunteers who wish to take a shot at writing lyrics and naming the tune are welcome to do so. Should the song be published and the lyrics be acceptable, said volunteer would be accepted as the legitimate partner as lyric writer.

Sgt. Delabadia, who plays tenor sax and clarinet with the band hopes that sometime in the future he may be permitted to see overseas duty in a band whose sole function would be to bring the fellows over there a little relaxation and a touch of home in a traveling unit.

Louis J. Parlangeli of 3518 95th St., Jackson Heights, Long Island, N. Y., now attached to the base hospital at Strother Field, Kansas, as a medical officer, has been promoted to the rank of captain, according to word from the adjutant general's department. The promotion became effective on April 27.

Winfield Fetes Soldiers; Ark City Planning Party

Officers, aircrew trainees and enlisted men of Strother Field who assisted in the evacuation of persons and their personal belongings during the recent flood in Winfield were entertained in that city Wednesday evening and those who assisted in Ark City are to be feted in the near future.

Col. Saxton Invites Service Men's Parents To Mother's Day Event

Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field, today issued a general invitation to parents of all men in service—wherever and in whatever branch they are serving—to join the men of Strother Field in the Mother's Day service at the post chapel at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Chaplain Ezekiel Elrod, who came to the local field a few days ago, will deliver his first address next Sunday morning at the Mother's Day service. Special music, appropriate to the occasion, is being arranged.

The morning worship at Strother Field next Sunday will continue a tradition begun last year in the chapel observing each Mother's Day by inviting guests. Last year only the mothers of men in service were invited. This year, the invitation is extended to include fathers and mothers of all men in all branches of service.

All visitors are requested to enter the South gate to Strother Field. Guards there will arrange their immediate clearance to attend the service.

"Heard the latest rumor? We're in the Central Training Flying Command!"

Believe it or not, this remark was made Thursday by an enlisted man who has been stationed at Strother Field practically since the base was activated.

When several other GI's looked at him rather oddly he said, "Say, is someone kidding me? Just what outfit are we in?"

The American Legion post in Winfield and members of the Chamber of Commerce entertained nearly 200 members of the Strother Field military personnel night before last with a fish fry in the Legion hall. Of this group there were 50 members of Section "F" who were also honored for their untiring work during the flood in Winfield. These men were fed and entertained in the colored USO in Winfield.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce in that city contributed for the after dinner entertainment and some entertainment it was—just ask the fortunate ones who were there. Mr. J. Ray Hill, secretary of the C. of C. was master-of-ceremonies for the occasion and the Rev. E. W. McNeil expressed appreciation of the citizens of Winfield for the help extended by SF personnel.

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'F' Section Given Autographed Pennant

Members of "F" Aviation Section at Strother Field are the proud possessors of a blue and gold streamer presented them for having taken top review honors three times during recent months.

The pennant is autographed by Col. J. F. Carroll, former commanding officer of Strother Field and was to have been presented the squadron during the review scheduled for April 22nd which was called off due to rain.

The pennant is now the permanent possession of "F" Section of which 1st. Lt. Richard B. Barnett is commanding officer and 2nd. Lt. Raffy D. Bagdasarian is the adjutant.



Sgt. Angelus Robert Delabadia of the 683rd AAF Band puts aside his saxophone and clarinet to do a little musical composing. Del played with Will Osborne's dance band before entering the service.

Speaking of -- Wacs

Our Air Wacs have a birthday anniversary. Two years ago—on May 15, 1942—the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was formed.

It would be appropriate on this occasion to salute our Wacs as having furnished ample proof that they are a real part of the Army—appropriate, except for the fact they reached that goal long ago. Having earned the right, they dropped the "Auxiliary" and became full fledged soldiers last September 1.

It also would be fitting to acknowledge, with grateful appreciation, that they have made a valuable and efficient contribution to the achievements of this post and the Army Air Forces as a whole—but that too became a matter of record months ago, when the AAF asked for thousands of additional Air Wacs.

We reiterate our admiration for these accomplishments of the past, and we offer our most sincere congratulations to the Corps and our own Air Wacs on the excellent job they are doing at present.

We believe, however, that the finest tribute we can pay to our sister soldier is to pledge to them a resolution for the future, then let our deeds speak to us in the days to come. The key to the future of the Women's Army Corps is growth. Having demonstrated its value in measures far beyond original expectations, the Corps is ready to shoulder more of the load, and is conducting a campaign for enlistments.

All of us can help. As soldiers, our words bear weight with relatives and friends. By taking an active interest in making the Wacs' merits known, we can boost the recruiting drive and increase the strength of the Corps. That is our way of letting our own Wacs know that we appreciate the job they are doing. It is the best compliment we can pay them, and the most tangible evidence of our wholehearted friendship and admiration.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN EZEKIEL W. ELROD

MOTHER'S DAY MESSAGE

We are glad to honor Mother, not only on Mother's Day but every day of the year. If we can wear the red rose this Mother's Day—how our hearts should thrill with joy as we think of all Mother has done for us!

God gave her life, beauty and love. She shared that life and love with sons and daughters who are scattered over the world today. Her beauty of soul is still there as she loves and prays to God for our safe return.

Those who must wear the white carnation this Mother's Day recall her love, patience and sacrifice with tender hearts as silently the tears trickle down our cheeks and we say, "Thank God for Mother."

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

"Into the Blue with God as My Co-Pilot"

By AVIATION CADET JOSEPH MCPHERSON

We merrily and joyously go down the lanes;
The lanes we all love—to our wondrous planes.
They are lined wing to wing on the tarmac,
Ready, willing, and eager to go to the attack.

We take off into the morning sky,
Ready and willing to do or die.
Suddenly we find ourselves high and alone,
Trying our best to reach God's great throne.

The sky is suddenly split with a thunderous blast,
And we three find we are not alone at last.
We dive; we twist; and twirl amidst this strife,
Suddenly realizing it is a battle for our life.

I quickly glance to my far distant right,
And behold a plane in the morning light.
Twisting and twirling on its downward trend,
I realize now the loss of a friend.

Suddenly a murderous blast from an unseen plane,
Smashes my wing and then brings great pain.
I've been hit; though not very bad,
But I must avenge the death of a great lad.

Disregarding my sudden and terrifying pain,
I dive and turn towards the unknown plane,
Waiting my chance for a murderous blast.
Ah! There he is; I've found him at last.

I move the controls to the left—now to the right,
I can see him like a monstrous bird in my sight.
Now, I can avenge the death of a friend at last;
Suddenly! The once proud plane is a thing of the past.

The firing ceases and I am all alone,
The great bugle for two of my friends has blown.
I wonder now at the marvel of getting through,
But here I am; alone, in this wondrous blue.

I lift up my sad and weary eyes,
To God in His far off heavenly skies;
And give thanks for strength to complete the strife,
And giving me a chance to continue this life.

Gone, gone, are my friends who flew to-day,
But some day we'll make the enemy pay.
We'll fight them; we'll bomb them until they die,
So once again we free men can forever fly.

This Week ...

Friday—GI party, GI movies, free coffee and cookies.
Saturday—Open.
Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.
Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.
Tuesday—All Squadron Dance. GSO girls from Ark. City. Music by SF Airchords.
Wednesday—Bridge tournament.
Thursday — 322nd Squadron party.

Ye Liftings

Santa Claus is the only guy we know of that can wag around with an old bag all night and never get talked about.

Sergeant — What, you've lost your rifle?
Private—Well, you know how it is, Sarg. Here today and gun tomorrow.

A fan dancer is a nudist with a cooling system.

Two ghosts were telephoning for a date. Said one to the other, "Ask her if she's got a ghoul friend."

She: I understand that in certain countries the people use fish for money.
Sailor: Gee, they must have a messy time playing the slot machines.

Grandpa remembers when FBI used to mean Free Beer Inside!

Co-Ed: Oh, instructor, what do you think of me now that you've kissed me?
Instructor: You'll pass.

"George looks terribly emaciated."
"Yes, he's suffering from high blonde pressure."

BOOKS ARE ALSO
Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The American Soldier is unquestionably the best equipped fighting man in the world. The weapons he uses are second to none. The number and quality of American planes and tanks and guns has been a decisive factor in turning the tide of battle against the Axis. Every effort has been made to provide him with the best of clothing, food, ships, ammunition, and medical care. And in a large measure this effort has been successful.

However, the United States Army does not stop with providing the best in mechanical and physical weapons. It is felt that a well equipped soldier must of necessity be a well informed soldier. To that end the Army Orientation Program is bending every effort in providing soldiers with information and knowledge. In doing this job the weapons are somewhat different. Instead of bombs and bullets, books and bulletins are used. Films, maps, radio programs and lectures thus become important weapons of total war.

To those of you who look upon the Orientation Hour as "just another—formation," take the time sometime to talk to a bomber pilot. You'll probably find that a rather large part of his knowledge and ability was acquired from technical manuals and in academic classrooms. Or talk to some of the veterans of Attu, Guadalcanal or Bougainville. More than one life has been saved because someone saw a film, read a book, or heard a lecture on First Aid. Or talk to a soldier who is stationed at some far away outpost and learn how he keeps in touch with what is happening in the world. Once again it might be said that,

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Q. Last week I asked you if it is OK for me to designate my girl friend as beneficiary of a Class "E" allotment. You said it was. My CO says you are all wet. Who's right, you or my CO?

A. Your CO of course. The Inquiring Line was in error last week when it said that Class "E" allotments may be made out to benefit your girl friend. The correct dope is that these allotments may be made out only to banks, insurance companies, families and dependent relatives. Sorry.

Q. Hey, look—enlisted men are permitted to wear shoulder loops on their blouses, jackets and overcoats. Why can't we wear them on our shirts?

A. That's simple. Shoulder loops on shirts are "for officers only." See AR 600-35, Par. 15.

Q. I've been in the Army a month. When I was inducted I took out \$5,000 in National Service Life Insurance. Now I want \$5,000 more. Will I have to undergo a physical examination in order to receive this?

A. Under the regulations concerning National Service Life Insurance, no physical examination is required if the application is made within 120 days after induction.

This Week at the
POST THEATER

Saturday, 13 May
SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY
(Revival)
Betty Grable, Robert Young
Adolph Menjou
Grantland Rice Spotlight
Merrie Melodies
Fitzpatrick Traveltalk

Sunday & Monday, 14-15 May
HER PRIMITIVE MAN
Louise Allbritton, Robert Paige
News of the Day
March of Time

Tuesday, 16 May
THE WHISTLER
Richard Dix, Gloria Stuart
J. Carol Naish
Pete Smith—Featurette
Popular Science

Wed. & Thurs., 17-18 May
PIN-UP GIRL
Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown
Martha Raye
News of the Day
MGM Miniature

Friday, 19 May
MOON OVER LAS VEGAS
Anne Gwynne, David Bruce
Alan Dinehart
Eagle Vs. Dragon
Color Cartoon
World of Sports

What's new in your home town?

Cleveland (CNS)—Two girls in bobby-socks peeked at the headlines on a newsstand. "British Bomb Sumatra," one headline read. "Gosh!" one of the girls exclaimed, "why are they picking on poor Frankie?"

Edgewood, Iowa (CNS) — Don Arnold saw a stranger leading his stolen dog along the street. He accosted the fellow and demanded the dog's return. "Prove it's your dog," the stranger challenged. Arnold struck a match, held the flame in front of the dog's mouth and said, "Blow it out." The dog blew it out. "Your dog," said the stranger, walking away.

Elmhurst, L. I. (CNS)—Police-man Bill Baumann spotted four youths carrying a bathtub along a darkened street. He stopped them. "Ha ha, officer," they said. "We're just carrying this home for a friend." Their story—like the tub—didn't hold water, so Baumann pinched them on charges of breaking and entering.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (CNS) — Hughbert Williamson, who in 1942 was fined \$8.75 for calling Adolf Hitler "a nasty name," has asked Judge Edward E. Burleson for a rebate. "You should realize by now," he said, "that I was right about the guy."

Hollywood (CNS)—Errol Flynn was minding his own business in a Hollywood night spot when Toby Tuttle, an entertainer, hit him on the head with a soft-boiled egg. She did it, she explained, because Flynn "just sat there" while another woman insulted her.

Kankakee, Ill. (CNS) — Police Sgt. Bert Luckey was lindy-hopping around the floor at the annual policeman's dance when suddenly his wooden leg, which is equipped with ball bearings at the joints, fell off and rolled across the ballroom. Four women fainted.

Newark, N. J. (CNS) — Bill Spaeth was arrested on charges of wearing an AAF officer's uniform with six campaign ribbons, the DSC, the Purple Heart and the China Medal. "Don't mind me," he told the FBI. "I've been telling lies all my life."

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.....Win.....	Dance-Refreshments
Ark.....Bingo..Free call	
Sun.....Win.....	Musical Program.
Supper 6:30 p.m. by Sat and Sun. Girls	
Ark.....Singing..Informal dance	
Mon.....Win.....	Do-as-you-please
Ark.....Bridge and game night	
Tues.....Win.....	Camera night
Ark.....Do-as-you-please	
Wed.....Win.....	Dancing..Games
Ark.....Snack Bar party	
Thurs.....Win.....	Bridge night..Recording
Ark.....Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.....Win.....	Ping-pong tournament
Ark.....Married couples' night	

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. LAMONT SXTON, Post Commander

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Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK
Know a girl whose face is her fortune. It runs into a nice little figure.

She said I made love like a cave-man. She didn't know I gave the beast that was in me.

She didn't mind when the boys sowed their wild oats—but she objected when they mixed in to much rye.

He'd rather go through fire than through water for her—he'd sooner have her hot than all wet.

Mosquitoes are religious: They first sing over you and then prey on you.

I didn't raise my daughter to be fiddled with, said the pussy cat as she rescued her offspring from the violin factory.

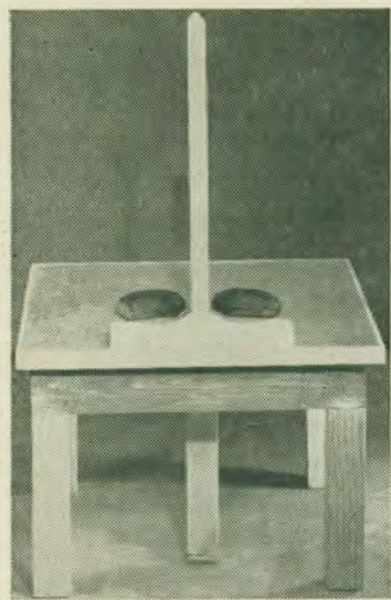
Section 'A' Picnic Bang-Up Affair

Huge quantities of food were consumed Sunday between 1:30 p. m. and 6:00 p. m. at Spring Hill Municipal Park north of Arkansas City, when the G. I. Joes of Headquarters Unit and Section "A" entertained their wives and sweethearts with a picnic.

A committee including T/Sgt. R. C. Stewart, T/Sgt. H. W. Pennington and Sgt. M. J. Stewart was appointed to purchase, from the squadron funds and prepare for the outing, 300 chickens, 50 lbs. of roast pork, 70 lbs. of ham salad, 150 lbs. of potatoe salad, 5 gallons of olives, 50 cases of coca cola and 100 cases of beer.

A warm Kansas sun, blue skies, cool south breezes, shady lanes and babbling brooks, added their pleasures to the occasion.

The 683rd AAF band provided a variety program of popular marches, and swing numbers through the entire day.



A device, shown above, for measuring trouser inseams has been invented and constructed by Sgt. Rudy Barrios, Quartermaster clothing warehouse foreman at Strother Field.

Invents Inseam Measuring Device

Sgt. Rudy Barrios, QM clothing warehouse foreman, has turned inventor, coming up with a neat gadget to be used as a measuring device for inseams of trousers. Pictures and details of the invention have been forwarded to the Quartermaster Commandant at Camp Lee, Va.

It is believed that the measuring device will be of great value in reception centers where continuous lines of men are daily issued their army clothing, according to 2nd. Lt. William Price, QM assistant property officer.

Here is how the invention will speed up inseam measurements of trousers: The person being fitted steps onto the platform, places his feet on the marked area and then raises the measuring stick to the correct height. At the top of the heel-rest the proper length figure shows on the stick. This number is written down by the attendant and the person steps off the platform to make room for the next one. Sounds speedy, doesn't it?

Col. and Mrs. Saxton Hold First Reception

Col. Lamont Saxton, new commanding officer of Strother Field, and Mrs. Saxton were host and hostess Saturday evening to the officers of Strother Field and their wives or dates for a reception in the Officers' Club. It was the first such occasion since Colonel Saxton assumed command of the air base.

Arriving guests were greeted, in order, by 1st Lt. George N. Rood, adjutant, Colonel Saxton, Mrs. Saxton, Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer, Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Rood.

Special guests for the occasion were Col. Joseph F. Carroll, former commanding officer of Strother Field and now of Independence, Kansas, Army Air Field, and Mrs. Carroll.

Flowers made festive the lounge where the receiving line stood and the ballroom where dancing occurred following the buffet supper. The dance orchestra from the 683rd Army Air Forces band played for the dancing.

May Formal Dance Held by Section 'F'

Section "F" of Strother Field held a May Formal Dance on Sunday May 7, at the Service Club. Music was furnished by Benny Johnson's band from Muskogee, Okla.

Forty young ladies were guests for the occasion, coming from the Wichita, Kan., USO. Decorations and arrangements for the dance were in charge of S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward who was assisted by Mrs. Bernheisel, the Club hostess and Pvt. Alden Craig.

The affair was honored by the presence of Col. and Mrs. Lamont Saxton. Present also were Lt. and Mrs. Richard B. Barnett and Lt. and Mrs. R. D. Bagdasarian, Commanding Officer and Adjutant respectively of Section "F."

Air Wac Answers

Q. Did most of the Air Wacs now doing technical jobs on Army Air Fields have training in civilian life for their military specialties?

A. No statistics are available on the proportion, but it is clear that "most" of them did not. As did the men, they received their technical training in Army schools or on the job. But there are numerous cases in which the civilian and military occupations are parallel.

Q. My wife says she would enlist as an Air Wac if she could get a weather assignment. Can she?

A. The army Air Forces Weather Wing is recruiting specifically for weather service, hence if your wife acts before the Wing's large quota is filled, she can enlist for this specific activity. That would be the sure way, but there is another possibility. Other commands of the Army Air Forces use many Air Wacs for weather duty, and your wife would have an opportunity to qualify for this type of assignment. No civilian experience is necessary, as the training is provided in classrooms and on the job.

Q. In either case, would my wife have to meet any special requirements?

A. For weather duty she would need only the job qualifications required of any enlisted man or woman going into this type of work—at least a high school education, preferably including an understanding of the principles of physics and mathematics, and a certain score in the Army General Classification Test.

Salute That Car, Joe!

Some of the men on this field must not be able to read so well. Many instances have been observed when both enlisted men and officers have failed to salute the Commanding Officer as he drove around the post, despite the large "C. O." on his front bumper.

Now don't come out and say you read a memo or something which said you didn't HAVE to salute an officer in a car. No, you don't have to salute the driver, but you'd better get in the habit right now of saluting anyway. There's no such thing as over-discipline or over-courtesy, you know. Besides, how do you know who else is in that car?

Let's get right, fellows. Salute not only the CO's car, but any car with the big "O" in the windshield as well as any car in which officers are riding. You can't get raked for doing something, but you darn sure can for NOT doing it.

ITALY — From American task forces here goes this tip for the home folks, via an American Red Cross field director: "Over here morale is spelled M-A-I-L."

He: You're thinner.
She: Yes, I've lost so much you can count my ribs.
He: Gee, thanks.

The dumb debutante thought a medicine ball was a dance for doctors!



Things are not as bad as they look at the Air Inspector, Technical Office. CWO Vernie J. Pierce, Asst. Air Inspector Technical and Sgt. Edward Seeb demonstrate proper use of the combat knives made by them during off-duty hours.

Combat Knives Designed And Made by SF Personnel

Looking forward to the day when they may be serving in a combat zone, three members of the Air Inspector, Technical, department at Strother Field are prepared for come what may.

Long, vicious looking knives with fancy leather sheaths are being displayed by CWO Vernie J. Pierce, Asst. Air Inspector, Technical and Sgt. Edward Seeb. These two men and S/Sgt. Max Huetter have spent a lot of off-duty hours making their efficient looking weapons. Using Sub-Depot equipment the knives slowly took form with their 8 1/2" gleaming steel blades and 5" leather or plexiglas handles, the latter type handles being made of scrap material.

Approximately six evenings of off-duty hours were spent in making the first of four knives manufactured by the group. The last one made took only half this time as the men speeded up their production work.

CWO Pierce has made two of these combat weapons while S/Sgt. Huetter and Sgt. Seeb are the proud possessors of one each, which is enough to get most anyone out of a tough spot.

Stony Point, N. Y. (CNS) — Walter Goss, 15, was told by his parents to wash the family car. He didn't feel like doing this, so he drove the car around the block and rammed it into a fence instead. Then he telephoned police. "When my father hears about this," he explained, "I'll need protective custody."

Cadets and Student Officers Enroll 100% in AAFAS

The slogan "The Army Air Forces Takes Care of its Own," was liberally exemplified by the aviation cadets and student officers of Strother Field when they reported 100 percent enrollment in the Army Air Forces Aid Society this week. Their total of \$379.00 together with additional memberships received during the week from officers and enlisted men has swelled the membership total to \$990.40.

Membership in the AAF Aid Society is open to anyone, whether civilian or military, who are interested in the program for assisting Army Air Forces personnel and their dependents in the post war days. National headquarters for the society has already received donations from interested civilians as well as proceeds from benefits conducted solely by civilians.

There is still time for those who have not enrolled, in one of the several memberships offered, to take advantage of the opportunity of becoming a part of this worthy undertaking.

Male Call

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



Men Sometimes Go Nuts In The Army





"... if I were in the States I'd call an usher!!"

BOOKS ARE ALSO

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"books as well as bullets are winning the war."

It will be the purpose of this column to keep you informed on what is happening by way of Orientation and to remind you of some of the really interesting materials such as books, pamphlets, magazine articles, etc., which are available to you thru the Orientation Program and the Post Library. Section Orientation Officers are invited to report interesting and instructive orientation activities which are happening in their sections to this column through the Orientation Officer. From time to time suggestions will be made through this column which might help to make the Orientation Program more interesting and informative.

There is a wide collection of books and pamphlets on the subject "Know the Enemy." With reference to the Japanese there are two that are particularly interesting. "The Jap Soldier," prepared by Captain Arthur Goodfriend, Army of the United States, and published by the Infantry Journal. This is a short booklet of facts, figures and pictures about the Japanese soldier. It describes the methods by which he trains, fights and thinks. You can see pictures of him with his equipment and in action. You can see him as a child, a fighter and a corpse. Learn how

Put OD's in Mothballs

Effective as of Wednesday, the winter uniform for military personnel at this station is not authorized. Enlisted men, officers and Air Wacs have blossomed forth in their sun-tan summer clothes, to terminate a three-week period during which the uniform was optional.

Looking especially fresh is the new khaki tropical worsted uniform for Wacs. Some of the boys who wear regular GI khakis are a little envious of that snappy outfit. But even they feel more dressed up, after more than seven months in heavy OD's.

much he is paid and what his "Rising Sun" meal is. A concise, interesting story of the "Warriors of Heaven."

"The Japanese," a factual, research study of the Japanese people, prepared by the Smithsonian Institution. This pamphlet presents the interesting story of Japanese religion, government, agriculture and industry.

The early childhood training and education influences the fanatical manner in which the Jap soldier fights. Learn why and how he commits suicide rather than surrender. Learn why the Japanese dared to attack the powerful United States and why they thought they would win.

How Human Torpedo Works



These sketches show how two British divers operated the Allies' new human torpedo to destroy an Italian cruiser in the harbor of Palermo, Sicily. The tiny sub, operated by two men in diving suits, is shown at top approaching enemy net defenses. Because of its small size, it slips easily through the nets, then speeds toward an enemy ship where the two-man crew attaches the warhead of the torpedo to the ship's hull just below the surface. Then a time fuse is set and the men speed away on their electricity-driven craft. In a few minutes the enemy ship blows up.



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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Pvt. Keith Wins PFR Trainee Honors

Pvt. Ward T. Keith won top honors this week at Strother Field for his performance in the physical fitness tests given aircrew trainees. Keith totaled 114 sit-ups, 19 pull-ups and ran the shuttle race in 48 seconds for a PFR of 85 and a sum score of 261.

Winners of second, third and fourth places among this group of men also had physical fitness ratings of 85 but were below Pvt. Keith in sum scores.

In second place was Pvt. Kenneth Kirsch with a sum score of 257. He did 114 sit-ups, 20 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 49 seconds. Third was Pvt. Richard A. Paulton with 114 sit-ups, 17 pull-ups and 48 seconds to run the shuttle distance. His sum score was 252. Fourth-place honors went to Pvt. William E. Freeze who did 114 sit-ups, 16 pull-ups and ran the shuttle in 47 seconds for a sum score of 251.

Warming the Bench

Any member of the Ft. McPherson (Ga.) baseball team can get a three-day pass if he wallops a ball through a window of the commanding officer's quarters.

This offer was made by the CO himself, Col. Frank K. Ross, whose quarters are just behind the right field fence of the ball field, 340 feet from home plate.

Ernie Lombardi, the man behind the nose, is faster than ever this year. In the first five games of the season he hit into five double plays and "stretched" two terrific blasts against the left field wall into singles. Lombardi remains one of the most potent long distance hitters in the game, however, as well as one of its most powerful snorers. So tremendous are his nightly nasal serenades, in fact, that no one on the Giants will room with him, despite the fact that old Cyrano, as usual, is the most popular guy on the club.

Greg Mangin, former national indoor tennis champion, is a Flying Fortress gunner over the ETO. He has had 1,000 hours in the air and his "service" is still as good as it ever was.

HOCKEY ROUNDUP. The Montreal Canadians, only real big league team in the NHL this year, lost only four games in the regular season, dropped only one in the Stanley Cup playoffs, won the Stanley finals, 4 games to 0 for Chicago. Star players of the year were the Canads' rookie goalie, Bill Durnan; Babe Pratt, Toronto defenseman, who won the coveted Hart trophy as most valuable to his team; Bill Cowley, Boston's great play-making center; Boston's Herbie Cain, who set a new league scoring record with 73 points, and Chicago's Clint Smith, winner of the Lady Byng trophy for clean play.

Draft Data

Danny Litwiler, Cardinals' outfielder, Mel Ott, Giants' manager, and Beau Jack, former lightweight champ, have passed pre-induction physicals. Litwiler picked the Navy and Beau chose the Army. . . . Wilbur Moore, Washington Redskins' back, has joined the Marines and Frank Leahy, Notre Dame coach, has applied for a Naval commission. . . . Al Gerhauser, Phillies' young pitcher, is 4F. And so is Andy Pafko, Cubs' rookie gardner. . . . Sgt. Barney Ross has been discharged from the Marines with a CDD.

Lt. G. W. Black Sets Officer PFR Record at Strother Field

The latest officer to join the ranks of Tarzanites at Strother Field is First Lieutenant Gilbert W. Black of Newaygo, Mich., who set a new record for officers in the physical fitness tests given last week. Lt. Black was Michigan professional boxing champion in 1935 and 1936 and was winner of the Golden Gloves tournament in 1932, 1933 and 1934.

44-G Cadet Ties PFR Record

Aviation Cadet James F. Bartee of class 44-G tied the Strother Field physical fitness record for all military personnel when he completed the test this week with a PFR of 98 and a sum score of 293.

The record was set by Aviation Cadet Evan P. Petcoff of class 44-F and at the time his score was figured to stand as the field record for some time to come. Bartee performed 114 sit-ups, 24 pull-ups and ran the 300 yard shuttle distance in 43 seconds.

In second place among members of class 44-G is William Schoning who has a PFR of 93 and a sum score of 275. He did 114 sit-ups, 19 pull-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 44 seconds.

Four other members of the class finished the tests with PFR scores of 90 although there was a variation in their sum scores. In third place is Cadet Louis U. O'Brien with a sum score of 271. Cadet Harry Fairlamb had a sum score of 268 to finish in fourth place. Fifth place honors go to Cadet Kenneth M. MacCammond with a sum score of 264. Cadets Donald McKenzie and Joseph C. Bond tied for sixth place with sum scores of 263.

Play Starts on New Tennis Courts

The two new tennis courts located north of the post theater have been the scene of much activity this week following completion of backstops and erection of the two nets.

Tennis rackets and balls have been ordered by the physical training department and should soon be on hand for use by military personnel, according to Capt. Oren P. Stoner, athletic director of Strother Field.

SOLDIERS FETED

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City officials of Arkansas City and the American Legion post in that city are planning a big event for officers, aircrew trainees and enlisted men who assisted in the flood-work in that city.

Date of the scheduled dance party to be held in honor of the military personnel has not as yet been announced but the affair will be held in the near future according to word received today from one of the Ark City officials.

NEW CHAPLAIN

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S/Sgt. Elrod has become a one-man crew. He learned radio well enough to become an instructor for a while at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, leaving to return to combat.

According to Chaplain Elrod, William has been reported missing in action on two occasions. Once he lived for seven weeks on an island, subsisting on lizards and raw fish, after a crash at sea.

S/Sgt. Elrod was at one time radioman for Lt. General Frank Andrews, who died in a crash in Iceland last year.

Lt. Black, an aircraft engineering officer, has won himself a score of 90 in the regular quarterly physical fitness tests given all military personnel. Lt. Black amassed the impressive score by performing 114 sit-ups, 20 pull-ups, and running the 300-yard shuttle run in 48 seconds.

The feat is a new record only because of a new scoring system which allows more points for the shuttle run. Under the previous method of scoring, Lt. Leo Engels of Wichita still holds top rating, besting Lt. Black by running the shuttle in 43 seconds. Lt. Engel's composite score is also 90.

1st. Lt. Fred W. Holbein took second place honors among the officer personnel with a PFR of 85. He performed 89 sit-ups, 18 pull-ups and ran the 300-yard shuttle distance in 47 seconds. His sum score was 251.

Third place honors go to 2nd. Lt. Clarence Henrickson with a PFR of 81. He did 114 sit-ups, 21 pull-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 54 seconds for a sum score of 247.

Leaders in the last previous tests were Lt. Fred W. Holbein and Lt. George D. Allen, who tied for first place with a score of 85 each.

PFR tests are being given enlisted men this week and results of the superman among EM and the leader in each section will be announced in the Prairie Flier next week.

CO and Officers Work on Pool

Rank, headed by Col. Lamont Saxton, new commanding officer of Strother Field, took its turn at shoveling on the post swimming pool project Tuesday night, joining a contingent of enlisted men, cadets and air crew trainees who had volunteered their efforts to help get the pool in shape for use.

During a temporary halt in the activities which consume practically every waking moment of a commanding officer's time, Colonel Saxton joined other workers at the site of the pool to shovel sand into the concrete mixer for the floor of the pool. Side by side with him labored Lt. Col. Sylvester F. Morrison, director of supply and maintenance, Major R. R. Keys of the station hospital, Major R. B. Mosher, personnel equipment officer, and a dozen or so captains and lieutenants, first and second.

Construction work at the swimming pool includes necessary changes and additions to meet all requirements of the War Department. (The pool was built late last summer but was never employed for general field use.) Improvements now being made are: pouring of a concrete floor; addition of a scum gutter; arranging for proper purification; building necessary shower and fountain; fencing the pool to prevent trash blowing into the water; erection of two towers, one for high diving, the other with its cable linked to the second tower to be used for a new wrinkle in dry-land Kansas — parachute jumping and other aquatic combat training.

All labor on the swimming pool is being donated by men of the different organizations with the assistance of post engineer's equipment. Money for the project comes from non-appropriated funds, including a \$1,000 gift from the Strother Field Cadet Detachment.



Century of Service Seen by This Foursome

"Hi, Junior" is the way Chief Warrant Officer William F. Baker, 50, second from left, greets Capt. John W. Smith, 37, left. Smith is the junior member of a military foursome at Strother Field since he lacks a few months of having 20 years' service, while Mr. Baker this month will round out 32 years with the United States Army. Looking on are M/Sgt. Ernest Butler, 46, second from right, who has 26½ years' service, and M/Sgt. George S. Showalter, 43, right, who has 22½ years complete the foursome. Collectively, the efforts of the four represent a century of service to their country.

Strother Field was not the first meeting ground of M/Sgt. Butler and two of the others. He was with the Air Forces at a Panama Canal Zone installation at the same time W/O Baker was stationed there with the infantry. He was a sergeant at Randolph Field when John W. Smith, now a captain at Strother Field, was a sergeant there.

M/Sgt. Butler and W/O Baker are the only two of the quartet with foreign service. M/Sgt. Butler has 16 years' abroad to his credit, six of them as an American volunteer with the British army during World War I. He enlisted Jan. 19, 1915, and saw action in several important battles.

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Chapel Filled for Mother's Day Service

Jesus' tributes to motherhood were emphasized in the Mother's Day service at the post chapel at Strother Field Sunday morning in a sermon given by Chaplain Ezekiel Elrod to a capacity crowd of servicemen and parents of men in service in any of the states or overseas.

A welcome to the visitors was given by Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field, who pointed out that, wherever possible all over the globe, similar services were being held in tribute to mothers.

Sgt. Theodore Naman sang "That Wonderful Mother of Mine."

A quartet from Section F presented three Negro spirituals. Members of the quartet, directed by Cpl. Julius Barton, were Pvt. John Garcey, Pvt. Radius Kenalls, Pvt. Willie Roberts and Pvt. Clinton Sturges.

To Present Air Medal Awards Saturday

Decorations for three Air Corps fliers—one from Wichita, one from Winfield and one from Arkansas City—will be awarded to next of kin at a public ceremony to be held at Strother Field, Kansas, at 2 p.m. Saturday. Two of the awards are for men now prisoners of war in the European theater, and one award will be made posthumously. The decorations, all Air Medals, will be presented by Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer, at a military review, the last review to be given by cadets of Strother Field.

The posthumous award will be received by John F. Jenkins of 2516 Ida St., Wichita, for his son, S/Sgt. Howard L. Jenkins. S/Sgt. Jenkins was killed in action, presumably on April 5, in the Mediterranean theater.

Mrs. Dixie A. Lockyear of 0112 Iowa St., Winfield, will receive the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for her son, Willard H. Lockyear, then a second lieutenant but now a first lieutenant. Lt. Lockyear is a prisoner of war in the European theater.

Mrs. Leona M. Arnold of 827 South E Street, Arkansas City, will receive the Air Medal for her son, 2nd Lt. Edgar L. Moore, also a prisoner of war in the European theater.

Heard about the cutie on the field who was solving the world's problems while rubbing cold cream on her face?

She ended up with quite a problem of her own—removing black shoe cream which she had casually dabbed on instead of face cream.

Strother Field to Become Fighter Base in Second Air Force Command

Strother Field is scheduled to be taken over on or about June 1 by the Second Air Force, headquarters of which are at Colorado Springs, Colo. Officers from the Second Air Force met here this week with representatives of the Central Flying Training Command to discuss plans of the changeover.

Ark City Entertains

Officers and enlisted men of Strother Field who assisted in flood work recently at Arkansas City are being entertained this week with two events.

The officers were guests of Chamber of Commerce members at a dinner in the Osage Hotel Tuesday and the enlisted men are to be guests of city officials and the American Legion at a barbecue and rodeo in Springhill park this evening at 6 o'clock.

There will be plenty of excellent food and drinks for everyone and the entertainment promises to be well worth seeing. A number of bronco-busters from Ark City and vicinity will give exhibitions of riding and roping.

The graduation of cadet class 44-G at Strother Field next Tuesday brings to a close the basic training program at this station.

Since December of 1942 members of sixteen cadet classes have received their basic flying training here, flying approximately 40 million miles above the terrain of south-central Kansas, a distance equivalent to 1,604 trips around the world. The safety record has been outstanding, only eleven fatalities having occurred among flying officers and cadets during this time. One enlisted man lost his life in a ground accident.

Graduation Dance Tonight For Last Cadet Class' 44-G

Special plans have been made for the graduation dance to be held in the post gymnasium tonight by members of Cadet Class 44-G. Dance music is to be provided by Eddy Howard and his 21-piece dance orchestra.

Who Says That EM Don't Get a Break?

Italy (CNS)—A large billboard at an MP station along the road to Garigliano Front, bears this list of standard fines for various violations:

"Failure to wear helmets, \$2; speeding, \$15; overcrowding vehicles, \$3; blackout violations, \$10; failure to have vehicles mounted with machine guns ready to fire, \$5, and failure to salute, \$2."

These fines are for enlisted men only. Officers must pay double.

Howard, composer of such hit tunes as "Careless," "If I Knew Then," "My Last Good Bye," and "Now I Lay Me Down to Dream" was formerly soloist with Dick Jergen's orchestra, and since forming his own band has become one of the top orchestra leaders in the country. His orchestra recently appeared on the coast-to-coast broadcast of the Fitch Bandwagon program.

In addition to Howard's vocal presentations will be heard Roy Bast, vocalist, The Four Swing-Sirs and the two piano team of Billy Baer and Hil Radtke.

A buffet supper will be served cadets, their wives or dates and guests.

That Strother Field is to become a fighter base has been disclosed following the meeting of the officers from the two commands. The exact type of ship to be used was not officially announced, but a Second Air Force officer indicated fast P-47 Thunderbolt fighters would probably be included. Other probabilities include Curtiss P-40 Warhawks.

It has also been revealed that some of the military personnel now stationed here would be transferred to other stations of the Central Flying Training Command, while others would remain here and be assigned to the Second Air Force.

Colonel Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field, will be among the officers retained in the Central Flying Training Command and transferred from Strother Field when the Second Air Force takes over, he announced today. Colonel Saxton assumed command on April 22, succeeding Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, who was transferred to Independence, Kans.

Lt. Col. Sylvester F. Morrison, supervisor of maintenance and supply, also is on the list of key officers to be transferred.

All flying officers will be retained in the Training Command and re-assigned to other fields, Colonel Saxton revealed. Administrative officers will be divided between the two commands.

With the exception of two officers, the station hospital will remain intact, as will the post engineer's office and officers of arms and services other than Air Corps. Very few changes have been announced for the Sub-Depot.

Since its activation in the fall of 1942, Strother Field has been

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Officers Share in Swimming Pool Labor



As anxious as the enlisted personnel of Strother Field for the swimming pool to open were the officers, who, headed by Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer, did their share of manual labor to hurry the project along. Col. Saxton is shown in the center heaving a shovelful of sand into a wheelbarrow. At the left are Capt. Isidore Brown and 2nd Lt. James S. Long Jr. Ready to move the wheelbarrow is 1st Lt. Louis A. Marignoni. 1st Lt. William N. Joyce is shown at the right.

No More Misters

With the graduation of class 44-G at Strother Field go the last cadets, or "misters," as they are called by their officers. No more will the familiar blue-banded garrison caps be seen on the base or in the towns of Winfield and Arkansas City.

Gone will be the familiar sight of white-gloved hands swinging in unison as the cadets attended Retreat or passed in review.

Strother Field has ably done its part in the basic flying training of many of our country's air force instructors and combat pilots of yesterday, today, and those who will receive their commissions as second lieutenants and wear their silver wings in the near future.

As part of the Second Air Force, Strother Field will continue in the drive to victory over the Axis. Instead of cadets going through their flying training in BT-13 planes, the sky will be filled with fighter type aircraft piloted by officers preparing for combat.

Speaking of -- Publicity

The following editorial is taken from *Aeronautics Magazine*, published in London, England, each month.

The financial Secretary to the Treasury was asked in Parliament on the 3rd of February the number of those employed in public relations and press departments in every Government department. In the reply it was stated that, including the staff employed in the Royal Air Force film production unit and in the photographic dark room, the Air Ministry employed 371 people on these duties. Our comment is that it is not enough.

Yet criticism was subsequently directed at the Air Ministry for employing too many. In some public comments lack of understanding was shown of the part played by publicity in all modern undertakings. The fact is that life is now public in the broadest sense. A man has not done anything until his achievement is published and to some extent the more widely it is published, the more effective it becomes. It might be said, indeed, that a man's existence is dependent upon some degree of publicity. The scientific discovery is likewise non-existent until it has been published. Scientific work relies for its continuing progress on publication and the less publication there is the slower the rate of progress.

It is a misconception to think that technical or scientific progress can be made in secret. It is probably true to say that progress in every subject under the sun could be accelerated if that subject could be given additional publicity. Put more minds on it, and the result is some fresh contribution.

War is no exception to the rule that publicity pays. An air force which worked superbly but never published the facts would not be getting as large results as an air force which published widely.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN EZEKIEL W. ELROD

SELF DISCIPLINE

Last July the American Scandinavian Athletic Association held a track meet for the benefit of the United States Army Air Forces Aid Society in the Harvard Stadium. After the race, C. Aubrey Hearn interviewed the runners—none smoked or drank intoxicants. These runners observed strict training rules.

The high school coach says to the boys on his team, "No drinking, no smoking, nine to ten hours sleep nightly, no sweets before practicing or games, plenty of exercise."

Just as the athlete must learn to discipline himself for the game he hopes to win, so should we observe certain rules of discipline in order to equip ourselves to enter the race of life and reach the goal:

- 1st—Become efficient and increase in wisdom.
- 2nd—Increase in stature, a strong body helps a strong mind.
- 3rd—Increase in favor with God. Have the quiet moment. "Be still and know God."
- 4th—Find favor with man. The world is becoming a neighborhood and all we are brothers.

Victory Depends on Me

The following poetry passage was written by Major General W. K. Wilson of the Sixth Service Command. For any who believes the Army is filled with hard-bitten, non-imaginative automatons, incapable of literary expression, we respectfully submit Major General Wilson's thoughts, penned in rime and rhythm.

I am a Soldier, tried and true,
Who fights, in order to subdue
The Axis foe across the sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a fighting Sailor lad
Who sails in weather, good and bad,
To sink our foe upon the sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a bold and brave Marine
Who lands on shores I've never seen
To fight and smash the enemy—
For Victory depends on Me.

An aviator, bold, am I
Who knocks the Axis from the sky
And sinks their ships upon the sea—
For Victory depends on Me.

I am a steady working man
Who works to build the best he can
The ships, the planes, the guns, you see—
For Victory depends on Me.

Americans, let's do our part
And work and work with all our heart
Let each one say with certainty—
That Victory depends on Me.

God, our Father, to Thee we pray
To guide us on our stormy way—
Inspire, and make each one to see—
That Victory depends on Me.
—Midwestern Area Office American Red Cross.

This Week ...

Friday—GI party (1900 to 2100) free lemonade and cookies.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.

Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.

Tuesday—All Squadron Dance, GSO girls from Wellington. Music by SF Airchords.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—Section "F" party.

Ye Liftings

Then there was the guy who took his girl out in the night and mist.

A nice-looking girl was raising a fuss with the movie manager, claiming her purse had been stolen. "How did it happen?" he inquired.

"Well, a soldier sat next to me. He put his hand on my knee and the next thing I knew the purse was gone."

"Why didn't you scream when he touched your leg?" he asked.

"How did I know he was after my purse!"

Girl: "Would you think it was telepathy if we were thinking of the same thing?"

Soldier: "No. Just beginners luck."

I asked her if she was doing anything that evening and she said she wasn't, so I took her out, and sure enough—she wasn't.

"I wish to marry your daughter, sir."

"Do you drink, young man?"

"Thanks, but let's get this other matter settled first."

A GI calling on his girl friend, arriving early surprised her mending her panties. Asked what she was doing, she replied: "Mending my lace curtains for my sitting room."

BOOKS ARE ALSO
Weapons
PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

In the post library there is a poster which says, "Any Book You Haven't Read Is A New Book." According to this standard there are apparently many "new" books, since the cards in some of these books do not indicate that they have been widely read.

Through the post library the Army attempts to provide a wide choice of reading materials for GIs. In our army the individual soldier is encouraged to read according to his choice. Have you ever thought of your freedom in this respect as compared with the limited materials which the German or Jap soldier is permitted to read? Since a good soldier is a well-informed soldier, let us take advantage of our "Freedom to Read."

"A History of the War," by Rudolph Modley, an Infantry Journal—Penguin book. A brief, interesting story of the war in maps—in pictographs—in words. The social economic and political background of the war is presented in pictograph form. The story of total mobilization for total war and the major campaigns of the war are discussed in simple language and supplemented with pictures. Every soldier should read this book.

"Japanese Warfare," is a summary of Japanese methods of warfare as prepared by the Military Intelligence Service in Information Bulletin No. 16. Some of the methods of fighting used by the Japs as discovered in actual combat. Learn about their weapons, planes, equipment and food.



Q. Can you give me some dope on the Armed Forces Institute's "accreditation" service, whereby soldiers can be aided in securing post-war employment in the Federal Civil Service?

A. Well, in a nutshell, this service is conducted by the AFI to help GIs who are seeking Civil Service jobs. By putting their Army training or experience on record now, veterans who later apply for Federal jobs will be able to receive full credit, in appropriate Civil Service exams, for skills acquired in the armed forces. To be accredited, these skills need not be acquired in connection with an Institute course but may be the result of any Army training or experience. For more data on this service, write to the Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wis.

Seattle (CNS)—"Please step to the back of the bus, folks," the bus driver pleaded. "It's going the same place as the front." Everybody smiled at this remark. Nobody moved.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS) — Charged with riding a mule down West Fifth avenue while drunk, Ralph Lomax explained to the court that he wasn't really intoxicated. "I was merely suffering from indigestion," he said.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, May 20

GIRL IN THE CASE

(Revival)

Edmund Lowe, Janis Carter
Paramount Musical Parade
Merrie Melodies
Movietone Adventures

Sun.-Mon., 21-22 May

UP IN MABEL'S ROOM

Dennis O'Keefe
Marjorie Reynolds
Gail Patrick, Mischa Auer
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Tuesday, 23 May

Double Feature

THE CHINESE CAT

Sidney Toler, Joan Woodbury
WYOMING HURRICANE
Russell Haydn, Robert Wills

Wed.-Thurs., 24-25 May

AND THE ANGELS SING

Dorothy Lamour
Fred McMurray
Betty Hutton
News of the Day
This is America

Fri.-Sat., 26-27 May

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

John Garfield, Paul Henreid
Color Cartoon

What's new in your home town?

Chicago (CNS)—Chicago's gum-craving citizens have resorted to scraping gum from the bottom of theater seats and restaurant tables following announcement by the P. K. Wrigley company that no more of the chewy stuff will be distributed to civilians for the duration. The Army is going to get it all, the company said.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (CNS)—When a local resident came home and found that his mother-in-law had arrived unexpectedly for a three-months' stay, he hit her with a potted geranium plant he had bought as a wedding anniversary gift to his wife.

Cripple Creek, Col. (CNS) — Arthur Marks has sued his wife for divorce on the grounds that she stepped on his face every night while climbing over him to her side of the bed.

Indianapolis (CNS)—A window cleaner working on the windows of the Board of Trade building kicked the bucket just as a group of school teachers was passing beneath him. The bucket, in this instance, was full of soapy water. And so, eventually, were the school teachers.

New Haven, Conn. (CNS)—Two roistering fellows paid a social call to a friend in the New Haven jug. Denied admission, they battered down the pokey doors. Once inside, they stayed there—locked up on charges of drunkenness, breach of the peace and damaging public property.

New York (CNS) — Eleazar Morrison, Venezuelan Consul General, arrived at a hotel where he was scheduled to address a dinner given by the Commerce and Industry Association. He told the head waiter his name was Morrison and was escorted to a table where he ate, drank, cleared his throat and peeked at his notes. But nobody asked him to speak. Inquiry disclosed that he was attending the wrong dinner. He finally arrived at the right one in time for a second dessert and his speech.

Richmond, Va. (CNS) — A serious shortage of grave diggers is the latest manpower crisis precipitated in Richmond by the war.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance
Ark.	Bingo.	Free call
Sun.	Win.	Supper.
Ark.	Singing.	Informal dance
Mon.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Bridge	and game night
Tues.	Win.	Kitchen night
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Dance.
Ark.	Snack Bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge night
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Sports night
Ark.	Married couples' night	

PRAIRIE FLIER

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Crew Chief Is Former Asst. Supt. of Grain Company

An "old-timer" at Strother Field is Staff Sergeant Raymond W. Habluetzel, crew chief of line 12, who has been one of our unsung heroes since the field was activated in November of 1942.

From being assistant superintendent of the Mid-Continent Grain Company in Kansas City, Mo., during the years 1938 until 1942 to becoming an airplane mechanic in the United States Air Forces seems quite a change in occupations. But when one has spent his spare time taking apart and rebuilding automobile engines as a hobby something is bound to come of it—in S/Sgt. Habluetzel's case it has been to "keep 'em flying."

Enlisting in the Air Corps at Kansas City on November 7, 1942, S/Sgt. Habluetzel was sent to Midland, Tex., where he was stationed for a 10-day period. On November 23rd he arrived at Strother Field, ahead of the first Vultee BT-13 training planes. Since that time he has worked on the line helping to make the outstanding flying training record of this field an enviable one.

A native Kansan, S/Sgt. Habluetzel was born and raised at Clay Center, Kans. He is married to a St. Joseph, Mo., girl and they make their home in Arkansas City.

Toledo, O. (CNS) — Arthur Fleeshner put over a canny deal the other day. He swapped his 1941 Ford station wagon even up for a 1924 Model T touring car. Reason for the trade: The Model T has four good tires. The station wagon has none.

"I want some corsets for my wife."
"What bust?"
"Nothin'. They just wore out."

Air Wac Answers

Q. Are Air Wacs assigned to radio maintenance work?

A. Yes, at many fields. At one field, the Production Line Maintenance hangar has an entire shift of Air Wacs (eight radio mechanics and the NCOIC) doing this type of work on basic training planes.

Q. Are Wacs serving overseas eligible for service ribbons of a theater of operations?

A. Yes. And at least one group already has been awarded the bronze stars worn on theater ribbons to denote active participation in a campaign. Lt. Gen. Mark Clark made the awards on the Fifth Army main front to 59 members of the 69th Headquarters Platoon following eight months of service in Italy. The platoon worked at command posts and held other assignments with forward echelons.

Q. Are Wacs allowed to wear civilian clothes when off duty?

A. Ever since Sept. 1, 1943, when the WAAC became the WAC, the Wacs have been subject to the same Army Regulations as the men, with one exception made recently—Wac participants in a wedding ceremony (brides and bridesmaids) may wear civilian apparel.

Rochester, N. Y. (CNS)—A local resident has appealed to his ration board for a new set of stamps. He said he inadvertently destroyed his red stamps while discarding some unneeded blue ones. "I'm color blind," he explained.

Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK

Local Gal:—"Do you believe in love at first sight?"

Private:—"I gotta. I only have an over-night pass."

Leg o' Lamb

Girls who were raised on cod liver oil have legs like this !!

Girls who ride horses in the park have legs like this ()

But gals at night club bars who keep saying "Here's How," have legs like this)()

And we might add: Girls who have good judgment have legs like this X.

Private: "I want to see Mazzie."
Mazzie's Pop: "She's in bed with laryngitis."

Private: "Damn these Greeks, anyway."

Mother of Two Service Men Joins Wacs

Vera Edwards, for 12 years assistant librarian at Arkansas City's public library, enlisted in the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field, Kansas, last week, signing for overseas duty with the Air Transport Command.

Pvt. Edwards has three children—two sons, Jack and Richard Mitchell of Arkansas City, who were outstanding Ark Valley high school athletes, and one daughter, Patricia Mitchell. Jack, who is a graduate of the Army's Miami physical training school, is now serving in England. His brother, Richard, is with the marines on duty in the South Pacific. Patricia is now in Indiana.

The new Air Wac is the former Vera Hollenbeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vere Hollenbeck of 319 South B Street, Arkansas City.

Sell 1282 Poppies At Strother Field

Strother Field was host on Saturday to twenty-three youngsters from Winfield and Ark City representing the American Legion Auxiliary in the former city and the American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the latter.

They came "armed" with artificial poppies and found the military and civilian personnel eager customers. The Winfield group sold 561 poppies for a total of \$86.50 and the Ark City children sold 721 flowers for a cash total of \$86.76.

Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer, solved the transportation problem for some of the children by driving one group around the field in a jeep. One young lady put over the sale of a poppy to a patient in the post hospital by solidly planting a kiss on his cheek.

A group of eight men served as guides for the young people. They were Aviation Cadet Edwin H. Jessup, T/Sgt. Frank Holmes, T/Sgt. Robert Chatelain, Sgt. James Waits, Sgt. J. F. Baldwin, Cpl. Charles Glover, Cpl. John Bruegeman and Cpl. William Garrison.

Section 'F' Wins Flag

Section "F" is now flying the Chaplain's Flag, having won the honor for the largest percentage of personnel present at the Mother's Day service in the post chapel last Sunday.

This section had possession of the flag for a thirteen-week period at one time but the large attendance of cadets during the past number of weeks gave them the blue and white flag prior to last Sunday.

Gls Get Data On Voting In 19 Primaries

By Camp Newspaper Service

Nineteen states in the nation will hold primaries in late July and August.

These states are Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi (second primary), Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina (first primary), Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Five of these states make no provision for soldier voting in the primaries. In the other 14 the WD post card (WD AGO Form 560) may be used either as an application for a ballot or a request for the special application form furnished by the states. The new War Ballot Commission postcard forms (WD Circular 128, Par. 1, Sec. XI) probably won't be ready for distribution in time for these primaries.

If servicemen are unable to get any postcard form, they may apply by letter, using the text that will be on the new cards as it is given in Circular 128. These applications should bear the distinctive markings and the appropriate air mail marking as described in WD Circular 155, Section 1.

Servicemen are urged to remember to put their party affiliation on applications for state absentee ballots. Names and serial number should be printed on the WD postcard or the letter sent in its place.

Some states require voters to take additional steps in order to qualify to vote in the primary. Anyone uncertain about his eligibility should write to the secretary of state of his home state giving the date of his birth, the number of years he has lived in the state, and his voting district (to the best of his knowledge).

Here Are All 15 Army Air Force Insignias

1st AIR FORCE



2d AIR FORCE



3d AIR FORCE



4th AIR FORCE



5th AIR FORCE



6th AIR FORCE



7th AIR FORCE



8th AIR FORCE



9th AIR FORCE



10th AIR FORCE



11th AIR FORCE



12th AIR FORCE



13th AIR FORCE



14th AIR FORCE



15th AIR FORCE



Male Call

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



Very Low-gistics



Lt. Col. Wehr Now In Italy

Lt. Col. Robert L. Wehr, former executive officer at Strother Field, is now in Italy. Colonel Wehr revealed his location in a V-mail letter to Capt. Isidore Brown, supervisor of supply at the field. Included also was the fact that a few days previously he had met Capt. Howell Cobb, former administrative inspector at Strother Field.

New Haven, Conn. (CNS) — Tom O'Toole, who had been sipping poteen all night long, didn't like the murderous look on the character who was staring at him through the window of Mulligan's Grill. O'Toole squared off and belted a challenge. The other fellow squared off, too, and said nothing. O'Toole let fly a left hook, broke Mulligan's window, cut his hand, vanquished his own reflection. The one-round bout with himself cost O'Toole \$10 for the window and 15 days in the pokey.

"Gosh, your daughter's growing fast."

"Oh, I don't believe she's any worse than any other girl."

Snaky, but Snazzy



Air Force lads at Kelly Field, Texas, call screen actress Lynn Baggett their "Cobra Girl." Photo shows why.

To Train Water Safety Instructors

Making the men in our Air Force as amphibious as possible, since in combat at times this is imperative, is a major task of the American Red Cross Water Safety program today according to Red Cross Field Director Herbert A. Thomson at Strother Field.

"A knowledge of combat swimming has become an important weapon in this war," Thomson said. "This has been demonstrated time and again in every battle zone, and the Red Cross Water Safety experts are all out in their effort to teach as many servicemen as possible the fundamentals of swimming."

Red Cross instructors are on duty at many stations, both in this country and overseas, training selected men as swimming instructors. These men are certified by the Red Cross and in turn teach Water Safety to the men in their units. To date more than 15,000 servicemen have been qualified as Red Cross Water Safety instructors.

"Just as soon as it can be arranged," Thomson said, "we will have a Water Safety Staff Representative here from our Regional Office for the purpose of training instructors."

CENTURY OF SERVICE

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in France, the Battle of Somme among them. He wears the British medal "for bravery in the field," having been decorated in 1917 by General Plumer. Butler also had almost four years' foreign duty in the Philippines with the American Army Air Forces, more than two in Hawaii, and more than four in Panama.

Mr. Baker saw service with several cavalry units on the Mexican Border during World War I, and from 1923 to 1942, except for four years, was stationed at Honolulu, Hawaii. Since becoming a warrant officer in 1921, all of Mr. Baker's service has been with an army band.

The old saying that "He's found a home in the army" is literally true for the four oldsters at Strother Field. Two of them — Captain Smith and M/Sgt. Butler — gave Texas as their home address — after thinking awhile. M/Sgt. Butler indicated San Antonio as his preference; Captain Smith spent more time in Houston. W/O Baker owns a home in Honolulu where he expects to return after the war for residence. He and Mrs. Baker had their home in Omaha, Nebr., of recent years and they are well known there. M/Sgt. Showalter still ties to Loveland, Colo., but with the other three, agrees that home is wherever the army cap is off.

On one thing they are agreed — the Lord willing, they'll all be serving Uncle Sam when their retirement date comes up!



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Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

The latest pseudo-legendary sporting figure of the late, lamented Roaring 20s to join the armed forces is Shipwreck Kelly, world's champion flagpole sitter, who is going to sea again with the Merchant Marine.

Kelly, an ensign in World War I, once sat atop a flagpole for 45 days, eating practically nothing but bananas. On another occasion, he sat on a pole in Madison Square Garden throughout the six-day bicycle races, looking with disdain on the pointless proceedings below him.

"Them bike riders is buggo," he said at that time. "Imagine spending a week riding around in a circle. They're all crazy as coots."

Those two old beak-benders, Coast Guard Cmdr. Jack Dempsey and Navy Cmdr. Gene Tunney met recently at Jack's New York hotel. They hadn't seen each other in years.

"Gene!" shouted Dempsey, waving his big paw, "You old son of a gun!"

"Jack!" replied Tunney. "Charmed."

Another old champion, Spike Howard, 67-year-old wrestler and professional muscle flexer, has announced that he is terribly, terribly hurt over a claim by the Soviet news agency Tass that a Moscow railroad man is the world's champion blood donor, having given 142 donations.

In 15 years of blood letting, Spike says, he has given 1,102 donations, "not counting the blood I've spilt in the ring."

Swim Pool Filled; Work Nearly Complete

The new swimming pool at Strother Field was filled for the first time last Saturday since completion of the concrete floor and military personnel have been receiving dividends for their long hours of manual labor on the pool — cooling plunges into the turquoise colored water.

The pool contains 270,000 gallons of water and depth ranges from four to ten feet. Steel ladders with hand rails are placed at strategic locations on each side of the pool.

Construction of one tower is nearly completed, allowing the diving clientele an opportunity to show off their ability. There are two platforms on the tower.

Springboards have been ordered and should arrive in the near future. The area around the pool has been sodded and a walk is now being built along the edges of the pool. Lawn umbrellas are to be placed around the pool adding to the color of this new play area. There is also to be a parking area south of the pool for cars of military personnel.

Plans for operation of the pool will be announced later by the Special Service Dept., which will manage the project.

STROTHER FIELD

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under the immediate jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, with headquarters at Randolph Field, Tex. Its mission has been the thorough training of aviation cadets and student officers in the basic phase of combat flying. This mission will have been accomplished with the graduation of Cadet Class 44-G, the sixteenth class to receive basic flying training at this field.

Married Men Win at Softball from Singles

Enlisted men of Headquarters Unit and Sect. "A" of Strother Field met Tuesday in a softball game to decide an unusual athletic issue: Can married men still play ball?

The answer: They definitely can. The married men defeated the single men by an 8-to-3 score, and collected, besides laurels for their cohorts, a case of beer.

The single men are not satisfied, however. A return engagement next Monday night will give them their chance.

Following are the players of the victorious married men's team: Broskovak, catcher; Leach, pitcher; Theabold, 1st base; Johnson, 2nd base; Biederman, 3rd base; Smith, shortstop; Waits, short field; Carach, leftfield; Dodds, centerfield, and Williams, right field.

Members of the single men's team are Myatt, catcher; Reed, pitcher; Ingram, 1st base; Davis, 2nd base; Eicher, 3rd base; Gersbach, shortstop; Adame, short field; Stewart, leftfield; James, right field; Kelly, centerfield; Busch, centerfield, who pinch hit for Kelly.

Reflex Action!

As a prank, one of the enlisted men of the 1,000 man-mess placed a plastic snake in a paper sack on the counter during a recent noon day meal. The head of the fake snake was sticking out of the sack and had a realistic appearance.

One GI passed down the counter and with his tray loaded with food came to the snake. One glance and he left the tray in mid-air, dashing from the building.

Another GI came along, passed the snake with a slight glance, sat down and ate his dinner. Evidently it suddenly dawned on him that a mess-hall counter was no place for a snake so he called the officer of the day. The OD came to the mess-hall ready to shoot the roaming reptile — saw it was a dummy and had a good laugh.

Moral: Eat first and think afterwards.

Enlisted Men 'Pour It On'



Enlisted men of Strother Field are shown above working in the swimming pool, completing the laying of the concrete floor. The EM are responsible for 90% of the labor on the pool, according to Capt. Oren P. Stoner, athletic director.

Cadets Average 76.4 In PFR Tests

Trainees Average 70

Members of Cadet Class 44-G came within 1-10 of a point of tying the Physical Fitness Record average set by members of 44-F when they totaled 76.4 for each member of this outgoing class. The lowest score was 63 and the highest was 98.

Average sit-ups were 110.3 with a minimum of 52 and a high of 114. The pull-up average was 11.5 with a low of 5 and a high of 24. Cadets in 44-G averaged 49.5 seconds for the 300-yard shuttle run with a low of 42 seconds.

Air crew trainees finished their PFR tests with an average score of 70. The lowest score for this group was 50 and the highest 85.

In the sit-ups the trainees averaged 95.9 with a low of 45 and a high of 114. 9.3 was the average number of pull-ups with a low of 2 and a high of 20. In the shuttle run the group averaged 50.5 seconds with a low of 44 and a high of 60.

Complete Athletic Facilities at SF

With the completion of Strother Field's new 50 ft. by 150 ft. swimming pool scheduled for the near future with the installation of diving towers and boards, the base is fully equipped to carry out the army aquatic program. Add to this the many other athletic facilities on the post and you have a most complete health-building and conditioning setup.

In the athletic areas on the field are 10 softball diamonds, 10 touch-ball gridirons, 10 outdoor basketball courts, 10 outdoor volleyball courts, two hardsurfaced areas for volleyball and two tennis courts. There is also a 1 1/4-mile-long cross country course, a 1/4-mile obstacle course including jumps, climbs, rope balances, scaling walls, etc. The shuttlerun course is another out-of-door conditioner.

In the gymnasium are two handball courts, a weight lifting room, wrestling room, and room for several basketball, volleyball or badminton games to be played at any one time.



Pvt. Edward H. Mertz of Strother Field stands before the war memorial monument in Winfield reading the following inscription pertaining to World War I: "World War, Twenty-Seven Nations. America's Contributions Men, Morale, Money, Munitions, Materials, Two Million Men in Europe, Four Million Men in Training. What America Did, and Was Ready to Do Were Potent Factors in the Cause of Humanity, Civilization, Justice."

Three Air Medals Presented During SF Ceremony

Air Medals were awarded next-of-kin of three Kansans by Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field at an impressive review held Saturday by the last aviation cadet class to take basic training here.

Receiving the decorations at the public ceremony were Mrs. S. V. Arnold of Arkansas City, for her son, 2nd. Lt. Edgar L. Moore who is a prisoner of war in the European theater; Mr. Herb Lockyear of Winfield, for his son, 1st. Lt. Willard H. Lockyear, who is also a prisoner of war in the European theater, and Mrs. J. F. Jenkins of Wichita, for her son, Staff Sergeant Howard L. Jenkins who was killed in action in the Mediterranean theater, presumably on April 5, 1944.

Lt. Lockyear is a former pupil of 1st. Lt. George D. Allen, physical training officer at SF, who was athletic coach at the Sedan, Kans., high school when Lockyear was attending school there.

Capt. George Mueller was military escort for the recipients of the decorations and 1st. Lt. George N. Rood read the citations.

Here's One Bird We Didn't Get!

Guess the Prairie Flier better take a course in ornithology—the bird on the Second Air Force insignia isn't an eagle as erroneously reported two weeks ago in the description of the insignia—it is a falcon. Sorry.

Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal Awarded at Review

Colonel Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters to Mrs. Herschel A. Brown of 211 South Denver, El Dorado, Kansas, at a public review here Wednesday afternoon. The awards were given Mrs. Brown for her husband, Capt. Herschel A. Brown, then a first lieutenant, who is missing in action in the S.W. Pacific theater of operations.

All officers, aviation cadets and enlisted men of Strother Field passed in review before Colonel Saxton and his guests. Also reviewing the troops was Colonel Donald E. Meade, who will assume command of Strother Field when it is transferred to the Second Air Force.

Captain Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown of El Dorado, and his brother, Lt. Dean Brown of Coffeyville, were in the reviewing party.

The ceremony was held on the ramp. An aerial review by three (Continued on page 3, col. 1)

An Invitation From Wichita

Members of Unit II USO Junior Hostess group in Wichita will present a "Moonlight Serenade" in that city Saturday night.

A special invitation has been extended enlisted men of Strother Field to attend the event. Overnight accommodations for all servicemen will be available at the USO club tomorrow night.

'It's A Pleasure,' USO-Camp Show Coming Here June 3rd

A breezy new musical hit, IT'S A PLEASURE, has been booked as the next stage show to play at the post theater and the date has been set for Saturday, June 3rd. IT'S A PLEASURE, a new version of entertainment for servicemen is sent here by USO-CAMP SHOWS and will be presented admission free.

Although music is emphasized, both vocal and instrumental, this revue also presents contrasting styles of dancing and eccentric funsters. A dazzling novelty act adds the proper touch to make the revue a solid click. Here is a little lowdown on the entertainers:

Aircrew Trainees Leave Strother Field

The aircrew trainees who have been studying odds and ends of combat aviation on the line at Strother Field left yesterday for preflight school at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

The first group of trainees arrived here on April 11. A training detachment was organized, under command of Major Robert N. Austin, to take care of the new activity.

The trainees learned first-hand a number of things that will make better combat crew members of them when they earn their wings. Some worked with the aircraft mechanics, learning to maintain and repair airplane engines; others helped the radio maintenance department; and still others assisted regular field personnel in various other duties.

The on-the-line trainees proved their worth shortly after arriving at the field when they played an important part in flood relief when Winfield and Arkansas City were inundated on April 23 and 24. Civic leaders joined Strother Field officers in commending these men for their good work on that occasion.

VIOLET CARLSON is a blonde-haired comedienne of first rank. She has brought mirth and merriment to scores of servicemen, who remember her long after the show is over. Everything she does is funny,—her monologues, the way she sings a song, and even the way she walks on stage.

THE LE SHONNES are an outstanding ballroom dance team who have the distinction of taking an Americanized rumba down to South America with great success. Their act is full of exciting lifts and spins. An original touch is their use of a scarf as a whip, in imitation of the whip the toreador uses in the bull ring.

ANDRINA . . . (singer) The Shoo Shoo Baby from Camp Shows. When Andrina joined Camp Shows a year ago she changed her repertoire completely. Up to that point she had been a singer of Spanish and Latin American songs, and was called the "Latin from Manhattan." But she decided servicemen wanted to hear jazz and popular tunes so that's what she's been giving them ever since—from Shoo Shoo Baby right down the line and with plenty of oomph. She has played to camps all up and down the East Coast and in the South.

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'Till-We-Meet-Again Dance For Enlisted Men Tonight

As a farewell gesture to the enlisted personnel of Strother Field who will soon be leaving this base for assignment elsewhere in the Central Flying Training Command, a "Til-We-Meet-Again" dance is to be held tonight in the post gymnasium for all enlisted men of SF, their wives or girl-friends.

5th War Loan Drive Begins 1st

The Fifth War Loan Drive, for both military and civilian personnel of Strother Field, will be launched June 1st.

This field is expected to retain the prized position attained by it in the Fourth War Loan Drive when both military and civilian quotas were exceeded by substantial amounts. To retain this position it will be necessary for all personnel to increase their cash purchases over and above regular monthly allotments.

Quotas for the field have not been decided upon yet, but the quota for the state of Kansas has been set at 124 million dollars of which the field's quota is a part.

In addition to cash purchases all units are making a concerted drive to increase their monthly payroll allotments during the period of the drive. Civilian personnel has set a goal of 95% enrollment and at least 15% investment. The military goal has been set at 90% enrollment and 10% investment.

PERILS OF THE BIG CITY

Anyone know the name of the sharp young Strother Field officer who recently stepped out of the Allis Hotel in Wichita, hailed a taxicab and directed the driver to the bus station? He had hardly seated himself in the cab when the driver yelled, "Here you are!"

In case you might make the same error, the bus station is just across the street from the hotel!

For those shy GIs who have nary a wife or steady-gal, GSO cuties from Winfield, Arkansas City and Wellington will be on hand to entertain them.

The big affair, sponsored by the Special Service Department, is scheduled to get underway at 8 p.m. with the super music of the SF Airchords providing favorite dance tunes.

Members of the 1,000-man-mess have been busy preparing delicious sandwiches for the occasion. There will also be cookies, olives, etc. Cold drinks will also be served.

Every enlisted man on the field is urged to attend the event as it will be the last social function of the complete personnel that has been stationed on the field during the basic flying training under the CFTC.

General Praises SF Flood Work

Further commendation to Strother Field personnel for its fine work in the recent flood emergency at Winfield and Arkansas City has been received by Col. Lamont Saxton, SF commanding officer, in a letter from Major General C. H. Danielson, commanding general of the Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebr.

"I have been informed of the aid furnished by personnel of the Strother Army Air Field to the communities of Winfield and Arkansas City during the recent flood emergency in those cities.

"Please accept my personal thanks and convey my appreciation to the officers and men of your command for the valuable assistance rendered and for the splendid spirit of co-operation (Continued on page 4, col. 2)



Col. Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field, presents Air Medal awards to (left to right) Mrs. J. F. Jenkins of Wichita, Mrs. S. V. Arnold of Arkansas City and Mr. Herb Lockyear of Winfield during the presentation ceremony and review held here last Saturday.

"So Long Buddy, We'll Be Seeing You Again"

The drone of BT-13 plane engines has practically ceased at Strother Field and in the sky over the surrounding towns. Basic flying training has come to an end here as preparations are being made for transfer of the base and some personnel to the Second Air Force on or around June 1st.

Many officers and enlisted men who have been a part of the Strother Field "family" are departing for assignment to other stations in the Central Flying Training Command. You do not say, "goodbye" in the Army. The expression is, "So long buddy, we'll be seeing you again." There is a feeling within all of us that someday we'll meet again. Whether it is in this country, or one of the theaters of war, no one knows, but we will meet again.

Second Army Air Force personnel will replace the men leaving here and we all shall work together giving the best we have in our new job at Strother Field. New faces will replace familiar ones on the streets of Arkansas City and Winfield, but within a short time these new men will find themselves enjoying the hospitality of the townspeople just as we who have been stationed here.

So, it is "so long buddy, we'll be seeing you again" and "welcome, members of the Second Air Force."

Attenshun!!

Several pivot-necked enlisted men apparently enjoyed the review held on the ramp Wednesday as much as the civilian spectators. The aerial review of thirty planes flying in formation must have been quite a sight—wish we all could have watched them as they flew above the troops massed on the ramp, but we'll have to take the word of these noncom "recruits" that it was something great to see.

In one section the sight-seeing individuals were not neatly hidden among the columns of soldiers but out in front, just back of the section commanding officer—in a position where the other men of the group and the spectators could easily see their noggin gyrations.

It is too bad that a special aerial review was not held for these air-minded enlisted men before the review, then perhaps they could have stood at attention, as commanded, during the actual review.

A G.I. Definition

"MORALE?" said a brave Cockney in a play about the London blitz, "Morale is a dirty French word and I never use it to home." Combat crews of the A. A. F. show equal contempt when some amateur general three thousand miles from war defines morale in terms of heroic speeches and that mythical thin red line of heroes dashing against the cannons with happy cheers.

The honest soldier knows that war is a laborious process of breathing interrupted by curses. A good fighting outfit grouses and gripes and bemoans its nasty job. War is hell. G. I. Joe is too tired, too hungry, too wet, too cold for poetic blather about the sanctity and dignity of his mission.

What then does he mean by the word morale? Why, good sirs, morale is the shivering in a slit trench and the will power that moves you when a sergeant yells: "Air raid's over. Come on, we got planes to patch!" Morale is the flinching of flesh when the flack bursts bloom too thick—and the voice that says: "Fly on!" Morale is the well-timed corny joke before the take-off.

Morale is friendship—man for man—when the bomber has to be ditched. Morale is loyalty to the crew, to the combat team, to the squadron. Morale is fear overcome; panic fought down. Morale is the second pass at Focke-Wulfs when cloud cover beckons temptingly—the long sweat home on three engines—the turning back to protect a limping comrade. Morale is all these desperate, unseen, unsung triumphs of Man's spirit conquering Man's fierce lust to live.

Morale is love—love of comrades, love of home-folks, love of country—a passion seldom admitted and rarely expressed. But greater love hath no man than this grumbling, grouching, cursing devotion of G. I. Joe's.—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

WITH A FRIEND

(Found on the body of an American soldier killed in action)

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

Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky. I figured right then they had told me a lie; had I taken time to see things you made, I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand; somehow I feel that you will understand; funny I had to come to this hellish place before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say, but I'm sure glad, God, I met you today. I guess "zero hour" will soon be here, but I am not afraid since I know you're near. The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go. I like you lots, this I want you to know. Look now, this will be a horrible fight, who knows, I may come to your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before, I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door? Look I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears?

I wish I had known you these many years. Well, I have to go now, God; goodbye! Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

—Pvt. J. J. W.

● This Week . . .

Friday—GI party, free lemonade and cookies.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.

Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.

Tuesday—Welcoming Dance. GSO girls. Music by SF Airchords.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—Section "A" party.

Ye Liftings

GI: "I have a mad, insane desire to crush you in my arms."

Babe: "Now you're talking sense."

Have you heard the automobile version: Two rides make a wrong.

"If I take this castor oil, do you think I'll be well enough to get up in the morning?"

"Well—you'd better."

Papa Stork: "I sure had a busy day today. I delivered 168 babies."

Mama Stork: "Yeah, I had a big day too. I delivered 142 babies."

Kid Stork: "Well, I didn't do so much today but I sure scared hell out of a couple of high school kids."

Gal: "Come up to my apartment and have a bite before you go."

Sarg: "Nar,—you can bite me right here in the hall."

The tree said to the dog: "Have one on me."

Dog: "No, thank you, I just had one on the house."

He gazed admiringly at the beautiful dress of the leading chorine.

"Who made her dress?" he asked his companion.

"I'm not sure, but I think it was the police."

"You slay me," said the condemned man to the hangman.

"That's noose to me," replied the hangman.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

Pvt. EDWARD H. MERTZ

After a long period of relatively minor actions, the Italian "front" has again blazed into prominence. The Allies have cracked the "Gustav" line and are now pounding at the doors of the "Adolph Hitler" line. Naturally, the first news of such a campaign concerns action, advances or retreats, etc. However, there is another very interesting aspect of an invasion, and this is the story of what happens to the people who live in that country.

With respect to the Italian campaign an interesting story "A Bell for Adanno" has been written by John Hersey. This book is a fictional story of the operation of a unit of Allied Military Government in a small Italian community. It is the story of Major Joppola (A.M.G. Officer) and the people and problems he meets and solves in administering the government of the community.

The author portrays the very human reactions of captor and captured in an interesting and readable manner. The reader gets an insight into the lives and problems of the defeated Italians as well as the dignity and beauty of a culture which has been warped and exploited by the Fascists. This book will soon be available through the Post Library.

A series of letters were written during the Sicilian campaign by a German soldier who bitterly describes the German retreat. These letters present a sorry picture of the "crack" German soldier as he realizes defeat. They can be found in Section One of Intelligence Bulletin No. 3 Vol. II for November 1943 which can be read at the Post Library.



Q. Here is a problem which has been the subject of a lot of debate around here. I was a sergeant in the Regular Army. Now I'm a second lieutenant in the AUS. If I reenlist after the war, what will I be, officer or EM?

A. According to AR 605-10, Change 8, if you reenlist within six months after you get your discharge from the AUS, you will be restored without loss of rank to your permanent grade in the Regular Army. In your case, you will be a sergeant (your permanent grade) not a lieutenant (your temporary commission).

Q. My CO has restricted me to barracks and prohibited me from drinking beer for one week. What I want to know is, can he do this to me?

A. Article of War 104 says that commanding officers may withhold the privileges of their men for a period not exceeding one week. Drinking beer seems to be a privilege. Therefore your CO can make you stop drinking it. Let's call it company punishment.

Q. Where should I wear my marksmanship medal?

A. The proper manner of wearing marksmanship medals is on the left breast below the service ribbons. See AR 600-40, Section 53 (b).

Heard why the hand on the Statue of Liberty is just eleven inches long? One more inch it would have been a foot.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 27 May

BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

John Garfield, Paul Henreid
Color Cartoon

Sun. and Mon., 28-29 May

ONCE UPON A TIME

Cary Grant, Janet Blair
News of the Day
Community Sing

Tuesday, 30 May

DAYS OF GLORY

Gregory Peck, Toumanora
Bugs Bunny—Pete Smith

Wed., May 31-Thurs., 1 June

SHOW BUSINESS

Eddie Cantor, Joan Davis
George Murphy
News of the Day
Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Friday, 2 June

YELLOW CANARY

Anne Neagle, Richard Greene
Sports Review
Film Vaudeville

What's new in your home town?

Albany, N. Y. (CNS) — Mrs. Katherine DeVane was on her way by bus to answer a jury duty summons when she received a more urgent summons than that. At the hospital the verdict was reached: An eight-pound boy.

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS)—The office boy in a local newspaper is collecting signatures on a candidate's petition. Object: He wants to be mayor.

Bryn Mawr, Pa. (CNS)—George Baird ambled home from a party at 5 a. m., banged on the back door and was greeted with a shotgun blast. In the hospital, he learned that he had tried to enter the wrong house.

Des Moines, Iowa (CNS)—Tom Egan stole into an apartment bedroom and filched that most treasured of all wartime possessions, an alarm clock. Just as he picked it up, it began to ring. The alarm awakened dormant Frank Leverich, owner of the clock and apartment. Clad only in his nightshirt, Leverich chased Egan down the stairs and into the street. He caught the thief, turned him over to the police—and recovered his clock, which he carried back home cradled in his arms, like a baby.

Detroit (CNS)—Kay Syracuse, an actress, had good reason to steal her girl friend's mink coat, she told police. "She swiped my boy friend," Kay said. "So I copped her coat."

Dodge City, Kans. (CNS)—The public library here is trying to get a reader to return a six-weeks' overdue book. Name of the tome: "The Art of Rapid Reading."

Evanston, Ill. (CNS)—Sidewalk strollers took it in their stride when they spotted Henry Shaw walking along the street clad only in his long white beard. At police headquarters Shaw could remember only that he had been drinking a little.

Indianapolis (CNS)—"Gidyap," a small boy yelled when he spotted a team of horses hitched to a city ash wagon. The driverless horses gidyapped, bowled over a parked car, tore through a fence and parked the ash wagon in the front room of a hay and feed store.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance. Floor show
Ark.	Bingo.	Free call
Sun.	Win.	Music. Games. Free call
Ark.	Singing.	Informal dance
Mon.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Bridge and game night	
Tues.	Win.	Service club dance
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Birthday party night
Ark.	Snack Bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge night
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Games. Cards
Ark.	Married couples' night	

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No, it isn't a "man from Mars" peering at Lt. Maria Carvajal, chief nurse of SF station hospital as Capt. Charles W. McMillin, head of the ear, eye, nose and throat clinic looks on. Air Crew Trainee John D. Banning of Denver, Colo., is the fellow behind the phorometer, an instrument used in testing of eyes in the clinic. Wonder if the gadget has a control for cutting out the gleam in one's eyes?

Air Wac Answers

Q. Do Air Wacs serve as instructors in any technical schools?
A. Yes. Among the subjects they teach are radio code and radio operating procedure. A good many Air Wacs teach officer students instrument flight on the Link trainer, and some have become operators of celestial navigation trainers. Some gunners get their practice on a Guaistructor operated by an Air Wac.
Q. How long is the WAC OCS course?
A. Twelve weeks.
Q. Does the soldier vote bill recently passed by Congress apply to Wacs too?
A. Yes, inasmuch as Wacs are full fledged members of the Army, just as the men. The same circumstances will prevail—for example a few Wacs, like some of the male soldiers, will be under the voting age of 21. Wac enlistment eligibility begins at 20.

Barbecue-Rodeo Given in A. C.

Enlisted men and aircrew trainees of Strother Field had a great time last Friday evening in the Springhill picnic grounds, north of Ark City, especially Sgt. Don Ferrell of Section "B" who found the barbecue and rodeo sponsored by Arkansas City city officials both an enjoyable and purse-filling event.
The double-barrel affair was given as a gesture of appreciation for the invaluable work done by the army group during the flood emergency at Ark City last month. Sgt. Ferrell won \$20 in rodeo events in addition to several contest prizes. He took two prizes for broncho riding while his teammate, S/Sgt. Frank Myers also scored in this event. Farrell's outstanding performance of the evening was when he emerged from a crowd of shouting, struggling GIs with a sack containing \$10 which had been tied to the leg of a wild heifer. He teamed up with Myers, the latter diving for the animal's head while the former went after the prize.
Military personnel taking part in the calf roping events were Pfc. R. H. Copeland and Pfc. J. V. Martin. Several sections of snow fence formed the corral for the rodeo events.
In the contest division, Sgt. Ferrell won the sack race, teamed with Pvt. Sidney Schwartz to take the

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Kownick's Korn

By SGT. HAROLD A. KOWNICK
When Grandma was a girl she didn't do the things the girls do today. But then the Grandmas didn't do the things the Grandmas do today.
"So you liked me because I ignored you?"
"Yes, it was love at first sight."

The little boy who hides behind his mother's skirt has to get in his high-chair to do it now.
Heard there was music in the stars? I don't know about that, but I know of the sun causing a belle to peel.

Heard the Fiddle Hotel—is a vile inn.

Classification Men Are Unsung Heroes

Lights have been burning bright and late each night in the Classification office of Strother Field where staff members have been diligently compiling figures and facts pertaining to the processing of officers, enlisted men, cadets and aircrew trainees.
This tremendous job is just one of many tasks performed by 1st Lt. Chester H. Hancock, classification officer, and his staff of enlisted men headed by S/Sgt. T. V. Jones, chief clerk, who hails from the capital of Kansas. Other enlisted men of this department are Sgt. J. H. Dodds, in charge of officers classification records, from New Rockford, N.D.; Cpl. N. Dillard, from Little Rock, Ark.; Cpl. J. A. Gersbach from Rochester, N. Y.; Pfc. W. B. Davis, from Grand Rapids, Mich., and Pfc. J. H. Deeves from Westport, Conn., all of whom handle EM classification records. Mrs. Ruth McQuiston of Winfield, nicknamed "general" is another important member of the staff.
Among the various duties performed by these men are the giving of army tests for technical schools, maintaining duty performance records of officers and enlisted men. Speaking of records and forms, have you seen WDAGO 66-2 for officers? It looks like a federal income tax form with as many or more questions to be answered. This form kept the boys busy from December to February, day and night. What a job!
A number of commendations have been received by this department for its efficient manner of operation and maintenance of records.
The next time you begin feeling sorry for yourself in the job you're doing in the army, long hours, details, etc., think of the men in classification, you lucky stiff!
Los Angeles (CNS) — Ruling that jitterbugging constitutes "a real danger for one not skilled in its gyrations," a Superior Court judge has awarded damages of \$8,170 to actress Florida Edwards for injuries she received while dancing in the Hollywood canteen with "a jive-maddened marine."

Dinner Held For Officers in Ark City

Arkansas City business men extended a formal farewell to departing officers at Strother Field Thursday night of last week while expressing the city's appreciation for assistance extended by the group in meeting the flood situation last month.
The occasion was a dinner in the Osage hotel for officers who participated in the work. The number of military guests was reduced by transfers and duty requirements elsewhere.
Officers who were guests for the occasion were Col. Saxton, Major Dale E. Dunn, Major Gordon Smith, Capt. Edwin S. Vicars, Capt. Joseph V. Farmer, Lt. George D. Allen, Lt. R. B. Barnett, Lt. Louis A. Marignoni, and Lt. James S. Long, jr.

Four Wacs Sworn In at SF Monday

The town of Bennington, Okla., and especially the St. John family there, is certainly doing its part to beat the Axis.
Two St. John sisters, Dorothy, 20, and Mary Edith 21, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. St. John, were sworn in as Air Wacs here Monday afternoon to bring to five the number of St. Johns in the service, three brothers are serving overseas. Another Bennington girl, Katherine Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roberts, also joined the Air Wacs Monday. All were formerly employed by Boeing at Wichita, Kans. The new Air Wacs will be assigned to the Air Transport Command and hope for overseas assignments.
Mary Elline Parrent, daughter of Mrs. Frances Parrent, Wichita, Kans., was also sworn into the Wacs Monday at Strother Field. Miss Parrent worked at the Beech Aircraft Company in Wichita.

EENT Clinic A Busy Place

If you think your job in the army air force keeps you on the ball just take a few minutes off some day and visit the Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Clinic in the station hospital.
During an average month approximately 900 officers and enlisted men are "customers" of Capt. Charles W. McMillin, head of the EENT clinic, and his assistant, Cpl. Celestian Leidam. This tedious work does not end with the examination of patients. If diagnosis shows need of surgery then this work is performed by Capt. McMillin. The clinic also takes part in all 63 and 64 type examinations.
An allergy clinic is maintained by the EENT clinic. Since its start in July of 1943 nearly 90 new patients have received allergy tests there. In this clinic different tests are made of various foods and pollen in order to eliminate the source of distress to the patients.
Before entering the service in November of 1942 Capt. McMillin practiced in Kankakee, Illinois. He is a graduate of Indiana University and took his post-graduate work in EENT at Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois. He came to Strother Field to head the EENT clinic in January, 1943. Capt. McMillin's assistant, Cpl. Leikam, came here in December, 1942, shortly after the field was activated. He formerly had been stationed at Randolph Field, Tex., and Victoria, Tex., where he also was assigned to the EENT clinics.

St. Paul, Minn. (CNS)—Howard Hunt was sitting in a pew at the Pilgrim Baptist church when his former sister-in-law, Mrs. Agatha Jackson, crept up behind him and rapped him on the head with a hammer. The hammer treatment climaxed domestic troubles, Mrs. Jackson explained while paying \$25 in police court.



Model airplanes built by convalescent patients in the station hospital are studied by Aircrew Trainee Floyd E. Spellman Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, shown at the left; Aircrew Trainee Donald M. Florence, Defiance, Ohio, center, and Pfc. Lloyd R. Gallimore of Mazeppa, Minn., at the right. The planes were constructed in the occupational therapy class by Pvt. James R. McBride of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pvt. Charles J. Bringer of Granite City, Ill. McBride is an aircrew trainee and Bringer is a member of Section "C." The former built the P-38 and P-40 planes while the latter constructed the large model P-40.

Male Call

PEACE CONFERENCES A. T. W. A. S. *

BUT, MR. JONES, I DON'T CARE IF YOU GO OUT WITH NO NECKTIE!
TUNISIA, SICILY, ANZIO
I ONLY ASKED IF YOU'D LIKE A NICE BROWN SUIT
* AFTER THE WAR AND SIX ...

THIS JOB MEANS LONG HOURS AND ALL KINDS OF WEATHER—THINK YOU CAN TAKE IT?
NO, NO... YOU SIT DOWN, HONEY! I'LL BRING YOUR DINNER TO THE TABLE!

AND THE SECOND THING I'M GONNA DO IS GET INTO A PAIR OF LOOSE PANTS
SAY—AREN'T YOU BLUE FLAME WILSON, THE FAMOUS FIGHTER PILOT?
I WAS AND I WANTED TO BUY A PORCH CHAIR—ONE THAT DOESN'T EVEN ROCK!

IT WAS ONLY THE 3:15 AIRLINER GOING OVER JUST AS THE FIRE SIREN SOUNDED
DADDY, WHY IS IT YOU NEVER TELL ME ABOUT TARAWA?

G. I. Geneva



"If you spent less time in bed 'n' more time studyin', you'd make PFC too!"

Six SF Ballplayers Now at San Marcos

The San Marcos, Tex., army air field should have a hot ball team this season with the addition of six diamond stars from Strother Field now on its roster.

Leaving Strother Field last week for assignment to the San Marcos base were M/Sgt. Johnnie Harding, pitcher; Sgt. Frank A. Padovano, centerfielder; Sgt. Joe DeRasmi, rightfielder; Sgt. Paul R. Loughner, Jr., third baseman; Pvt. Gregory E. Bova, second baseman and Pvt. Roy A. Knepper, outfielder.

All of these outstanding ballplayers will be long remembered for their ability while playing as members of the Strother Field team last year during which they won the Ark City League title as well as winning many other games during the season.

Still at Strother Field (for how long no one knows) are three other prominent members of the SF team. They are S/Sgt. Emil Dalak, shortstop; Cpl. Kenneth Teeters, catcher, and Pfc. Robert E. Ebert, catcher.

BARBECUE-RODEO

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human wheelbarrow race and even triumphed in the evening's first pie-eating contest against Cpl. Martin J. "Irish" Doherty of the Guards.

Other pie-eating contests were won by A/S Darrell C. McClain and Sgt. George W. Herrick.

Cpl. Tony St. Anant and Pfc. Cleveland Lewis were victors in the wheelbarrow race and Sgt. Joseph Thrower won the grapefruit-rolling event.

The Arkansas City municipal band presented a concert from a hillside natural bandstand before the dinner.

Air crew trainees, who had been detained at the base, swarmed into the picnic grounds from all directions after most of the earlier guests had finished their meal.

"It's the second front," somebody shouted.

"IT'S A PLEASURE"

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DAVE WINNIE DUO. "Poetry in Motion" . . . an aerial novelty. For five packed minutes Dave Winnie, aerial artist and a pretty girl assistant defy the laws of gravity by spinning on portable apparatus without guide wires.

RED PEPPER "Three Hundred Pounds of Mirth and Melody." Red Pepper not only is an accomplished Master of Ceremonies but also does a comedy-novelty musical act that is outstanding. Aside from his usual clowning and burlesque of Spanish and Hawaiian dances he displays sharp musical talent in his impressions of famous trumpet players.

Two Yanks in a Jeep Execute Quick Reverse

Italy (CNS)—Lt. Leo French, of Texas, and Cpl. Perry Brown, of North Carolina, were bouncing along a rutty front-line road in a jeep when suddenly a slug bounced off the officer's helmet.

At the same moment a large, grim shape loomed out of the darkness before them. It was a deadly German "flak" wagon, vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft guns capable of being used for ground fire.

Lt. French threw the jeep into reverse. Back went the jeep, veering from side to side like mad. Out of the front seat flew Cpl. Brown, carried into the air by the rapid reverse.

The lieutenant stopped the car, picked up Brown, turned around, and whooped away, flak falling around them like sleet in Minnesota. They arrived at our lines uninjured, save for Brown's nose, which had been skinned in the ditch.

GI Turns Commando In N. Y. Restaurant

New York (CNS)—A fun-loving soldier walked into a restaurant here and tried to make a date with the counter girl. When she turned him down, he dumped a beef stew over her head, punched the manager in the eye, broke two chairs, a table and several dozen dishes and threw a ketchup bottle through the window before he was restrained by the police.

"He had been drinking," the manager declared while pressing his suit against the soldier in court the next day. "But I don't think he was intoxicated. At least he swore intelligently."

We're All in This Fight Together

New York (CNS)—Cafe Zanzibar, a New York night spot, is doing its part in this war. The club has hired a beautiful girl whose sole duty is to awaken soldiers on furlough in Gotham. All a GI has to do is tell the Zanzibar when he wants to get up and the beautiful girl will buzz him in the morning, talk to him soothingly for a few moments, and speed him on his way.

GENERAL PRAISES

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shown during this emergency. Such an attitude and the resultant action are indicative of the friendly relations existing between armed forces at Strother Field and the people of Winfield and Arkansas City," Major General Danielson wrote.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

May 26, 1944

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

A Man Who Believed in Attack

The death of Lt. Col. Thomas Hitchcock Jr. in a plane crash in England robbed the United Nations of a tough, time-tested fighting man and American sports of a colorful immortal whose name will be remembered as long as those of Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Jack Dempsey and Red Grange.

Tommy Hitchcock flew planes and played polo. He flew and fought with the Lafayette Escadrille in the last war and—at 44—with the AAF in this one. In between, he played polo.

To say that he played polo is putting it mildly. For 20 years he was polo. Hitchcock was the man who brought the game out of the croquet field, so to speak, and into the back yard for all to see and enjoy. He revolutionized the game with one tactic—attack.

Hitchcock, like Ruth and Dempsey, was a slugger. His idea of a sharp defense was to knock the other fellow bowlegged. He could drive the ball 100 yards down the field with one swat and score a goal from 60 yards with the deadly accuracy of a pool shark.

"Always attack!" was his motto. For one international match he sidelined some light hitters on his team and replaced them with a couple of Texas cowpunchers, Cecil Smith and Elmer Boeseke, who, like Hitchcock, could clout the ball a mile. "Forget defense," he ordered. "Go out and slug that apple."

He rode a horse like a centaur and flew a plane like an ace. In the first war they told him he was too young to fly. In this war they said he was too old. But he flew both times anyway, in the air as on the ground, a believer in attack.

Too bad he didn't live to take part in the biggest attack of his life.

Big League Draft Box Score

Rube Melton, Dodgers' hill billy righthander, called by the Navy; Brownie pitcher Steve Sundra awaits his Army call; Lou Boudreau, manager-shortstop of the Cleveland Indians, and Johnny Hopp, Cardinals' gardner, rejected; Cleveland pitcher Willis Hudlin discharged with a CDD.

She's not only dumb, but she turns a deaf ear to blind dates.

Cpl. Melvin Harper, Sec. 'C' Wins Enlisted Men's PFR

Perseverance is a great thing and reaps its just reward, especially if you have physical stamina to go with it, as in the case of Cpl. Melvin W. Harper of Section "C."

Harper, well-remembered as a smart and capable boxer in past field fisticuff engagements, has just won top honors in the physical fitness tests given enlisted men of this station. His PFR of 81 is several points higher than any score submitted in the quarterly tests given during the last two weeks.

Entire PT Dept. To Be Replaced

Have you bade members of the physical training department fair adieu? They are leaving us—officers and enlisted men alike.

First of the PT officers to take off from SF was Capt. Oren P. Stoner, head of this department. He has gone to Lexington, Va., where he will attend special services school. Capt. Stoner came to SF on Nov. 16, 1942. His home is in Coffeyville, Kans., where he was formerly coach of athletics.

Other PT officers, 1st. Lt. George D. Allen and 2nd. Lt. Horace H. Cummings are to be retained for duty with the Central Training Command. At the present time their assignments have not been received. Lt. Allen's home is in Independence, Kans. He formerly coached athletics there and also at Sedan, Kans. Lt. Cummings is from Pembroke, North Carolina.

Enlisted personnel of this department have all been retained by the CFTC and are awaiting assignment, so it will soon be, "so long fellows."

Key Men Abroad Will Get Furloughs

Washington (CNS) — The War Department has disclosed that plans are underway to grant non-emergency leaves and furloughs to key personnel, officers and enlisted men alike, now stationed abroad whose jobs are of a nature which makes them indispensable in overseas theaters.

This plan will interfere in no way with personnel returned from foreign service under the Army's present rotation plan. Those returned under the rotation system are not ordered overseas again until they have performed duty in the U. S. Personnel granted non-emergency leaves and furloughs will not serve in the U.S. but will be returned to their overseas jobs.

In the February test Harper also made a PFR of 81 but had to be content with second place honors as his sum score was lower than that of Sgt. Boyd Fields of the same section who also had a PFR of 81.

T/Sgt. Guadalupe Adame of Headquarters Unit and Cpl. Charles Vardiman of Section "B" are top men in their organizations with physical fitness ratings of 78 each for the May tests. The winner among enlisted men of Section "A" is Pvt. Duward P. Canada who had a PFR of 74.

Sgt. Donald L. Nicholas of Section "E" is high man in his outfit with a PFR of 72. In Section "F" Sgt. Meredith Knox led all other personnel with a PFR of 68.

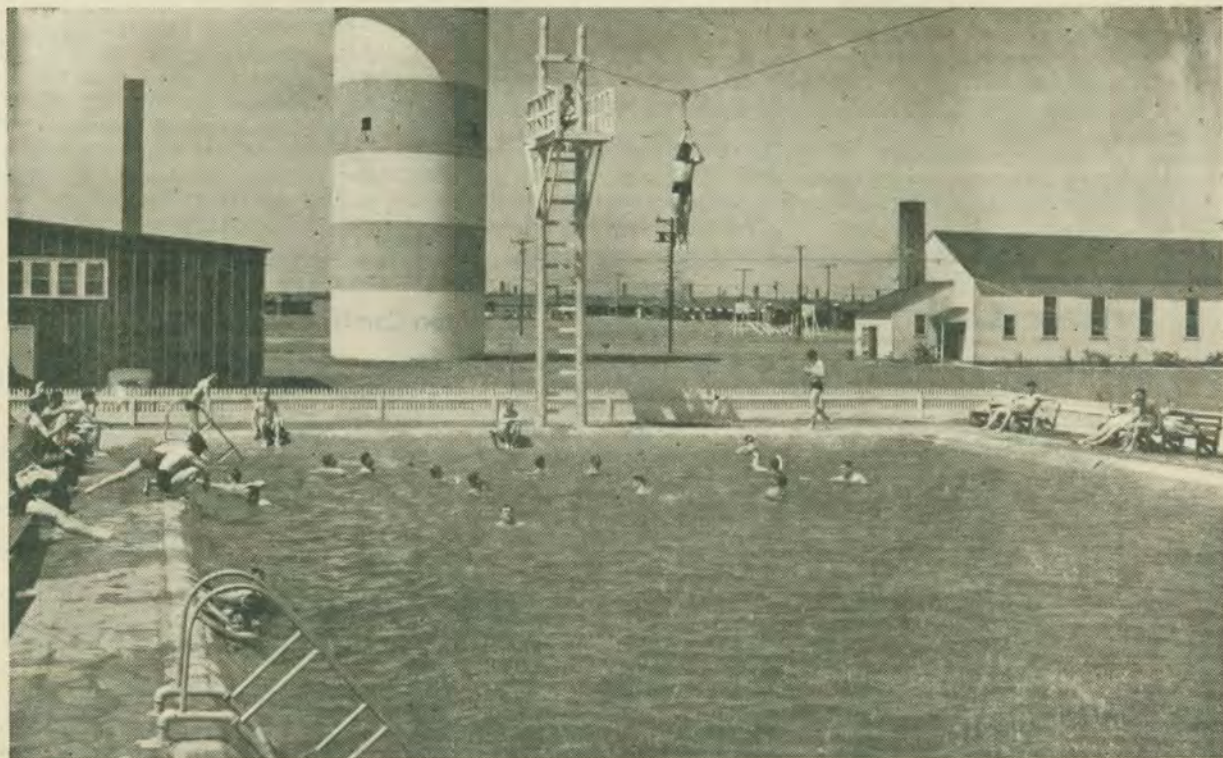
S/Sgt. R. W. Stechmann of the 683rd band squadron shared honors in his unit with Pfc. W. H. Christoffersen Jr. Each had a PFR of 60. Stechmann was high man for his organization in the February test.

PT Department Has Picnic

Enlisted personnel of the physical training department honored 1st. Lt. George D. Allen and 2nd. Lt. Horace H. Cummings, PT officers, with a picnic in Springhill park, north of Ark City Sunday. Other guests included 2nd. Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy, 2nd. Lt. Geraldine Levy, 2nd. Lt. Mary V. McCutcheon and 1st. Lt. Louis A. Marignoni.

Physical training instructors attending the picnic with their wives or girl-friends were S/Sgt. W. W. Anderson Jr., S/Sgt. E. J. Dalak, Sgt. Dillon O'Brien, Sgt. Paul Ruckaveno, Sgt. H. W. Stiles, Cpl. Max Hanson, Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, Sgt. Don Farrell, Cpl. Albert D. Vance and Cpl. Charles Lidsky, other PT instructors, were unable to attend the affair.

Stealing a kiss may be petty larceny, but sometimes it's grand.



A picture long visualized by officers and enlisted men of Strother Field has at last become a reality. The field swimming pool is now in use, the clear blue water proving most inviting to military personnel. A cable on which swimmers are towed across the pool to drop off into the deep end furnishes an added thrill to the more daring aquatic experts.



Col. Lamont Saxton, right, C. O. of Strother Field under the Central Flying Training Command, welcomes Col. Donald E. Meade, new commanding officer, as this field becomes a Second Air Force fighter base. Col. Meade, a native of Hays, Kans., came to Strother Field from Peterson Field, Colo. Col. Saxton's new assignment in the CFTC has not been announced.

GI Jitterbugs to Meet Good Kansas Competition Tonight

Train-weary Second Air Force GIs, newly arrived at Strother Field from deep in the heart of Galveston, Texas, will have a chance to limber legs, unkink tired muscles, and meet hospitable local Kansas girls at parties arranged in their honor over the week-end.

Chapel Has Study Room

"Your room," a study-relaxation-and-meditation-room for officers and enlisted men is one of the many facilities of Strother Field available for your use.

The room is in the northwest corner of the Post Chapel and is furnished with a carpet, draperies, pictures, lounge chairs, divan, reading and writing desk. Here the men may find a perfect background for an hour or two of solitude and meditation. The room is open 24 hours a day.

Winning couple in the Jitterbug Contest which will highlight Friday night's "Get Together Dance" at the Post Gymnasium will divide a grand prize of \$10 in cash. Runners-up will have a chance to show what educated feet can do. Party features free refreshments and a bevy of dancing partners from Winfield, Arkansas City and Ponca City. Party will last from 8 to 11:30.

Monday night the GSO, Girl's Service Organization, of Winfield plans a welcoming dance for the new men in their USO. Refreshments and entertainment are promised by Director Pauline Marten.

P-47 Thunderbolts Attract Attention

The order making last Sunday a working day at Strother Field for all military personnel served a two fold purpose, purely by coincidence, of course.

In many offices and buildings over the field doors periodically flew open as personnel dashed out to gaze into the sky as the P-47 Thunderbolts flashed overhead. The planes with their odd-shaped wings and retracted landing gears made quite a picture in comparison to the BT-13 planes the personnel transferred from the CFTC is so accustomed to seeing.

Apparently most of the officers and enlisted men of this group became acclimated to the sight and sound of the fighter planes during Sunday. Not many heads were raised the rest of the week.

Strother Field Fighter Base; 2nd Air Force Is in Command

Strother Field became a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter base under the jurisdiction of the Second Air Force, commanded by Brigadier General U. G. Ent, with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo., effective as of 12:01 a.m. Thursday morning. Colonel Donald E. Meade, a native of Hays, Kans., is the new commanding officer, replacing Colonel Lamont Saxton. Colonel Meade, 37, a veteran of 13 years in the AAF came to Strother Field from a Second Air Force base at Peterson Field, Colo.

5th War Loan Drive Is Underway Here

Thursday marked the opening of the FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE for the personnel, both civilian and military, of Strother Field. The drive was begun in a blaze of glory and music with the Post Orchestra mounted on a truck, which toured the post during the noon hour serenading with swing concerts at the Civilian Mess Hall, Sub-Depot and Headquarters.

During this drive the objective of the military personnel is an average cash purchase of \$18.75 (cost price) for every member of the post. For civilian personnel it will be necessary to purchase Bonds in an amount sufficient to average \$45.00 (cost price) per individual if the goal is reached.

To maintain the fine record of this post, which has exceeded its quotas in all previous War Loan Drives and exceeded its Fourth Loan quota by several thousand dollars, it will be necessary for all of this command to increase their cash purchases, during the FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE, over and above their regular monthly allotments.

Tentative plans calling for a huge field War Bond Rally sometime around the 1st of July, to which the public of southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma will be invited, were revealed by the Post War Bond Officer, 2nd Lt. Edwin J. Shore.

USO Camp Show Sat.

A new USO-Camp Show musical presentation, "It's A Pleasure," will be presented on the stage of the post theater Saturday night at 7 p.m. Music is emphasized, both vocal and instrumental, but there will also be dancing routines and comedy presentations. Admission is free.

Red Cross Welcomes New Military Personnel

Members of the Second Air Force transferred to Strother Field will find a welcome at the Red Cross headquarters.

"The Strother Field Red Cross staff is eager to meet new arrivals and to help them in any way possible," said Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director here.

"Whatever problem a serviceman may have, the Red Cross is anxious to serve him. If it's some difficulty at home, we'll be pleased to try to get helpful information about it. If there is some personal problem, a GI will have a sympathetic hearing at the Red Cross office."

The Strother Field Red Cross office is located in Building 1903 and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Mr. Thomson is also on 24-hour call for emergency needs—Phone Winfield 1442.

"The Red Cross is here as a representative of the folks back home to serve the men of Strother Field, so use it," said Field Director Thomson. "We're not miracle-workers, but perhaps we can be of assistance as mind-easers."

The first P-47 Thunderbolts placed in training use here began to arrive Saturday afternoon. Twelve of the swift, sleek fighters zoomed in from the Southeast at five o'clock, flying in three formations of four planes each.

Officers and enlisted men of the Second Air Force who have been assigned to Strother Field began to arrive here early last week. One large group was flown here from Galveston, Tex., in B-17 and B-24's.

A troop train carrying many officers and enlisted men arrived on the field Monday afternoon and were welcomed to Strother Field by military personnel and the 683rd Army Band.

Sunday was a regular day at this station, officers and enlisted personnel reporting for work on schedule. The fast P-47's skimmed through the air over the field in training flights, proving quite a contrast to the lumbering BT-13

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Brig. Gen. W. F. Kraus, CO of CFTC, Visits Strother Field

On a tour of the stations of the Central Flying Training Command and to give his personal assistance to Strother Field at the time of its transfer to another command, Brigadier General Walter F. Kraus, commanding general of the Central Flying Training Command, flew to Strother Field Tuesday.

Accompanied by his aide, Capt. G. L. Collord, General Kraus flew here from Coffeyville in a C-60 piloted by Major Dick Milner, Jr. M/Sgt. R. L. Stadt and T/Sgt. E. H. Brown were crewmen on the general's plane.

Yesterday's was Brigadier General Kraus' first visit to Strother Field since he became commanding general of the Central Flying Training Command May 14th.

General Kraus told high military authorities of the Central Flying Training Command stationed at Strother Field, that he was well pleased with the appearance of Strother Field and with the results it has achieved as he has been able to familiarize himself with those reports.

While at Strother Field, General Kraus gave his personal assistance to Major Oliver Smoot, temporary commanding officer, Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer, 1st Lt. George N. Rood, adjutant, and to Col. Donald E. Meade, who became commander of Strother Field on June 1, in solving some of the last-

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No Doubt An Easterner!

Three Strother Field officers were recently on their way to Winfield in a staff car when one remarked, "Say, look at that goat running across the field." The other officers glanced around but could only see a Kansas jack-rabbit loping across a pasture. Yep, the dern things grow big in the Sunflower state!

Texas to Kansas—Here They Are

Men of the Second Air Force, hundreds of them, piled off loaded trains, wearily fell from cars, alighted from sleek, fast Thunderbolt Fighters here at Strother Field this week. Fresh from the beach and sandy air field at Galveston, Texas, most of these men were new to Kansas, many of them new to the middle west. Veterans of a dozen Posts, a dozen countries some of them, they looked at Strother, and at Kansas.

First they saw green; the rich and pleasant green of a gently rolling countryside; the lush, sun-ripened green of spreading trees. No weary palms at this Base, no hungry looking cactus; but a live and pleasant green.

Under the green they saw two pleasant towns; towns that, to a soldier, to a 1941 GI, were surprisingly and magnificently friendly. The people on the streets were really friendly. They didn't seem to want to sell something. They seemed glad to meet a stranger. The GI guard, weakened already by the pleasant new scene, went down a little more. One man said to another, "I'm going to like this place."

It wasn't all easy going. Married men in search of homes had to camp out on doorsteps till their departing predecessors cleared the town. And some men with a thirst thought; what, no beer? And there was a new Post to break into and new customs to learn.

But on the whole it was good. It was clean, pleasant, friendly, as American as ice cream. Most surprising was the outstanding friendliness of the people. The GI liked that. He said to himself, "I'm going to like this place."

Speaking of—The Old Guard

"Where you going, Joe?" recently took the place of the stock phrase. "What you know, Joe?" among the military personnel of Strother Field who have been transferred elsewhere in the Central Flying Training command from Strother Field.

We who are to remain here as part of the Second Air Force have felt somewhat like a group of orphans. Our old family ties have been severed and our adopting parent has been exceedingly busy with its "brood" brought here from Galveston.

The men of the Second Air Force seem pleased with their new station and have not hesitated to express themselves to members of the "old guard." These new men have taken time out from getting settled on the field to introduce themselves and ask if we are remaining here. When the answer is yes, they all remark, "Swell!"

We welcome you to Strother Field and hope that we may be of assistance in making your new home a pleasant one.

Take The Leaden Penny

Take the leaden penny, boy;
'Tis a flyer's pay—
Nimble lads who stayed at home
Are clinking gold today.

"I have seen Calcutta gleam
Forty miles away,
I have known the golden dream
Of Carthage and Cathay;
Flying into Cairo field
A-waving to the girls,
The moon rose up and hit me
With a saucer full of pearls!"

Climb the beanstalk skyward, boy;
Keep the pilot's tryst—
Sober men who walk up stairs
Wed the girls you've kissed.

Don't you miss the frolic, boy?
Flyers soon grow old—
Shrewder feet now trip the dance
For which your Youth was sold.

"I will go to Alamo,
Bloody as of yore;
I will hear the Yankee cheer
Upon Tarawa's shore;
Flying bold across the earth
Aflame to Freedom's storv,
I'll keep a tattered chartbook
With its pages full of glory!"
—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory"

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

"ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR FIGHTING MEN"

For hundreds of years the great military and naval leaders of the English speaking nations have been devout men, with a sublime faith in God and a firm belief in the ultimate triumph of right.

What school boy does not know about Washington's prayer at Valley Forge, or his orders providing for Divine services for his Continental Army?

Nelson knelt on the deck of the Victory on the eve of Trafalgar, Farragut committed his course to God as he sailed into Mobile Bay, and prayed, "May the great God whom I worship grant to my country a glorious victory and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it, and may humility after victory predominate. I commit my life to Him who made me, and may His blessings alight on my endeavors for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the great cause which is entrusted to me to defend."

One of the typical statements of Stonewall Jackson was: "On Him I rely—and we are sustained by Divine Providence."

In 1863, when his armies failed, General Robert E. Lee said to his men: "As soldiers we have sinned against Almighty God—we have relied too much on our armies. God is our refuge and strength."

Quezon, president of the Philippines, said of General MacArthur, "He is a God's Book man, and he talks like a God's Book man too."

Faith in God and surrender to Him are not luxuries but necessities to every fighting man. SOLDIER, ARE YOU EQUIPPED?

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

7:00 Catholic Confession
8:00 Catholic Mass
9:00 Hospital Service
10:00 General Protestant Service
11:00 Guardhouse Service

● This Week ...

Friday—GI party, free lemonade and cookies.

Saturday—Open.

Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.

Monday—Photo Club at 1900. Bingo at 2000.

Tuesday—All-Section Dance. GSO girls. Music by SF Airchords.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—Section "F" party.

Ye Liftings

A cadremen wired his wife that he could live off post every other night. Someone in the telegraph office pressed the wrong key and the wife read this: "Can Love Off Post Every Other Night."

Prof. "Mr. Twirp, what do you know about French syntax?"

Stude: "Gosh, I didn't know they had to pay for their fun."

GI: "Go ahead and telephone. If a man answers, ask him whyin-thehell he isn't in the Army."

Virginia had a little quart
Of cider, hard as steel,
And everywhere she went 'twas sport
To watch Virginia reel.

A youngster leading a donkey passed by a group of soldiers who decided to have some fun.

"What are you holding onto your brother so tight for, Sonny?" one of the doughboys shouted.

"So he won't join the Army," the boy yelled back.

I had sworn to be a bachelor,
She had sworn to be a bride,
But I guess you know the answer:
She had nature on her side.

Think of all the poor guys who will wind up married to sergeants after this war.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Since the Manchurian "incident" in 1931 our ally, China, has been fighting the Japanese. Over this period of years the Chinese have suffered greatly at the hands of the enemy. Her suffering involves not only her casualties in battle but the sacking of her cities, the exploitation of her farms and the slaughter of civilians.

Many American soldiers are now fighting in China and have come to know the country and the people. They have come to appreciate the sacrifice and heroic determination of the Chinese. Many more of us may find ourselves in China one day. From the wealth of materials available the following are suggested to give the reader a better knowledge and understanding of our great ally—China.

"This is Our China" by Mayling Soong Chiang (Madame Chiang Kai-shek). Selections from the writings of the wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. An interesting analysis of the progress of China in wartime.

"Life Looks at China," is a report on China by Theodore H. White in Life magazine May 1, 1944. Another article on China is found in the May 2, 1944, issue of Look. The title is "Hometown, China." This is another in the "Hometown" series being presented by Look. The article portrays the life, work and culture of the residents of this small Chinese city of 40,000 people (Pishan, county seat of Szachwan province).

Pearl Buck has written several novels about the Chinese. Among these, the following are suggested for your reading and may be secured at the Post Library: "A House Divided"—1935, "The Good Earth"—1940 and "Dragon Seed"—1942.



Q. I'm flat on my back at an East Coast hospital sweating out CDD. When I become a civilian again I want everyone to know I've been a soldier and am not an ordinary 4F. Is it all right if I wear my North African Theater of Operations ribbon on my civilian clothes so that people will know I have served overseas?

A. You may wear ribbons only on ceremonial occasions. At other times you may wear miniature ribbons on your lapel, next to your discharge button.

Q. My CO is a lieutenant colonel. He has a wife, two children and a dependent mother. Our outfit is overseas. How much money does he make?

A. A lieutenant colonel's base pay is \$3500. He gets 10 per cent for overseas service and approximately \$63 a month for subsistence and \$120 a month for rental allowances. The number of his dependents makes no difference.

Q. My mother is a widow with two younger children. She has a job in a war plant. I want to know if she is entitled to an allotment from me.

A. Your mother is eligible to apply for Family Aid for herself and the minor children if she is substantially dependent on you. The Office of Dependency Benefits will determine the facts of dependency from information furnished on certificates of dependency.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 3 June
USO Camp Show
"IT'S A PLEASURE"

Sun.-Mon., 4-5 June
GASLIGHT
Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman
Joseph Cotton
News of the Day

Tuesday, 6 June
Double Feature
SLIGHTLY TERRIFIC
Leon Errol, Anne Rooney
SILENT PARTNER
Bill Henry, Beverly Floyd

Wed.-Thurs., 7-8 June
THE STORY OF DR. WASSELL
Gary Cooper, Lorraine Day
News of the Day

Friday, 9 June
BERMUDA MYSTERY
Preston Foster
Anne Rutherford
Santa Fe Trail Western
Looney Tune—Sportscope

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance Floor show
Ark.	Bingo	Free call
Sun.	Win.	Games Free call
Ark.	Singing	Informal dance
Mon.	Win.	Formal dance SF band
Ark.	Bridge	and game night
Tues.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Dancing Games
Ark.	Snack Bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge night Prizes
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Games Cards
Ark.	Bingo Prizes	

What's new in your home town?

Baton Rouge, La. (CNS)—Because the price of a piece of apple pie has increased from a nickel to ten cents, the voters of Louisiana are considering raising the salaries of State Legislators.

Denver, Col. (CNS)—Summoned on an emergency call in the south end of town, two patrol car policemen returned in half an hour to enter this cryptic report on the station house blotter: "Woman stuck in bathtub. Removed her."

Detroit (CNS)—Mrs. Madge Williams won a divorce from her jealous husband on the grounds that he padlocked her in her bedroom every day before he went to work.

Logansport, Ind. (CNS)—When seven-months-old Jay Shuck opened his mouth to yawn, his fun-loving, two-year-old brother Dee popped two pennies into the gaping aperture. The baby swallowed the coins and Dee started to holler for them. Doctors in an Indianapolis hospital removed the pennies and gave them back to Dee who promptly swallowed them himself.

Los Angeles (CNS)—County Park Superintendent J. R. Wimmer was mighty proud of the beautiful plants that grew around the County Agricultural Building until a visiting horticulturist informed him that the plants were marijuana crops.

Manchester, Mo. (CNS)—Mary Louise Carr, 15, is back home in Manchester after a 1,200-mile train trip to New York. She undertook to marry a "pen pal" she had never seen but had been corresponding with for over a year. Mary returned when she discovered that her "pal" was another 15-year-old girl.

Miami (CNS)—Wilford Wright arrived here recently after completing a 2,000-mile tricycle trip from Halifax. He does it every year.

Minneapolis (CNS)—A 78-year-old man, who tried to steal a pair of clippers from a downtown barber shop, was caught and floored by the woman barber. What the police can't figure out is why he attempted the theft. He is as bald as a cue ball.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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Second Air Force military personnel assigned to Strother Field get their first view of this Southern Kansas base as they leave their troop train on the field spur. Buses and trucks are on hand to take the men and their baggage to their barracks.

Air Wac Answers

Q. To what kind of photographic jobs are Air Wacs assigned?

A. They are taking pictures and processing films, developing and printing still pictures, gunnery movies, etc., and are serving as photo laboratory technicians and projectionists. At some fields they have such tasks as developing, printing and assembling mosaics of aerial photos. One of the Air Wac assignments in England is photo interpretation. Other classifications open to Air Wacs: camera technician, photoengraving photographer and retouching artists.

Q. How long have Air Wacs been on duty with the Eighth Air Force?

A. A contingent for duty with the Eighth arrived in England 20 July 1943.

Q. Can Wacs make dependency allotments?

A. Yes, and the War Department adds its sum to the payroll deduction as in the case of the male soldier.

Promoted to Captain

Promotion to the rank of captain for Alexander D. Lieb, post finance officer, was announced here today.

Captain Lieb was commissioned at Duke University in August, 1942, and reported to Strother from Lubbock, Texas, on Oct. 22, 1942. He has been post finance officer since that date.

Captain Lieb is the son of Dorr F. Lieb of Dansville, N. Y. His wife and baby reside in Winfield.

Special Service Offers REC Facilities

By SGT. JACK BLACKMAN

Hello to you fellows of the 2nd Air Force. Here's a little dope on what goes on in and around Strother Field in the way of entertainment. Now there are the famous P-47 Thunderbolt fighters to service—but no, that isn't exactly entertainment, is it!

Beginning with the Service Club then. Replete with comfortable lounge chairs and divans, snack bar, game room, writing room, etc., the Service Club is yours to use for any and all purposes. During the week you will find, dancing, bridge, G.I. Movies, bingo (prizes), and a beginning point for several activities designed to further your pursuit of a hobby or an education. For example the photography class on Monday evenings including an opportunity to avail yourselves of the fine equipment and facilities of the field Photo Lab. There are other items which the Service Club either offers or will offer but we'll leave it to you to come on up and find them out for yourselves.

Attached to the Service Club is the Post Library. Here you can find a very complete and thorough assembly of books and magazines. And the furnishings have been designed to give you a maximum of comfort along with your studies or pleasure reading. You'll find a warm welcome at the library, er, see the librarian if you don't dig me. . . .

The recently completed swim-

AAFAS Totals \$1,093.80 Here

With the addition of \$101.75 in contributions received from the flying officers anonymous fund the Army Air Forces Aid Society membership drive has reached a total of \$1,093.80.

The following figures represent the totals by sections received in memberships during the drive at Strother Field:

Perm. Party officers and student officers	\$ 384.00
Aviation Cadets	343.00
Section C	122.25
Flying Off. Anonymous Fund	101.75
Section B	77.00
Section A	26.65
Section E	19.90
683rd AAF Band	18.25
Anonymous	1.00
	\$1093.80

ming pool speaks for itself and those of you fellows who have never spent a summer in Kansas will later learn to appreciate the coolness of the water. At any rate, here's your chance to combine work and pleasure. PT and swimming.

The Post Theatre carries the current film favorites. It is also used as the medium for presenting the USO Camp Shows which stop at this base.

New Lane, Conn. (CNS)—There is a town ordinance here that prohibits kissing in the moonlight, minus a chaperon.

Free Air Mail For Soldier Vote Applications

By Camp Newspaper Service

GIs who are going to vote in the presidential elections this fall may get some of the information they need on absentee balloting by reading WD Circular 155, just issued by the War Department.

The circular recommends distinctive markings on postcard applications for absentee ballots to servicemen and back again to their home states. The purpose of this recommendation is to enable ballot applications to be sent by free air mail.

These new markings already are being printed on the new postcard applications and on the ballot envelopes which the War Ballot Commission has ordered for distribution to the Army, Navy and War Shipping Administrations. It may be several months before these new forms are available, however.

Many states are sending out ballots on their own hook complete with envelopes that do not bear these new official markings and many GIs are still applying for ballots with the old-style postcards (WD AGO Form 560) which do not bear the air mail markings either. Soldiers are urged to mark these old style postcards and envelopes in the following manner:

"FREE OF POSTAGE INCLUDING AIR MAIL (WAR BALLOT)."

Then draw two heavy horizontal lines above the address and print between these lines the following: "OFFICIAL ELECTION WAR BALLOT"

—VIA AIR MAIL."

If you neglect to mark the postcards and envelopes plainly to let the post office know they are ballot mail, they may get buried in the regular mail and arrive too late to enable you to get your ballot back in time to vote.

Dance in Wichita

A dance for servicemen is being sponsored by the Wichita Junior Hostesses of the USO tomorrow evening in that city. A special invitation to Strother Field enlisted personnel has been extended by the hostesses. The dance is to be held in the Candle Light Room of the USO club at 3755 East Douglas in Wichita.

Winfield and A.C. Offer Many Facilities

Second Air Force personnel now stationed at Strother Field will find exceptionally fine recreation, housing and shopping facilities in the towns of Arkansas City, 7½ miles south of the field and Winfield, the same distance north of this base.

Strother Field is really a part of these two towns, as far as the personnel is concerned. Officers and enlisted men have been welcomed into the homes, civic clubs and churches of the towns. Activities on the field are of vital interest to these people, in fact Strother Field is a big "industry" located between these two southern Kansas towns.

Winfield and Arkansas City have spacious parks, swimming pools, many churches of all denominations, excellent school systems, USO clubs, department stores and specialty shops, restaurants offering excellent meals at reasonable prices.

If you are interested in fishing there are the Walnut and Arkansas rivers close by as well as Grouse Creek so you men should be able to enjoy your favorite sport.

Additional information concerning housing facilities, etc., may be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce office in either town. At Winfield the address is 921 Millington and in Arkansas City at 102 North Summit street.

Col. Saxton Leaves

Colonel Lamont Saxton, commanding officer of Strother Field since April 22, left Saturday for an unannounced station for a new command assignment. His family has returned to their home at Washington, D.C.

Colonel Saxton reported here from Ellington Field, Texas, to replace Col. Joseph F. Carroll as commanding officer. Colonel Carroll was transferred to Independence, Kansas.

Receive Silver Bars

Two Quartermaster officers, William Price, supply officer general and assistant property officer, and Arthur C. Knauff, sales officer, have been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Twin Cities Bus Schedule

Leave Ark City	Leave PX	Leave Winfield	Leave PX
5:30 a.m.	6:00 a.m.	5:45 a.m.	6:10 a.m.
6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.	12 Noon	11:30 a.m.	12 Noon
1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
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12:00 p.m.*	12:30 a.m.*	12:00 p.m.	12:30 a.m.
1:00 a.m.*	1:30 a.m.*	1:00 a.m.*	1:30 a.m.*
2:00 a.m.*	2:30 a.m.*	2:00 a.m.*	2:30 a.m.*
* Saturday.			
† Sunday.			
‡ Not on Sunday.	** Not on		
§ Not on Saturday.	Mon. thru Fri.		

Male Call



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



Hooked By The Book





Insurance Office Has Business 'Boom'

During the months of April and May the insurance and War Bond Office of Strother Field has been an exceptionally busy place. Enlisted men signed for \$350,000 in new and increased National Service Insurance during that time.

The average policy of \$8,748 fell below the \$9,500 average set as a goal for all military personnel at this station, however, the desired coverage of 95% was exceeded with an average of 98% coverage.

"The increase in percentages of enlisted personnel carrying insurance was due to the excellent efforts of all section insurance officers," Lt. Edwin J. Shore, insurance officer, said today.

200 Each Day To Infantry

Washington (CNS)—More than 200 enlisted men a day are applying for transfer to the Infantry as a result of a recent War Department announcement that enlisted men under 32 may request such transfers.

Under this procedure, qualified men from all other arms may make written requests through military channels to the Adjutant General, giving name, grade, age, serial number, organization, military occupational specialty and specification serial numbers.

The transfers are made in grade with no loss of pay or reduction in rating.

A good girl always sticks to "No."
A bad girl always yesses.
A smart girl makes them sound alike,
And holds 'em ALL on guesses.

NOW A FIGHTER BASE

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planes formerly used in the basic training program of the Central Flying Training Command. Instead of cadets flying the slower type planes graduate pilots are taking advanced training in the combat fighter craft.

Colonel Meade, the new commanding officer, is a graduate of the high school at Hays, Kans., and took his B.A. at the University of Wisconsin. He was commissioned on June 26, 1931, at Kelly Field, Texas, following basic flying training at March Field, Calif., and advanced training at Kelly Field.

Colonel Meade wears theater ribbons for service in Hawaii in 1931 and 1932 and in the Aleutians in 1943 and early 1944. Prior to his assumption of command here he had been stationed at Peterson Field, Colorado, on temporary duty. He became a full colonel on August 6, 1943. He is a command pilot. He and his wife and son are making their home in Arkansas City.

BRIG. GEN. KRAUS

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minute problems entailed by the transfer of the field to another command.

His missions here accomplished, General Kraus and his party took off at 10:44 a.m. for Liberal to continue the general's tour of inspection of stations within the Central Flying Training Command.

San Antonio, Tex. (CNS) — Eight local women are walking around town with their noses in the air these days. They've just been hired as garbage collectors.



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

June 2, 1944

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Now that Bill Dickey is in the Navy, there is just a chance that he may wind up catching for Lt. Cmdr. Mickey Cochrane at Great Lakes, a maneuver which would place baseball's two greatest catchers on the same team for the first time. Now doesn't that news leave you trembling in anticipation?

Even without Dickey, Cochrane has a pretty fair ball club at the Lakes this year. He has Virgil Trucks, Syl Johnson, Bill Brandt and Schoolboy Rowe, big leaguers all, on his pitching staff, Billy Herman to hold his infield together and Gene Woodring, ex-White Sox heading his outfield patrol. He has been using Rowe, always a strong hitter, in the outfield, too, and the only toothless schoolboy in the world already slammed two homers, yet!

With Dickey catching for him, Cochrane could field a team as strong as any in the majors. The Arkansas Traveler can ride that ball a mile. He can also catch, throw, and run pretty fast for a big fellow who has been in a crouch so long that his pants are tailored with a bend in them.

When someone in London asked Sgt. Joe Louis to name the toughest man he ever fought, the champion came up with a \$64 answer. "Max Adelbert Baer," he said.

Everyone was surprised when Louis said this, but up and down Jacobs Beach in New York a lot of guys were pleased. Old Max-Addled-a-bit Baer has been much maligned for the showing he made against Louis in 1935 because certain loud-mouthed lump-heads said that Max quit like a dog in the fourth round.

That's a base canard, of course. Max was discouraged when he hit Joe with his sledgehammer right and Louis didn't go down. But he didn't quit and Louis' testimony that he hit Max harder and more often than he hit any other man is proof that there is no dog in old Maxie.

Baer was, is and always will be a very popular guy in the fight game. The promoters loved him because of the gates he could draw. The writers loved him because of the copy he made and the fans loved him because he was just a big loveable ham. Too bad he couldn't fight.

Everyone likes to see a broad smile—especially if she's smiling at you!

Dry Kansas Has Wet Spot For Second Air Force Men

First unofficial act of many men newly arrived from Galveston this week was to confirm advance predictions of Strother Field's "swimming pool right on the base." Expectations were more than met by sight of the brand new pool recently completed in the recreation area.

Stay Off the Grass!

Steps at the south end of the swimming pool were built for one purpose—to use in entering and leaving the pool. It has become the practice of many officers and enlisted men to walk up the sodded areas around the pool, step over the fence and jump into the water. This is the quickest and easiest way to reach the water but the area around the edges of the pool was sodded for the purpose of beautifying the area, so let's give the grass a chance to grow by using the steps leading to the pool.

Run by Special Service Section the pool is open for GI swim enthusiasts two to eight PM daily. On order for use of potential Weissmullers are two diving boards; much in evidence already is a rope glide much resembling something out of a better Tarzan adventure thriller. For the less adventurous there is just plain swimming; not to mention a chance to cool off on a summer day.

Pools are also operated by the neighboring towns of Arkansas City and Winfield, however, the pool in Winfield is not in operation at the present time but will be soon.

Men fresh from the Gulf Coast beaches will have a chance to show what they can do. Plans are for regular life guards to aid tyros.



"Vicki," a sleek P-47 Thunderbolt, receives an envious glance from a Central Flying Training Command flying instructor as he stands on the wing of a BT-13 training plane and admires the fighter type aircraft which is now used in combat training flying here.



Thousands of Second Air Force Graduates Take Part In Invasion

D-Day, long awaited by the world's military and civilian population, came in the early morning hours of June 6 as more than 4,000 ships, 11,000 bombers and fighting planes, and thousands of eager soldiers and sailors began the assault on Hitler's west wall.

In the flame-swept skies over Europe's invasion coast the ultimate efficiency of 2nd Air Force Bases such as Strother Field is being given its final test as tens of thousands of graduates of this great combat training organization went into action in the greatest air battle of all time.

From the beginning the 2nd Air Force has worked towards this event. Its mission has been combat training; turning out the bombers, pilots, navigators, and gunners who are roaring over France; training the ground crews to keep the fighters and the bombers in the air; welding crews and squadrons into the sharp cutting edge of the most terrific assault in all history.

The Thunderbolt fighters used in combat training at Strother Field are twin to thousands now in action over France; slashing the Luftwaffe, bombing and strafing harried Reichswehr units, protecting our bombers, covering our troops.

At Strother Field every man feels a thrill of personal achievement as the news comes in. Whether flier or ground man, veteran of combat or of long months of hard work in the training field, he knows that part of what is going on today stems from the job that he has done. He listens to the news and carries on the job.

Three SF Instructors Vets Of Three Allied Invasions

With the experiences of having flown air cover for three Allied invasions of Nazi territory—among them the Dieppe raid—behind them, three flying instructors at Strother Field eagerly await every word from the latest battlefield—Western Europe. They are: Capt. Jerry Collinsworth of Borger, Texas; 1st Lt. M. W. Mosby of Indianola, Miss., and 1st Lt. Leonard H. Brown of Pico, California.

All of the men flew together in the bloody, but instructive Dieppe raid, the North African and the Sicilian invasions. To them D-Day and its news of the invasion across the channel brought perhaps the biggest thrill experienced at Strother Field. They know first hand the thrills, the grim purpose, the great excitement that comes to men of a United Nations invading army. More than that, they know some of the lessons learned by the Allies in the Dieppe undertaking which paid big dividends in the safe landing of the Allied armies on the Normandy coast. Zealous for the successful and safe landing of all forces, their thoughts turned also to some of their flying companions left behind when they themselves returned to the United States to give benefit of their combat experiences to fliers in training in the 72nd fighter wing.

"I'd like to have been there Tuesday morning, about 50,000 feet up, watching the boats landing their great forces of men and

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Nurses Promoted

Two members of the Army Nurse Corps stationed at Strother Field are now proudly wearing silver bars. Promotions from second to first lieutenant were announced last week for Ida L. Brugnetti whose home is in Boston, Mass., and Maria A. Carajal who is from San Antonio, Tex.

Lt. Brugnetti came to Strother Field last October and Lt. Carajal arrived here the month previous.

Blitz Mowers Clip The Joint

Military personnel of Strother Field who have spent many hours pushing lawnmowers around their yards at home have watched with envy the four "Blitz Whirlwind" mowers scooting over the vast acreage of this Southern Kansas base. One local farmer was seen in his parked truck on the highway staring in amazement at the "blitz" mowers pulled by weapon carriers.

The new equipment is capable of mowing a 12-foot swath at the rate of 15 miles an hour—even Mother Earth gets a GI haircut in quick-time.

Seeding has been started on the Strother Field home base. 400 acres of land are being seeded to buffalo grass. Similar seeding projects have been completed at the four auxiliary fields, approximately 160 acres at each field.

Playwriting Contest For Armed Forces

The National Theater Conference of Cleveland, Ohio, announces its second playwriting contest for men and women in the armed forces. The contest is divided into a Camps Division, for those serving within the continental limits of the United States, and an Overseas Division for those on foreign soil. Awards and judging in the two divisions will be separate.

A total of \$1,500 in prizes will be awarded, together with approximately \$12,000 in postwar fellowships and scholarships for authors of promise.

There are five classes of writing in which plays may be submitted. These classes are: long plays, one-act plays, skits and blackouts, musical comedies and radio plays. Manuscripts for the Camps Division must be postmarked not later than November 1, 1944 and for the Overseas Division, not later than December 1, 1944.

Playing time of the various classes are as follows: Long plays, 1½ hours' playing time; one-act plays, 20 to 40 minutes' playing time; skits and blackouts, 1 to 10 minutes' playing time; musical comedies, 1 to 2 hours' playing time and radio plays, dramatic scripts of approximately 28 minutes and spot scripts not exceeding 7 minutes.

No restriction is placed upon the subject matter, content, or form of the plays, although subjects related to life in the service are to be preferred.

M-Sgt. E. F. North Serving Third 'Hitch'

Nine months spent on "The Rock" is an unforgettable part of Master Sergeant Eugene F. North's 9 years of military service. "The Rock" is the name given to Ascension Island, an Air Transport Command base almost halfway between the two continents of South America and Africa—not Alcatraz!

M/Sgt. North, who recently came to Strother Field from Galveston, Tex., served as first sergeant of enlisted men and assistant aerial engineer on a B-25 doing submarine and surface raider patrol while stationed on Ascension Island. His crew is credited with the sinking of a German submarine during one patrol sortie, for which he wears a bronze star on his American Defense ribbon.

"The island is a 35-square-mile area comprised of rock, sand, booby birds and one tree, the latter surrounded with barbed wire as a protection for the one scenic spot on the island," said M/Sgt. North. He was a member of the first airforce party to be stationed there. Breaking the monotony of his long stay on the island were three air trips to Accra, Africa, on the gold coast.

Returning to the United States in March, 1943, M/Sgt. North was

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Communication Sgt. Ace Dancer of Base

Top couple in the super-heated Jitterbug Contest staged by Special Service Section at last Friday's Get Together Dance in the Post Gymnasium and winners of the \$10 grand prize were Sgt. Tony Mendicino of Communications and Miss Lynn Edgecomb of Ponca City who outpaced a fast field to capture the Post Championship.

Judges who awarded the prize were Miss Pauline Marten of Winfield, Mrs. Hal D. Leaming of Ponca City, Mr. P. W. Allee of Ark. City, Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, and Sgt. Jack Blackman.

Singing with the Strother Field Band were three local belles, Miss Hazel Phillips, Miss Rose Tripp and Mrs. Noma Schner. Sgt. Lou Cunningham, assisted by Cpl. Francis E. Putz at the piano, sang two numbers and an encore.

Weekly Dances Scheduled for Gym

Due to the large attendance of enlisted men at the Tuesday night dances held in the service club it has been decided to hold the event in the post gym each week.

It has been the policy in the past to have GSO girls from only one of the surrounding towns attend the dance each week. By holding the affair in the post gym there will be accommodations for many more couples so GSO cuties from Winfield, Arkansas City and Wellington will be on hand to swing it with the many GIs.

\$56,476 Goal In Fifth War Loan Drive Here

Quotas for the FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE for military and civilian personnel of this command have been announced. For the military personnel the quota has been set at \$27,766.25. The civilian quota has been established at \$28,710.00.

To attain these quotas and assure the success of the FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE it involves sacrifice. Now that "D" day has arrived we know well the supreme sacrifice our American boys are making, and we, who are still enjoying the comforts and convenience of the homeland, should attempt to parallel this supreme sacrifice with small sacrifice.

In previous War Bond Drives Strother Field has established a remarkable record of successful quotas met. To maintain this record it will be necessary for all personnel of this command to increase their cash purchases over and above their regular monthly payroll allotments.

Many purchases have been reported during the first week of the drive, chief of which was the purchase by M/Sgt. William A. Taylor Jr., of Section E, Station Hospital, whose cash purchase of a \$1,000.00 bond was reported this week. No accurate report of purchases has been received from the Civilian Personnel Office, but estimates received have been running high due to the fine interest and cooperation of the Castle Club of the Post Engineers.

Get on the Victory Band Wagon During the Vth War Loan Drive



Members of the 683rd army band are shown above aboard the Strother Field band wagon which toured the base last week in connection with the opening of the Fifth War Bond Drive. The picture shows Old Glory waving in the breeze atop the flag pole opposite post headquarters.

D-Day at Strother Field

Thunderbolts flying in formation overhead seemed to roar defiance at being confined to the sky over Southern Kansas. Flying instructors, many who have seen combat service, and student officer trainees alike, were tense as they read or heard news flashes of the invasion of France.

Enlisted personnel, including a great number of men who have served in combat zones, crowded around maps of Europe studying the invasion points and progress made during the day by allied troops. The grimy hands of mechanics left their mark on these maps as they traced the probable routes of the invading forces.

These same men went back to their jobs more determined than ever to do their part in bringing victory nearer. These same hands became even more grimy in the performance of their work on the powerful engines of Thunderbolt planes. There was a far away look in many mechanics' eyes as these fighter planes were mentally transplanted to fighter bases in England. Instead of training flights these planes were being prepared for actual combat during D-Day. Then quickly these mechanics snapped back to the job to be done at Strother Field with one hope in mind—that someday they will be serving in a combat zone.

Speaking of - Adults Only

On March 25 the townspeople of Winfield and Arkansas City were faced with a loss in population along with the loss of a "big industry"—announcement had been made that Strother Field was to be placed on a standby-basis on July 1st. Civic leaders went into conference to see what could be done to keep this air force installation in operation. Owners of rental property were faced with empty houses as military personnel would necessarily be transferred to other locations.

Approximately one month later announcement was made that the Second Air Force would take over Strother Field in June for training purposes. There were cheers and smiles in both Arkansas City and Winfield. Real estate owners were thankful as they visualized their property being rented by these new citizens.

Today, many of these property owners are welcoming the newcomers with a stock question, "Have you any children?" If the officer or enlisted man's wife answers in the affirmative she receives the "sorry, nothing available" answer.

There is nothing wrong with people having children. The army couple with one or more will probably make better tenants than some childless couple whose only pleasure is entertaining their friends until late hours each night. Which is worse, a table marked with cigarette burns or a crayon mark on the wall made by some child?

The military personnel living in both towns are not doing so by choice. They are stationed here and must find accommodations for their families. Someday there will again be vacant rental property in the two towns—a time when these property owners will wish for families, even with six children, to occupy their houses.

The military personnel of this base are willing to pay fair rental prices and it is the patriotic duty of civilians to accept them in their property, children and all. Let's hope this nasty situation ceases to exist in our new "home towns"—Arkansas City and Winfield.

Show Consideration For Others

Laughter is a wonderful thing and the world needs more of it during these trying times but not in the post theater during the showing of a dramatic motion picture.

Let's consider the other officers and enlisted men who pay their money to see the shows and refrain from disturbing them with unnecessary laughter and loud talk.

For the benefit of the new men on the field the officer section of the theater is marked with white paint on the aisle chair arms. There is sufficient seating capacity for all enlisted men elsewhere in the theater, so let's not occupy the officer section. Making this mistake is embarrassing to all parties concerned.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

ALTITUDE

By Will H. Houghton

"It's safer flying high," declared the pilot;
We climbed another thousand feet or so;
"The higher up we are the better landing,
Emergency airports ahead, below."

"It's safer flying high"—sometimes it echoes
When conscience indicates the need of care,
When tempted to some base or fleshly interest,
And sin presents itself in colors fair.

The sky way is the highway for the victor,
For those who wish to live among the few.
So evident in life as in air travel—
The farther from the earth, the fuller view.

The hills of difficulty are no longer,
The mountainsides of despair are ironed smooth;
When high and looking down upon your problems,
The deep and darker valley seems a groove.

No fogs will blur the lines of demarcation,
And make the black of wrong a blended gray,
When you are living in the open sunshine,
Where altitude will brighten all your way.

"It's safer flying high," says the apostle,
The world beneath, and God's own blue above;
Remember Christ is seated in the heavenlies,
And you are with Him there—climax of love!

How worthless then the world, how dull its glory,
When you live high, and far enough away
To get a sense of values, wise and proper;
Then why not live your altitude today?

This Week . . .

Friday—GI party, movies, free lemonade and cookies, song jam-boree with gals.

Saturday—Club closed at 1800.

Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.

Monday—Glee club 1830. Bingo with the girls at 2000.

Tuesday—Dance in gym. GSO girls. Music by SF Airchords.

Wednesday—Bridge tournament.

Thursday—Section "B" party.

Ye Liftings

You can't tell how far a couple has gone in a car by looking at the speedometer.

He: Gosh, it's dark here. I can't even see my hand."

She: That's all right. I know where it is.

"I've never been kissed before," she said, as she shifted gears with her knee.

PFC: How about a date tonight?
She: Sorry, I can't go out with a baby.

PFC: Oh, excuse me, I didn't know.

San Francisco (CNS)—When a local thief, who had robbed what he thought was a butter truck, got his booty home he discovered that it was merely 30,000 cigars. Resigned to making the most of a bad deal, he had smoked his way through two boxes when police grabbed him and carted him away to the gooly.

St. Paul, Minn. (CNS)—An old age record for drunken driving was set by an 82-year-old motorist, who while drunk as a coot, drove his auto through the rear of his garage and parked it in some shrubbery.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The long awaited invasion of continental Europe has begun. Probably no other event in history has been surrounded with such elaborate preparations for informing the people with what is happening as it happens. During "D Day" itself Americans were listening to eyewitness descriptions of the initial landings in the "liberation."

The writer is aware of the tremendous interest with which soldiers and civilians alike will watch each issue of their newspaper and listen to every radio program possible to get the "latest." In times like these we come to look upon yesterday's communiques as being out of date; because at the moment the radio is giving us an account of what is happening now.

However, during these intervals between radio programs and while the printer is changing his type there are some books which will give us much additional knowledge and information about the lands and peoples which are being liberated. Quentin Reynolds in his book "Dress Rehearsal" gives an eyewitness account of the raid on Dieppe, (not far from the present landings). Mr. Reynolds shows in this book that the raid on Dieppe was a dress rehearsal for the invasion of North Africa, Italy and now the continent itself. Magnified many times, it will give the reader a good picture of some of the things which are happening "over there" today.

Among many other good books at the Post Library which are particularly interesting at this time are the following: "They Shall Not Sleep," by Leland Stowe; "The Devil in France" by Lion Feuchtwanger; "Paris Underground" by Etta Shiber; "France on Berlin Time" by Thomas Kernan and "The Last Time I Saw Paris" by Elliot Paul.



Q. How much did my GI clothing cost?

A. Your complete uniform, including your \$15.50 wool overcoat and your 5-cent cotton handkerchiefs, cost the government \$114.86 at the outset. It also costs the Army \$75.37 a year to maintain these duds for you.

Q. Look, I'm a member of the ground crew of an air combat squadron stationed in England. The flying members of this squadron are permitted to wear service stars to show they have been in combat. But my orderly room tells me that ground crew members are not permitted to wear these stars because we have not seen combat in the air. Is this correct?

A. No, your Orderly Room is mistaken. The War Department says that all members of a unit credited with battle participation may wear a bronze service star on the appropriate service ribbon. As a member of a ground crew you come under this category.

Q. Will I be permitted to wear my uniform after my discharge from the Army?

A. You can wear it from the place where you get your discharge to your home, provided that you go there within three months of the discharge date. You may also wear it at military ceremonies in peacetime.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday, 10 June

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Paul Lukas, K. T. Stevens

Vitaphone Varieties

Color Cartoon—Melody Master

Sun.-Mon., 11-12 June

THE HITLER GANG

Robt. Watson, Martin Kosleck

News of the Day

Donald Duck

Tuesday, 13 June

Double Feature

THE BLACK PARACHUTE

John Carradine, Jeanne Bates

FOLLOW THE LEADER

East Side Kids

Wed.-Thurs., 14-15 June

TWO GIRLS AND A SAILOR

Jimmy Durante, Van Johnson

News of the Day

Friday, 16 June

THREE MEN IN WHITE

Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson

Community Sing

Sports Parade

What's new in your home town?

Brooklyn (CNS)—Ernest Hemingway, a Brooklyn waiter and not the well known literary man, bade a farewell to arms in Kings County Court when he was sentenced to seven years in the coop for carrying a revolver. "I'm tolling the bell for you, Mr Hemingway," remarked the judge facetiously.

Chicago (CNS)—Ingrid Olson, blonde and beautiful, was offered a job as model by the operator of a magazine shop. When she discovered that the man wanted her to pose unclad she knocked him down, handcuffed him and hauled him into the station house. Ingrid is a policewoman and has had judo training.

Des Moines (CNS)—Miss Jessie M. Parker, state superintendent of Public Instruction, has asked teachers to quit singing "The Beer Barrel Polka" at school assemblies. "It isn't exactly the proper song for children," she said.

It's in the Post Library

D DAY, says John Gunther in his book of the same name, is "the day set in advance for the opening of an operation." Of that, everyone is now fully aware. But of the plans and strategies necessary for the successful staging of such an operation and of the actual results, not so much is known.

Gunther's latest book is not an actual account building up to June 6, 1944. However, it is an account of the activities preceding the Allied landing in Sicily in 1943 and of what followed that successful operation. It thereby provides information probably comparable to some of the preceding activities of this last D Day.

In diary form, "Inside" Gunther relates his part as only representative of the American press attached to General Eisenhower's headquarters during the first phases of the operation.

With his usual colorful and entertaining style, Mr. Gunther reproduces with observation and detail unusual data of the activities, countries, and peoples encountered on his trip to Sicily and on to the Near East. Altogether, D DAY makes pleasant, easy but informative reading.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dance
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Music. Free call
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Service club dance
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dance. Ping pong
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Bridge night
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Married couples' night
Ark. Bingo. Prizes

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Out of breath and showing signs of weariness are the winners of the jitterbug contest held in connection with the get-together dance for enlisted men in the post gym last Friday evening. Miss Lynn Edgecomb of Ponca City, Okla., and Sgt. Tony Mendicino of post communications, accept a check for \$10 from 1st. Lt. Howard E. Thompson, special service officer in reward of their giddy gyrations.

Many Strother Instructors Veterans of Combat Flying

On the surface the flying instructors brought here by the 72nd fighter wing are just ordinary boys, enjoying their jobs, and not much unlike those who taught cadets basic flying under the Training Command. But that is just on the surface. A large percentage of the instructors now at Strother Field have seen action, in all theaters of a global war. Most of them have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, practically all the Air Medal, some with as many as six Oak Leaf Clusters.

From Guadalcanal to Bougainville to Rabaul—some of these young men have pursued the Japs, and accounted for a number of them. Others have done their bit against the Hun,—in Africa, in Italy, in Western Europe.

Those fellows don't wear their ribbons; and they won't tell you much about their exploits. But theirs have been noteworthy experiences; their contribution towards victory has been immeasurable. And now they are passing on their hard-gained knowledge and experience to the trainees who will carry on against the enemy.

Yes, they are quite a contrast to the basic instructors who left here recently, the boys who flew BT's but dreamed of fast combat ships, and begged, day after day, for combat assignments.

Gunnery School Open to EM

Here is news of interest to all eliminated air crew personnel of Strother Field even those eliminated in classification. You may now volunteer for aerial gunnery school by applying to Lt. Rudolph Baum in the classification office.

Red Cross Workers With Invasion Force

"The American Red Cross, like the mighty army it serves, was ready for invasion," according to Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director at Strother Field.

"Red Cross workers have swung into service along with the combat units, keeping faith with the millions of Americans who have contributed to this cause for the benefit of their sons at arms.

"Through its field service, the American Red Cross is the first noncombatant organization ever to operate at the very front."

An American Red Cross field director goes into action with the troops. It is his job to keep in touch with the men in the front lines. He carries no rifle or pistol, more often a notebook and pencil, but he faces the dangers and hardships. He fights back by helping to keep the soldiers in fighting trim.

There are four field directors to a division. On them falls the burden of looking after thousands of men, keeping them in touch with home, solving their personal problems in the field, giving them a helping hand whenever needed.

Red Cross field directors are not youngsters. They are mature in years and judgment, many of them veterans of the last war. But all are toughened by training to stand the rigors of campaigning, strong in spirit to meet the unforeseen. And they are highly trained for this combat work.

During the past months of intensive training in Britain the Red Cross field men have roughed it with the GIs in almost every phase

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Air Wac Answers

Q. Do Air Wacs handle any classified material?

A. Certainly. They keep just as mum about restricted, confidential and secret material as male soldiers. They handle special orders, statistics, military intelligence files, library documents and reports for many departments, here and overseas. They repair bombsights and other classified equipment, and keep supplies and records in this category. As code clerks, radio and telephone operators they handle classified communications. High officers have stated that Wacs were among the soldiers who maintained silence on pre-invasion details connected with the Sicilian campaign.

Q. How long do Wacs serve?

A. They enlist for the well known "duration and six." More specifically, for the duration plus a period not to exceed six months.

1st. Sgt. James J. Washington of Section "B" is the proud pappy of a daughter, Diedre Ann, born June 1, in Alexandria, La., home of the Washington family.

M-SGT. E. F. NORTH

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sent to Ft. Sill, Okla., from there to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio, Meridian, Miss., Tullahoma, Tenn., to Galveston, Tex., and then to Strother Field where he is to serve as first sergeant of a section.

M/Sgt. North is serving his third "hitch" in military service. His first was from 1929 to 1932 when he served with the 5th Field Artillery, Ft. Bragg, N. C. He reenlisted in 1932 and was stationed at Selfridge Field, Mich., where he served in the parachute department. Becoming interested in parachute jumping, he gave exhibitions at the Cleveland and Miami air races in 1933 and '34. He has made 13 jumps in all. (We would have quit at 12!)

From 1935 until 1941 he was connected with the Greyhound Bus Line in his hometown, Detroit, Mich. On Feb. 3, 1941 he reenlisted and was sent to Selfridge Field, Mich., where he once again was connected with the parachute department. Before being sent to Ascension Island he served in Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi.

M/Sgt. North desires getting back into foreign service, and he would be a good man to have next to you in combat. He holds expert rating in the firing of pistol, rifle, submachine gun and carbine. His other decorations include the European Middle East-African campaign ribbon, American Theater ribbon and the Good Conduct ribbon. He has a brother serving with Col. Elliott Roosevelt's outfit in Italy and a friend who is a colonel serving with General Eisenhower's staff, so he is exceedingly interested in the invasion of the continent.

Montclair, N. J. (CNS)—C. M. Arslanian refused to get excited when he couldn't rent a house here. He moved into a tree.

EM Wives Club To Organize

A Strother Field EM Wives Club is to be organized next Tuesday afternoon at 1400 in the service club, according to announcement made today by Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess. Officers will be elected during the meeting next Tuesday. Invitations to join the new organization are being sent out this week to all wives of enlisted men by Mrs. Bernheisel.

Sessions will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 1400 to 1700 during which time members of the club will be allowed use of the post swimming pool. For those members not interested in swimming there will be card games. Refreshments will be served during each club session.

Swear In Two Air Wacs Here

Two more southern Kansas women have enlisted in the Air Wacs at Strother Field. They are Miss Sylvia Poland, 20, daughter of Mrs. Annie Poland, Norton, Kansas, and Miss Doris Jean Bolan, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bolan, 511 West 11th, Wichita.

Both Pvt. Poland and Pvt. Bolan were sheet-metal workers at Wichita aircraft plants before enlisting.

The new Air Wacs are being assigned to the Air Transport Command and have expressed preference for overseas assignments.

They were sworn in at Strother Field Monday afternoon.

Omaha, Nebr. (CNS)—Omaha's celebration of "Don't Spit on the Sidewalk Week" was marred by a seven-days rain which kept all non expectorators indoors anyway.



"YOU—need a haircut!"

Male Call

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



Knot Hole In Any Party Platform

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SF Has Kansas Mosquito Squadron

Strother Field is becoming quite a place. First came the P-47 Thunderbolt planes and now we have a large squadron of Mosquito "bombers." To coin a phrase, perhaps it is not quite "cricket" to compare the Kansas variety with the famous British bomber but the former does carry quite a sting. Like the Marine slogan, "DeHavilland and the situation is swell in hand."

The home ramp of the insect seems to be the latrine ceiling next to a light bulb. Drifting into one of the latrines during a CQ turn early Monday morning the ed. discovered several squadrons of mosquitos gathered in formation around the source of light. Some were shooting landings on the ceiling while others dived at their target — the bald noggin of the sleepy CQ.

Enough was enough—Anophiles or not. The pesky things were too much so a hurried exit was made by the object of their mission. One mosquito, measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in length, was brought down intact and has been on exhibition this week in the Prairie Flier office.

Visit your latrine some morning at 0400 and see for yourself the size of these Kansas critters. You won't believe it!

ARC WITH INVASION

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of simulated warfare. They have slept and lived in the open, counted the stars from hard beds on mother earth and learned that mud is something more than what you drive through on a rainy day.

At the invitation of the military, Red Cross field directors now wear the divisional patch on their left shoulders and their field dress does not differ from that of a soldier. A small "American Red Cross" flash, about an inch high and five inches in length, is worn by field directors above their divisional patches. Some have a small "ARC" painted on their steel helmets but they do not need additional Red Cross identification in the field.

When amphibious training began in Britain, Red Cross field men learned to embark and disembark from landing craft, to crawl up a beach under fire, to swim with full equipment and all the other arts of water safety and combat swimming. Some of these directors, who had been Red Cross water safety instructors, supervised the highly important swimming drills.

Red Cross workers are also trained in administering first aid and stand ready to assist in dealing with casualties.

White Plains, N. Y. (CNS) — Big hearted Henry Vedder, a clerk, died recently, leaving his life savings of \$5,000 to his employers, a large Wall street brokerage.

Modern Glee Club Is Organized Here

A modern glee club is being organized at Strother Field under auspices of the special service office, headed by First Lt. Howard E. Thompson. An invitation to all enlisted men on the field was distributed by means of handbills last week-end and the first session was held Monday evening in the service club. The invitations read as follows:

"All men who would like to sing: A modern glee club is being formed on the base. If you feel that you don't have a trained voice or sufficient experience don't let that stop you. If you can carry a tune and if you like to sing, then this is your opportunity not only to enjoy yourself but to bring enjoyment to others.

"The music will be popular, modern, and what you want to sing.

VETS OF INVASIONS

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equipment on the beaches, the mass of boats assembled as they were at Dieppe, the big bombers coming up to hit their targets." Lt. Mosby said. "There is great excitement and a great thrill in such an event. However, there is always great excitement and a great thrill in any flying mission, and except that a slightly greater degree exists, it's all the same feeling. We didn't know until the night before the Dieppe raid that we were going. We knew a little farther ahead on the other invasions," Lt. Mosby recalled.

Lt. Mosby wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He received the DFC for breaking up a raid on the air-drome at Thelpte in North Africa. Altogether, he flew 77 missions, 10 of them from England, the others in the Mediterranean and African theaters. He was shot down in April, 1943, near Gasfa, Africa. The excitement of that occasion, only, outclasses that of his thrills in flying cover for an invading army.

"I didn't know about the European invasion until I reported at my office Tuesday morning," Lt. Brown said. "I was very excited and very happy. And I couldn't help wishing I could be there." He wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters for his missions in the European and Middle Eastern campaigns.

Captain Collinsworth, who downed five Nazi planes with his Spitfire and who wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and Cluster, the Air Medal and Clusters, observed D-Day by forging ahead with his training at Strother Field of combat fliers for the Second Air Force. He was with Lt. Mosby throughout the Dieppe raid, and the aerial warfare of the North African and Sicilian invasions.

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Everyone knows what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina at the Chapel Hill Marching and Chowder Society's big barn dance and oyster fry in '98, but few, indeed, were those lucky individuals who enjoyed the rare privilege of eavesdropping upon an erudite discussion between those two sophisticated patrons d'art, Mickey Walker and Two-Ton Galento, at the opening of Walker's one man art exhibition in old Manhattan last winter.

This brief but brilliant chat provided the *piece de resistance* to the entire exhibition which otherwise consisted of several dozen oils and water colors designed by Walker and a half hundred dry martinis consumed with regularity by the resin-infested citizens who patronized the affair.

"Whatcha got in your mitt, Mickey?" Two-Ton is reputed to have inquired of the dog-faced Picasso.

"That's my palette," replied the Goya of Gallagher's gym.

"No kiddin'?" said Tony, astounded. "I always t'ough your palette was in your throat."

Big Jawn Mize, Peewee Reese, Barney McCosky, Hugh Casey, Johnny Lucadello, Long Tom Winsett and Al Bracato are among the big leaguers now playing on a service team in Hawaii. Mize, who shipped to the Islands from Great Lakes Naval Training Station, still holds the record of hitting the longest ball at the Lakes. Last summer he slammed one over the centerfield scoreboard, 387 feet from home plate.

Also from Hawaii comes one of the grimmest little tales we have heard in years. Submitted without comment, other than that we don't believe it either, it goes like this:

It seems that a WAC softball team steamed into Ft. Shafter, trimmed a team of male GIs, 8 to 7, in a seven-inning game, and then short-sheeted every bed in the barracks the soldiers had generously turned over to them for showering and powdering purposes.

GJ Bill of Rights Passed By House

Uncle Sam bids fair this week to give U. S. soldiers something to come home to.

The GI Bill of Rights, having been passed unanimously, 387-0, by the House, is back in the Senate where congressmen are ironing out the difference between the Senate and the House bills.

As it now stands, here's what GIs may expect when they return to civilian life:

- (1) Hospitalization.
- (2) Educational or vocational training of from one to four years with tuition paid up to \$500 yearly and monthly sustenance grants.
- (3) Unemployment compensation and aid in obtaining jobs.
- (4) Loans to help veterans buy homes, farms, and businesses.

Both the House and Senate have agreed on these basic points.

Here are the questions hanging fire:

The Senate would provide loans up to \$1,000, to be issued by the Veterans Administration at no interest the first year and three per cent thereafter. The House wants to raise the ante to \$2,500, to be issued by private lending agencies at an interest of six per cent (the government to pay the interest the first two years).

The Senate originally adopted unemployment payments averaging \$20 a week for a year; the House would limit the period to six months.

Taylorville, Ill. (CNS)—W. C. Proffit, who is 95, obtained a divorce from his wife, to whom he has been married since 1926. "Couldn't stand it any longer,"

Medics-Beechcraft To Play in Winfield

The Medics softball team, champions in the Strother Field league last year, will meet the strong Wichita Beechcraft team in a game scheduled for 1400 Sunday afternoon on the St. John's College diamond in Winfield.

Beechcraft is reported to have the top team in the Wichita league so the encounter promises to be a hot one and well worth seeing. There will be no admission charge for the game. Sgt. Edwin Haungs is captain of the Medics team this year. T/Sgt. Rozewick captained the team during its victorious 1943 season.

Air Corps Enlisted Reserve Reopens

Enlistment in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve is once again open to qualified young Americans 17 years of age following a two-month period during which more than enough men were in training and in the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve to meet scheduled quotas for combat crews.

The suspension of enlistments in the Reserve was intended only as a temporary measure. Accordingly, effective as of June 1, enlistments have again been opened for these young men in order to insure a sufficient number of qualified individuals for training this fall.

AWVS in Wichita Offers Facilities

It is the understanding of the American Women's Voluntary Services that many service weddings are being held in Wichita and that many of these couples have no facilities for receiving friends and relatives following the ceremony.

It is the plan of this organization to make their club room in the Kansas Gas and Electric Building available to members of the Armed Forces for small receptions. Refreshments can be served for a nominal fee.

Anyone interested may contact AWVS headquarters—3-4847.

Nightmare for Luftwaffe



The Army's new "Stratosphere Gun" is one of the most powerful of American weapons. This big 120 mm. anti-aircraft blaster is capable of firing a projectile 20,000 feet higher than any other gun of its type.



This is Janice Hansen, 17, of Union City, N. J., who recently won \$1,000 in War Bonds for having the most beautiful legs in New Jersey. She's going to show them to soldiers in camps all over the U. S. in a forthcoming coast-to-coast tour.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—Arthur Smith's telephone rang "Want to buy a case of Scotch?" asked a voice. "Sure," said Smith, who hasn't been able to buy a jug in three months. The next day two men arrived with the case. Smith paid them \$110. Inside the house he opened the crate. It contained bricks.



Issue New \$7.50 GI War Bonds

Do you know that it is now possible for every officer and enlisted man to buy a War Bond each month for the low cost of only \$7.50 each payday? Just think, an investment of only \$90.00 a year will give you \$120 in return.

Instead of allotting the former minimum of \$6.25 each month in order to receive a War Bond every three months you can now purchase each month a ten dollar denomination United States Savings Bond Series E which is known as the GI Bond at the issue price of \$7.50. This new issue bond will be purchased on Plan 12 in Class B Allotment. Plan 2, the original \$6.25 allotment; Plan 4, the \$12.50 allotment, and Plan 6, the \$25 allotment will be replaced by Plan 12 as they are installment plan allotments.

This new series of War Bond will be issued and delivered as soon as new bond stock is available. The bonds will be dated back to effective month of purchase and pay deduction.

Installment allotment now in effect or already transmitted will be discontinued automatically with issue of June, July or August bond and final deduction from pay for such installment plans will be made on pay rolls which settled pay for these months, depending on bond payment completion date.

**Victory Is In The Air—
BUY WAR BONDS**

Vet of Air War on Two Continents Now Stationed In His Native State

Back in his native state of Kansas as Bomb and Gunnery Officer at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force is Captain Elmon R. Cobb, a veteran of air war on two continents and holder of five decorations.

With combat experience including missions flown across the English Channel in the famed Spitfire fighters as a member of the first Army Air Forces unit to fight in Britain and numerous air battles in Africa, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with silver cluster, the American Defense ribbon, and the American and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of War ribbons.

Captain Cobb is a native of Galva, Kansas, and attended McPherson College and Kansas State College. Before entering service he was an engineer with the Warren Petroleum Corporation.

He enlisted at Wichita in November, 1940, and received his cadet training at Glendale, California, and Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas. Members of his class have been in every major air action of the war including the famous Tokyo raid.

The Captain was one of the first American fighter pilots sent to England. While there he flew one of the famous British Spitfire fighters. "At first we didn't like having to take on a new type of plane," he said, "but when we saw how those Spitfires handled, we were plenty glad to have them." His combat missions included many over ground where invasion battles are today being fought. Later he flew a number of missions in Africa during the fighting there.

He is the son of Mrs. Hattie L. Ostlund of Galva, Kansas.

Hi Ho Silver, Come and Get It!

Approximately 75 bangtails of the U. S. Cavalry will owe a debt of gratitude to Strother Field during the coming year. That many horses can be fed for an entire year on the first grade hay cut from approximately 160 acres of auxiliary landing fields of this 72nd Fighter Wing base, according to figures submitted by a farmer living in the Ark City vicinity.

Under direction of Major Cyrus F. Breeden, Post Engineer, and R. A. Woodard of Arkansas City, Supervisor of Grounds and Maintenance at Strother Field, this 2nd Air Force Base is putting an extra drive into its war effort by cutting and bailing the hay and turning over the finished project to the Quartermaster Corps for use by cavalry units.

Manpower in the drive to "keep-em-riding" as well as flying is provided by a crew of Arkansas City and Winfield men headed by R. W. Dowler of Winfield. Together they turn out 1,500 bales a day and expect a total of 300 tons of first grade hay during the season.

According to figures given by the A.C. farmer one horse will eat ten bales of hay a month. He figures that there are 30 bales in a ton so the season crop of 300 tons will make 9,000 bales. On the basis of one horse eating 120 bales during a twelve-month period 75 such steeds would consume the crop in one year.

A GI looking on as the hay was being baled asked this one: "Will Air Corps hay give the horses flying-power?"

14 Enlisted Men Receive Promotions

Fourteen enlisted men are wearing new and additional stripes as the result of a "thaw" in rating promotions that became effective on June 10th. The enlisted men promoted are members of Section "A."

To TECH SERGEANT
S/Sgt. 055 Meredith W. Gore

To STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt. 677 Charles B. Owens Jr.

Sgt. 055 Elmer H. Selvidge
Sgt. 522 George H. Rea

To SERGEANT
Cpl. 522 Eugene S. Mendini

Cpl. 522 Louis C. James
Cpl. 677 Robert H. Teutsch

To CORPORAL
Pfc. 522 Henry W. Behney

Pfc. 522 Joe E. Rogers
Pfc. 522 Andrew F. Hubbard

Pfc. 522 Howard J. Tarnish Jr.
To PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt. 522 Raymond F. Huston
Pvt. 522 Marvin H. Schultz

Pvt. 522 Bernard F. Pickelman

Camera Club To Be Organized

Camera enthusiasts of Strother Field are invited to attend a meeting in the special service office, building 1903, Thursday evening, June 22, at 1930.

Formation of a field camera club will take place at that time and officers elected. Prior to this field becoming a Second Air Force base a camera club was formed by members of the Central Flying Training Command military personnel, but with the transfer of many members to other stations in the CFTC club activities ceased.

It is hoped that one of the buildings on the field may be taken over by members of the new camera club and darkroom facilities set up for use by them. Plans also call for field trips by club members to various scenic spots.

Mammoth 5th War Bond Rally Scheduled on July 2

July 2nd has been set as the day for a mammoth rally at Strother Field in connection with the Fifth War Loan Drive, following a meeting of the War Bond Committee with Col. Donald E. Meade, SF commanding officer.

Station Hospital Now Has Own Victory Garden

Patients at the Strother Field Station Hospital this summer are eating liberal helpings of fresh vegetables picked just before meal time in the hospital's own victory garden. Beets, green beans, and other table produce are raised on a two-acre plot just north of the hospital kitchen. The farming project, designed to aid in the national victory garden program and assure absolutely garden-fresh vegetables for the patients, is carried on at this 72nd Fighter Wing base under the direction of Major John M. Erickson and Lt. Nevin J. Rhodes.

Competition has grown very keen among the six groups of enlisted men of the hospital complement who cultivate the plots into which the garden is divided. Each group is determined to set a new high in quantity and quality of production. Total volume of produce expected can be judged from the fact that there are over one thousand tomato plants alone in the garden.

Major Erickson is also carrying out a comprehensive program of landscaping and beautification of the hospital grounds. Here the same six groups of men, each under a non-commissioned officer, are again in competition. Each group is responsible for its own area and has full scope in planning and carrying out its own projects. At the close of the summer season Major Erickson will judge the six areas and name the winning group.

The committee includes: Major Pat M. DeBerry, jr., air show; Major Sam S. Wolf, procurement and transportation of merchandise for auction; Capt. Robert A. Ralston, physical installation; Lt. C. G. Gilkeson and Lt. H. E. Thompson, procurement of entertainers; Capt. Alexander D. Leib and Lt. Edwin J. Shore, sales and pledges arrangements and co-ordination with bond chairmen in adjacent cities; CWO Kenneth Wolf, civilian activities; CWO W. F. Baker, band participation.

Lt. Adras P. LaBorde is chairman of the committee.

Although details have not been completed, it is expected an air show will highlight the event. Ground entertainment will also be provided, and merchandise will be auctioned for bonds as at previous rallies.

In view of the co-operation extended by local business men in the past, Major Wolf said that he was confident the auction would be successful. Individuals and firms who wish to contribute to this portion of the big War Bond rally should get in touch with him as soon as possible so that transportation details can be arranged.

While driving on highway 77 between Winfield and Ark City recently S/Sgt. Reuben Talasek had an odd experience—he ran into a rowboat! Yep, it had hunched itself from a car trailer without a decent puddle in sight.

NOTICE BASEBALL PLAYERS!

Any enlisted man interested in playing on a post baseball team contact Lt. Lounsberry, PT officer, Phone 298.



Shown above are eighteen flying officers and one cute Cocker Spaniel who had been on many combat missions against the Axis before coming to Strother Field. The officers are now stationed at this 72nd Fighter Wing base as instructors and executive officers. The pup's name is "Pursuit" and he wears a campaign ribbon with 3 stars—a veteran of many missions during 18 months service in England, North Africa and Sicily with his proud owner, Capt. C. C. Malitz. Shown above, left to right, front row: Capt. E. R. Cobb, Lt. W. P. McClendon, Capt. A. S. Hartman, Lt. L. H. Brown, Lt. W. R. Elliott, Capt. J. M. Palmer. Center row: Capt. C. M. Caldelough, Capt. H. I. Anderson, Major P. M. DeBerry, Capt. P. L. Hendrix, Capt. J. Matthews. Back row: Lt. B. T. C. Smith, Capt. G. T. Burne, Capt. C. C. Malitz, Lt. L. H. Percy, Lt. M. W. Mosby, Capt. J. D. Collinsworth, Capt. H. L. Barr

The War and You

Close locked in battle among the apple orchards and grey stone farms of Normandy this week American and British riflemen, tankmen, and paratroopers fought savage, bloody melees with the Reichswehr. One wing drove hard on Cherbourg; seeking the safe harbor that Montgomery so badly needs to unload his ever growing river of supply. And around Caen with its railroads the fighting flared again and again to optimum intensity.

To the men on the ground it was a shrieking, thundering hell of flame and weariness and death. It was the breaching of the Western Wall, the greatest battle in earth's greatest war.

To the generals, the brass hats who must do the planning and, in final analysis bear the responsibility, last week was more and at the same time less than this.

It was an all-out stroke which must succeed. The beachhead, swelled roughly to a strip 100 miles by 10, must be maintained, consolidated, expanded. Here there must be no pinning down as at Anzio, no static war, and certainly no new Dunkirk. But it was not a battle that could be viewed alone, without relation to a larger plan.

Much yet depended upon imponderables; chiefly upon the strength that the Germans could muster for a counter-stroke. As yet this hung in the balance still. Allied air power struck in continuous raids to cripple transport and smash counter attack before it could get started.

At week's end the German stroke had not yet developed. There had been attacks, but on a limited and local scale. There were in fact rumors of dissension in the high command; reports that Rommel had been overruled in his plan to attack, had, perhaps, even been dismissed. But they were rumors, hidden by the fog of war. Only known fact was continued allied advance.

Fog-hidden also from American observers was a growing conflict between allied high command and Free French General Charles De Gaulle. There was a rift of some sort, and charges of mutual non-cooperation. The old mistrust between the U. S. and De Gaulle flared up again. But no facts were revealed. To watching America one fact grew clearer. Personal hatchets must be buried before invasion is endangered. If the French wanted De Gaulle for leader, they should have him as the price of cooperation.

Last week too, though dwarfed by invasion bulletins, the war went on across the far Pacific. There were Jap reports of an American landing in the Mariannas, only 1,500 miles from the home islands and Tokyo. If such a landing on Saipan is confirmed and successful, we will have a base to bomb Tojo with a vengeance. From here raids from carriers can strike Nippon almost at will as the B-29 Super-Fortresses continue their attacks on the Japanese mainland. The Jap defenses will have suffered a breach that may well prove irreparable.

At week's end America still waited for confirmation of Saipan, still watched the slow crawl of the battle lines on maps of France. The war and the years to follow were being shaped behind the battle smoke, but the decision was not yet final. It will be reached in the days and weeks yet to come.

Infantry Anniversary

Yesterday was the 169th birthday of the Infantry, in fact the birthday of the Army itself for on June 15, 1775, Col. George Washington of the Virginia militia became Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, then comprised almost entirely of Infantry.

In observance of the anniversary, Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, chief of the Ground Forces of the U. S. Army, called upon the American public to honor the Infantryman "as our foremost fighting man."

"Our grand actions in every theater of war have verified beyond doubt that the Infantry still is the decisive and indispensable arm. We must rule the sea and air, but land victories alone can bring peace, and only the Infantry can gain these victories. The Infantryman is our symbol of victory—our greatest war hero."

Speaking of ~ Air Wacs

For a number of months we have witnessed groups of from two to six young women entering the main gate of Strother Field as civilians and leaving a few hours later as members of the Women's Army Corps. We've seen the expression in their eyes and heard the slight tremor in their voices as they repeated the oath of allegiance.

These women were not out for just a thrill—they were not giving up the latest in women's fashions—bobby socks, hair ribbons, costume jewelry and slacks—for the uniform of an Air Wac private as the result of having nothing else to do.

Many of them left important jobs in aircraft or defense plants to enter the service. Riveting parts of bombers and fighter planes is vitally important work and pays high wages to those persons trained in such specialized work. Yet these women felt their contribution to the war effort was not enough—to wear the uniform of the Women's Army Corps was the only way they could fully serve their country. Sacrifice of income was of minor importance to these women.

The expressions of pride on the faces of these Air Wacs as they left Strother Field to await their call to service was a sight we will long remember. Our caps are off to these truly American women. We are proud of them.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

"See the Chaplain." It is one of the commonest phrases in the military vocabulary. Many times it is made in jest, but frequently it is dead in earnest. Many a soldier has learned that the Chaplain is the one man in the Army who is always ready to listen to his problems.

But we want you to realize that you do not need to have a definite problem as a reason for seeing the Chaplain. We would like to get acquainted personally with every man on the Field. With all the duties which we have to perform that is a difficult job. So, YOU take the initiative. Come on in and let's get acquainted.

We would like to know about your home church, and your experiences and activities there. We would like to hear about your family, your experience in the Army, your plans for the future. YOU BET, we'd like to know about that "one and only" back home. We would like to welcome you into the activities of the chapel. If you do not find the activities that you like, don't hesitate to tell us. What you did back home in your churches might work in the Army. We are in favor of anything that is clean, wholesome, and uplifting.

If you DO have a problem, don't wait about coming in. You will always find someone at the Chapel to receive you. If we don't know the answer, we know the man who has the answer. We can get it for you.

So-o-o-o, we'll be looking for you soon.

This Week . . .

Friday—GI party, movies, free lemonade and cookies, song jam-boree with gals.

Saturday—Club closed at 1800.

Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.

Monday—Glee club 1830. Bingo with the girls at 2000.

Tuesday—Bridge tournament.

Wednesday—Dance in gym. GSO girls. Music by SF Airchords.

Thursday—Section "B" party.

Ye Liftings

Mother: Do you know where bad girls go?

Daughter: Yeah, any place!

Diner: What's wrong with these eggs?

Waitress: Don't ask me. I only laid the table.

And then there was the Scotch Commando who spent six months in occupied France, looking for a Free-French woman.

GI: I'm on my way to a picnic.

Girl: Where's your lunch?

GI: Oh, a stranger here, eh?

I'm Gladys Zell.

So am I. Have a seat.

Jack and Jill went up the hill, Upon a moonlight ride.

When Jack came back

His eye was black,

His pal, you see, had lied.

Next to a beautiful girl, sleep is the most wonderful thing in the world.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Plans are being made to develop a broad program of Orientation for Strother Field. These plans provide for a centrally located Orientation center where the latest NEWSMAPS, magazines, pamphlets, books and newspapers will be available. Bulletin boards showing up to the minute news of the "Invasion" as well as the most recent developments in other theatres of action will be maintained.

The Post Library is arranging an Orientation Section where those who are interested will be able to find the latest books and magazines on the war news. Current NEWSMAPS will also be kept in the library. It is also planned to arrange an Orientation section in each day room so that men may have up to the minute news. Speaking of the "latest news" we suggest that you read "The News This Morning," prepared and distributed daily by the Public Relation Office in co-operation with the Orientation program of Special Service.

On the assumption that learning takes place through various mediums, the Orientation program will include such activities as movies, radio programs, lectures, quiz contests, exhibits and group discussions. Any enlisted man who is interested in, or talented in any of these fields is invited to assist in the program. If you are interested contact the Special Service Office.

To supplement the Orientation program an Off Duty Education program is also being planned. This program will include in addition to regular enrollment in the U. S. Armed Forces Institute classes, the possibility of classes conducted on the field or through the co-operation of local educational agencies. Additional information on these programs will be provided later.

The co-operation of every officer and enlisted man is solicited in helping to achieve the objective of these programs, "to make the American soldier the best informed soldier in the world."



Q. My mother is bedridden and 70-years old. As a civilian I contributed \$10 a week to her support while my brother contributed \$25 a week; then more than 50 per cent of her total income. My brother now sends her \$50 a month as her chief supporter. May I claim her as a dependent and also contribute to her support?

A. Yes. If the \$10 a week you gave your mother as a civilian amounted to a substantial part of her income, you may apply for a Class B allowance for her, which will entitle her to \$37 a month, of which \$22 comes out of your Army pay.

Q. Is it OK for me to wear my decorations, service medals and badges on my khaki shirts during the summer months?

A. It's all right for you to wear fruit salad on your summer shirts, providing the shirt is being worn as an outer garment. AR 600-40, Para. 68a(1) states that decorations "may be worn on the service coat or the shirt when not equipped for combat or simulated combat."

San Francisco (CNS) — Harvard-educated Caro Lippman, Jr., arraigned on an insanity charge, so successfully defended himself in court here that he was freed by the jury. Lippman charged that his father wanted him confined "because I wanted to live my own life."

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday 17 June

COBRA WOMAN

Marie Montez, Jon Hall

Technicolor Featurette

Merrie Melodies

Screen Snapshots

Sun.-Mon. 18-19 June

MAKE YOUR OWN BED

Jack Carson, Jane Wyman

Alan Hale

News of the Day

Army-Navy Screen Magazine

Tuesday 20 June

THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS

Roy Rogers, Dale Evans

Color Cartoon

Person-Oddities

Wed.-Thurs. 21-22 June

THE EVE OF ST. MARK

Michael O'Shea, Anne Baxter

News of the Day

Color Cartoon

Friday 23 June

THE MAN FROM 'FRISCO

Michael O'Shea, Anne Shirley

Noveltoon—Traveltalk

What's new in your home town?

Austin, Tex. (CNS)—When Dan Moody was elected temporary chairman of the State Democratic Convention recently, a friend rushed up and clapped him on the back heartily. Moody gulped, swallowed a short cigar he was chewing, and left the room hurriedly.

Boston (CNS) — Just as two policemen broke into a flat to arrest a couple of horse players, a pet parrot squawked: "Cheese it, the cops!" The warning came too late, however, for the officers arrested the gamblers and seized several hundred horse race betting slips.

Chicago (CNS) — The Railway Express Agency collected \$150.75 transportation charges from County Coroner A. L. Brodie on a trunk in which the body of a murdered woman was shipped here from Los Angeles. Charges on the trunk were only \$26.46, the agency explained, but the additional rate was for the body. "We're charging the regular double first class rate for that," the expressman said.

Detroit (CNS) — Mrs. Dorothy Malin won a divorce here after she testified that she had not protested when her husband brought his former wife to live with them, but became fed up when he insisted that she entertain his girl friends, too.

Jolit, Ill. (CNS) — When Clifford Beebe, 13, refused to help his brother, William, 10, with the dishes, William shot his brother in the stomach with his father's gun. "Now I'm going to be boss around here for a while," he remarked.

Newark, N. J. (CNS) — Local residents are being advised to stock up on their yo-yos by the Newark District office of the OPA. Production of yo-yos soon may cease, the office warned, because the OPA considers them relatively unimportant items in the wartime scale of living.

New York (CNS) — There's a law in New York against selling policy slips. But Minnie Doliner, of the Bronx, thought she could beat the law by writing the policy numbers on her thigh with indelible pencil. Minnie's in the cooler now—and the numbers have been preserved as evidence in photo-

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance
Ark.	Informal dancing	
Sun.	Win.	Program. Free call
Ark.	Bingo. Free call	
Mon.	Win.	Games
Ark.	Bridge and game night	
Tues.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Dance. Ping pong
Ark.	Snack Bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bingo. Prizes
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Married couples' night
Ark.	Bingo. Prizes	

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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Post Engineers Buy War Bonds In Novel Game

Poker—the Army's game—is netting big returns for the armed forces at Strother Field where the Post Engineers are engaged in a game of huge scale, with any card wild, as part of the Fifth War Loan drive.

Quota assigned the Post Engineers for the drive is \$8,500. Not only that, but the Castle Club (Post Engineers' staff, so called because of the castle insignia worn by PE) has accepted the \$8,500 as the June quota only for the campaign. They expect to play poker again in July—final month of the nationwide war bond drive.

Just now it looks as if the team headed by Ellis Morton will win the \$75 pot provided by local business men and which goes to the winning team of employees in the PE department. (Every employee is a member of one of the six teams.) But Colonel Meade will draw the "wild card" from a new deck when the quota has been reached, so any team can win yet. At this time, Morton has 15 of the 20 cards that have been drawn. Every card represents a bond sale in the amount of \$250. Not only that but his hand is a poker player's dream. He has a full house—and to spare. He has three threes, a pair each of aces, deuces and eights. The colonel could draw as the "wild card" one of only three cards Morton couldn't match—a queen, nine, or four.

Certain rules govern the poker game. For example, all pledges must be in writing and certified by the game's bookkeeper before the team captain can use them in drawing his cards. Drawings are held each Saturday in Major Cyrus F. Breeden's office, with all team captains and an appointed board of three judges present. When the final day comes and Colonel Meade cuts the brand new deck to draw the "wild card," no captain may participate unless he holds at least four cards. In other words, to be represented when Colonel Meade draws his card, a team must have purchased \$1,000 worth of bonds. Team captains are: Jess Walker, W. J. Strah, and Harold Goodrich of Arkansas City; Ellis Morton, Ray Dobson and Bill Case of Winfield. Members of their teams are listed on the big, round pokertable-like board put up especially by the Post Engineer for the Fifth War Loan.

SF Officer Speaks At C of C Meeting

2nd. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond Officer of Strother Field, was guest speaker Monday noon at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in Winfield. Lt. Shore spoke on the relationship of military and civilian bond purchases to the Cowley country Fifth War Loan Drive.

Sgt. Louis Cunningham of the special service department sang three numbers and an encore accompanied by Bill Nesbitt of Winfield. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ray Hill, C of C secretary. Mr. Walton Goode was toastmaster.



Tons of hay prepared by the Army Air Forces at 72nd Fighter Wing base here await shipment to Quartermaster depots for distribution to Cavalry quadrupeds. (Official Second Air Force photo)

Thunderbolts Take Part in Bond Drive

Swift, powerful Thunderbolt fighter planes from this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force Tuesday evening roared and dove in the skies over Ponca City, Oklahoma, in an air show planned as part of the Fifth War Bond Drive there. Fast and deadly in the air, the twelve Strother Field planes gave the Oklahomans a demonstration of what Thunderbolts are doing today in the battle swept skies over Europe's invasion coast.

These same planes, piloted by men who have been many times decorated for feats of heroism in combat action, will appear over Ark City Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in an aerial demonstration to be held in connection with the Fifth War Bond Drive in that city. The Strother Field band will also take part in the Bond Drive program there.

EM Wives Club Is Organized

At a meeting held Tuesday afternoon in the Strother Field Service Club the wives of enlisted men stationed at this Second Air Force base formally organized a Wives Club.

A program of vocal and instrumental music was given by Miss Dorothy McConnell and Mrs. P. D. Woodell, both of Winfield, and by T/Sgt. George P. Rozwick, and Sgt. Lou Cunningham.

Refreshments served at the meeting this week included lemonade and cookies.

Meetings of the new organization will be held every other Tuesday afternoon from two to five p.m. following the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th. By special arrangement the wives will be permitted to use the Strother Field swimming pool during these hours. Facilities for bridge and other card games will also be available at the Service Club. Refreshments will be a feature of each weekly session.

Sec. 'B' Awards Pennant During Inspections

A small but mighty squadron is Section "B" of Strother Field. To say this outfit is "on the ball" is an understatement of its enthusiasm in getting things done the right way.

A pennant awarded the organization several months ago by Col. J. F. Carroll, former commanding officer of this field, is a possession highly prized by the squadron. This pennant is now awarded daily to men having the best appearing barracks during daily inspections. It was the privilege of the PF editor to accompany 1st. Lt. Richard B. Barnett, Section "B" commanding officer through some of the barracks the other morning. How one barrack could be selected as better appearing than the others seems a hard task as they all were immaculate.

Section "B" has been in possession of the Chaplain's flag for church attendance each Sunday since May 14th which speaks well for the squadron.

Moving Day For Enlisted Men

What looked like a caravan of covered wagons trekking over Strother Field the first of the week turned out to be weary GIs lugging their rolled mattresses and other possessions from one barrack to another.

Barracks in the 1700, 1900 and north end of the 2100 blocks will be occupied by enlisted men of this base. Previously the men were occupying barrack areas extending from the south to the north end of the field. Under the new setup enlisted personnel will be more centrally located.

Most men working in maintenance and supply will occupy barracks in the 1900 and 2100 blocks.

LOST—Black Eversharp pen with initials RAB on clip. Also an identification bracelet with name Ralph Beam and serial number 14029273 on it. Finder please notify S/Sgt. Beam at 269th Orderly Room.

NORMANDY

Reminiscing on his prewar travels in France, Lt. A. P. LaBorde, public relations officer, provided the following interesting comments in an interview last Monday:

"The small peninsula in Western France where our boys are now engaged in battle to the finish with the enemy can rightfully be called the Land Where Our Fathers Died.

"Not only did Cherbourg engulf thousands of young Americans in 1917-18 to lead them to their deaths in the hinterland of France, but the progenitors of the present English and American races originated in Normandy. In the pretty little city of Bayeux, now in Allied hands, one can see the famous tapestry illustrating the invasion of England by William the Conqueror.

"Normandy heads the list of beautiful countries. Most of its northern area, where fighting now rages, is low, flat countryside; and at the northern edge the blue Seine winds its tortuous way through verdant forests tourists never forget.

"From St. Lo, in the center of the Cherbourg peninsula, straight east to Bernay, high ground interrupts the rolling terrain. But at Evreux, and on to Paris, the country is again low and flat.

"Although appearing quite large on current newsmaps, the entire province is rather small. From Caen to Cherbourg, for example, is only about 70 airline miles; while from Caen to Paris it is less than 120 miles.

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EM Dance Wednesday

Enlisted men's dances in the post gym will be held on Wednesday evenings during the next two weeks instead of on Tuesdays, the regular dance night. The event next Wednesday will be formal, with GSO girls from Wellington and Ponca City attending. Wives of enlisted men and girls working on the field are also invited to attend.

Brig. Gen. Uzal G. Ent

Brig. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, Commanding General of the Second Air Force since Jan. 15, 1944, served as a private and non-commissioned officer during World War I following which he entered the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He was graduated and commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Air Service, on June 12, 1924.



BRIG. GEN. UZAL G. ENT

He has served at Nichols Field, Philippine Islands, was Military Attache at Lima, Peru, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East and with the Ninth Air Force where he served as Commanding General of the Ninth Bomber Command.

In this capacity General Ent personally directed the execution of the operation against the Ploesti Oil Refineries of Roumania on 1 August 1943. He contributed greatly to the preparation of this operation by his efforts and planning. In the leading aircraft of the first formation, General Ent directed the heavy bombers to the target area at dangerously low altitude.

A month later, Sept. 28, 1943, General Ent became Chief of Staff of the Second Air Force.

Male Call

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

MAINTENANCE NOMENCLATURE

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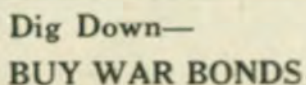


GREASE JOB



Tool-Happy Terminology







72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. B. L. Perry.

T/Sgt. W. L. Henderson of Strother Field accepts the cash prize he won in connection with an invasion contest from Capt. A. P. Holliday, Combat Intelligence officer.

T-Sgt. W. L. Henderson Wins D-Day Contest

Technical Sergeant Warner L. Henderson, 27, of Crowley, La., has been awarded a cash prize in connection with an Invasion Contest initiated six weeks ago at Galveston, Texas, by Captain Allen P. Holliday, combat intelligence officer. The prize money will go toward the purchase of a War Bond.

Sgt. Henderson scored 33 out of a possible 35 points by guessing the place of the invasion as the Cherbourg peninsula, the time as 4:15 a.m., and the date as June 2nd. He lost a half point for each day he was off on the date, but scored 100% on time and place.

Sgt. Henderson, a mechanic flight chief at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force, was commended by Captain Holliday for being so well informed on current events.

SF Streets Cleared Of Tire Hazards

Pickups of 6 and 10 were made last week on Strother Field. They were somewhat reticent about leaving the streets and alleys of this 72nd Fighter Wing base, but once picked up there was no brushing off!

The pickups referred to were 6 and 10 penny nails—along with all other pieces of metal on the roadways of the field. The truck doing the work towed a magnetic trailer that quickly collected articles causing flat tires to military and civilian vehicles on the base. Not only are tires conserved by this service but a certain amount of metal salvage is collected in the procedure.

The magnetized equipment arrived here last Thursday from the Seventh Service Command Headquarters in Omaha, Neb. The equipment is sent out to all bases in this command and remains at each station until every foot of roadways is cleaned of metal particles.

Baseball Tonight, A. C. 7:30.

Need Volunteers For RC Swimming Instructor Training

Members of the military personnel at Strother Field are to have the opportunity of not only serving their country as members of the armed forces but of serving their soldier buddies as swimming instructors—that is the men who are expert enough swimmers to pass the Red Cross Water Safety course for instructors.

A Water Safety Staff Representative of the American Red Cross organization will arrive at Strother Field on July 3rd to give a 30-hour training course to qualified volunteers desiring to become swimming instructors. The course will last approximately six days with classes in session 5 hours each day.

Volunteers who successfully pass the course will then serve as swimming instructors to military personnel on the base.

There is need for a number of instructors here and they must come from the enlisted men and officers stationed at this base. All men who are experienced swimmers are urged to turn in their names to 1st Lt. James R. Lounsberry, physical training officer, so that a class will be ready to receive instructions by the Red Cross representative upon his arrival here July 3rd.

2AF Trained B-29 Crews Who Attacked Japan

The Second Air Force, of which Strother Field is a part, played a big part in preparing crew members for the operation of B-29 super-bombers which struck Japan Thursday of last week.

First continental Air Force to be assigned the mission of training personnel for the Super Fortress, The Second now has B-29 bases at many points in this area, including Salina, Pratt, and Great Bend, Kansas; McCook, Grand Island and Harvard, Nebraska; and Clovis, New Mexico.

Many of the B-29s that took part in the raid on Japan were built at the Boeing plant in nearby Wichita.

5th War Bond Rally July 2 Features Air Show, Auction

The sky above Strother Field will be filled with Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Warhawks in combat air maneuvers on Sunday, July 2, as air aces demonstrate some of the skill required as part of their flying training to the thousands of spectators expected here for the Fifth War Loan Rally.

S-Sgt. Dulin Served In Galapagos Islands

Roosevelt, Darwin and S/Sgt. W. B. Dulin of Section "A" at Strother Field all have one thing in common—they have been to Galapagos Islands. Roosevelt to fish, Darwin to study species of animal life and Dulin to serve with the U.S. Armed Forces.

The particular island on which S/Sgt. Dulin was stationed from January 1942 until November 1943 is known as "The Rock" (we never knew there were so many "rocks" until interviewing GIs who have served out of the states).

"This island is about 700 miles west of the coast of Ecuador and approximately 1200 miles southwest of Panama. Its location is such that only a few degrees separate it from the Pacific theater area," said the sergeant.

"The Rock" is a volcanic formation with little grass, large cactus and few trees but has lots of goats. First of these animals were placed there by Spaniards many years ago to supply fresh milk to ship crews to keep them from having the Beri-Beri disease and to provide fresh meat for these men.

The best fishing in the world is to be found in the vicinity of Galapagos Islands, according to S/Sgt. Dulin. He experienced the thrill of catching 20 to 30-pound Tuna and large lobsters. Another sport was shooting man-eating sharks with .30 cal. rifles as they followed the fishing boats.

S/Sgt. Dulin, whose home is in Franklin, Ind., has been in the service three years. He returned to Panama following his assignment in the Galapagos Islands, where he remained four months before being returned to the United States. He has been stationed at the Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Neb., and at Galveston, Tex., before coming to Strother Field. He is now working in the Post Library.

This will be the first opportunity for Southern Kansans and Northern Oklahomans to see maneuvers like those now going on in Europe and the South Pacific—without the gunfire of course.

A four-hour program is being arranged for the public on this occasion. Gates will be open to the public at 12 noon. Promptly at 1:30 p.m., the program will start in the big Sub-Depot hangar with the introduction of a dozen or more air heroes. Many of the instructors now imparting their combat knowledge to trainees at Strother Field are decorated veterans of the European, South Pacific, Mediterranean or Aleutian theaters. At least one instructor has 20 decorations earned in battle in the current war. Supplementing the ranks of these Strother Field heroes will be men of the community who are home from the combat theatres of the globe.

A bond auction will follow introduction of the veterans, with payment for all articles sold being in war bonds. Merchants and residents of communities adjacent to Strother Field are offering a variety of handsome and usable merchandise for this feature. At 2:45 p.m., a stage show will be presented in the big hangar. Talent is being brought in from Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Wichita and Enid. Top-notch performances by stage and radio entertainers are expected. The stage show will be followed by another hour's bidding with war bonds, after which the air show will get under way as the concluding attraction of the Fifth War Loan rally at Strother Field.

Commencing next Tuesday, June 26, a twice-weekly Music Appreciation Hour will be held in the post theater from 1200 until 1300. The second program will be presented on Friday.

Recordings of the world's finest music will be played during these sessions each week in response to the request of many officers and enlisted men. The program is sponsored by the special service department.

**Dig Down—
BUY WAR BONDS**

A Bomber's Eye View Of Europe's Invasion Coast



The War and You

As the second week of the storming of Fortress Europe drew to its bloody close, tired, desperate men in German grey still chose to fight it out in the outskirts of the great channel port of Cherbourg. Cut off from aid by a fierce Yankee thrust across the peninsula, they faced surrender or death; so far they have chosen death.

At other points along the widening, deepening beachhead Nazi armor rumbled to the attack; was beaten back again and again. Fighting flared up a dozen times, but never quite to peak intensity.

Definitely the main German counter blow had still not come. It may have been held back by fear of commitment in the face of possible new Allied landings. It may have been broken unborn by the fierce aerial waves which wash over western Europe; shattered in detail by burned bridges, bombed troop columns, blazing supply dumps. The crude bombs and the silent, swift knives of the French Underground may have played a part in its delay. No one quite knew as yet.

Instead the Nazi command unveiled another of their amorphous, much heralded secret weapons. This time it was a flying bomb or robot controlled plane load of explosives, possibly rocket powered. Nightly these new machines flashed across the Channel. Touted to wipe out London, they failed completely; caused damage of unknown extent; did not even slow up invasion movements.

In the Allied prison camps were old men and boys of fourteen, conscript Poles and Czechs who surrendered without firing a shot. These were the warriors who held the Western Wall.

And in Paris, when the wind blew from the West, they listened for the sound of guns. All across Europe they listened for the guns.

Clear around the world out in the sun-struck reaches of the far Pacific, American guns sounded on the Jap island of Saipan. American boys ran up the beaches and drove forward in a steady advance, and the Samurai died with their long swords in their hands.

In Tokyo lights burned late in the War and Navy offices as the men who had launched Japan into war furrowed their oriental brows and puzzled out a darkening future. Americans on Saipan meant easy bombing of Tokyo; meant an end to delicate flower poems for their vacuous Mikado; an end to conquest for themselves. They must have planned some counter blow.

But a counter blow would not be easy. The American fleet, bigger, stronger, better gunned and manned than any fleet in history, was ready and waiting in the Pacific. At week's end its naval aviation caught some Jap fleet units in the open, sank a carrier and some tankers.

Speaking of—A Non-Com Club

A desire has recently been expressed by several non-commissioned officers of Strother Field to have a non-com club on the base. Many military installations over the country have such clubs and these men miss the facilities they enjoyed before being transferred to Strother Field. Some have suggested taking over the cadet messhall for club quarters.

Figuring the number of non-coms on the field, a membership large enough to assure sufficient income to successfully operate such a club is very possible.

How the majority of you non-coms feel about organizing such a club is of course a question at this time, but the idea has possibilities.

Talk it over among yourselves and let's see what can be done about having such a club here.

Morale From The Home Front

(Reprinted from the Wichita Beacon, Sun., June 18th)

Yes, it happened on a bus (everything does), but this time it wasn't a passenger who took the leading role in the incident. It was the driver of a North Topeka bus. A soldier and his wife were coming downtown about 7:30 in the evening. The bus was not crowded and the soldier's suitcases and parcels, which overflowed from his lap into the aisle, didn't inconvenience anyone a great deal. Passengers smiled at the soldier and stepped over his bags and boxes. But at Douglas and Topeka, when the soldier and his wife gathered up their parcels and started to dismount, the driver said in a nasty tone: "You're not supposed to move on a bus." The soldier didn't say a word. He probably could have explained that it took every cent he had saved from his government pay to come home from camp and visit his wife, and that he couldn't afford a taxicab. He probably could have remarked that if he was driving a bus at a good wage he would be glad to take a cab. But he didn't so much as lift an eyebrow. Yet just two blocks farther on, when a bus company official asked that same driver if he wanted to be relieved now, the driver said: "No I'm not very tired and I'd like to work a while longer. I can use that extra dough!" It was too bad the soldier couldn't have heard that remark, too. It would have put him in a really fine state of morale to return to camp and join the other GI Joes who are whipping the Axis.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

A young lawyer by the name of McClellan attended an evangelistic service where he heard testimonies of people concerning whose genuineness and intelligence he could not question.

Such testimonies would have to be accepted in any court, he thought to himself. Then he determined to give God a chance at his own life by going forward in personal surrender to Christ. Surely it could do him no harm.

When he left the church that day, he went rejoicing in the experience of regeneration. As he entered his home with the joy of the Lord in his heart, he at once told his wife that he had become a Christian and wanted to have a word of prayer with her.

"Be quiet," she said. "There are five lawyers waiting in the next room to see you."

"Let's go in and have prayer with them," he said. "I want them all to know the stand I have taken."

She tried to steer him into the kitchen, but he said: "I've never had the Lord in my home before. I'm not going to take Him into the kitchen the first time."

He went in with his visitors, told them of his stand and began to pray in their presence. All knelt with him without hesitation and three then and there accepted Christ.

Judge McClellan of the U. S. Supreme Court never thereafter doubted the reality of the experience of salvation, nor did he ever hesitate to show his colors for Christ wherever he was.

This Week ...

Friday—GI party, movies, free lemonade and cookies, song jam-boree with gals.

Saturday—Club closed at 1800.

Sunday—Bring your guests to the Service Club. They are most welcome.

Monday—Glee club 1830. Bingo with the girls at 2000.

Tuesday—Bridge tournament.

Wednesday—Dance in gym. GSO girls. Music by SF Airchords.

Thursday—Section "B" party.

Ye Liftings

That GI Guy was no fool who, when asked to name the outstanding contribution of chemistry to the world, unhesitatingly replied, "Blondes."

GI: Give me a kiss, honey.

Girl: I've got morals.

GI: That's all right. I've been vaccinated.

Cholly: "Pa, what is a bigamist?"

Pa: "A bigamist, son, is a guy with enough nerve to out-talk two women."

My girl wears a toupee. A toupee is a wig. Whig is the name of a political party. Politics is a dirty business. You ought to see my girl!

Her lips quivered as they approached mine. My whole frame trembled as I looked into her eyes. Her body shook with intensity as our lips met, and my chin vibrated and my body shuddered as I held her closer to me.

The moral of this one is: Never kiss 'em in a Jeep while the engine is running.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Three dayrooms for enlisted men are being established on the field. One will be located in building 1704 for men in the north area; another in building 1905 for men in the central area and a third in building 2104 for men living in the area south of the Messhall. Dayrooms will be equipped with pool tables, ping-pong tables and card tables and will be made as attractive and comfortable as possible.

Located in the dayrooms in the north and south areas will be Orientation Rooms. The central orientation center in the Service Club will serve those men in the central area as well as being available to all men on the field. These orientation rooms are designed to help you keep acquainted with what is happening at home as well as at the front. The latest News-maps will be kept posted and there will be current magazines, pamphlets and books available for your information.

An attempt is being made to place a radio in each orientation room to provide the latest in the war news as well as local news-casts and programs. Writing desks and stationery will also be available. It is planned to make these orientation rooms places where you can learn or study or just relax. You are invited to use them as much as you like. Your suggestions and criticisms will also be appreciated.

For those of you who are interested in an interesting, factual and comprehensive report of the invasion, don't miss the summary in the June 19 issue of Newsweek, pages 19 to 32 inclusive. Along with the report you will find an excellent eyewitness story by Kenneth Crawford, Newsweek correspondent plus an analysis of the Battle of France by Maj. Gen. J. F. C. Fuller, British Army Ret. You can also look forward to large scale maps of the invasion coasts in the orientation rooms.



Q. For what kind of a wound is the Purple Heart awarded? And are civilians entitled to wear it?

A. The Purple Heart, established by Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution and revived by WD Gen. Orders No. 3, 22, Feb. 1932, is awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded in action against an enemy of the U. S., or as a direct result of an act of an enemy, provided that the wound necessitates treatment by a medical officer. The Purple Heart itself is awarded for the first wound and an Oak Leaf Cluster for each succeeding wound. Also eligible for award of the Purple Heart are civilians wounded while serving with the Army in action against the enemy.

Q. I'm connected with a collecting company that follows an Infantry regiment into combat. Because I've had training in the Army's School for Surgical Technicians and experience in a station hospital laboratory and in the dental clinic, I'd like to transfer from this field unit to a hospital ship. How will I go about it?

A. Generally speaking very few transfers are being made from the ground forces. Our advice is for you to read AR 615-200, Para. 7, ascertain if you're eligible and then talk it over with your CO.

This Week at the POST THEATER

Saturday 24 June

LADIES OF WASHINGTON

Trudy Marshall, Sheila Ryan

Sportlight—Cartoon

March of Time

Underground Report

Sun.-Mon. 25-26 June

THIS IS THE LIFE

Donald O'Connor

Susanna Foster

News of the Day

Person-Oddities

Tuesday 27 June

Double Feature

STARS ON PARADE

Larry Parks, Lynn Merrick

GAMBLER'S CHOICE

Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly

Wed.-Thurs. 28-29 June

GOING MY WAY

Bing Crosby, Rise Stevens

News of the Day

Friday 30 June

SONG OF THE OPEN ROAD

Edgar Bergen

Charlie McCarthy

W. C. Fields

World of Sports—Traveltalk

What's new in your home town?

Cheyenne, Wyo. (CNS) — Mrs. Mabel Warren stepped into a telephone booth and dialed the city hospital. The operator took ten minutes to put the call through. In the meantime, Mrs. Warren gave birth to an 8-pound baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing well now, thank you.

Chicago (CNS) — Rosemary Karier found a wallet on the street. Inside, she found the name of the owner and nearly \$1500 in cash. She returned the wallet and in return received 25 cents from the grateful owner.

Detroit (CNS) — The police are holding a pony on a hit-and-run charge here. The frisky little fellow is charged with ignoring a red light and running down two pedestrians.

Dixon, Cal. (CNS) — A local newspaper ran this exciting ad: "Owner of a truck would like to correspond with a widow who owns two tires. Object: matrimony. P. S. Send picture of tires."

Hollywood (CNS) — It's okay with the Hays Office if Dorothy Lamour parades around the screen scantily clad in a sarong. But Doty has been forbidden to pose in a sweater.

Indianapolis (CNS) — When a drunk on a street car invited her to sit on his lap, Policewoman Vivian Tinnel slapped the cuffs on his wrists and led him away to the station house.

Minneapolis (CNS) — An elderly man dashed into police headquarters. "I've been robbed," he told the desk sergeant, "of \$309 on Washington avenue." The sergeant looked up from his blotter. "When did it happen," he asked. "Ten or twelve years ago," his visitor replied casually.

Monroe, Utah (CNS) — Citizens of this town are restrained by an old ordinance from dancing together in public places "unless daylight may be seen between the partners."

Philadelphia (CNS) — Mrs. Rachel Walker's cat Tabby has solved its personal meat shortage problem. Each night Tabby brings home a nice big mole for dinner.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dance
Ark.	Informal dancing	
Sun.	Win.	Picnic 4:30. GSO. Food
Ark.	Bingo. Free call	
Mon.	Win.	Games. Cards
Ark.	Bridge and game night	
Tues.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Field dance
Ark.	Snack Bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Bridge night. Prizes
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Swim. Meet USO 7:30
Ark.	Bingo. Prizes	

PRAIRIE FLIER

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72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. C. F. Dean.

2nd. Lt. Donald J. Ross and F/O Sanford A. Ross, brothers of Los Angeles, Calif., who are now taking combat training in P-47 Thunderbolt planes at this 72nd Fighter Wing base, have received all their flying training together.

Ross Brothers Together Through Flying Training

At least one tie of home has been maintained for 2nd. Lt. Donald J. Ross and F/O Sanford A. Ross of Los Angeles, California. Brothers, they have stuck together throughout their training as pilots in the Army Air Forces. Now at Strother Field, they are perfecting their skill in the fast weapon of war, the P-47 Thunderbolt.

The brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ross of 2749 San Marino St., Los Angeles. They enlisted together at Los Angeles for pilot training, took their primary and basic at Cal-Aero, Ontario, Calif., and received their wings together at Luke Field, Arizona, April 15, 1944. From Luke Field they went to Harding Field, La., for transition training, and then—skilled pilots that they were—they were sent to Strother Field for the last finishing touches in Thunderbolts.

Flight Officer Ross, happily surprised that he and his brother have been together in the Army Air Forces throughout all phases of training, says he hopes they can be assigned to the same combat outfit for a chance to tear in at the same Jap crews.

Mrs. Sanford Ross lives at 1333 South Mansfield, Los Angeles. Donald, who is 19 years old and two years younger than his brother, is single.

Strother Spaniel Is Combat Vet

Home from the European wars while his master, Capt. Charles C. Malitz, Jr., of Beaumont, Texas, imparts his combat knowledge to the Thunderbolt fliers of this 72nd Fighter Wing base, Pursuit, black American cocker spaniel, is taking the "rest cure" by receiving from a new set of men at Strother Field the same sort of adulation he got in three combat areas abroad.

Pursuit wears the official War Department campaign ribbon with three stars for participation in combat in the North African, Sicilian and Italian invasions. His log book shows 75 hours' combat experience, during which he accompanied Captain Malitz on several staving missions in the fleet P-38 Lightnings and P-39 Airacobras. (Captain Malitz flew more than 80 missions in the three combat areas.) In the opinion of some, Pursuit's great endurance is better shown by the fact that he has survived 2,000 hours in a rough-riding jeep!

Pursuit has spent all his glamorous life of two years in the army. He was born in Hollywood, and when a mere slip of a puppy accompanied his master aboard the Queen Mary to England to begin his service for his country. From England he flew to North Africa. There Pursuit was "interviewed" by and made friends with the famous war correspondent Ernie Pyle.

Pursuit has a new mate at Strother Field, a handsome black cocker spaniel Captain Malitz promised Pursuit for exemplary performance on a special flying mission in Italy. The new dog has no name. Captain Malitz has just purchased her and he's offering a prize to the person who suggests the best name. Personally, he likes the name Kittyhawk for Pursuit's new playmate, but that's his own suggestion and to whom could he give the prize?

Grand Island AAF Wins Manpower Utilization Monthly Award

Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 23 — Brigadier General Uzal G. Ent, Commanding Second Air Force, has announced that Grand Island Army Air Field, Nebraska, will be awarded the Manpower Utilization trophy for the month of May. A personal representative of General Ent will make the award to the Commanding Officer at Grand Island.

This award, which is a hand carved, decorated plaque, is presented monthly to the Base, within Second Air Force, having the lowest percentage of Civilian Personnel turnover. The purpose of the plan is to extend the period of employment and thus aid manpower utilization.

Did you hear that Pete's wife had triplets?

No foolin'?

Yes, the doc says it only happens every ten thousandth time.

The poor soul. When did she find time to do her housework?

Watches News of B-29's With Interest

One Strother Field soldier who is watching the news of B-29 Super Fortress raids upon Japan with specially keen interest is Sgt. Joseph J. Gorsek of Section A. The Sgt. formerly spent many months at a B-29 base where modification of these giant planes was carried on and worked under some of the men who directed early work on the planes and now hold high positions in the new 20th Air Force.

"I've seen plenty of 29's," he said, "and believe me what they can do to those Japs is plenty. Tojo is going to wish he'd stayed home from Pearl Harbor before this war gets much older."

Sgt. Gorsek, son of Mr. John F. Gorsek of Hotel Allerton, Cleveland, Ohio, now works in the Section A orderly room at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force.

Wichita Women Join WAC Here

Four Wichita women took the oath of the Women's Army Corps at Strother Field, Kansas, Friday for service with the Army Air Forces. They are: Pvt. Maye P. Kilgore, 1657 Hood; Pvt. Johnnie Mae Milam, 3041 South Rutan; Pvt. Treva J. DiGerolamo, 703 South Topeka; Pvt. Hazel E. Anderson, 2505 North Waco.



The Post Exchange certainly gives out with plenty of value, and material, as in the case of Cpl. Charles Lucke of the QM who wanted a polo shirt—and got one! He bought the large size never dreaming that it would also serve as a combination bathing suit and nightshirt. Lookit them gams!

Native Kansan Stationed Here

Among the combat veterans now instructing trainees in the use of deadly P-47 Thunderbolt fighters at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force is Captain Harry L. Barr, 521 So. High St., El Dorado, Kansas.

A graduate of El Dorado high and El Dorado Junior college, Captain Barr enlisted on Nov. 20, 1940. He took primary flight training at Sikeston, Mo., basic at San Angelo, Texas, and won his wings and commission at Kelly Field, Texas, July 12, 1941.

From June 12, 1942, until February 1, 1944, the Kansas flier flew against the enemy, from bases in England, North Africa, Italy and Sicily. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for meritorious action in the European theater of operations.

Yank Offers Gift

Map collectors will find the map to end all maps in the daffy creation entitled "YANK's United States" to be published in the June 30th issue of the Army Weekly which goes on sale in the Post Exchange today. Representing all the things which make the United States the interestingly screwball country it is, the map is a two-page two-color creation which is a cluster of more than 100 individual cartoons.

St. Paul, Minn. (CNS) — The police here are looking for a clever thief who keeps stealing gasoline from police patrol cars.

PX Profits Appropriated

Post Exchange profits for the period of April 25 to May 25 have been appropriated to the Strother Field Welfare and Recreation Fund, according to announcement made this week by 1st. Lt. J. F. Francella, PX officer.

Purposes of these profits are to afford military personnel additional facilities for comfort, recreation and amusement and to foster and increase the physical and spiritual welfare of military personnel.

Appropriation of monthly profits has been made since September 1943 to the Welfare and Recreation Fund, Headquarters Fund, Band Fund, Library Fund, and distribution made to the squadrons on the field. Squadrons formerly under the Central Flying Training Command were disbanded the latter part of May and the newly organized sections under the 72nd Fighter Wing of the Second Air Force were not entitled to participate in the PX profits for May, so no distribution to sections has been made this month.

PX Workers To Beat Bond Quota

The 95% enrollment and 15% payroll participation goal set by the Seventh Service Command for civilian personnel at Strother Field during the 5th War Bond Drive will be more than met by the Post Exchange employees, according to an announcement made today by Lt. Francella.

"He's a perfect gentleman to work for—all you have to do is slap him once in a while!"



That man wearing a Red Cross patch on his left shoulder is your ARC field director—the man to confer with when you have a problem.

All Red Cross personnel are now wearing the new shoulder patch, according to Field Director Herbert A. Thompson. The patch was recently designated the only official one to be worn by Red Cross men, and will be used both in this country and overseas, the field director stated. It replaces all other sleeve insignia, including the divisional patches formerly worn by some Red Cross men assigned to fighting units.

Wed in Strother Field's Post Chapel Tuesday night were Sgt. Kenneth L. Wenger of the Statistical Section and the former Miss Thelma Sernes, both of Horton, Kansas. Chaplain Karl Smith officiated.

Maid of honor and best man were Miss Katherine Sernes, sister of the bride, and Sgt. Lorin Lindberg.

Male Call

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



It's Hard To Learn To Be A Glamour Boy





"H'lo dearie! Wanna wash me back?"

Arkansas City Church Directory

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Fifth Street and Vine Avenue
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Central Avenue and B Street
Worship 9:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
First Street and Central Avenue
Worship 9:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**
A Street and E. Chestnut Avenue
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- THE CHURCH OF GOD**
1301 South A Street
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
Third Street and Central Avenue
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- SACRED HEART CHURCH**
Corner of B Street and Adams Avenue, Arkansas City
7:30 a.m. Low Mass and Sermon
9:30 a.m. High Mass and Sermon
- TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
A Street and East Walnut Avenue
Worship 11:00 a.m.
- FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH**
South J and Filmore
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- REDEEMER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Third Street and Central Avenue
Worship 10:30 a.m.
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
Second Street and Fifth Avenue
Worship 9:45 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
Sixth Street and Adams Avenue
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
South First Street and Adams Ave.
Worship 10:55 a.m.
- UNITED BRETHREN**
Washington Avenue and B Street
Worship 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Fifth Avenue and South B Street
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**
1281 South A Street
Arkansas City

Pilot Flies By Reflexes

London (CNS) — Lt. William Oberstreet of Clifton Forge, Va., flying a Mustang, was nearing the coast of France at 20,000 feet when his oxygen mask failed and he was blacked out. An hour and a half later he woke up just in time to pull the fighter out of a spin.

Flight surgeons said that Oberstreet, while unconscious, must have flown by his reflexes.

Swimming Classes Started for Beginners

Classes in swimming and water safety for beginners have begun at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force.

Instructors in charge of the new program, under the supervision of the American Red Cross, will be Staff Sergeant Frank R. Myers, of the Special Service Department. S/Sgt. Myers returned recently from Pettijean State Park, Morrilton, Arkansas, where he attended a 10-day course in water safety and life saving under the auspices of the Red Cross. S/Sgt. Myers said today he believed anyone could learn the important points in water safety in a short time. At present, however, he will devote most of his time in teaching the rudiments of swimming to beginners. He will conduct classes at the Strother Field pool between 9 and 11 in the morning and 1 and 4 in the afternoon, Saturday and Sunday excepted.

PT Facilities Are Tops Here

Officers and enlisted men at Strother Field have available one of the finest athletic and physical training layouts at any air base in this area. In addition to conditioning training given by Lt. James R. Lounsberry, S/Sgt. Emil Dalak, and their staff, the men will have access to tennis and basketball courts, baseball diamonds, a completely equipped gym, and the new base swimming pool.

Each man will receive a minimum of three hours physical training and sports weekly, and the athletic plant will be available until nine each evening for additional recreation.

In accordance with Second Air Force policy all men will take physical fitness tests every six weeks to determine their progress under the program.

Athletic equipment is on hand for a variety of sports and may be used by the men on their off duty hours. A baseball team has already been organized and entered in the Arkansas City League and other teams will be formed in the future.

Physical training periods are scheduled for enlisted personnel for Monday through Saturday weekly at 9, 10, 1, 2, and 3 o'clock. Officers' hours are at 11 and 4 o'clock daily. Each man may choose the periods at which he will attend.

What's Joe carrying his arm in a sling for?

He broke his arm fighting for a girl's honor. It seems she wanted to keep it.

Did you hear the one about the K-9 corps dog that asked for a tree day pass?



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

June 23, 1944

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Harry Ruby, the songwriter who is known from coast to coast as America's number one baseball fan, ran into a friend in the right field bleacher seats at Wrigley Field the other day.

"Hey," said Harry, "how come you ain't in the Army?"

"Well," the other replied, "I'm working with the railroad now. I'm essential."

"Listen," said Harry, "if they could draft DiMaggio, NOBODY'S essential."

The Army is breaking up those powerhouse baseball and football teams at domestic posts and sending the big time GI sport stars overseas to pep up the morale in combat units. From now on, there will be bigger names at Bougainville than at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The big brain behind this shift is Lt. Col. Larry McPhail, peacetime bell cow of the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose idea for rotating athletes has received the approval of Gen. Marshall.

Tommy Jordan, a catcher purchased from the Waterloo, Iowa, team after he led the Three-Eye League in home runs in 1942, has reported to the White Sox at last. "I got lost," he explained to Manager Jimmy Dykes.

A gal should never worry about holding her shape—that's up to her boy friend.

Victory Is In The Air—BUY WAR BONDS

Strother Field Ball Team Organized; Play in Arkansas City League Tonight

Better late than never is the belief of the diamond-demons of Strother Field who, led by 1st. Lt. James R. Lounsberry, physical training officer, have formed a baseball team at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

The Strother Field team has entered the Ark City League and plays its first scheduled game against the Chillico Indians tonight. The SF team replaces the Dexter, Kans., team in the league and enters play with its standing reading no games won and two games lost, but it is hoped the fliers can win the second half pennant and get a chance at the season title in the play-off series at the close of the season. SF won the title last year.

The pitching staff is composed of six men all who show promise on the mound. They are Lt. Royle Reggle, Cpl. James Wells, who won his first start at the Pocatello, Idaho, 2nd AF base before coming here; Cpl. Phil Ratcliff who won his starting game while stationed at Woodward, Okla. Ratcliff is also a utility fielder, playing leftfield; Sgt. Frank Kruljac, a former member of a big league farm club; Pfc. Fred Vonessen and Pvt. Arthur Schultz.

Between Cpl. Kenneth Teeter and Pvt. Don Weaver the catching position will be well taken care of according to Lt. Lounsberry. Teeters played for SF last year and Weaver has shown lots of fire in practice play.

There is a hot contest for first base honors between M/Sgt. George Schuermann, T/Sgt. Ralph Williams who also plays centerfield, and Pfc. Al Curtis who saw lots of action on last year's team here.

At second base Sgt. J. W. Bornisenko is showing good form but is being pushed by Lt. John Jones who also plays shortstop.

S/Sgt. Tony Celano is the only third baseman who has turned out for that position.

S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, popular shortstop on the 1943 team looks good at his old position on the diamond. Sgt. Frank Gorshin has also been working out in this position.

In the field there are M/Sgt. Edward Davis and Pfc. Edwin Hundl playing left field; S/Sgt. Norval Wagner and Cpl. Corvin Smith are keeping centerfield under control and in right field are S/Sgt. Ferdinand Jacobson and Sgt. T. J. Flynn.

Lt. Lounsberry, former athletic director at Pocatello, Idaho, AAF and football letterman at Central Washington University, Ellensburg Washington, hopes to also be able to enter his team in the Second Air Force league.

Probable starting line-up for Friday's game:

Bornisenko or Jones—2nd base.
Weaver—Catcher.
Dalak—Shortstop.
Williams—Centerfield.
Flynn—Rightfield.
Curtis—1st base.
Celano—3rd base.
Smith or Wagner—Leftfield.
Ratcliff—Pitcher.
Ray Muchowich—team manager.

Savannah, Ga. (CNS)—Arthur Arbethnot was eating a beef stew in a cafeteria. He ran out of bread, went to the counter to replenish his supply and when he returned he found another man eating his stew. When Arbethnot protested, the stranger looked up indignantly. "What's the matter?" he asked. "There's plenty more left."



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. B. L. Perry.

The Strother Field physical training department is comprised of as sturdy a group of individuals as one will find any place—and each is ready to get the rest of us in top physical condition—the Lord and body willing. In the front row left to right are: Cpl. Phil Ratcliff, 1st. Lt. James R. Lounsberry, PT officer, Sgt. Alexander J. Kazanecki. Back row left to right: Cpl. James Reed, Cpl. Frederick Woodward, S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak and Sgt. Raymond Muchowich. The latter two are oldtimers of SF, remaining here when the 2nd Air Force took over the base. In the front row, posing proudly, is Lady Diane, PT mascot and pride and joy of S/Sgt. Dalak.



Open House for 5th War Bond Rally

Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent Visits Strother Field

Major General Uzal G. Ent, Commanding General of the Second Air Force, paid an informal visit to Strother Field Tuesday of this week.

Speaking to officers and enlisted men of this 72nd Fighter Wing base, General Ent expressed satisfaction with the combat flying training program of this Southern Kansas base. "Strother Field has been at the top of the list in flying hours many days and high on the list the rest of the time," commented the general.



"The vitally important part played by instructors in World War II is fully recognized by General Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces. I know that all of you are anxious to get into battle but yours is an important job to do here," said General Ent.

Football fans among the audience were interested in the announcement by General Ent that the Second Air Force is to have a football team comprised of several All-American players including Glenn Dodd who starred with Tulsa University. The team will play one game during the season in Wichita.

Military Review Honors Trainees

The first military review held at Strother Field since the base was taken over by the Second Air Force was held on the ramp at 0900 Tuesday morning.

The event was in honor of the air corps officer trainees who have completed their combat flying training in P-47 Thunderbolt planes—the first such class to take their training here.

Enlisted personnel of this 72nd Fighter Wing base passed in review before Col. D. E. Meade, commanding officer of this field, and the group of trainees. Major William L. Chipman was commander of troops at the review.

A platoon from Section A-3 won parade honors in the review. 1st. Lt. Roy A. Sillings is the commanding officer of this section.

Special Service Installs New Address System

Special Service adds another service at Strother Field, effective as of next week. This time it is the installation of a public address system to be used for the information and entertainment of military personnel.

Two large speakers are to be installed atop the service club and with the use of a 75 watt amplification system, the most powerful of three such units purchased by the special service department, GI ears will vibrate with words and music broadcast from the "studio" in the SS building.

News broadcasts, activity announcements, musical programs and special broadcasts will be given daily.

The equipment purchased includes, beside the three amplifiers, five speakers and three microphones. The portable equipment will be used on the field as well as for events held in the surrounding towns.

Patio Added To Service Club

For the enjoyment of GIs who are the outdoor type the special service department of Strother Field is having a patio built on the east side of the enlisted men's service club.

The area between the wings of the building and that part of the grounds extending north and south along the east side of the structure is being covered with concrete—smooth enough for dancing under the stars. Ain't that elegant?

Plans call for the placing of chairs and tables on the patio, so that the moonstruck privates and non-coms and their wives or cuties can sit and sip—soft drinks. Who says the poor man ain't got no privileges?

The patio will be ready for jitterbug couples about July 10th.

Bond Rally Guest



Capt. Jack Holt, famous motion picture star for many years, will be guest of honor at the Strother Field War Bond Rally on Sunday. Capt. Holt is stationed at the Fort El Reno cavalry base at El Reno, Okla.

**Victory Is In The Air—
BUY WAR BONDS**

War Heroes to Appear on Program Scheduled to Begin at 2 pm Sunday

USO-Camp Show, "Hold Tight" Here 4th

With accent on comedy, the new USO-CAMP SHOWS variety unit, HOLD TIGHT coming to Strother Field next Tuesday, July 4, brings a sack o' songs—swing, sweet and saucy,—a line of young dancers, easy on the eye—a novelty billed as "mysterious and mental," and an acrobatic number that's smooth. All this, plus an M.C. who's one of the fastest ad-libbers in the business.



Gerry Wright

Admission is free to servicemen. The show starts at 1930.

GERRY WRIGHT—Comedienne; WILLIS SOLAR—Comedian; CATHERINE BEHNEY DANCERS—Line of 6 clever girls; JOHNNY HYMAN—Lightning-fast mental marvel; KELLER SISTERS—Vocal harmony; NATHAN BROTHERS—Acrobatic novelty; CRAIG MATHUES—Singer; BEN YOUNG—Pianist and musical conductor.

1st. Lt. W. R. McClendon Showed Japs How Airacobra Strikes

Six confirmed victories with no losses to American personnel or property. That's the gist of a colorful story Lt. Wallace R. McClendon Jr., of Duncan, Okla., will relate at the Strother Field war bond rally here Sunday, at the request of the Field's bond committee.

A recent issue of Collier's magazine gives a much more glamorous and less modest account of the day four American fliers in P-39's jumped up 15 Jap Zeros over the Russell Islands. Later 24 Jap bombers sent to join in the battle to retain the Russell Islands joined the melee, leaving the Americans outnumbered 39 to 4.

"We went through the bombers and got four on the first pass. Then the Zeros, from a height of 20 000 feet. hit us and made a pass. The second element of our formation of two ships went back through the Zeros and one more Jap plane went flaming earthward." Captain Sawyer and Lt. McClendon downed another bomber and the others turned back toward Munda.

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Sunday, July 2, is to be a gala day at Strother Field with combat veterans, a well-known motion picture actor and a radio star appearing during the open house and war bond rally program of which Graeme Fletcher, news editor and widely-known newscaster of radio station KFJH at Wichita, will be the master-of-ceremonies. The program will be transcribed for re-broadcast at 5 p.m. Sunday evening over station KFJH.

Master-of-Ceremonies



Graeme Fletcher, well-known newscaster on radio station KFJH in Wichita, Kans., who will be master-of-ceremonies during the War Bond Rally at Strother Field Sunday, July 2nd. A transcription is to be made of the program here and then broadcast over station KFJH on Sunday evening.

WAR BOND PROGRAM

- 12:30 p.m.—Aquatic Show.
- 1:45 p.m.—Beechcraft Guardette.
- 2:00 p.m.—Introduction of Combat Veterans.
- 2:45 p.m.—Bond Auction.
- 3:30 p.m.—Entertainment.
- 4:30 p.m.—Bond Auction.
- 5:00 p.m.—Aerial Review.

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72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by Sgt. Bernard Perry.

First Lieutenant Wallace R. McClendon, fighter pilot instructor at Strother Field, was one of four P-39 pilots who took on 39 Jap planes, knocking out six and returning to their South Pacific base unharmed.

The War and You

Last week in Berlin the tight-strung nerves of notoriously half hysterical Nazi big-wigs gave them jittery days and sleepless nights. East, west, north and south the sullen drums of war sounded ever closer, ever more ominous. The red tide of war, loosed by Berlin five confident years ago, was surging back upon the desperate men who gave it birth.

Cherbourg, ancient gateway to the continent, was full of boys from Liverpool, Chicago, Quebec and Grand Rapids. Cherbourg in Allied hands was a funnel to pour the red tide into the heart of Nazi Europe.

Phase two of the invasion was about to begin, and for our side phase two means attack, attack, and again attack. We have a sure beachhead now and a great port to land our men and supplies. We have beaten the Nazi armor on the ground of its greatest victories. And above all we have the supreme advantage of the initiative. Today it is the enemy who is waiting to see where we will strike.

On the beaches and in the sun-drowsy summer fields of Normandy lie 5,000 dead of our side. But where they died the ground is ours. The guns are moving forward, away from the dead and closer to the men who wait for death in Berlin and in Berchtesgaden.

Far to the east, among the birch groves and the endless rolling plains of Central Russia, another tide began to spill over the German dikes of defense. Implacable and terrible, the great hordes of Soviet Russia were on the move again.

For us the news was good; both anchors of the Nazi defenses taken, prisoners by the thousand, advances by the tens of miles. In front of the attack are no great natural barriers. Only the great Russian and Polish plains and rivers easily forded by a modern army. The only barrier is the German army, weakened and harried by five years of strain and war, weakened and drained by five years of blood lust, blood satiety, and the blood sweat of recent defeat.

The men in the front lines are not impressed by "strategic shortening of our lines." Defeat is fact to the man who retreats and leaves his dead unburied by the way.

And in Finland and Italy other German troops fell back, sullen and snarling still, but beaten and retreating on the long grim road that means defeat.

Across the world there were other forces moving. For the first time our Navy spoke of Task Force 58.

Here is a fleet that the seven seas have never before imagined. From its carriers a thousand planes can rise at once. From its guns comes fire power of almost unimaginable weight and intensity. It is measured by the square mile of ships, not by the unit.

Last week this fleet, our fleet, hunted the Central Pacific for the Jap. It caught some of his units and blotted them out as a wave blots out a sand castle. It dared him to bring out his fleet, but no fleet came.

Last week the Jap was hunted on a dozen fronts. Mud caked boots stalked him in the yellow rice paddies of New China. Sweaty, bearded men struck him in the soaking green Burmese jungles. Naval guns shelled his garrisons at Guam and on Sapan. And his watchers scanned the high clear skies above his sprawling factories and small, lacquered temples for the shining wings of our B-29s. His people watched for the planes they knew would come.

Sgt. Yank's Medal

They gave Sergeant Joe Yank a medal—and he deserved it. He saved a Fortress by putting out a fire and shooting down three German fighters. But that medal—like valor itself—can never belong exclusively to Sergeant Yank. Another Fortress in his formation went down—and ten boys died. They rest in a common grave near Marienburg, but in the sodden clay a medal glints.

And at the Schillerplatz prison camp, one of our fighter pilots is handed his daily dole of black bread and soup. Is it the clatter of a filthy spoon or the tinkle of clean bronze he hears? Sergeant Yank's medal belongs to his pilot—and to that mechanic who is sweating out a hopeless vigil beneath the drizzly English sky. The word is passed: "All planes are home that are coming home!"—and as the tired boy drops a hand from wincing eyes his sleeve brushes against Sergeant Yank's medal.

Back home, at a training field, a civilian instructor envies a combat pilot his wings, then turns to risk his neck with a new cadet. He feels no tiny weight upon his blouse, but he wears an unseen wreathed cross. And what of Sergeant Yank's girl in the WACs; his mother keeping watch beside a clock; his dad on the night shift at a war plant? That medal must multiply itself three times more.

And who will be the next to stand in spirit beneath the flag while the khaki ranks march past and the phantom drums roll out their applause? Any American may stand there—white or black; rich or poor; soldier or civilian—stand as a hero taking the salute. But first he must earn the right to say: "I scorned the selfish ones, the apathetic and the faithless time-servers. I turned my face to the enemy and I did fight with all I had." For such a one the silver sword will flourish; and for him, as for all the nameless valiant, the medal of Sergeant Yank shall glow in the sunlight of victory—From AAF Blue Network Broadcast "Wings to Victory."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Things I Wish I Had Known Before I Was 21:

- That my health after 30 depended in a large degree on what I put into my stomach before I was 21.
- How to take care of money.
- That a man's habits are mighty hard to change after he is 21.
- That a harvest depends upon the seeds sown.
- That things worth while require time, patience, and work.
- That you cannot get something for nothing.
- The value of absolute truthfulness in everything.
- The folly of not taking older people's advice.
- That what my mother wanted me to do was right.
- That 'Dad' wasn't an old fogey after all.
- More of the helpful and inspiring message of the Bible.
- The greatness of the opportunity and joy of serving a fellowman.
- That Jesus Christ wants to be my Saviour and Friend.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Comments from those who saw "The Battle of China," sixth film in the "Why We Fight" series, indicate that it was one of the best in this series. A dramatic story of the history, land and people of our great ally China, it graphically describes the brutal, calculated attempt at Chinese enslavement by the Japanese. This was the first film in a series to be presented by the Orientation program.

In 1937 Carl Crow wrote a book called "I Speak for the Chinese." Mr. Crow was business manager of the Japan Advertiser (an American-owned daily paper, in Tokyo and later served with the US Department of State as a propaganda representative in China during World War I. This book presents a story of the planning, strategy and "incidents" of Japanese aggression against China. This book is available in the Post Library.

Another interesting article on China will be found in the June issue of National Geographic pages 713 to 742 inclusive. This article "Exploring a Grassland of Wild West China" by Ray G. Johnson describes in pictures and stories, areas figuring in daily war bulletins from Gen. Joseph Stilwell. Mr. Johnson was a representative of the State Department and was loaned to the Chinese government to aid China in increasing agricultural production. Don't miss these materials on China. You might also like "East Wind: West Wind" or "A House Divided" by Pearl S. Buck.

Just a word to music lovers. The writer spent a pleasant hour in the post theatre Monday enjoying the Music Appreciation Hour which is conducted there ever Monday and Friday from 1200 to 1300. If you enjoy good music—well, we'll see you at the theater. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a schedule of future programs.

Ye Liftings

Newspaper item: "Mrs. Lottie Prim was granted a divorce today after testifying that since her marriage her husband had only spoken to her three times. She was awarded custody of her three children."

A colored maiden filed a breach of promise suit against a former suitor, who denied everything.

Didn't you, asked the judge, tell Mandy you were going to take her to Florida?

No, suh! exclaimed the other. I jest said I was goin' to tamper with her.

A bachelor is a man who makes mistakes but doesn't marry them.

Mazie: "I was getting fond of Ed . . . until he got fresh and spoiled it."

Daisie: "Isn't it terrible how fast a man can undo everything?"

"What happened to that girl you used to take out? I thought she had a figure as trim as a sleek ship."

"She did; but her cargo shifted."

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat. Win. Dance
- Ark. Informal dancing
- Sun. Win. Program. Free call
- Ark. Bingo. Free call
- Men. Win. Bingo
- Ark. Bridge and game night
- Tues. Win. Do-as-you-please
- Ark. Do-as-you-please
- Wed. Win. Dancing. Cards
- Ark. Snack Bar party
- Thurs. Win. Bridge night
- Ark. Ping-pong tournament
- Fri. Win. Swim. Meet USO 7:30
- Ark. Bingo. Prizes



Q. I'm stationed in England at present. My orderly room tells me that because I'm at an overseas base, it is impossible for me to make an alteration in the allotment I'm sending home to my mother. Is this true?

A. According to the ODB, your orderly room is mistaken. You can change your allotment anytime you want to. For full details write to the Office of Dependency Benefits, 213 Washington Street, Newark 2, N. J.

Q. I'm going overseas soon and naturally I'm concerned about a couple of things. What worries me most is this: What happens to my family allowance in case I'm reported missing in action or captured by the enemy?

A. It will continue, subject to the right of the soldier himself to terminate it. You'll be in a position to exercise this right, if you are interned or captured and establish contact with the ODB.

What's new in your home town?

Baton Rouge, La. (CNS)—Rep. V. M. Deloney has introduced a bill in the State Legislature which would make it illegal to wear a coat or tie between June 1 and Oct. 1 except on Sundays.

Bridgeport, Conn. (CNS) — A cigarette machine in a tavern here bears this printed legend: "Please insert a dime and two nickles. Below it, neatly typed, is this: "Or two dimes." And then, written in a scrawling longhand: "Or four nickles."

Dallas (CNS)—Just as the sirens signaled news of the Allied invasion of western Europe, a baby girl was born to Mrs. Lester Renfrew in City Hospital. "I'll name her Invasia," Mrs. Renfrew declared.

Los Angeles (CNS) — A police sergeant arrived at the scene of a murder, took down the name of the corpse, dashed to the victim's landlady's house—and rented his room.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

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SERVICE CLUB—Open House—if you're broke, this is the time to invite your gal out for a visit. THEATRE—Johnny Doesn't Live Here Any More —Simone Simone and James Elliston—Fun Time—Sadie Hawkins Day.

SERVICE CLUB—Write that letter home buddy; we got plenty of space, paper and envelopes. THEATRE—Adventures of Mark Twain—Frederick March, Alexis Smith—News of the Day.

SERVICE CLUB—6:30 Glee Club—if you can groan or moan in tune, we can use you. It's lotsa fun. Bingo for prizes at 8:00. THEATRE—Music Appreciation Hour — 1200 to 100. Same as Sunday.

SERVICE CLUB—C'mon up and play bridge or rummy. Latest Superman comics on hand for literature fans. THEATRE—D. Feature—"Scarlet Claw"—Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce — Call of the South Seas.

SERVICE CLUB—Dance—Sprain an ankle or strain a vocal chord with the glamour gals from Ponca City and Ark City. THEATRE—Bathing Beauty—Red Skelton, Esther Williams — News — Immortal Blacksmith — Passing Parade.

SERVICE CLUB—Section B. Dance—Sing Session—how's about a little barbershop harmony—armed protection guaranteed—6:30 at post chapel. THEATRE—Same.

SERVICE CLUB—"As You Were Party"—get your best set of fatigues and drop in for free soft drinks, cookies, G.I. movies if available and lotsa talk. B.T.O.'s invited. THEATRE—Music Appreciation Hour 1200 to 1300 — Double Indemnity — Barbara Stanwyck, Fred McMurtry—Army-Navy Screen Magazine.

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72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Ken Tyler, test pilot for Republic Aviation Corporation, looks at the Kansas sky in which he gave a spectacular demonstration in a P-47 Thunderbolt over Strother Field last week.

Didja See It? Huh? Didja See It?

A DEMONstration of a P-47 Thunderbolt in flight was given a large group of military personnel Thursday evening of last week when Ken Tyler, test pilot for Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, Long Island, showed possibilities of the Thunderbolt overseas in an exhibition at Strother Field.

Tyler was not kidding when he called the event a *demonstration*. When his P-47 came zooming across the ramp after a long dive it sounded and looked like a demon of the first grade! The plane's maneuverability under his able piloting was really something to see.

He speaks with authority when he discusses some phase of combat flying with Army Air Force pilots. He has had three years of actual combat flying with the RAF, the Chinese Army and the Spanish Loyalists. He also has flown extensively in Africa for Pan-American Airways.

Test Pilot Tyler is touring Army Air Forces bases that use P-47s to talk to trainee pilots, not only about the possibilities of the Thunderbolt overseas but the promotion of safety with this type of combat plane. He visited two days at Strother Field.

He has just returned from Persia and Russia where pilots were trained in the use of Republic combat planes.

Sgt. Cunningham A Qualified Artist

Well known in the fields of both art and music is Sgt. Louis J. Cunningham of Strother Field who will appear at the Second Air Force base's mammoth war bond rally Sunday, July 2nd. At the rally he will sing two numbers, one of them his own arrangement of "This is Worth Fighting For."

Talented with the brush in civilian life, the sergeant was especially noted for his skill as a mural painter. At his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., he painted all the murals for the famous Grand Rapids Furniture Museum. Continuing as an artist in GI khaki, he is remembered by service men for murals done at the Lincoln, Nebr., Army Air Field service club.

His work as singer and music arranger has been equally varied and noteworthy, including as it does many appearances on the stage, over nation-wide radio networks, and on the road with name orchestras. He has toured as arranger with the Gene Morgan Review and with Fibber McGee, and has been heard over both the Red and Blue radio networks.

Sgt. Cunningham is now working in the special services section at Strother Field. He is well known to many in Arkansas City and Winfield who have heard him sing at local events.

"How's your new gal?"

"Not so good."

"You always were lucky."

Fighter Control Section Keeps "Eye" On P-47s

Down at the Fighter Control Section of this Second Air Force base three officers and between 35 and 40 enlisted men do a daily job that makes finding "the needle in the haystack" pale into insignificance by comparison. By means of the mobile units of their Control Net System the men, led by Lieutenants John B. Bingaman, E. C. Geery, and S. M. Simon, can instantly locate any one of the many Thunderbolt fighter planes of the base which is in the air.

By using other equipment simulated "enemy" aerial formations can be detected approaching the base, their exact position and line of flight determined, and the defending Thunderbolts directed to a predetermined spot for interception.

The net result is exactly what the name of the section implies. It is fighter control in the most effective sense. The Control Net System is mobile and can be set up anywhere at any time. Here in Kansas the men work out problems; aid the training of pilots. In case of bad weather they can find wandering planes and direct them home.

Abroad, on the battle fronts of the world, this same equipment, operated by men trained like those at Strother, acts as the brain of fighter attack and defense. It makes a sneak raid by the enemy impossible and insures maximum effectiveness for friendly fighter planes. It is one of the miracles of our day.

2nd AF Head Now Major General

Second Army Air Force was notified last week that its commanding general is now Major General Uzal G. Ent, Army of the United States, his promotion effective from June 2. The notification came from the Adjutant General's Office in Washington, D.C.

Early in the month press dispatches from Washington, D.C., gave the news that President Roosevelt had nominated General Ent for elevation from Brigadier to the rank of Major General, temporary.

General Ent was the chief of staff of the Second Air Force from September 28, 1943, until he took command. Prior to that time he served in the Middle East with Army Air Forces that blasted targets from the air throughout the Mediterranean and along the southern shores of Europe. He was on the first raid the Air Forces made on the Ploesti refineries in Rumania.

His military career began in March, 1918, when he enlisted as a private in the aviation section, Signal Corps. He continued in the army after World War I, was graduated from the United States Military academy and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Service, June 12, 1924.

ASTP To Admit New Trainees In Four Courses

By Camp Newspaper Service

The doors to the Army Specialized Training Program—slammed shut to most GIs since early this year—now stand ajar once more for men in several fields.

The War Department in a recent circular (WD Cir. 184) has authorized the selection of trainees for the ASTP from troop units, except the Infantry, to the extent of one-fourth of one per cent each month from each unit. This means that enlisted men who want to apply for ASTP training will have that opportunity once again, provided they are qualified.

Those interested should submit to their regimental, separate battalion or similar unit commander a written application, accompanied by evidence (including a transcript of college credits) of their qualifications. Upon approval by the CO, the application will be forwarded to the STAR Board, University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

Action on these applications will be completed within 30 days after their submission. The board will then return approved and disapproved applications to the COs together with a request for the transfer of approved candidates. That's all there is to it.

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Leaves For 2nd AF Hdqts.

Strother Field is now without the valuable services of its one and only Wac officer, 2nd Lt. Beatrice T. Broudy, who served at this base as assistant special service officer since her arrival here Dec. 10, 1943.



LT. BEATRICE T. BROUDY

Lt. Broudy was one of four Wac officers stationed here while the field was in operation under the Central Flying Training Command. When Strother Field became a 72nd Fighter Wing base under the Second Air Force on June 1, 1944, Lt. Broudy was the only Wac officer to remain at this station, the other three being transferred to CFTC bases.

Lt. Broudy was transferred this week to the Second Air Force Headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Former SF Officer Has Narrow Escape

With practically everything "in the book" thrown at him during a mission over enemy territory on D-Day minus one, Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance Jr., former director of training at Strother Field, lived to tell his amazingly narrow escape in a letter received by his wife, now residing in Arkansas City.

A flak burst hit Lt. Col. Vance in the right leg, blowing off his right foot and also disabling all four engines of the B-24 he was co-piloting. The pilot was killed by the burst.

Col. Vance applied a tourniquet and flew the ship in a glide back to England where the crew bailed out. Staying with the ship as he believed one crew member had been injured and could not bail out, the colonel headed the ship down to the water of the English Channel. He flew the ship all the way while lying on the floor between two seats with the windshield frozen over as a result of his coming down so fast. The instruments had been shot out.

Pinned under the water for 30 seconds Lt. Col. Vance was blown to the surface by a slight under-water explosion where he floated around for 45 minutes.

Other injuries received included chest gasoline burns which are now disappearing and nine stitches in his face.

Music Appreciation

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

Music Appreciation Hour, a new feature of Special Service, offers the best in music through the medium of records played on a fine reproduction system at the Post Theatre. Programs are presented two hours each week—1200-1300 on Mondays and Fridays. Since this is for the pleasure of the men on this field, programs of their favorite selections will be played whenever possible. To do this we ask that any man having selections he'd like to hear let us know his preferences and we will, to the best of our ability, include these in our programs. Contact Pvt. Craig at the Service Club, Extension No. 302, with your requests.

Programs for this coming week follow:

MONDAY, 3 JULY

Carmen Suite - Bizet
Prelude
Aragonesa
Les Dragons d'Alcala
La Garde Montante
Intermezzo
Les Toradores
Danse Boheme
Celeste Aida—"Aida" - Verdi
Afternoon of a Faun - Debussy
Egmont Overture - Beethoven
De Puis Le Jour—"Louise" -
- - - Charpentier
D Minor Symphony - Franck
Londonderry Air—Traditional

FRIDAY, 7 JULY

Roman Carnival Overture - Rosini
Te Deum—"Tosca" - Puccini
Fire Bird - Stravinsky
Valse Serenade - Tchaikowski
Air De Lys—"L'Enfant Prodigue"
- - - Debussy
Panis Anglicus - Franck
Roumanian Rhapsody - Enesco

Male Call

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



Charge Without Reconnaissance



\$137,650 in War Bonds Sold at Rally

Crowd Of 15,000 Attends Fifth War Bond Program

An estimated crowd of 15,000 bought a total of \$137,650 in War Bonds at the mammoth bond rally, auction and aerial show held Sunday at this Second Air Force base. The crowd, many of whom were waiting at the gates long before the official opening at 12 noon, was enthusiastic all the way and bidding at the bond auction hit a new high for this area. Deepest appreciation has been expressed by Colonel Donald E. Meade, Strother Field commanding officer, for the active support of the rally by the people of Cowley County and for the efforts of the base War Bond Committee.

Highlight of the afternoon was the presentation to the drive of \$50,000 by Clyde M. Boggs of Arkansas City and Wade Coffey of Winfield, chairmen of their respective 5th War Loan committees on behalf of the business men of the two cities. The purchase was in honor of the war heroes presented on the afternoon's program.

The total sales of approximately \$138,000 exceeded by almost \$77,000 the amount needed to carry Cowley County over the top of its quota of \$1,802,000.

Promptly at 2 p.m. the crowd streamed into the great Sub-Depot Hangar for the introduction of 11 war heroes, both men and women, who wear decorations earned in the service of their country. After a welcome by Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, and Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, chairman of the Strother bond drive committee, the heroes told of their experiences and urged the assembled people to back the war effort with bonds.

Following the first session of the bond auction, outstanding entertainment was presented by a

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Beautification Wins KC Trip

Winners of the hospital beautification contest were announced Tuesday at Strother Field when Major John W. Erickson, Post Surgeon, presented the Dental Detachment group a commendation from the judging committee which was headed by Col. Donald Meade, Station Commandant.

The contest, which started a month ago, was to encourage beautification of the grounds around the hospital. Groups were formed to work on separate areas and a prize was offered to the group showing the most improvement in their assigned area within a month's time.

The group assigned to the Dental Section, headed by Staff Sergeants Albert Clark and Jack Dalton, went quickly to work. During the month's period, the industrious GI gardeners laid stone walks and borders, planted shrubs, trees and flowers and in general, transformed the formerly bare plot of ground into a landscaping treat.

As winners of the contest, the men will be given a trip to Kansas City in a big cargo type airplane and their hotel bills for overnight paid. Those expected to make the trip are Cpl. Lawrence Dillon, Pfc. Amador Martinez, Pfc. Carleton Worthington, Cpl. James A. Dorozinski, Cpl. Louis C. Wein-garth, Pfc. Russell Kelly, Cpl. Ed-win E. Hundi and Staff Sergeants Albert Clark and Jack Dalton.

Didja hear about the ram that committed suicide? He heard Frank Sinatra sing "There'll Never Be Another Ewe"

Service Club Patio Open Sat.

The newly constructed patio of the enlisted men's service club will be used by GIs of Strother Field and their gals for the first time Saturday night of this week.

Tables and chairs will be placed around the smooth concrete area on the east side of the club with plenty of room available for dancing to the latest hit tunes played on the jukebox for this occasion.

Colored lights have been placed around and over the patio adding to the attractiveness of this new facility made possible by the special service department under the direction of Lt. Howard E. Thompson and Lt. John F. Francella, post exchange officer. Cold drinks and ice cream will be on sale during the informal opening of the patio.

Here is the opportunity for enlisted men and their dates to dance under the stars, so we will see you Saturday night.

Indians Weave Scarfs For Auction

Among the valuable articles auctioned off during the war bond rally Sunday were several hand woven scarfs made by students of the Chillico Indian School south of Arkansas City.

Hearing about the rally scheduled for Strother Field students of the school expressed a desire to do their share in contributing articles for the auction. Using the looms in the school art department several young Indians wove the beautiful scarfs for the occasion and sent them to the war bond committee.

Bi-Weekly Radio Programs over KFH

Strother Field is to have its own radio program over station KFH in Wichita, Kans., beginning Monday, July 17, according to an announcement made today in a joint statement by the Special Service and Public Relations officers of this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

The schedule calls for the program to be presented bi-weekly at 7:30 p.m. and last for 25 minutes. Featured in the broadcasts will be the Airchords, famous Strother Field dance orchestra under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer William F. Baker and Sgt. Pat Oliver.

Planned solely for the entertainment of the men of this base and of the radio audience of station KFH, the program will be an all-soldier show. Broadcasts will emanate from the stage of the post theater.

Overheard backstage during the USO-Camp Show here July 4th was the following startling bit of news: "Yeah, we like performing for the Air Corps and Navy boys, but the Infantry—oooh!"

Heck, ain't we as obnoxious as the foot-soldiers anymore?



72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Capt. Jack Holt, honor guest at the Bond Rally, visits with Capt. Albert S. Hartman and Col. D. E. Meade, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, during the show in the Sub-Depot hangar.

Snack Bar Now Operated By PX

The Post Exchange of Strother Field has taken over operation of the snack bar in the enlisted men's service club in accordance with War Department regulations and the popular gathering spot of GIs is now under the supervision of 1st. Lt. John F. Francella, Post Exchange Officer of this 72nd Fighter Wing Base.

Win \$5 By Naming Radio Program

A prize of \$5 is to be awarded the enlisted man who suggests the best name for the Strother Field bi-weekly radio program to be given over station KFH beginning Monday, July 17.

The name must be short and clever, so give with a little originality and win yourself a five-spot. Names must be in by July 15th.

Strother Field War Bond Goal Of \$55,766.25 To Be Exceeded

The Fifth War Loan quota of bonds purchased for cash by military and civilian personnel of Strother Field is going to be exceeded from all indication of reports turned in to Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond officer, at the present time.

The military personnel quota of \$26,606.25 has been exceeded by \$2,156.25, for a grand total of 108%. This is in addition to the regular monthly bond allotments of enlisted men and officers of this base.

\$24,525.00 of the \$27,585.00 quota set for civilian personnel at Strother has been reported to Lt. Shore. Although this is only 88.8% of the quota, the final amount will equal or surpass the total desired when the final cash purchases are totaled.

Civilian personnel of the post exchange are well on the way to surpass their quota of \$1575, so all in all Strother Field will set a fine record in the cash purchase of war bonds during the drive.

Buffet Supper For EM, Wives July 13

A buffet supper followed by dancing and swimming will be held at Strother Field next Thursday evening for all married enlisted men, their wives and families, according to an announcement made today by Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, service club hostess.

The buffet supper will be held in the service club at 6 p.m. Dancing will take place on the new club patio.

The EM wives club held their regular bi-weekly meeting Tuesday afternoon of this week. Members enjoyed a swimming party held in the post pool.



72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by 2nd. Lt. E. W. Armstrong, Photo Officer.

Thousands of Strother Field guests during the Fifth War Bond Rally held Sunday, gathered around the stage in the Sub-Depot hangar to hear Miss Geraldine Mapes 6-year-old singer from Wichita. Graeme Fletcher, newscaster from station KFH in Wichita and master-of-ceremonies for the rally, stands behind the stage.

The War and You

For Allied invasion troops on the coast of France last week marked a positive beginning of phase two of their great task. With Cherbourg finally in their hands and labor troops and engineers swarming like ants to restore its magnificent harbor to full use, it was time to strike the German again and strike hard.

The new drive has begun along a long and inchoate front. Too early yet to know what final direction it will take, the drive is yet progressing. Gains have been made almost everywhere in spite of vaunted German armor, desperate little groups of German die-hards.

Notable to all has been the absence of the Luftwaffe. Allied planes continue to sweep the skies in almost absolute superiority, somewhat to the surprise of Allied brass hats and commanders. It may be that Goering is saving his planes for an even more desperate moment. It may be that our own tremendous air blitz of the spring struck harder and more crippling blows than were thought. Most probable of all however is that the German oil reserve has at last come tragically near to its end. Losses from bombing, from capture by the Russians, from the staggering demands of mechanized warfare may have at last cut down reserve stocks which cannot be replenished.

But the skies were still not empty of German might. Nightly the new robot bombs flew into England, burst with terrible concussion in the sprawling London area. At week's end even Churchill, grimmest bulldog of them all, was forced to notice the new menace in a message to his Parliament. His comment showed no fear, no worry. Some 2,700 of the bombs had struck and caused almost the same number of deaths. The number was decreasing nightly. Invasion had not been hindered. Inference was that His Majesty's Government had, or would soon have, the situation well in hand.

Well in hand also was the battle for Italy. American troops after a series of steady advances were poised at the gates of the ancient city of Leghorn in Tuscany. Canadians, British, and Free French harried the Nazi back along a long and bloody line that wavered and advanced through the rocky hills.

On the other frontier of Europe the Red Army moved steadily forward. Here raged vast, shadowy battles, so tremendous as almost to be meaningless to the American reader. The numbers of men engaged were far greater than on any other front. Strange and unfamiliar place names confused the issue. Battles and advances were dwarfed on a map of endless Russian plains.

Fact which emerged was simply this: that nowhere had the Nazi yet made an effective stand. Everywhere his strong points were being blotted out, his armies pushed back.

From Hitler's little allies came almost no news. Finland, only possible lion among the jackals, fought hopelessly to delay for a little space the inevitable issue. Even our own government had reluctantly broken with her at last. From the others came no word.

Speaking of -- Yesterday's Kids

Fourth of July morning a few years ago found Junior backing the family car out of the garage for a motor trip to some bass-filled stream. This year he guided a General Sherman tank across the poppy-covered terrain of Normandy as his buddies fought their way through water waist-deep while converging on La Haye Du Puits.

Bobby, who used to scare hell out of the family with torpedoes, is releasing king-sized ones in the direction of Nip ships. And his hits are all too good to suit the Japs.

Tommy, who tossed flashcrackers at the neighbor's chickens, this year threw hand grenades with deadly accuracy at Nazi patrols in the vicinity of Livorno (Leghorn) Italy.

Willie, sitting in a front line first aid station with a piece of shrapnel in his hand, said, "Well, my record is still perfect. I always ended up with a bandaged hand during the Fourth of July."

Billy, who consumed more pickles and potato chips than anyone else at the family's holiday picnic, sat in a deserted German pill-box eating his K-rations.

These kids of yesterday are grim and purposeful men today. As on other July 4th's they made plenty of noise, every shell fired bringing them closer to victory, the fireworks and the picnics of peace.

Women On The Home Front

Arriving at Strother Field last Sunday morning for the Fifth War Bond Rally were over one hundred young women — employees of the Beech Aircraft Company in Wichita.

Fifty-two of these defense workers were members of the Beech Guardettes, a precision drill team, headed by Mrs. Frances Cochran.

One GI, watching the girls stepping smartly along, was overheard to say, "Gee, just think, they do this without pay just for the fun of it!"

Here is something the spectators did not know. Many of the Guardettes had worked the night shift on Saturday, traveled to Strother Field by bus to drill in the hot sun and then returned to Wichita to work the night shift Sunday.

To this group of American girls Strother Field owes a vote of thanks not only for helping make the Bond Rally a success, but for their all-important war work in building aircraft. We salute the Beech Guardettes.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
HOW ABOUT STROTHER FIELD?

The men who fought the battle of Tarawa realized their need of Christ. A Chaplain on one of the warships that took part in the engagement wrote home to say:

"You will rejoice when I tell you that aboard my ship we had about 50 men confess Christ before the battle of Tarawa. Foremost of those was Dick Offringa, Ted Colson and Mike Boettcher, and many others who lived daily a Christian life. Dick Offringa suggested we have daily morning devotions at 6 a.m., and I wish you could have seen the numbers that turned out!"

"As we drew near to the day of our attack we began to hold evangelistic services in the evenings. One night after the invitation had been given, more hands were raised than I could possibly accommodate in my stateroom so I explained the way of salvation to them and then invited all who wanted further help to come to my room. When I arrived it was so crowded I could scarcely get in, and with the assistance of Roy and Dick, 22 men accepted Christ that night while others sought me out during the day.

"At the last service held before that awful day of battle, I was particularly led to give the officers and men of the assault waves the last four verses of Psalm 108. Roy Thaxton told me after the battle that the spirit of the Marines was miraculous. Even when everything seemed to be against them, and victory hung by a thread, these men lost all sense of self and went forward with a spirit heretofore not seen. None other but the living God could have done this.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The writer has become acutely aware of the tremendous job involved in keeping up with the news. It is easy to become confused (and a bit tired at times) in trying to keep track of developments on four or five world battlefronts and at the same time trying to keep informed on rationing, legislation, sports and politics at home.

Two good sources of information are the daily news bulletin "The News This Morning" issued by the Public Relations Office and the Newsmaps which are distributed each week by the Orientation officers. You will find these materials posted on the orderly room bulletin boards, in the orientation rooms and on many department bulletin boards.

Then of course the Post Library contains one of the best collections of books we have seen in any camp library. In addition to reference texts, mystery, science, philosophy, western and religion, you will find books in practically every field. Supplementing these books you will find a wide variety of current magazines and daily newspapers. Verily, the library is the place to keep up on your reading.

Through the cooperation of Lt. John F. Francella, Post Exchange officer and Cpl. V. P. Hearn, of the Reproduction Center, an interesting display of magazines from the days of World War I is being arranged in the PX. Next time you are in the PX to buy a drink or cigarettes (or if you just drop in to talk to one of the girls) before you leave, take a look at this display. Compare the pictures of B-29s and P-47s with the planes of World War I days. You'll also get a kick out of comparing the progress (?) in the style of ladies' hats. The magazines were loaned by Cpl. Hearn and the display has been arranged by the Orientation Program.

Ye Liftings

She: I guess you know there's a baby born every minute in New York City.

GI: Well, don't look at me. I live in Wichita!

"Dere goes dat slatternly Mandy Jackson wid her ten pickanninnies. She sho' do look repugnant."

"Lan' sakes, Liza! Again?"

An insurance paper states that for every man of 85 years old there are seven women. But it's too late then.

A boy in long pants got on a street car for a nickel; a lad in short pants got on for three cents and a pretty gal got on for nothing—but don't get nose, bub! She had a transfer.

"Why do they always make us undress when we go on sick call?"

"Beats me," said the bystander, "I just came here to check the fire extinguishers."

Mac: "Where'd you get that blonde I saw you out with last night?"

Mate: "I dunno. I just opened my money-belt and there she was."

Two pints make one cavort.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dance
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Wed. night girls. Free call
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Field dance
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dancing. Games
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Bridge night
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Swim-Meet USO 7:30
Ark. Bingo. Prizes



Q. Is it true that because I am not a native American, but only a naturalized citizen, I am barred from OCS?

A. No, that is false. It is only necessary that you become a citizen before your appointment as an officer candidate. You can become a citizen after 90 days in the Army.

Q. I have two children. One lives with my wife, the other lives with my former wife, now divorced but still dependent on me. Is it true that the child living with my former wife gets \$30 a month, because it was the first born, while my other child gets only \$20 a month under the Class A allotment?

A. No. Each of your children will receive \$25 a month. The total sum of family allowance payments for all children of a soldier is divided equally among them.

What's new in your home town?

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS) — "The meanest thief in New Mexico" broke into a USO here the other day and stole all the clothes (except the GI shoes) from suitcases left by soldiers.

Baltimore (CNS) — Booker K. Miller was cleared of charges of peddling marijuana cigarettes, when court tests disclosed that the cigarettes he was peddling contained not marijuana—but catnip.

Boston (CNS) — Comfort-loving Paul Bucci won a divorce decree from his wife after testifying that she kept their home too clean — "like a show place and I couldn't enjoy myself."

Indianapolis (CNS) — Hard put to find any auto law violators, Indianapolis policemen have turned their wrath on speeding pedestrians. One local citizen was fined \$6 recently for running across the street against the traffic signal.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

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FRIDAY

JULY 14

SERVICE CLUB—Park yo self on our outdoor verandah—let the cooling breezes anoint thy perspiring brow whilst you gaze at the stars.
THEATER—Double Indemnity—Barbara Stanwyck and Fred McMurray. Army & Navy Screen Mag.

SERVICE CLUB—All is open to you sojer! S'a good time to just take it easy. If your comfort lacks something, ask for it.
THEATER—Mask of Dimitrios—Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre. News of the Day and cartoon.

SERVICE CLUB—Sing with the Glee Club at 1830 and play Bingo at 2030.
THEATER—Same as Sunday.

SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance.
THEATER—Song of Nevada, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. News of the Day and short subject.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night. All master-minds are invited.
THEATER—Hail the Conquering Hero—Eddie Bracken and William Demarest. News and Army-Navy Mag.

SERVICE CLUB—GI Dance. First outdoor dance, break in our new dance floor but don't break your neck. Gals from Wellington and Winfield. Buffet supper 6 p.m. for married EM, their wives and families followed by dancing and swimming.

THEATER—From 1830 until 2000 you can listen to the music of the masters—Music Appreciation program. Get your baton and wave a cadenza or two.

SERVICE CLUB—"As You Were" Party—Free soft drinks and cookies, free GI movies and you can wear what you want and do most anything you've a mind to.

THEATER—Invisible Man's Return with Jon Hall, Evelyn Ankers. Short subjects.

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72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Over one hundred women employees of the Beech Aircraft Company, Wichita, are shown in front of post headquarters as they arrived for the War Bond Rally at Strother Field last Sunday. Col. D. E. Meade, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, who welcomed the visitors, is shown at the left of the group.

Two Songs Bring \$3,000 In Bonds

\$3,000 in war bonds was the price willingly paid by a citizen of Winfield to hear the golden-voice of Sgt. Louis J. Cunningham, Strother Field tenor, during the war bond rally and open house held here last Sunday afternoon.



2nd Air Force Photo by Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Having already appeared on the program held in the sub-depot hangar, Sgt. Cunningham was preparing to leave the stage when Wade Coffey of Winfield stepped forward from the crowd to announce that he would willingly buy \$2,000 in bonds to hear another selection by the popular member of the special service department. Someone spoke up with the question, "Will you give \$3,000 to hear him sing two numbers?" The answer was, "Yes, if it is Irish." So the sergeant stepped before the microphone once again to thrill the crowd with two additional songs. To the top of the big-time operator list at Strother Field goes the name of Sgt. Cunningham.

Pvt. Hilliard "Shorty" Haney and his wife, the former Wilma Jean Wait of Arkansas City, are the very proud parents of a 6 lb. 13 oz. son born June 29th in Mercy hospital at Arkansas City. The boy has been named John William Haney.

Guardette Gals Make Big Hit

Fifty-two lovelies from the Beech Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kans., members of a drill organization known as the Guardettes, thrilled thousands of spectators Sunday afternoon during the fourth War Loan Rally with their precision marching.

By a twist of good fate the ed. was chosen to accompany the group while at Strother Field. First, on a tour of the installation, then to lunch in the Officers Club (we ate in the kitchen) and then too and from the post gym where the Guardettes donned their snappy uniforms (while we remained in a slow bake on the outside steps!). Suddenly the girls emerged from the gym in uniform and wearing silver bars and non-com stripes! One cutie who had brought on an uncontrollable twitch in our right eye turned out to be a lieutenant!

With head bowed in realization of our insubordination we headed toward the guardhouse. Surrendering to two husky members of the field guard squadron we peeked at them through the fingers of one hand to accustom ourselves to window bars. The MPs smiled as they took hold of each elbow and held the ed. tightly while the Guardettes stepped into two field busses. (Ever notice how high the first step is from the ground?)

Suddenly whisked onto one of the busses we were off to accompany the Wichita cuties for the rest of the afternoon, accompanied by the MPs of course. The lieutenant had not preferred charges against the ed!

Trainee Killed In Accident

2nd Lt. Joseph N. Gillert, Jr., age 20, a combat flying trainee at Strother Field, was killed at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday when his plane crashed at the north edge of this 72nd Fighter Wing base. Col. D. E. Meade, commanding officer of Strother Field announced that Lt. Gillert was on a routine training flight when the accident occurred.

Lt. Gillert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Gillert, Ponca City, Okla. His wife, Alma Jane, resides in Arkansas City.

A board of qualified army air force officers has been appointed to determine the cause of the accident.

GI Gets Request For Autograph!

"Hey, Sarge, wouldja sign my autograph book?" Such were the startling words shouted into the ears of Sgt. Raymond M. Kroenke, SF personnel office, following his interview during the war bond rally held here last Sunday.

A tug on each shirt-sleeve caused Kroenke to look down into the grinning faces of two youngsters, kids like the many he had seen during his 19 months service in Iceland with the Infantry, but these were American youngsters getting the names of honor guests during the war bond program.

"I nearly fell over when these boys repeated their request, but I took their books and signed my name—right under that of Capt. Jack Holt, famous motion-picture actor who was a guest here," said Sgt. Kroenke.

While being interviewed on the program the sergeant was asked about the girls in Iceland. Smiling, he said, "They are beautiful!" He remarked that there are very few brunettes, mostly blondes and redheads and that they all like the American style of dancing.

Entering the infantry service on Sept. 28, 1940, Sgt. Kroenke, whose home is in Shawano, Wisc., has been stationed in approximately 20 states in addition to his service in Iceland. While in the latter country he served as personnel sergeant.

Every woman would like to be taken with a grain of assault.

Station SSD In Operation

Station SSD, Strother Field's own broadcasting station, went into operation Wednesday with a "frequency" of three times daily and a "range" from the station hospital to the Sub-Depot and from headquarters to the ramp.

There are three broadcasts daily on week days, and a religious program on Sunday morning. First broadcast period is from 0745 until 0815 in which recordings are played.

The second broadcast each day comes at 1200 until 1230. During this time announcements are made pertaining to activities on the field scheduled for that evening and recordings are played.

The evening broadcast is from 1700 until 1730 and includes musical numbers and announcements of field activities.

Sunday mornings from 0900 to 0930 the chaplain, Lt. Karl B. Smith, will give a short talk followed by a religious musical program.

Explains Why Leaf Outranks Bar

T/Sgt. J. I. Leeds, Post Finance office, sent this article to the PF and we are passing it on for your information.

Here is why the Army selected an oak leaf as denoting higher rank than a bar:

According to an old Army legend, a first lieutenant, or subaltern, as he was once called, may assume an elevated position in the field to watch the operations of his command. (In the old Army second lieutenants wore no bar as insignia of rank until the World War.) The first lieutenant climbed on the first bar of a fence. The captain has to oversee more men and must therefore climb higher—two bars.

Up in rank and up in an oak tree goes the major, who must see even more men. The lieutenant colonel climbs into a silver spruce and the legend carries the colonel up to the eagles. Generals have so many men to look after that they can only do the work from a view such as that afforded by the stars.



72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Fifty-two members of the Beech Guardette drill organization go through their maneuvers on the ramp during the War Bond Rally.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

Program for the coming week:

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH

Waltz in A Major - Brahms
Summertime "Porgy and Bess" - Gershwin
Ba'shazar's Feast - Sibelius
Oriental Procession
Night Piece
Solitude
Khadra's Dance

This Suite is a seldom heard composition of the great Finnish composer Jan Sibelius in which he utilizes the entire range of the orchestra to produce the exotically colored music of the Orient. The first and last numbers are characterized by their brilliant rhythms and odd harmonies. The second and third numbers are in strong contrast being of a quiet and reflective mood.

Traume - Wagner

One of the loveliest selections in the vocal library. It holds the seed of the later "Tristan und Isolde" considered the greatest of love dramas set to music.

Symphony No. 5, in E Minor

"From the New World" Dvorak

The first movement of this well known work has themes derived from Indian and Negro sources. The second movement the Largo is the best known and contains the most beautiful solo for Cor Anglais or English Horn in all music. In the form of a Scherzo the third movement expresses the gaiety and verve of the composer's native Bohemia. The last movement recapitulates the themes of the preceding movements with variations and developments.

Perpetual Motion - Paganinni

Artist's Life - Johann Strauss

Overture to the Barber of Seville

- Rosini

Hymn to the Sun "Le Coq d'Or"

- Rimsky Korsakoff

Death of Othello "Othello" - Verdi

Peter and the Wolf - Prokofieff

Liebsted "Tristan und Isolde"

- Wagner

Daphnis and Chloe - Ravel

Ride of the Valkyrie "Die Val-

kyrie" - Wagner

Valse Triste - Sibelius

Bolero - Ravel

Male Call

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

Nice Legs On The T. O.



LOOKEE YONDER! REAL HARDWARE GENERALS.... IT'S THE WOLF PATROL WITH MERIT BADGES! COME IN AND WRINKLE YOUR PINKS, GENTLEMEN!

THIS IS NOT EXACTLY AN OFFICIAL VISIT, MISS LACE—BUT WE SORT OF REPRESENT OFFICERS GENERALLY....



DEAL 'EM AND WE'LL PLAY 'EM! WHAT COOKS WITH THE ACT OF CONGRESS SET?

FRANKLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU DISLIKE OFFICERS? YOU SEEM TO DATE ONLY ENLISTED MEN...ARE WE POISON?



FAIR QUESTION!...NO, I'M NOT ALLERGIC TO BRASS...I COULD GO INTO A PITCH ABOUT THE O.D. JOKERS HAVING FEWER PRIVILEGES AND ALL THAT... BUT YOU KNOW THOSE REASONS



IT SOUNDS SORTA CORNY TO TELL IT, BUT I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO TILL YOU ALL GET BACK TO STRIPED NECKTIES!...YOU BRASSIES RATE A SALUTE FROM ALL E.M. — BUT JOE GEE OFTEN FORGETS THAT CIVILIANS WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH THEIR CAPS TO HIM, IF THEY KNEW NOW!... I'M HERE TO PROVIDE SOMEONE TO SALUTE HIM FIRST!... THEN HE PASSES IT ON TO YOU!... BUT DON'T BE DISCOURAGED—YOU MIGHT GET THE BREAKS ANYTIME...HMMM?



Strother Fliers Win 5 to 3 In Game At Independence

The Strother Field baseball team journeyed to Independence, Kans., last Thursday where they took on the Independence Army Air Field nine. The local fliers defeated IAAF by a score of 5 to 3, somewhat evening the score with this team that proved a jinx to the SF nine of last year.

During the 1943 season the local team lost only 8 games while winning 23. Four of these losses were to IAAF. Strother had won two games from this team early in the season so the standing at the present time is 3 to 4. Perhaps the score may be evened the next time these two teams meet.

Von Essen pitched for SF in the game Thursday night. In the second inning IAAF scored one run to take the lead while in the third inning SF came through with two runs when Weaver, SF leadoff batter, walked and scored on Williams' long triple in left field. Wagner and Curtis then hit singles—scoring Ratcliff who had reached first when the IAAF shortstop sent the hit ball into home plate to nail Williams.

In the fifth LaFave and Weaver were walked followed by Dalak's bunt which was messed by the IAAF pitcher allowing LaFave to score. Then Williams made first on the IAAF second baseman's error, followed by Ratcliff cleaning the sacks with a smashing double to leftfield.

Independence made its final two runs in the last half of the fifth, the game remaining 5 to 3 throughout the four remaining innings.

Swim Show Given By GIs

Seven enlisted men of Strother Field presented a demonstration of functional swimming and water safety in the post pool during the Fifth War Bond Rally program at Strother Field last Sunday.

Demonstrations included swimming while fully clothed, swimming with clothing inflated, use of Mae West life preserver, and use of barrack bags as buoys.

The silent swimming demonstration proved very entertaining to the vast audience. Two enlisted men, with knives between their teeth, swam the length of the pool in complete silence, surprising two "enemy" guards. They were followed by other swimmers carrying dummy rifles and supplies.

Melvin "Pete" Buzzard, Red Cross Water Safety Representative, announced the various stunts performed during the program. The enlisted men taking part in the show were: S/Sgt. Frank Myers, Sgt. Richard Cowling, Sgt. James Waits, Sgt. Alexander Kazanek, Cpl. James Reed, Cpl. R. A. Cruz and Cpl. William Gilbert.

BOX SCORES

STROTHER FIELD										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
LeFave, 2b	4	1	0	3	3	0				
Weaver, c	1	2	0	2	0	1				
Teeters, c	2	0	0	1	0	1				
Dalak, ss	4	1	0	3	2	0				
Williams, cf	2	0	1	1	0	0				
Ratcliff, lf	4	1	1	3	0	0				
Wagner, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0				
Curtis, 3b	4	0	2	1	3	0				
Schurman, 1b	4	0	0	11	0	0				
VonEssen, p	4	0	0	0	2	0				
Totals—	31	5	5	27	10	2				

INDEPENDENCE										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Jeziro, 2b	4	1	0	0	3	1				
McDonald, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0				
Pickett, 3b	3	1	1	3	5	1				
Neill, c	4	0	1	6	0	0				
Willoughby, 1b	4	0	1	15	1	0				
Parton, ss	4	1	1	1	4	1				
Mossman, lf	3	0	0	1	1	0				
Reeves, cf	4	0	1	1	1	0				
Burnworth, p	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Zanta, p	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Osteen	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals—	30	3	5	27	15	4				

STROTHER FIELD										
	AB	R	H	PO	A					
Curtis, 3b	5	2	2	0	1					
Borisenko, 2b	5	1	2	3	0					
Gorshin, ss	4	0	0	0	2					
Williams, cf	4	1	2	0	0					
Teeters, c	2	1	1	2	1					
Weaver, c	2	0	0	8	3					
Antos, 1b	4	2	1	6	0					
Flynn, rf	2	2	2	2	1					
Smith, lf	3	0	0	0	0					
Wells, p	1	0	0	0	1					
Kruljac, p	3	0	1	0	1					
Totals—	34	9	11	21	10					

ALL-STARS										
	AB	R	H	PO	A					
Rairdon, ss	3	2	2	1	4					
Martin, 3b	2	0	0	2	2					
Duncan, c	3	0	1	1	0					
Thomas, cf	3	1	0	6	0					
Hadley, 2b	3	0	0	1	0					
McKeever, 1b	2	0	0	6	0					
Parker, p	3	0	0	2	1					
McVay, rf	2	0	0	2	0					
Daniel, rf	0	0	0	0	0					
Means, rf	2	0	1	0	0					
Totals—	23	3	4	21	7					

Strother Field played the Pratt AAF at Pratt, Kans., Thursday night in a 2AF League game and will journey to Eldorado, Kans., tonight where the team meets Herington AAF in another league encounter. Herington is the leading team in the Second Air Force League.

"Look here, waiter, I found a hair in this turtle soup."
"Well, well. So the turtle and the hair finally came in together!"

Officers and EM Complete Swim Course

Four officers and fifteen enlisted men of Strother Field today completed the 30-hour Red Cross Water Safety Program under the supervision of Melvin "Pete" Buzzard, Red Cross representative. The course to train swimming instructors at Strother Field began Monday and sessions from 0700 to 1000 and 1600 to 1900 were held at the post swimming pool during the week.

The training program for the "health, safety and happiness in aquatics through knowledge and skill" included five phases. Personal safety in swimming; swimming instruction for beginners; intermediate swimmer and advanced swimmer; rescue work including wading rescue, boat rescue and swimming rescue; resuscitation and functional swimming.

The program was a strenuous one for these officers and enlisted men, all of whom qualified as excellent swimmers before taking the course to teach others to swim.

Included in the group that has completed the course are 1st. Lt. R. B. Barnett, 1st. Lt. J. K. Grigsby, 2nd. Lt. J. D. Gernon, 2nd. Lt. Joseph Meltzer, Sgt. Ervin Bacon, Sgt. John Warren, Sgt. W. F. Hamilton, Sgt. Alexander Kazanek, Sgt. Donald Nicholas, Sgt. James Waits, Sgt. E. C. MacRossin, Cpl. Fred North, Cpl. J. J. Maloney, Cpl. James Reed, Cpl. William Gilbert, Pfc. J. E. Cunningham, Pfc. Louis Noson, Pvt. Harry Block, Pvt. Charles Underwood.

WAR BOND RALLY

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cast including Peggy Jones, Geraldine Mapes and Mickey Pennington of Wichita, Captain Jack Holt, famed movie star, Evelyn Lynn of Tulsa, and Sgt. Louis Cunningham, artist and musician from Strother Field. These entertainers later went to the post hospital to perform for the patients there.

Entertainment and presentation of heroes was handled by Kansas' well known newscaster, Graeme Fletcher. Much of the program was transcribed for re-broadcast over station KFVH in Wichita.

At the end of the auction, the crowd, led by the Strother band and a parade of beautiful Beechcraft Guardettes from Wichita proceeded to the flight strip to view a sensational air show in which Army Air Force Thunderbolts and Lightnings piloted by some of the very men who had spoken earlier went through a thrilling series of combat maneuvers which are part of the training given fighter pilots at this 72nd Fighter Wing base. Object of their attack was a B-17 Flying Fortress. Climaxing the afternoon was the flying of Major Jerome Steeves in his Thunderbolt.

Members of the Strother Field Fifth War Loan drive committee who arranged the show were: Lt. Adras P. LaBorde chairman and Major Pat M. DeBerry, Jr., Major Sam S. Wolf, Capt. Robert A. Ralston, Capt. Alexander D. Lieb, Lt. Christy G. Gilkeson, Lt. Howard E. Thompson, Lt. Edwin J. Shore, CWO William F. Baker and CWO Kenneth Wolf. Traffic direction was handled by Lt. Allan B. Jackson, provost marshal.

Port Chester, N. Y. (CNS) — Evans Ward bought a Great Dane watchdog to guard \$3,000 in jewels he kept in his home. He returned one night to find the jewels stolen and the Great Dane munching on a roast beef from the refrigerator.

Then there is the girl who wouldn't kiss her boy friend in a canoe—so he paddled her back.

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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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Strother Field Defeats Dubbs All-Stars, 9 to 3

The hard hitting Strother Field baseball team downed the Dubbs All-Stars Tuesday night in the Arkansas City baseball park by a score of 9 to 3 to end the first half of the season league in second place. The Kanotex Oilers are in first place with only one loss, that to SF, 8 to 7.

Lose 2AF Game To Topeka, 14 to 2

The Strother Army Air Field baseball nine stepped into the 2nd Air Force League Sunday afternoon only to stub its toe against the hard hitting Topeka Air Base team as they went down to a bruising 14 to 2 defeat.

The Strother Field nine was making its debut into the 2nd Air Force league making a late entrance which calls for a stiff schedule to catch up, according to Lt. James Lounsberry, athletic director at Strother.

The Topeka sluggers got to the SF nine in the first inning to pound in five runs. They followed up with three more in the third, two more in the seventh and four in the eighth.

Softball Teams To Be Organized

A softball league composed of officers and enlisted men is to be organized soon according to announcement made today by the physical training department.

All sections and sub-sections of enlisted men and officers on the field may organize as many teams as desired. S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak of the PT department must be informed by the sections as to the number of teams to be organized. This information must reach him by Saturday morning at 1000.

Play Ft. Riley In Tourney Sunday

Nothing but the best is good enough for Strother Field's newly organized baseball team—as evident in its opponent named for Sunday's game in the Kansas State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament in Wichita. This 72nd Fighter Wing base team will meet the Ft. Riley Centaurs, 1943 state champions at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Ft. Riley nine includes top major league players and is really a hot organization.



72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Cpl. "Rip" Ratcliff, SF pitcher, talks it over with Pvt. Don Weaver, catcher, during a practice session at Strother Field. Ratcliff formerly attended Southwestern College in Winfield where he was a member of the Builders' football team.

**Victory Is In The Air—
BUY WAR BONDS**



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Cpl. William B. Grieves explains the function of equipment in the aerial division of the photographic department where he works to his twin brother, Sgt. Arthur E. Grieves, mechanic at the north hangar. Remove the stripes and what have you got? A state of confusion!

Grieves Twins Stationed Here

Alike as two peas in a pod, twins Arthur E. Grieves and William B. Grieves, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grieves of Lincoln Park, Michigan, are causing at Strother Field the same uproar of confusion in which they've kept their family, schoolmates and business associates since they were born 21 years ago.

Art is a mechanic at the north hangar; Bill works in the aerial division of the photographic department. But they could swap jobs and nobody, judging solely on appearances, could tell the difference. Art speaks to everybody who speaks to him; for all he knows the stranger who spoke may be Bill's co-worker in the darkroom. Bill, strolling along the line with a camera in his hand, may get a request from some flying officer as to the readiness of the P-47 for which Art is crew chief. But each brother always knows where to find the other and the word gets around.

"If he throws his rank on me," Cpl. Bill Grieves remarked of his

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Section 'B' Party Opens New Patio

The newly-constructed patio of the enlisted men's service club was officially opened Tuesday evening by members of Section B and their guests.

Feature of the evening was a jitterbug contest which ended in a tie between Pvt. Thomas Bolden, his partner Elsie Majors of Arkansas City, and Pvt. Osie Bowen and his partner, Jackie Morris of Arkansas City. Major William L. Chipman, commandant of troops, awarded the winning couples with cash prizes of \$5.

Guests of Section B enlisted men included young ladies from Arkansas City, Winfield and Ponca City, Major and Mrs. W. L. Chipman, Lt. and Mrs. Raffy D. Bazararian, Lt. Richard B. Barnett, Lt. and Mrs. Howard E. Thompson, Mrs. Katherine Tupper sister-in-law of Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Marguerite Taylor, mother of Mrs. Thompson. The latter two guests are from Ann Arbor, Mich.

S/Sgt. H. W. Ward was in charge of details for the party.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

"We're a long way from home," says 1st Lt. Richard B. Barnett, newly appointed mess officer, to Cpl. John J. Ponchak, as he points in the direction of their home town, Spring Valley, N. Y., Ponchak is a carpenter at Strother Field.

Cash Purchases Of War Bonds Increase

Day by day the Fifth War Loan quota of bonds purchased for cash is being exceeded at Strother Field. At the present time the military personnel quota of \$26,606.25 has been exceeded by \$7,952 for a total of 130%.

The civilian personnel quota of \$27,585 has been exceeded by \$971.25 for a total of 100.4%. Post Exchange civilian employees are rapidly reaching their quota of \$1,575 with \$1,130.25 already reported in. A Minute Man Flag was presented this group of workers and Lt. John J. Francella, PX officer, by Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond Officer, in recognition of 95% enrollment and 15% payroll investment.

The drive will continue at Strother Field until July 31, at which time the total figure in bonds purchased for cash during the Fifth War Loan drive should be high above the original quota.

Baseball A. C. Tonight
Strother Field vs.
Mauer-Neuer Packers

Gen. Tourtellot And Col. Vidal Visit SF

Brigadier General George P. Tourtellot, new commanding general of the Seventy-Second Fighter Wing of the Second Air Force, and Col. Felix Vidal, retiring commanding general, paid Strother Field an overnight visit Monday and made a brief inspection of the installation.

For Brigadier General Tourtellot it was a get-acquainted call, since only eight days ago did he assume command of the 72nd Wing. Tuesday morning he greeted all officers of Strother Field at a brief meeting in the post theater, expressing his pleasure at the general appearance of the field and the reports of accomplishment.

For Colonel Vidal the trip to Strother Field was in the nature of a farewell visit to the newest fighter base of the Second Air Force. Colonel Vidal was relieved as commanding general of the 72nd Fighter Wing on July 6 in order that he might report for duty at an overseas destination.

Stage Show For EM Tonight

"Hollywood Stars of Tomorrow" a musical extravaganza featuring twenty-five entertainers, will be presented on the stage of the post theater tonight at 8 o'clock for the enlisted personnel of Strother Field, their wives and friends.

The troupe is appearing at army bases and according to advance reports gives an outstanding presentation which promises an enjoyable evening to all attending the performance.

The same show will be presented for the entertainment of officers, their wives and friends on Saturday evening in the Officers' Club.

Undergoes Inspection

Officers and enlisted men comprising an inspection party from Second Air Force Headquarters, Colorado Springs, Colo., visited Strother Field this week in connection with the quarterly inspection of 72nd Fighter Wing bases.

The inspection has been a thorough one, every department on the field having been visited by members of the visiting party which included Major W. B. Petersen, Major Jack Best, Major J. Neuman, Capt. E. K. Washburn, 1st Lt. J. J. Flynn, M/Sgt. T. F. Kelly, S/Sgt. P. Delafio, S/Sgt. T. Craddock, and T/Sgt. R. Fitzgerald.

Spring Valley, N. Y., Represented Here

Far from their home town of Spring Valley, N. Y., 1st Lt. Richard B. Barnett and Cpl. John J. Ponchak met a few days ago at Strother Field.

Lt. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnett of West Central Ave., Spring Valley and a former employee of the First National Bank at Spring Valley, has been stationed at Strother Field since March 8, 1943. Not until the arrival of Cpl. Ponchak from Galveston Army Air Field, Galveston, Texas, on June 1 had he met with a home town man. Ponchak, a son of Mrs. Anna Ponchak of 38 Collins Ave., Spring Valley, is assigned as a carpenter at Strother Field.

First Broadcast Over KFJH Monday

Strother Field will go on the air at 7:30 next Monday evening for the first in a series of all-soldier shows to be aired over KFJH, Wichita. Heralding the program will be an original theme song, "Strother Serenade," a composition of Sgt. Eddie Davidson of the 683rd AAF Band. The orchestra, under the direction of Sgt. Pat Oliver, will play another original number, "Tootin' My Baby," to prove the versatility of the boys under CWO William Baker's supervision.

Featured soloists will include Sgt. Lou Cunningham of Special Services, T/Sgt. George Roswyck of Section M, and Sgt. Cliff Low-erie of the Band.

Since the radio release is to be an all-soldier variety program, every man on the field who can sing, announce, talk or imitate—everyone with any talent whatsoever—is urged to get in touch with the Public Relations Office.

All Strother Field personnel is invited to attend the show in the Post Theatre, whence it will be broadcast. Those of you who can't attend, remember to tune in KFJH, 1330 on your dial, 7:30 p.m., Monday, 17 July, and listen to your own radio program, THE STROTHER FIELD HOUR.

Cpl. Robert T. Haney of the PRO will be the announcer, Sgt. Jack Blackman of Special Services will be master of ceremonies, and Sgt. Edward Y. Breese will interview enlisted men from various departments on the field.

FOUND—SHOES

If the officer or enlisted man who left a pair of shoes in a car in Augusta recently will call at the Special Service office and identify same he may have them.

The story isn't as bad as it sounds. Someone gave the sojer a lift to Augusta and then discovered the shoes in the car afterwards. They were sent here to be claimed by the owner. They are brand new, but are not our size!

He: Will you marry me?
She: Why you haven't enough money to keep me in clothes.
He: Nor will power.



Graduates of the 30-hour Red Cross Water Safety Program given four officers and fifteen enlisted men at Strother Field last week go through their paces for the photographer. At the top the group is shown in and around a rubber life raft complete with sail. The lower picture shows a demonstration of formation swimming. At the right class members are shown jumping, fully clothed into the pool from the tower—part of the rigid training course.

72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

The War and You

Comparatively unnoticed among the headlines of the week just past has been a battle that in other days might well have held the center of the stage. Raging with Homeric intensity, fought on both sides with a savage ferocity, an inflexible purpose, its outcome may decide the fate of a people, may do much to alter the fate of the world.

The origin of this fight lay in the desperation of Japan and in the heroism of a "New China" grown old in war. With American Task Force 58 rapidly gaining control of the Pacific, threatening the China seas, the Tokyo warlords launched some weeks ago a drive to free their armies of the sea. Essentially a north-south movement, the drive aimed to establish rail lines and transport right down through China and link Japan's Manchurian holdings with her new empire to the south in Indo-China and Malaysia.

Jap armies opened the drive from both ends of the line. They came prepared with tanks, artillery, planes. They tore up unused spur lines and brought with them railroad ties and rails to build a road. They struck with all the intensity of concentrated venom and savagery for which they have been famous.

At first the drives gained ground in spite of fiercely resisting Chinese troops. Cities were taken and ground gained. The Nipponese press rejoiced.

But once again the Japs had failed to properly estimate the spirit of New China. And for the Chinese this was of necessity a war fought on spirit. Not by any flight of the imagination could the armies of China be called well armed, or even adequately armed. In material and equipment they were hopelessly outclassed. In training they were hopelessly outclassed. In sheer weight of armament they had no shadow of equality. For them the only hope was in sheer bulldog stubbornness, in the willingness to go into battle facing certain death, in blood and sweat and courage.

For China every camp was a new Valley Forge, every battle a Thermopylae. And yet, against all odds, against all probability, the armies of China have so far balked Japan. Again and again the rail line has been almost taken, the gap of Chinese held territory almost wiped out. But never have the Japs quite won. After weeks of bitter fighting their rail line is not yet complete.

Some day our Army, the American army, will feel the effects of this battle. The failure of the Jap to make himself a land route to the south will save the lives of American soldiers fighting towards the Philippines, will bring American sailors and airmen home the sooner to their families. By the measure of the courage and devotion of nameless, half-armed, barefoot Chinese coolies fighting in forgotten villages and towns whose names we may never know, each one of us will benefit.

The help that we may give to China will be little enough beside the battles China fights for us as well as herself. The battle that was fought last week, that is still being fought, is fought for us as well as China.

Speaking of -- War Bonds

Although the bond quotas for the Fifth War Loan Drive for military and civilian personnel have been exceeded in substantial amounts, there is a decided lag among military personnel in the monthly Class "B" allotment quota as set up by the Seventh Service Command.

One often hears that the invasion heralds the near end of the war. This does not mean that the war is won and that funds are no longer necessary to the war effort and that it is not necessary to participate wholeheartedly in the monthly allotment plan.

The need for concerted effort to boost monthly War Bond Allotments was never greater. We are striking at our enemies hard and if we let up now, all of the back-breaking work that has gone into the preparation of our army and navy to deal defeat to our enemies may have been in vain.

Strother Field military personnel must do its share of the job. Let's go, Military Personnel.

Military Information

Safeguarding military information is the deep responsibility of all of us at Strother Field. Perhaps you think that the knowledge you have of this 72nd Fighter Wing base and its daily functioning is of no importance to the enemy, but it is the apparently inconsequential bit of knowledge you unwittingly divulge that eventually makes the pattern from which the Axis gets the answer to information sought.

There are many things about which to talk with your neighbor other than the activities at Strother Field, so talk about them, not about your work at the field. A tight lip never slips with a tip.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Some of us seem to be forgetting that there is a chapel on the Post. While talking this past week with a soldier at our Station Hospital who has recently returned from Italy where he was a Chaplain's Assistant, we were delighted to hear him say that our buddies "over there" are attending services regularly and in large numbers. You notice that we did not say chapel services, for they have no lovely chapel such as we have. That's quite a contrast, isn't it? We have a beautiful chapel and fail to avail ourselves of its use. They have no chapel, only bursting shells and abundance of need, yet they clamor for services.

Let us state briefly three reasons why every Christian soldier ought to be at Chapel every Sunday.

1. Because it is the revealed will of God that we do so. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." If you are a Son of God, you surely want to do the Father's will. The church is your spiritual home. God has asked His family to gather there in order that He might teach, warn, comfort and counsel them.

2. Because there you will find the spiritual fellowship that you, as a Christian, need. "That ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." No man can constantly rub elbows with sin and not be contaminated. We need to draw apart with God and with fellow Christians for the time of cleansing and uplift.

3. Because there is the place where spiritual food is available. Food is essential to physical life. It is also essential to spiritual life. God says, "Desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." One would never think of going for weeks without a single meal. Neither should we think of doing so in our spiritual life.

Avail yourself of the opportunities offered by the Chapel. Make Sunday morning service a habit.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

Due to numerous changes in the schedule of Special Service Activities the Music Appreciation Hour will now be presented on Thursday evenings at the Post Theater . . . the new time being from 1830 until 2000. We believe that this evening period will be a more convenient time for a larger number of men to attend the concerts. Since these programs are for your enjoyment we would like to know your preferences. Any suggestions or requests will be welcomed and complied with whenever it is at all possible to do so. Contact Pvt. Craig at the Service Club or call 302 at any time.

The Program for the coming Thursday evening follows:

Oberon Overture - Von Weber
Excerpts from "The Tales of Hoffman" - Offenbach
Grand Canyon Suite - Ferde Grofe
Sunrise

Opening with a soft muted passage slowly growing louder this movement depicts the colorful fanfare of sunrise over the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Painted Desert

Minor chords and phrases in the lower register of the orchestra portray the mystery and silence of the colorful and lonely Painted Desert.

On the Trail

Burro-back ride down into the Canyon—descriptive passages picturing jogging burro, cowboy tunes, waterfall, and music box.

Sunset

Soft, colorful chords and passages representing sunset's peace and beauty.

Cloudburst

This is the most frankly pictorial movement. In this, the approaching storm is heard in the thrilling passages of the strings representing the wind. Then the brilliant flashes on the xylophone portraying the lightning, followed by the rolls of the kettle drum thunder, then the disappearing storm succeeded by the quiet moon-rise.

O Konig from "Tristan und Isolde" - Wagner
Concert No. 3 in D Minor - Rachmaninoff

Waltzes - Strauss

Blue Danube

Tales from the Vienna Woods

Artists' Life

Voices of Springtime

Vienna Life

Rienzi's Prayer from Rienzi - Wagner

Ye Liftings

"Was she pleased when you gave her the new lingerie?"

"Well, she cried a little—and said it was her first slip."

A girl is sometimes like the ocean—she can look green, and she can get awfully rough.

Sultan: "Bring me a girl."

Servant: "Very good, sir."

Sultan: "Not necessarily."

Gals have concluded that soldiers are not interested in grammar—they always end a sentence with a proposition.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing

Ark. Informal dancing

Sun. Win. Program—Out-of-town talent

Ark. Bingo-Free call

Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please

Ark. Bridge and game night

Tues. Win. Bridge night

Ark. Do-as-you-please

Wed. Win. Dance—Airchords

Ark. Snack Bar party

Thurs. Win. Games

Ark. Ping-pong tournament

Fri. Win. Swimming

Ark. Bingo-Prizes



Q. After the duration and six, I want to resume my schooling. Must I submit proof of previous schooling before I am entitled to the educational benefits provided under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. Any GI who was under 25 years old at the time of his induction may take advantage of the educational provisions under the bill. No proof of prior scholastic attainment is required.

Q. I was drafted in 1942 when I was 39. In March, 1943, I tried to transfer from active to inactive service but my papers were lost in Personnel. Now, I am well into my 40s and not much good around here and I want to know if I can get a discharge.

A. Because you were over 38 on or before Feb. 28, 1943, you were eligible to apply for transfer to the inactive list as overage before July 1, 1943. This you did, but because your papers were lost, you're still in. Now, all you can do is write to the Adjutant General in Washington and find out if your papers are on file there. If they are, you may get out. Otherwise, you'll stay in. It is contrary to the Army's present policies to discharge anyone who is useful in any way.

Cambridge, Mass. (CNS) — A Radcliffe student rushed into an exam and excitedly asked the professor: "How's the exam?" The prof looked at her calmly. "Highly interrogatory," he replied.

What's new in your home town?

Augusta, Me. (CNS)—Ralph E. Mosher, Democratic and Republican candidate for State Senator from Androscoggin County, spent a total of 18 cents in his campaign. He spent three cents for postage, five cents for a telephone call and ten cents for a glass of beer to quench his thirst after a 20-minute talk with a voter.

Chicago (CNS) — The Chicago Noise Abatement Commission has organized the "Quiet Please Rangers" among school kiddies in an effort to keep noises to a minimum.

Memphis, Tenn. (CNS)—During "Clean-up Week" someone swiped all the garbage cans from one suburban street.

Hollywood (CNS)—Mrs. Norma J. Cathcart has sued a local hospital for \$10,000. She claims that the hospital made a public show of the birth of her baby and even permitted insulting remarks about her exposed leg.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Robbie Emerson won a divorce on unusual grounds here. She testified that her husband, whom she accused of cruelty, made long distance telephone calls to her collect—and then never said a word.

Harrisburg, Pa. (CNS)—An insurance company clerk opened a plain envelope. Inside was \$1,000—and nothing else. No one nows who sent it or why.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Open House—Use the club as you would your home. Be "at ease."
JULY 15	THEATER—This Is the Army—Revival.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Bring out the wife or girl friend and swim, bowl, then relax in the lounge of the Service Club.
JULY 16	THEATER—Home in Indiana—March of Time.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Glee club meeting 1830; Bingo at 2030. Join the fun, fellows—singing is fun.
JULY 17	THEATER—Strother Field—KFH Radio Show—Free to all.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Do-as-you-please—Play cards, read, write letters home.
JULY 18	THEATER—Attack—The Battle of New Britain and Goodnight Sweetheart.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night—Care to make a fourth? We can use you!
JULY 19	THEATER—Marine Raiders—News—Cartoon.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—GI dance on Patio—Girls from Ark City and Ponca City.
JULY 20	THEATER—Music Appreciation Hour—1830-2000.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Party—Soft drinks and cookies free.
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Several Post Exchange employees are shown with Lt. J. F. Francella, PX officer, exhibiting the Minute Man flag awarded PX employees by Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond officer, for their fine participation in the 5th War Loan Drive at Strother Field. Shown, left to right, are Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. G. Moyer, Mrs. F. May, Lt. Francella, Reed Turner, Mrs. J. Griffith and C. Gaines.

GIs Abroad Top 1918 AEF By 1,600,000 Men

By Camp Newspaper Service

The 3,698,000 American soldiers now deployed outside the U. S. exceeded by more than 1,600,000 men the peak overseas strength of the Army in the first World War, Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, told a recent session of the Senate Appropriations Committee in Washington.

Gen. McNarney's testimony highlighted a meeting of the committee called to consider a House-approved \$49,107,785,795 bill to finance the War Department during the forthcoming fiscal year.

"I wish I could tell you how long it will take us to liberate Europe and to crush our foes in the Pacific," the general said. "But no man can at this moment predict with accuracy the time it will take."

"I can assure you, however, that as our forces go into battle, they have every advantage which it has been humanly possible to provide. That they will win is certain."

Gen. McNarney said that the Army's overseas strength was now only 350,000 short of equaling the entire strength of the U. S. Army at the close of the last war. He added that the Army was making every effort to keep boys out of overseas infantry service until they were at least 19.

GI Bill of Rights Grants U.S. Loans To Service Men

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here—in a nutshell—is what servicemen may derive from the \$6,000,000,000 GI Bill of Rights which recently was passed by both Houses of Congress.

1. A maximum of 52 weeks unemployment compensation at the rate of \$20 a week.
2. A government guarantee of fifty per cent (although not more than \$2,000) on loans for the purchase of farms, small businesses and homes. These loans will bear the low rate of four per cent interest.
3. A maximum of four years educational aid for servicemen who joined the armed forces before they were 25 years old. Five hundred dollars yearly will be provided for tuition, plus subsistence allowances of \$50 a month for single and \$75 a month for married veterans.
4. A veterans' placement service to assist returning servicemen and women in obtaining civilian jobs through the United States Employment Service.
5. Hospitalization, which is obtainable through the Veterans Administration.

Remember the good old days when silk stockings were within reach of all?

5,000th B-17 At Kearney AAF

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 14—Second Air Force Headquarters today announced that the 5,000th B-17, four-motor bomber, to come off the Boeing Aircraft Co. production line is at Kearney Army Air Field, Nebraska.

On completion at the Boeing factory this airplane was photographed by thousands of employees who worked on it and sister-ships now overseas. Its surface is covered with signatures.

After processing at Kearney, a crew will be assigned to this airplane, and it will soon be winging overseas to join the American combat aircraft already harassing the enemy.

GRIEVES BROTHERS

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brother, Sgt. Art. "I throw my seniority of 15 minutes on him. That usually lines him up and keeps a balance."

The brothers are together by order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Art entered the army in November, 1942. In January 1943, Bill joined up. In August of that year, their mother asked President Roosevelt for an order keeping her sons together in the service of their country. The order was granted and in November, 1943, their reunion was effected at William Northern Field, Tennessee. Once together, there's an order preventing their separation for Uncle Sam has reached the conclusion that twins among his army nephews shall remain together, and if for any reason one is unfit for foreign duty the other also shall remain on home soil.

GI Shirt Goes AWOL

Remember the circus and vaudeville act in which the performer slid down a wire while standing on his head? A GI version of the thriller took place at Strother Field the other day, only this time the act was in reverse with the performance given by a shirt sans the body.

An enlisted man selected the lower part of a lightpole guywire on which to hang his shirt for drying in the warm Kansas sun. Several hours later he could be heard screaming, "Someone stole my shirt! It was hanging right here, now it's been swiped."

Glancing skyward he saw his shirt. The wind had slowly edged the shirt and hanger up the guy wire until it had come to rest near the top of the pole!

2AF Band On NBC Tomorrow

Colorado Springs, Colo., July 14—Second Army Air Force, in conjunction with National Broadcasting Company, at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, July 15, will present the first of a series of four nationwide broadcasts, featuring "Bands of the Armed Forces," and America's outstanding contemporary composer Dr. Roy Harris. Music will be by the Second Army Air Force Headquarters Band. The program will emanate from Station KOA, Denver.

Roy Harris is the most frequently commissioned of all American composers. In these concerts with Roy Harris, as guest artist, will be his talented wife, Johana Harris, pianist.

The Second Air Force Band, stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado, will be directed by Warrant Officer Gilbert N. Burns of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mr. Burns was professor of music at Long Island University, before entering military service in 1942.

The band was activated in October, 1942, at Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington, former location of Second Army Air Force Headquarters. Last November, the band was transferred to Colorado Springs. It is made up of musicians from 16 states and the country's outstanding concert and professional bands, and now in military service.

Army Doctor: Have you any physical defects?
Selectee: Yes sir. No guts.

The main trouble with the straight and narrow is that there's no place to park.

Baker-Cates

Miss Maxine Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Baker, 404 North Fifth street, Arkansas City, became the bride of Master Sergeant A. B. Cates whose home is in Grand Saline, Tex., in a ceremony performed in the First Methodist church of Arkansas City Friday evening of last week.

The bridal party included Miss Lora Belle Ward of Arkansas City who was maid of honor. T/Sgt. Edwin Bass was best man and S/Sgt. William Busch and Sgt. Richard Cowling were ushers. A musical program was presented by Mrs. Edwin Bass at the organ and by Miss Barbara King of Winfield, vocalist.

The bride is a member of the Civil Service Board of Strother Field and the groom is base headquarters sergeant major at Strother Field.



Winners in the recent beautification program sponsored by the station hospital were members of the dental department. Shown amid their landscaping project are, front row left to right: Cpl. Lawrence Dillon, Pfc. Amador Martinez and Pfc. Carleton Worthington. Second row, left to right, are: S/Sgt. Albert Clark, Cpl. James A. Dorzenski, Cpl. Louis Weingarth, Pfc. Russell Kelly, Cpl. Edwin Hundt and S/Sgt. Jack Dalton.

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Male Call



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



It's A Kilt Tilt

ALL BETS ARE OFF!

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Sgt. Sansone
Thanks to
CPL. LEN ZINBERG
ITALY—

"Shotgun wounds, Doctor—and we've an idea
how it happened!"

Fliers Meet Packers At A.C.

The Strother Field baseball team will play its first game in the second-half of the Arkansas City League tonight, meeting the Maurer-Neuer Packers.

SF finished the first half of the season in second place with three games won and two lost. The two losses charged against the Fliers were made by the Dexter, Kans., team which withdrew from the league and was replaced by the field team.

The Fliers hope to win the second-half pennant and play the Kanotex Oilers, first-half champions, for the 1944 title in a play-off series at the end of the season. If they succeed it will be a repetition of last year's play in the league, the Oilers took the first-half pennant and SF the last-half. In the playoff the Fliers copped the title.

Change of Status Problems Harry ODB Offices

By Camp Newspaper Service

The War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits today has six million family allowance and Class E allotment-of-pay accounts on its books—but that's only half the story of the ODB's big war-time job.

Besides processing and paying these six million accounts, the ODB is doing an almost equal volume of business in change of status, according to Brig. Gen. H. N. Gilbert, director of the office. More than 4,500,000 change of status petitions have been received and processed to date and they continue to pour in at the rate of 300,000 monthly, says Gen. Gilbert.

A change of status—as most GIs know—is any change in a dependent's circumstances or living arrangements which affect the account being administered on his behalf by the ODB. These changes include marriage, birth, divorce, death, change in financial status, change in address—and, in the case of children or minor brothers or sisters, the celebration of their 18th birthday, an event which makes them no longer eligible for family allowance payments.

Of the four and a half million changes of status so far received by the ODB, 1,412,476 have been changes in address. There have been 761,624 changes caused by marriage, birth of a child, dependency of a parent formerly not dependent or vice versa and similar changes in family conditions, and 704,000 Class E allotments-of-pay have been changed, increasing or decreasing the amount, or naming a new payee. A quarter million of the family allowance changes involved the addition of a child to the family circle.

HERINGTON FLYERS

	AB	R	H	E
Miller, 2b	3	2	1	0
McClintock, 3b	2	1	1	0
Terhaar, 1b	4	2	2	0
Atwell, c	5	2	2	0
McQuade, lf	5	3	4	0
Deschaine, cf	4	1	2	0
Deitchman, ss	4	0	1	2
Godwin, rf	2	0	0	0
Hoffner, p	4	0	0	0
Arsenault, rf	2	0	0	0
Roehrs, 3b	0	0	0	0
Totals—	35	11	13	2

STROTHER FIELD

	AB	R	H	E
Curtis, 3b	3	0	0	0
Le Fave, 2b	4	0	1	0
Dalak, ss	3	0	0	0
Williams, cf	4	0	0	0
Ratcliff, lf	4	0	1	1
Weaver, c	0	0	0	1
Wagner, rf	3	0	0	0
Antos, 1b	3	0	0	0
Von Essen, p	2	0	0	0
Shultz, p	2	0	0	0
Totals—	28	0	2	2

Chess is a game for the intellectual. For physical development it's ineffectual. Its esthetic value is conjectural; One thing is certain, it's not sexual.

Herington AAF Defeats SF 11 to 0

Strother Field lost to Herington AAF in a baseball game played at ElDorado, Kans., last Friday evening. The score was 11 to 0 proving the point that practice and play makes a good ball team better.

Herington, leading the 2AF League with 7 wins and no losses has played a heavy schedule so far this year while Strother Field has had only six games, four of them wins.

The SF players played heads up ball, only two errors being made, but hits were just not in the offerings of Hoffner, Herington twirler, who struck out 18 men and gave up only two hits. Herington made 13 hits which counted for 11 runs. Hoffner walked 8 men, two more than the total issued by VonEssen and Shultz of Strother Field, each of whom walked three men.

SF's two hits were made by LeFave, 2nd baseman and Ratcliff, leftfielder.

"Red" Weaver, SF catcher, has a new nickname—"High and Outside." The ump in Friday's game had a more extensive vocabulary—the word "out." He repeated the words "high and outside" so many times that Red finally started calling the pitches in unison with the ump.

Strother Field Out Of 2AF League

Lt. James R. Lounsberry, physical training director, has announced that the Strother Field baseball team has been disqualified as a participant in Second Air Force League play.

The fliers were dropped because of their inability to make up six games which they were behind due to lateness in entering the schedule, Lt. Lounsberry said. It would have been necessary to play 12 games by July 23 in the League.

THE RAWHIDE ROSTER

Presenting—
PVT.
DON WEAVER



After watching Pvt. Don Weaver in action behind home plate for the Strother Field team during the current baseball season we have given him a very exclusive nickname—the Indianapolis Igneous. First, because his home is in Indianapolis, Ind., and secondly the definition of the word "igneous" suits him perfectly. To quote, "pertaining to or resembling fire." Not only does he have hair to go with the name but his outstanding ability as catcher on the Strother Field team and his constant chatter keeps the outfit going on high.

"Red" who is a machinist in the Sub-Depot was a toolmaker with the Allison Division of General Motors in his home town before enlisting July 24, 1943. He later became a cadet but was eliminated in February of this year. He was then sent to Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., and to Lincoln Air Base, Lincoln, Nebr. From there he was sent to Galveston, Tex., and came to Strother Field when the Second Air Force assumed command of this base in June.

Weaver has played a lot of baseball, with several semi-pro teams in his hometown and was on the roster of the Indianapolis team of the American Association in 1938. His professional career was short-lived due to a previous automobile accident in which both of his feet were broken. This injury resulted in his being unconditionally released by the Indianapolis team three weeks following the opening of the 1938 season.

"Red" is married and has a five-months-old boy who he says will be a ballplayer. Believe us, the kid better like the game!

Ft. Riley Wins 12 to 1 In Semi-Pro Game

The Ft. Riley Centaurs, 1943 Kansas Semi-Pro Baseball championship team, defeated the Strother Field team Sunday in the first game for both teams in the 1944 tournament being held in Wichita. The score, 12 to 1, was far from indicating the excellent game that it was.

In the second inning Kruljac, Strother moundsman, was unable to control his tosses and walked six consecutive Ft. Riley players which accounted for three of the five runs credited to the champions in this frame. The one hit off Kruljac in this frame scored two other runs.

The star-studded Ft. Riley team allowed SF only one run and two hits by Williams, centerfielder and Ratcliff, left fielder. This lone counter came in the fourth inning when Ratcliff scored on an error.

STROTHER FIELD (1)

	AB	R	H	E
Weaver, c	1	0	0	3
Curtis, 3b	2	0	0	0
Dalak, ss	3	0	0	2
Williams, cf	3	0	1	2
Ratcliff, lf	3	1	1	2
Le Fave, 2b	3	0	0	0
Schermann, 1b	3	0	0	8
Wagner, rf	2	0	0	4
Kruljac, p	1	0	0	0
Von Essen, p	0	0	0	0
Smith, cf	0	0	0	0
Totals—	21	1	2	21

FORT RILEY (12)

	AB	R	H	E
Scharein, ss	4	2	0	1
Frey, 2b	3	3	2	1
Archie, 1b	4	1	1	5
Walker, cf	4	0	1	0
Reiser, lf	4	2	2	0
Garagiola, c	5	0	1	11
Estes, 3b	2	1	1	2
Strohm, rf	1	1	0	1
Heintzelmann, p	1	0	0	0
Barney, p	1	0	0	0
Laga, p	2	2	2	0
Lanning, rf	1	0	0	0
Totals—	32	12	10	21



Shown above are members of the Strother Field baseball team. Front row, left to right: Pvt. Don Weaver, catcher; S/Sgt. Emil Dalak, shortstop; Sgt. Frank Gorshin, utility infielder; Pfc. Al Curtis, 3rd base man; Pfc. Fred Von Essen, pitcher; Sgt. John Borisenko, utility infielder and Cpl. Stanley Antos, 1st baseman. Second row, left to right: 1st. Lt. James Lounsberry, physical training officer; M/Sgt. George Schuermann, 1st baseman; Cpl. Arthur Shultz, pitcher; S/Sgt. Norval Wagner, rightfielder; Cpl. Curvin Smith, outfielder; Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, team manager. Back row, left to right: T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, centerfielder; Cpl. Phil Ratcliff, pitcher and leftfielder; Sgt. Frank Flynn, rightfielder; Cpl. Frank LeFave, 2nd baseman and Cpl. Kenneth Teeters, ca tcher.

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A rehearsal for Strother Field's first radio program presented over station KFH Monday evening took place last week-end in the 683rd Army Band room. The Airchords, dance orchestra, is shown under the direction of Sgt. Pat Oliver. At the left are Noma Carroll and Sgt. Louis Cunningham, vocalists. At the extreme right are Bob Haney, announcer, and Sgt. Jack Blackman, master-of-ceremonies.

Major Hawkins Heads New Dept.

A department which is entirely new to this military installation—the Office of Coordination and Compliance is now in existence at Strother Field. Heading the department is Major Ralph R. Hawkins who came here from Woodward, Okla., AAF.

Purpose of the Coordination and Compliance section is to develop means of improving the efficiency of the command through continuous study, analysis and research. Its work includes a follow-up by which the deficiencies and irregularities existing are brought to the attention of the units concerned. The Coordination and Compliance section furnishes the commanding officer visual data charts which give him concise and condensed information of the existing status of irregularities from day to day. Problems and projects referred to the section by the commanding officer are followed up to completion or correction. The section acts to bridge the gap between the reporting of shortages and deficiencies by inspecting agencies—base inspectors and those from higher echelons—and the accomplishment of correction by operating staff sections.

The Coordination and Compliance system is less than two years old. It was originated in August, 1942, under the sponsorship of Ma-

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Post Inspection Completed Here

Inspectors—administrative, technical, tactical and communications—from headquarters of the 72nd Fighter Wing at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado, completed their quarterly investigation into the work at Strother Field Saturday and left for other assignments.

During the course of last week, the inspectors visited every office at Strother Field and with the heads of all departments checked over all phases of the work performed at Strother Field for the Army Air Forces.

The inspecting party included: Major W. B. Peterson, Major Jack Best, Major J. Neuman, Capt. E. K. Washburn, 1st. Lt. J. J. Flynn, M/Sgt. J. C. McNeely, M/Sgt. T. F. Kelly, S/Sgt. P. Delafio, S/Sgt. T. Craddock and T/Sgt. R. Fitzgerald.

Crashing P-47 Hits Planes; Sets Fire to Post Operations

A P-47 plane, taking off on a routine training flight here at Strother Field last Thursday night, tangled with two other planes parked on the ramp before crashing into post operations building which was partially destroyed by fire as a result of the accident.

The plane, piloted by 2nd. Lt. William J. Cuneo of Stockton, Calif., slightly damaged a P-47 on the ramp and demolished a P-40 before striking the post operations building. Cuneo, apparently thrown free before the crash, escaped with only minor injuries.

In the ensuing fire the offices of Director of Training and the Director of Flying were destroyed. Other offices in the building were damaged to varied extent by either the fire or water used to extinguish the blaze.

The fire building adjacent to post operations, was hit by a piece of the P-47's propeller, hampering the efforts of post firemen who were able, however, to save most of the large operations building.

The Winfield and Arkansas City fire departments were called to the field but the fire was under control when they arrived.

A board of qualified Army Air Forces officers has been appointed to determine the exact cause of the accident.

The efficiency of the field's fire department, the work of the ground safety board, and the training of operations personnel were credited with limiting the extent of the damage and prevention of injuries.

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Snack Bar Is Now In Operation

The snack bar of the enlisted men's service club is now in operation under the management of the Post Exchange and is open Monday thru Friday from 1630 until 2230 and on Sunday from 1330 until 2230. The snack bar will be closed all day and evening on Saturdays.

The snack bar is operated by two civilian employees of Strother Field and soft drinks and packaged ice cream are served. It is planned later on to serve sandwiches, milk shakes and malted milk drinks, according to Lt. J. F. Francella, post exchange officer.

Services Feature New Organ, Choirs

A Hammond electric organ is now being installed in the post chapel and will be used for the first time Sunday, according to 1st. Lt. Karl B. Smith, Chaplain of Strother Field. Stanley Gould, chaplain's assistant at Ft. Smith, Ark., will be organist.

An order for the electric organ was placed a number of months ago but the instrument failed to arrive. Its arrival at this time is due to the efforts of Col. D. E. Meade, commanding officer of Strother Field, according to Lt. Smith.

Arrangements have been made for the choirs of various churches in Winfield to take part in the Protestant services at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This Sunday the full choir of the First Baptist Church from that city will present an anthem and a special number.

First Strother Field Radio Show Broadcast Over KFH

With the strains of "Strother Serenade," an original composition written by Sgt. Eddie Davidson of the 683rd Army Band, opening the program, the first in a series of bi-weekly broadcasts from Strother Field was presented Monday evening at 1930 over station KFH, Wichita, Kan. For the audience in the post theater from which the program emanated, and those persons who heard the show over the radio, the initial production, presented by the public relations department headed by 1st. Lt. Adras La Borde, progressed in a professional style.

Bond Sales Soar

As each day goes by during the Fifth War Bond Drive, the personnel of Strother Field are buying more War Bonds for cash. At the present time the military personnel has purchased \$37,258.25 in bonds, 140% of the quota.

Civilian personnel have purchased \$30,112.50 which is 109% of quota. Civilian personnel of the Post Exchange have purchased \$1,449 in bonds, 114% of their quota.

Following the playing of the theme song by the Airchords, directed by Sgt. Pat Oliver, Cpl. Bob Haney of the public relations office gave a brief history of Strother Field since its activation in 1942. He then introduced Sgt. Jack Blackman, member of the special services department, who is master-of-ceremonies on the programs. Blackman then announced the first selection by the Airchords, a Count Basie arrangement of "Baby Don't Tell on Me."

The next number on the program was an original arrangement of the song "This Is Worth Fighting For" by Strother Field's own golden-voiced tenor Sgt. Louis Cunningham.

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Orientation Display

Attracting attention in the Post Exchange is the orientation display featuring scenes and pictures from magazines published during the period of World War I. The display will be changed every three or four days. Pictures from magazines showing scenes of World War II are also displayed.

Juke-Box Dances

A new weekly feature sponsored by the special service department will be inaugurated Monday evening on the terrace of the enlisted men's service club. The event will be a juke-box dance under the stars.

This Monday night feature each week will be in addition to the regular Thursday evening dances held on the terrace for which the Airchords dance orchestra provides music.

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 229, Section IV, officers in the grade of lieutenant can now apply for transfer to the infantry. An officer must be under 32 years of age and be qualified for general overseas duty. A written request for transfer must be made through channels to the Adjutant General.

Not eligible for transfer are officers on flying status, or undergoing flying training, or officers alerted for movement orders for overseas service.

The circular cited above makes provisions for expeditious handling of all applications.

Further information may be obtained from the Unit Personnel Officer.



72nd Fighter Wing 2nd Air Force Photo by 2nd. Lt. E. W. Armstrong, Photo Officer.

A dramatic moment during the fire at Post Operations last week following the crash of a P-47 plane is pictured above. Station firemen and enlisted men are shown fighting the flames and smoke, some with soaked uniforms.

The War and You

In the shadow of Fujiyama Japanese cabinet ministers hold office not by the voice of their people, raised only in interminable and unchanging Banzais, but by the favor of their diminutive god-emperor. Last week the face of this sadly poetic dwarf must have been crossed by the merest shadow of a frown, for news came of the resignation of former supreme warlord, former favorite of the son of heaven, Tojo and his entire cabinet.

Behind the frown, Americans knew well, lay the swift shadow of Super-Fortress wings, the flattened shards of painted paper homes, the smoke-stinking wreckage of war industry plants. The man who would have dictated peace on Pennsylvania Avenue had vanished into a bomb crater.

Cynically America waits now for the next, the expected move, in this odd game of international politics. To follow the now familiar pattern Japan should now appoint a premier who would probably be a civilian, almost certainly provided with an innocent seeming reputation as a liberal. Behind this smiling mask efforts would be made to negotiate a favorable peace that would leave Japan in possession of the lion's share of her Asiatic loot. It is the familiar dodge which dictators somehow believe will work to get them out of the consequences of their action.

America waits for the familiar move and wonders why we are thought to be stupid enough to fall into the trap.

On the Norman plains other Americans wait for nothing. Last week they struck the Germans in St. Lo so hard, mauled them so badly, that the town was taken without the expected last ditch stand.

At week's end the allied troops were pouring through a fifty-mile gap in Nazi defenses out into the comparatively open country towards Paris. Where they broke through everything was flattened out by the most terrific aerial bombardment in history. Before them was the greatest battle of the invasion. Nazi armor rumbled up to stem the attack. Desperate Nazi die-hards dressed in allied uniforms to aid resistance by trickery, cut the throats of prisoners to aid resistance by terror, loosed hysterical salvos of robot bombs aimed at London in a vain effort to panic peoples and armies who could not be panicked.

Behind these surface shifts and tricks the best brains of the military Reich worked desperately to find a way to dike the flood of allied might. Rommel, once proudly named the Desert Fox, was nominally in command. But the fox seemed to have lost his cunning, blunted his fangs in Tunis and in Sicily.

The Army that poured into France was the best trained, best equipped, most terrible fighting machine yet loosed in Europe. Its General Montgomery was confident without being boastful, battle-hardened and battle-wise. Its men chewed up the Nazi defenses remorselessly.

In Russia the names of battles, beleaguered towns, have crawled forward on the map again. The guns sound close to East Prussia today, close to the "Sacred Soil" of Germany. Hitler has promised that the sacred soil will remain inviolate. His promise now looks hard to keep. His people will not like the breaking of that promise, and it is doubtful if any amount of yapping by the little dog, Goebbels, can explain it away. The night is closing in on Hitler and his men.

Speaking of -- Response to Alarms

In a very short period of time Thursday night of last week, hundreds of military personnel gathered at post operations, scene of a plane crash and fire—in direct violation of Strother Field memorandum 200-1.

4. RESPONSE TO FIRE ALARMS:

a. Upon sounding of alarm, all organizations will listen to determine zone in which fire is located. Upon determining location of the fire, all personnel, except those in immediate area of the fire, will remain at work. The Assistant Fire Marshal and squad of men will report to scene of fire immediately. They will aid the fire fighters under orders of the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.

Not only did the great number of men on the scene last week hamper operations of the fire department but subjected themselves to the possibility of bodily injury. It is true that a number of men offered invaluable assistance in bringing the fire under control, but this number of men was a very small percentage of the total manpower on hand.

Safety in Swimming

Military and civilian personnel of Strother Field are having a grand time this summer in the post swimming pool, but there is a daily disregard of safety on the part of many persons using the pool facilities.

Restriction of two types of diving from all boards has been ordered by the Physical Training department. These are the backjack and back dive. The fullgainer and halfgainer will be executed only by expert divers.

Among other rules issued by the PT department are the following: only one bounce while diving from any of the boards; no pushing, throwing of persons or running at the pool; only one person will be allowed on any of the boards at one time and there will be no eating at the pool. Cigarette butts will be placed in receptacles and not tossed in the water or around the pool.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

PROFANITY NEVER DID ANY MAN ANY GOOD. No man is richer or wiser or happier or more respected for it. It is difficult to account for a practice which gratifies no passion and promotes no interest. The profane swearer serves the devil for cheap pay. Most people who commit sin, count on some personal benefit to be derived therefrom, but profanity has not even this excuse.

PROFANITY IS AGAINST THE LAW OF GOD. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." (Ex. 20:7.)

Someone has painted a picture of a sailor who has his fists tightly clenched and a facial expression indicating that he is sizzling mad. At his feet lies an American flag, torn, ripped to shreds. "Who Did That?" is the caption of the picture. In a corner, under a seat, cowers a little puppy. He doesn't know what it is all about, but some sort of sixth sense makes him realize that it is expedient to keep his little whereabouts a military secret.

"What!" someone argues, "Why should that sailor get so angry? 'Twas only a cloth of red, white, and blue that was torn." "Ah, sir, you know and I know and everyone knows that flag stands for the greatest country on earth. Insult that flag, and you insult the country."

Similarly, "What's wrong with using God's name in vain? His name is only a sound made by the larynx—" "But, His name stands for Him, just as surely as the flag stands for the country. Mistreat the name, and you insult God."

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Contrary to any rumors you might have heard from members of the Special Service Department staff, this column failed to materialize last week for a very simple reason—a fractured right wrist—mine. My apologies to those of you who take the time to read this column for failing you last week.

Discounting the pain and inconvenience, the fractured wrist was a fortunate incident in some respects. It afforded the writer a very interesting experience in orientation. The instructors were experts—wounded veterans of the Marianas, Marshalls, North Africa, Anzio and Cassino. Their knowledge was great and good. It usually is when one learns from that master teacher, "Experience." I pass on to you the essence of their advice, "A wise soldier will learn everything he can before he leaves the good old U.S.A." (I almost forgot to mention that the classroom was a ward in Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kans.)

Orientation N.C.O.'s representing all Sections of the 269th met with the Orientation Officer, Lt. Thompson last Tuesday to organize and plan orientation activities. My reaction to this meeting is that an interesting and worthwhile program of orientation will result from their efforts. A complete roster of these men will appear in this column next week.

Here are a few interesting items I found in my reading this week: "FIVE LINES TO GO"—Newsweek, June 17, p. 18; "GONE TO EARTH"—Time, July 17, pg. 28 and "TASK FORCE 58"—Life, July 17, pgs. 17 to 20 inc. Another (this is primarily for orientation leaders) will be found in Yank, July 21, pg. 18. Any suggestions you may have on similar orientation materials will be appreciated.

The World War I magazine display (also delayed by the broken wrist) is now arranged in the PX. If you have ideas, suggestions or materials suitable for additional displays of this type, let us hear from you.

Ye Liftings

Words of wisdom. "Gals are like typewriters—if you press the wrong places you get terrible words."

"You gave me a bum steer," said the milkmaid as she walked away with an empty pail.

Gentlemen prefer blondes, but the fact that blondes know what gentlemen prefer has a lot to do with it.

"Can you help me select a gift for a wealthy old aunt who is awfully weak and can hardly walk?"

"How about floor wax?"

They say Adam was the first man to be awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster.

A girl with pretty limbs can always branch out.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.	Win.	Dancing
Ark.	Informal dancing	
Sun.	Win.	Meet USO 3:45. Swim 4:00
		Watermelon Feed 5:00
Ark.	Bingo. Free call	
Mon.	Win.	Do-as-you-please
Ark.	Bridge and game night	
Tues.	Win.	Bridge night
Ark.	Do-as-you-please	
Wed.	Win.	Dancing. Games
Ark.	Snack Bar party	
Thurs.	Win.	Field dance
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament	
Fri.	Win.	Swim—City pool
Ark.	Bingo. Prizes	



Q. On a recent furlough I contracted a venereal disease from my wife. Now I'm in the station hospital. Will I lose my pay?

A. No. WD Cir. 205, 24 May 1944, says that venereal diseases proved innocently contracted by a member of the Army from his or her spouse will be regarded as incurred in line of duty. No loss of pay will result.

Q. I'm with another outfit now but served with the American Division at Guadalcanal. I have been told that this division received a Presidential citation. Is this true, and if so, how can I get the citation recorded on my service record?

A. All units which made up the American Division on Guadalcanal Dec. 9, 1942, received the Presidential citation. In order to obtain it on your service record, you had better check with your company commander.

What's new in your home town?

Baton Rouge, La. (CNS)—Happiest man in Baton Rouge is Harvey Hiller. His wife just gave birth to a son. Other members of the Hiller family: Thirteen daughters.

Cleveland (CNS)—Mrs. Bridget O'Daugherty, proprietor of a soda-pop stand, has been selected as sponsor of a new Navy mine sweeper. "With all the pop I've sold," she remarked, "I should be able to handle a champagne bottle."

Daytona Beach, Fla. (CNS) — Fun-loving John Peebler stepped on a sleeping woman's stomach while walking along the seashore. "I couldn't resist it," he explained to the judge. "Thirty days," said his honor.

Hershey, Pa. (CNS) — Things are so tough here that Milton S. Hershey, 79-year-old millionaire for whom this town and the famous candy bar were named, occasionally sells his own candy at a Hershey Park candy stand on Sundays.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

22 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Club closes 1800. Until that time it's open house. Get a stock of stationary and write those letters.

THEATER—Roger Touhy-Gangster, with Preston Foster, Victor McLaglen. Cartoon and added short.

SUNDAY

23 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—S'mighty nice for swimming these days. Why not drop around with the wife or girl friend and then after a dip, dance outside on the terrace?

THEATER—The Hairy Ape—William Bendix, Susan Hayward. Community Sing and News.

MONDAY

24 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance—There'll be girls to dance with. Play bingo at 2100. C'mon up and join the party.

TUESDAY

25 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance. THEATER—Storm Over Lisbon—Richard Arlen-Eric Von Stroheim. Added short subjects.

WEDNESDAY

26 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night. Play outside and really enjoy yourself. Kibitzing permitted. Also write those letters home on our free stationary. Snack bar is open until 2230 each night except Saturday.

THEATER—The White Cliffs of Dover—Irene Dunne-Alan Marshall. News of the Day.

THURSDAY

27 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Hey Hey! It's GI Dance Night with Winfield and Wellington girls. Dance under those stars and we may have a moon on hand.

THEATER—Music Appreciation Hour—1830 to 2000. The music you like to hear most. Ask for your favorites.

FRIDAY

28 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—"As You Were Party." Free lemonade and cookies. GI movies. All outside on the terrace. Come dressed as you please.

THEATER—Take It Big—Jack Haley, Harriet Hillard. Cartoon. Sports Parade.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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FIRST BROADCAST

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ningham of the special services department.

Back into the jive groove went the Airchords as they played "Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet" vocal of which was presented by Noma Carroll, wife of a member of the dance orchestra.

An interview between Sgt. Edward Breese of the public relations department and S/Sgt. Bernard Pogat of combat intelligence explained to the radio audience part of the function of this department at Strother Field.

The interview was followed by the Airchords presenting another of Sgt. Davidson's original compositions titled "Tootin' My Baby."

An accordion solo "Beautiful Days" was given by T/Sgt. George Rozwyck of the Medical Detachment followed by the Airchords playing "You Go to My Head." Sgt. Cliff Lowery of the base orchestra thrilling the audience with his baritone voice. Sgt. Pat Oliver presented a smooth trumpet chorus during the number.

Swinging back to the program theme number, the Airchords furnished background music for Cpl. Haney as he bade the radio audience good night on behalf of the cast, CWO William F. Baker of the 683rd Army Band, and the personnel of Strother Field.

The first radio program from this 72nd Fighter Wing base was over—25 minutes of fine entertainment well presented to the listening audience.

The next in the series of programs will be heard July 31 over station KFJ, which is 1330 kilocycles on your radio dial.

RC Director Hears From Friend

From his World War I buddy, Capt. C. B. Meldrum of Chicago, Strother Field's Red Cross Field Director Herbert A. Thomson has received a letter concerning D-day and the general conditions in France that holds much information of general interest. Captain Meldrum was with the first invasion parties in Africa and in Sicily and in the beach landings off Cherbourg was participating in his third invasion. In part, he writes:

"Well, old timer, I am again on our old familiar soil, where you and I and the rest of our old gang made our famous end run back in 1918, and now I am here again to try to make another touchdown. France looks much the same as it did when we left it 25 years ago, and the farmyard animals still live with the family."

"What was the D-day news back home? I must admit that my laundry was somewhat disarranged on that day. You and I saw raw war in 1918 but at least we had a friendly place to land. I don't think you would care for a beach landing. . . . When I return I would like to celebrate the invasion of the good old U.S.A. by going down a gangplank instead of, as in the last three landings, by going down a scrambling net. Whatever the future may hold, I am glad I did not miss the biggest show of all."

Captain Meldrum, who is with the medical administration corps, was with Field Director Thomson in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne battles of World War I with the Illinois Third division.

Design 72nd Wing Insignia

Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Special)—Personnel of the 72nd Fighter Wing of the Army Air Forces may thank two Southern Californians, one a lieutenant colonel, the other a sergeant, for the distinctive Wing insignia they will be wearing soon on the epaulets of their uniforms and as a flight jacket patch.

The two men are Lt. Col. Frank E. Benedict, 72nd Fighter Wing Executive Officer, who designed the insignia at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo., Wing Headquarters, and Sergeant Craig R. Sturm, chief communications clerk at Peterson Field, who did the art work. Col. Benedict's permanent residence is in Westwood Hills, Los Angeles. Sgt. Sturm's home is at 216 Marengo Street, Alhambra, California.

Designed to feature the historic falcon, the insignia depicts a large red bird sprouting six deadly machine guns on its wings, and grasping a bomb in its talons. The bird is shown against a yellow background.

Col. Benedict studied the tactics of several birds before he chose the falcon as the most representative to be used by the Fighter Command as its insignia.

Sgt. Sturm drew up the insignia from designs, sketches, and suggestions made by Col. Benedict.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Members of Section B and their guests officially opened the dance terrace of the enlisted men's service club Tuesday of last week at their bi-weekly party. Seated at the table, left to right, are: 1st Lt. R. B. Barnett, Major W. L. Chipman, Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. Clyde Taylor and Mrs. James Tupper of Ann Arbor, Mich., Mrs. Howard E. Thompson, 2nd Lt. Raffy Bagdasarian, Sec. B. CO, Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, club hostess, and Mrs. Bagdasarian.

Medic Sergeant Raises Squirrel

Epicurean in diet and fastidious in taste is a nameless squirrel adopted as pet and mascot by Sgt. Albert D. Childers of the Medical Detachment at this Second Air Force base. The squirrel is one of a pair which Sgt. Childers found drifting as orphans of the storm in the backwash of flood waters at Douglas, Kansas, some four months ago and raised from infancy with the help of frequent eye droppers of warm milk. The second is no longer with him, having perished heroically "in line of duty" defending the medical barracks against a tomcat suspected of being an axis agent.

Unlike most squirrels he has become quite finicky in his diet and refuses under any circumstances to eat a peanut, salted or otherwise, although pecans and other nuts are eagerly accepted.



72nd Wing Photo By Sgt. Perry.

Sgt. Albert D. Childers of the Medics holds his pet squirrel which he rescued from flood waters at Douglas, Kans., four months ago. It is one of a pair he found drifting in the water.

CWO Schrage Reports For Duty

Chief Warrant Officer Otto R. Schrage has reported at Strother Field from Topeka Army Air Field to assume the duties of finance officer.

CWO Schrage's peacetime home is in Chicago. He is a graduate of Illinois Institute and had two years' graduate work at Northwestern University. In civilian life he was a general accountant. For the past 18 months he has been stationed at Topeka.

Section B Party

Members of Section "B" and their guests from Winfield and Ponca City will attend a swimming party in the post pool tonight from 1900 until 7.

An exhibition of swimming and diving will be presented under the direction of Cpl. W. J. Gilbert. Prizes for the best performances will be awarded.



72nd Fighter Wing personnel will soon be wearing this insignia on the epaulets of their uniforms and as a flight jacket patch. Shown displaying the insignia at Colorado Springs headquarters are Lt. Col. Frank E. Benedict, who designed it, and Sgt. Craig R. Sturm, who did the art work.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG
POST THEATRE

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1944
1830-2000

Marriage of Figaro - - - Mozart
Solvejgs Song - - - - - Grieg
Ballad for Americans - Robinson

Ballad for Americans is a statement in words and music of the American people's heterogeneous philosophies which combine to make up the America of the four freedoms.

Italian Symphony - Mendelssohn

This symphony has a distinctive Italian flavor, colored by the impressions Mendelssohn received during a visit to Italy. The sights and sounds of the festivals, dances, and songs of the happy life of that musical country are all recreated in the delightful music of the "Italian" period.

Waltz of the Flowers—"Nut-cracker Suite" - Tchaikowsky

Piano Concerto - Tschostakowitch
Morning, Noon, and Night Overture - - - - - Von Suppe

Capriccio Espagnole - - - - -
- - - - - Rimsky-Korsakov

Rimsky-Korsakov's suite of diverse Spanish themes and dances is one of his most brilliant, colorful compositions. A series of dances in varied rhythms ranging from the most rapid to slow graceful movements is projected in sensuously thrilling orchestration.

Male Call

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

Practically A Signal Corpse





HEADS NEW DEPT.

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for General Junius W. Jones, then commanding general of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. It was planned by Lt. Col. W. J. Odenthal, who activated the Coordination and Compliance section of the Second Air Force in November, 1943, and is now stationed at Second Air Force headquarters as head of this activity. Coordination and Compliance sections have been organized in each wing and base headquarters of Second Air Force.

First assistant to Major Hawkins is 2d Lt. Walter A. Petermann of Flushing, N.Y., who was educated at Pratt Institute of Technology at Brooklyn, N.Y., and in civilian life was an aircraft engineer.

Other personnel of the office are Pfc. E. L. Smith and Mrs. Emma J. Harris, civilian.

Hey buddy—is youse a comic fan? The Post Library has got jus what yuh want. Ever month now they got copies of Batman, Blue Beetle, Capt. America, Superman, Walt Disney's Comics and that extra-super-swell True Aviation Picture Stories comic magazine.

CRASHING P-47

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

Work of rebuilding the post operations building is well under way under the direction of Major Cyrus F. Breeden, post engineer.

Due to the shortage of civilian labor, on and off the post, as many enlisted men as can be spared for whatever lengths of time are possible are being used in tearing down the parts of the damaged building that must be removed before reconstruction can be started.

First replacement is the war room which occupied the southwest corner of the post operations building. When it is completed, the space will be utilized for some purpose other than housing the war room equipment of which has been moved to other quarters.

Post operations, itself, will be enlarged somewhat by the enlargement of the second story of the building. When completed, the building will be a two-story structure, with a rounded, glassed-in front, both upstairs and down, facing the ramp.

Work of replacing the post operations building will require two or three weeks' time, Major Breeden estimates.



The evil rule of the Japanese has spread like the tentacles of an Octopus since the notorious "incident of the bridge" at Lukowkiao, China, in 1937. Manchuria, Inner Mongolia, Korea, the Philippines, French Indo-China, Mayala, the Dutch East Indies, Thailand, Burma, parts of China itself and many of the Pacific islands have fallen before the blood-loving dragon of the East. Today, from East, South, West the forces of liberation are striking through the web-like network at the heart of the Empire itself. The tables are turning at last.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

July 21, 1944

Flyers Defeat A-C Parts 5 to 1

Strother Field defeated the Wichita A.C. Parts team in a Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament game Thursday of last week by the score of 5 to 1. Behind the one-hit pitching of Cpl. Phil Ratcliff, SF twirler, the A.C. team was eliminated from the tournament, having previously lost to the Dodge City AAF team.

Strother scored one run in the fourth, two in the fifth, and another pair of runs in the eighth. Credited with only four hits SF took advantage of frequent errors by opponents to build up the 5 to 1 margin.

STROTHER FIELD (5)

	AB	R	H	O	A
Weaver, c	4	1	0	7	
Curtis, 3b	3	0	1	0	
Wells, rf	3	1	0	0	
Williams, cf	4	0	2	1	
Ratcliff, p	4	1	0	0	
Le Fave, 2b	4	0	0	0	
Dalak, ss	4	1	2	0	
Schuer'an, 1b	4	0	0	14	
Smith, lf	1	0	1	4	
Totals—	31	4	5	27	

A. C. PARTS (1)

	AB	R	H	O	A
Gwen, 2b	4	1	0	1	
Maxson, cf	4	0	0	0	
Woods, 1b	3	0	0	9	
Regan, lf	4	0	0	3	
Shrum, 3b	4	0	1	1	
Carhan, rf	3	0	0	1	
Renner, c	2	0	1	7	
Wilson, ss	2	0	0	0	
Kunkle, p	3	0	1	2	
Champ	1	0	0	0	
Totals—	30	1	3	24	

Champ hit for Woods in 9th.
A. C. Parts 000 000 001—1
Strother Field 002 120 00x—5

Flyers Eliminated From Tournament

The Strother Field baseball team was eliminated from the state semi-pro tournament in Wichita Sunday night by a 6 to 0 defeat at the hands of Liberal Army Air Field.

Finger went the route for the Liberal team, allowing only three hits. Art Shultz went the full nine innings for the Strother Flyers.

The Liberal team scored twice in the first on a single and a collision between Williams and Wells in the outfield. They scored again when Campagno tripled and scored on a foul out to Schuermann. In the eighth they scored three times more as Gerston and Burleson singled. Hunt doubled, and John Campagno hit his second triple of the day.

The Strother nine put on a rally but it was killed as Stasey. Liberal centerfielder, robbed Wells of a sure triple with a grandstand catch 370 feet from home plate.

STROTHER FIELD

	AB	R	H	O	A
Weaver, c	3	0	0	6	2
Dalak, ss	4	0	1	1	0
Wells, rf	4	0	0	1	1
Williams, cf	4	0	2	3	0
Curtis, 3b	4	0	0	1	4
C. Smith, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Ratcliff, lf	1	0	0	2	0
Schuermann, 1b	2	0	0	8	0
Le Fave, 2b	2	0	0	2	2
Shultz, p	3	0	0	0	0
Totals—	29	0	3	24	9

LIBERAL AAF

	AB	R	H	O	A
Gerston, ss	2	2	1	1	6
Burleson, 2b	4	2	2	4	2
Hunt, 3b	4	1	2	0	1
Stasey, cf	4	0	0	2	0
South, 1b	3	0	0	11	0
Campagno, lf	3	1	2	0	0
Mauldin, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Obermeier, c	2	0	0	8	0
Finger, p	2	0	0	0	4
Totals—	28	6	7	27	13



Pfc. Fred (once you've met him you'll never forget him) Von Essen, member of the Strother Field pitching staff, is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of the mound. Credited with one win and two losses in three starts for the Flyers, Von Essen could have won all three games if his opponents had heard his line of chatter while sitting on the bench between innings.

During the recent game with Herington AAF Fred had watched his pitches being banged all over the outfield. Coming to the bench he remarked, "I shouldn't sit down fellows, just think of how tired our poor fielders must be." Coming off the mound after being relieved by Cpl. Arthur Shultz, Von flicked the dust from his uniform and remarked, "Well, you do not see many exhibitions like that—do you?"

Von Essen played baseball in high school and with semi-pro teams in New York for four years. He attended St. Johns University on a scholarship before going to work in a defense plant located in Brooklyn, N.Y. Entering the service June 28, 1943, Von was sent to Camp Grant, Ill. From there he went to Las Vegas, Nev., Salt Lake City, Utah, and then to Galveston, Tex. He came to Strother Field on June 1st.

Flyers Lose League Game to Packers

The Maurer-Neuer Packers defeated the Strother Field Flyers in a second-round game in the Ark City League last Friday night by the score of 10 to 7. The game was definitely an upset in league play and was the first loss by the Flyers since entering the league.

The Packers scored in the first

Strother Field Defeats Indians

The Strother Field Flyers blasted out 11 hits and combined them with eight Chilocco errors, four of them by Starr, for 12 runs to hand the Indians a 12-6 defeat at the Ark City ball park Monday night.

The game was fairly close until the sixth and seventh innings when the SAAF nine scored eight runs while holding Chilocco to two.

Curtis made his first appearance on the mound for the Army and went the full seven innings. Crittenden also went the route for the losers.

STROTHER FIELD

	AB	R	H	O	A
Teeters, c	4	3	3	4	1
Dalak, ss	5	3	3	1	3
Le Fave, 2b	4	0	1	3	2
Williams, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Gorshin, 3b	4	0	0	2	3
Schuermann, 1b	3	1	0	10	2
Flynn, rf	2	2	1	0	0
Ratcliff, lf	4	1	2	1	0
Curtis, p	3	2	1	0	3
Totals—	32	12	11	21	14

CHILOCCO

	AB	R	H	O	A
Starr, ss	3	1	1	4	4
E. Grinnell, sr., 1b	4	1	0	4	3
I. Grinnell, 2b	4	1	1	1	1
Thompson, c	4	2	3	8	0
E. Grinnell, jr., 3b	4	1	1	2	2
Hood, cf	3	0	0	1	0
Amos, lf	3	0	2	1	0
Crittenden, p	2	0	0	0	3
Osborn, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Totals—	30	6	9	21	13

Score by innings:
Strother Field 210 013 5—12
Chilocco 010 210 2—6



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, shortstop and sparkplug of the Strother Field baseball team, is playing his second season with the Flyers. Playing errorless ball has become a habit with Dalak whose record is perfect for the current season.



\$69,570 in War Bonds Bought in 5th



1,000-Man Messhall Has New Features

Several new innovations that are meeting with the approval of enlisted men have been introduced in the 1,000-man messhall. Leading in popularity is the buffet supper served each Friday evening. Cafeteria style serving is eliminated for this event, the individual trays being filled with delicious cold cuts, salads, and dessert and served to each GI. Other added attractions are the lounge in the northeast corner of the building, the juke-box and the cigarette vending machine.

Much favorable comment is being heard concerning the meals now being served. The cook crews are competing with one another to serve the best meals and the GIs are benefitting from their endeavor. Tied for top honors the first of this week, according to 1st Lt. R. B. Barnett, mess officer, are the crews headed by Sgt. Walter Dainys and Sgt. Ole Satterland. Members of crew one are in addition to Sgt. Dainys, Sgt. Harry Glovis, Cpl. James Baldwin, Cpl. James Batson and Pvt. Warren Stanley. Crew two includes Sgt. Harry Williams, Cpl. Oreal Oleson, Cpl. Jeff Scarborough and Pvt. Orville Simpson. Crew three which is pushing the other groups for top honors includes Sgt. Louis Buetel, Sgt. James Luncford, Cpl. Walter Ellerman, Cpl. Earlton Bailey, Cpl. Oliver Phillips and Cpl. Murphy Bordeaux.

Assisting Lt. Barnett in operation of the messhall are S/Sgt. Ralph Beam, mess sergeant, Sgt. F. J. Dipalma, assistant mess ser-

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Military and Civilian Quota Is Exceeded By \$14,119.50

Military, civilian personnel and the civilian employees of the post exchange are setting an excellent record at Strother Field in the cash purchase of War Bonds during the Fifth War Bond Drive which ends Monday. The quota of \$55,451 has been exceeded by \$14,119.50.

Citizens of Dexter Entertain EM

Thirty-seven enlisted men of Strother Field were guests of citizens of Dexter, Kans., Sunday during a community picnic. When the military bus arrived in Dexter there was a round of applause as the GIs piled off the vehicle.

The day's activities began with the dinner served in a grove near Dexter. The civilians stood back while the soldiers were served first with heaping plates of delicious food.

An announcement was then made that there was fishing tackle available, a swimmin' hole awaiting the potential Weismullers, boating and horseback riding.

Juke-Box Dance Success

Twenty-five gals, civilian employees at Strother Field, served as dancing partners for enlisted men during the first juke box dance held on the terrace of the service club Monday evening. The affair was judged a success by those persons in attendance, regardless of the shower that caused the group to move indoors. Have you seen the new chairs and divans placed for your leisure and comfort on the terrace? Super, isn't it?

The military personnel with a total of \$37,576.75 cash purchases of bonds has exceeded its quota by 41%. Civilian personnel has exceeded its quota of \$27,585 by 10% with a total of \$30,395 in bonds purchased. Civilian employees of the post exchange surpassed its quota of \$1,260 by 26% with a total of \$1,599.

The total figure of War Bonds purchased by field personnel will exceed the amount shown above with two days yet to go in the drive, according to Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond Officer.

SF Civilians Rank Third In Utilization Award

Civilians of Strother Field, in their first month under direction of the Second Air Force, crowded the leaders in the contest for the manpower utilization award. Strother Field ranked third in the list of 37 Army Air Fields scattered over 20 states.

The manpower utilization award, a hand-carved, decorated plaque, is presented monthly to the Second Air Force base having the lowest percentage of civilian personnel turnover. A fully military review accompanies each presentation.

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2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo by Sgt. Jack Blackman.

Part of the bus load of 37 GIs who attended a picnic in Dexter, Kans., Sunday afternoon are shown above upon their arrival in that town. Below is shown part of the huge crowd of citizens who welcomed the soldiers to the civic affair.

'WHAT'S BUZZIN,' USO Camp Show, Coming to Post Theater Aug. 3rd

An all-novelty vaudeville unit WHAT'S BUZZIN' is a unique offering sponsored by USO-CAMP SHOWS that will play here in the post theater on Thursday, Aug. 3rd. Gathered together in one traveling unit are acts unlike any other seen on the American stage. It is a performance different from any other Camp Show.

WHAT'S BUZZIN' is one of the major attractions of the USO-Camp Shows circuit which includes virtually all of the camps, naval stations and marine bases in the country. This year the organization is presenting more units and the talent scouts have assembled novelty acts that astound and mystify. WHAT'S BUZZIN' really contains more than its share of novelty and at the same time it's a rollicking comedy hit. Like all Camp Shows it will be presented here without admission charge to servicemen.

Following is the cast:
MARJORIE OLMAN, Attractive talented tapster.
PLATO & JEWELL, Comedy magicians in delightful deceptions.
ROSS & STONE, Comedy team.
THREE WYSE GIRLS, Aerodancers.
THREE HYLTON SISTERS, Attractive singing trio.
DON FRANCISCO & CO., wire walker.
IRVING VICTOR, Pianist and Musical conductor.

Cpl. Tagliatela Patents New Bomb

Typical of what can be accomplished by American ingenuity is the record of armament technician Corporal Robert Tagliatela of this Second Air Force base. Typical of the way in which America meets the problems of war is his invention of a new type fragmentation bomb and his gift of that invention to the Army.

While studying at an Air Forces Technical School Cpl. Tagliatela learned of the need for the new type bomb. Studying and working on his own time, after formations and classes for the day were done, he developed the fragmentation type missile on which he now holds the patent and presented the invention to the Army for use "for the duration."

Invention is nothing new for the corporal, son of Frank Tagliatela of Little East Neck Rd., Babylon, N.Y. While working as a printer and machine engraver in New York City some years ago, after graduation from the New York School of Printing, he assisted in the development of a four-color rotary press badly needed by the firm with which he worked.



The familiar cartoon cuties shown above, "Miss Lace," "Burma," and "The Dragon Lady," adorn the walls of the Officers' Club at Strother Field. The drawings, with individual messages from each lovely, were prepared by Milt Caniff, creator of the cartoon strip "Terry and the Pirates," and sent to Strother Field to be reproduced on the club walls. Sgt. William Morey, Combat Intelligence Dept., is doing the reproduction work on the project which will be completed within the next two weeks. Other Caniff and Petty drawings are being used by Sgt. Morey in the decoration scheme.

Jewish Services Friday

Jewish services will be conducted in the post chapel tonight at 2000 followed by refreshments and a social hour. All men of Jewish faith are urged to attend the service and bring their wives and guests.

The War and You

Inside the rotten apple that is Germany today the worms have begun to twist and squirm. The Herrenvolk, the Master Race, the men who would have ruled the world are desperate men today, caught in a rapidly rising tide that sweeps upon them from all sides.

For five long, bloody years they have taken the food from the children of Europe. They have watched the bellies of children bloat from hunger and the arms and legs shrink to pipestems and the skin ulcerate.

For five long, murderous years they have built a forest of gallows over Europe. They have watched the shadows of hanged men with their tongues out and their necks broken and stretched. They have murdered and tortured and hanged. The mark of their coming has been the smoke of homes burning. They have moved under "a pillar of smoke by day and of fire by night." They have ravaged like wolves across a continent and the old and young, the weak and the strong, and the little children have died for their pleasure.

And today they are afraid; they are desperate with a sweat of fear; they are frightened before the hatred of a world and before the ghosts that they have raised up to destroy them. And, each in his own way, the Herrenvolk are reacting to that fear.

The pure Nazis, Himmler's men, the torturers and sadists and rapists were never more dangerous than now. If they must fall they will try to pull down the world with them. They screech like madmen. They scream threats of a blood bath, of the universal holocaust that they will make. They will use robot bombs and gas. They will use every weapon that they may command. They will kill, and kill, until they die in turn. They are so afraid that they were never more dangerous than now.

The Junkers, the stiff-necked "old army" nobles would make peace as once before. They have tried, are trying, a revolt to throw the Nazis out. They want a peace before the armies of the world move into Germany. They want to forget the millions who have died and keep their uniforms and medals and go home to their Prussian castles and sulk a while and build for Der Tag again. Their minds move in a stiff pattern, in a frozen rut. They think they can surrender with full honors of war and go home to get ready to try again. They despise the Nazi in defeat, but they are as guilty as he. Like him they are more and more unimportant now.

The important man now is the German soldier in the ranks. On all the fronts he is being beaten, he is learning how to retreat and retreat again. He must know by now that his generals are being shot for revolt, that his Luftwaffe cannot come out to protect him, that his allies are treacherous and his enemies strong. He must know better than anyone that his food and his gasoline and his ammunition are giving out. He must be beginning to know that his leaders are afraid and their promises are lies.

Sooner or later he will realize these things completely and then his army will melt away. When that day comes we will be able to go home.

The end of this war comes closer every day. As the pressure is increased the rotten apple of Hitler's Reich will burst and the worms will be crushed. Already they sense death and are squirming hopelessly. They have never been more dangerous than now. They have never been closer to defeat.

Heads Up, Men!

According to army regulations and our own personal recognition of military courtesy we shall salute every officer we come in contact with either on the field or in the surrounding towns.

Saluting was one of the very first things taught us when we entered the service and something we have not forgotten, regardless of the lack of execution in many instances.

Officers undoubtedly grow more tired of returning salutes than we do in giving out with them—they do it many, many times to our once—but we'll always get that return salute.

We would knock some joe's head off if he said we were not good soldiers and in most cases we would be justified. Ours is a well-trained army but we are not being good soldiers when we fail to salute. Heads up, men!

Speaking of--Bomb Tossers

Some sort of medal should be struck for the family (if it has not been exterminated) of the Nazi officer who lobbed a bomb at Adolph last week. The sharpshooter medal is out as he missed the bulls-eye of his target, but the resulting elimination of several high-ranking officers in the endeavor was worth the try.

In fact a War Bond might be a suitable award for the blood purge of Nazis started by the bomb-tosser. It would have ordinarily meant the buying of many War Bonds to make possible the manufacture of enough shells to have killed the number of Nazis disposed of in the purge. Our kindest regards to this unsung hero of World War II. May there be more of them.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Ps. 27.
When you have sinned, read Ps. 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
Before church service, read Ps. 84.
When you are in danger, read Ps. 91.
When you have the blues, read Ps. 34.
When God seems far away, read Ps. 139.
When you are discouraged, read Is. 40.
If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.
When doubts come upon you, try John 7:17.
When you are lonely or fearful, read Ps. 23.
When you forget your blessings, read Ps. 103.
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matt. 5.
For James' idea of religion, read Jas. 1:19-27.
When your faith needs stirring, read Heb. 11.
When you feel down and out, read Rom. 8:31-39.
When you want courage for your task, read Josh. 1.
When the world seems bigger than God, read Ps. 90.
When you want rest and peace, read Matt. 11:25-30.
When you want Christian assurance, read Rom. 8:1-30.
For Paul's secret of happiness, read Col. 3:12-17.
When you leave home for labor or travel, Ps. 121.
When you grow bitter or critical, read I Cor. 13.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, Ps. 67.
For Paul's idea of Christianity, read II Cor. 5:15-19.
For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, read Rom. 12.
For a picture of worship that counts, read Is. 6:5-15.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Without fan-fare and after much planning and organization the Army Orientation Program is again functioning on Strother Field. In spite of many advance rumors and predictions on the tremendous number of anticipated losses in the "Battle of Orientation," to date not a single casualty has been reported. This is quite an accomplishment when you consider that already several major engagements have been conducted.

The responsibility for this program as well as a great deal of hard work will fall upon the shoulders of the Orientation NCOs who have been appointed by the CO of each section. These men are doing this very important job on their own time and your cooperation and assistance will not only be helpful to them but will contribute materially to one of the important phases of your training as a soldier. So that you might become acquainted with these men (other than during a lecture period) they are listed here by Sections: A-1, Sgt. Irving Benedon; A-2, S/Sgt. Robert F. Rainer; A-3, Sgt. S. Schwartz; "B," S/Sgt. Berry L. Branch; "E," T/Sgt. Geo. U. Rozwick and 683rd AAF Band, S/Sgt. Reginald W. Stechman.

Orientation Centers are being established in each Section. One of the best equipped and most complete centers on the field will be found in Section "M." It was my privilege to conduct a discussion on the "G.I. Bill of Rights," with this group last week. If you have time, pay a visit to this center. Sections A-2 and "B" are also completing their centers. At the moment soldier voting is important and various Sections are planning discussions on this topic. Section A-1 discussed the "G.I. Bill of Rights" Thursday and similar programs are planned by Section A-3.

Have you visited the War Information Center at the service club recently? You will find some interesting additions there. The Post Librarian will be more than happy to help you find that book you want (there are a lot of them in the library). Within the near future you will find an interesting orientation display in the library.

Ye Liftings

"I used to sell underthings to nudists colonies."
"What kind of underthings?"
"Cushions."

"Where did you get the black eye?"
"It's a birthmark."
"What do you mean, a birthmark?"
"I got in the wrong one on a train last night."

Both women and pianos are similar in brand,
Some of them are upright, and some of them are grand.

When a gal gets taken in a strip poker game it's hard to tell whether she's a good loser or just conceited.

A "wolf" is a boudoir commando.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Program-Free call
Ark. Bingo-Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge night
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dancing-Games
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Informal night
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Swim-City pool
Ark. Bingo-Prizes



Q. My wife divorced me six months ago and received an alimony allowance of \$10 a month, yet my orderly room continues to deduct \$22 a month from my pay. Can they do this to me?

A. No. Evidently your orderly room has not been informed that the ODB has ruled that when alimony of less than \$22 a month is granted a divorcee, only the amount of the alimony itself should be deducted from the soldier's pay. In your case, the amount is \$10.

Q. What are the qualifications for GIs authorized to wear the glider badge?

A. According to WD Cir. 220, 2 June 1944, personnel qualified to wear the glider badge must be assigned or attached to a glider or airborne unit, or to the Airborne Center must have completed a course of instruction in knots and lashings, loading organizational equipment in airplanes and gliders and safe loading principles, and must have participated in at least two glider flights or simulated tactical conditions.

What's new in your home town?

Brooklyn (CNS) — A kibitzer, peering over Dominick Ericolo's shoulder while Ericolo and four cronies were playing pinochle in an empty lot, didn't care for Ericolo's card playing, so he stuck the stem of his briar pipe in Dominick's ear. The kibitzer, unknown to the other players, fled immediately and the police are still seeking him.

Chicago (CNS)—A tall stranger, munching a sandwich in a Chicago restaurant, protested when charged 19 cents for the tidbit. After learning who the stranger was the restaurant subsequently cut the sandwich price to its OPA level—a dime. Name of the customer: Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury.

McCall, Ida. (CNS) — Local residents are complaining of the sea serpent that has been swimming around in Payette Lake of late. It's 35 feet long, bright yellow in color, and has humps on its back, eyewitnesses declare. Local authorities, most of them scoffers, haven't said what they are going to do about it.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

29 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Club closes 1800. But you can go swimming or bowl.
THEATER—Candlelight in Algeria—James Mason, Carla Lehmann—Cartoon.

SUNDAY

30 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Didja know you could dance outside at any time to the juke box. Bring the girl out for the show and then come over and dance.
THEATER—Christmas Holiday—Deanna Durbin, Gene Kelly—New Army-Navy Screen Mag.

MONDAY

31 JULY

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance—Post girls invited. Last week was lotsa fun—don't miss this one.
THEATER—Music Appreciation Hour 5:30 to 7. SF Radio Broadcast over Station KFH, 7:30.

TUESDAY

1 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance.
THEATER—Double Feature—Secrets of Scotland Yard—Lionel Atwill, C. Aubrey Smith—South of Dixie—Anne Gwynne, David Bruce.

WEDNESDAY

2 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night or do-as-you-please night. Write those letters home on our free stationary. Remember, you can bring a date and dance outside at any time.
THEATER—The Canterville Ghost—Charles Laughton, Robert Young, Margaret O'Brien—News.

THURSDAY

3 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Starlight Dance—It's dance night with the Airchords and Ponca City and Ark City girls. Limber up those ankles and have yourself a lotta fun with the cuties.
THEATER—"What's Buzzin'?" USO-CS 7:30.

FRIDAY

4 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—"As You Were Party"—Dress as you like, free lemonade and cookies on the terrace and GI movies when it gets dark.
THEATER—Secret Command—Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis, Chester Morris—Cartoon and Sports Parade.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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Being week-end guests in Wichita of Graeme Fletcher, newscaster over station KFJH, and Mrs. Fletcher, was the recent privilege of three enlisted men of Strother Field.

Sgt. Louis Cunningham, left, and Sgt. Jack Blackman are shown with the Fletchers in their hotel apartment during the visit in Wichita. Pfc. R. D. Caseldine, the third guest, took the above picture.

Arriving Saturday afternoon, the group was escorted to the suite of rooms reserved by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the occasion. Not only was there a bowl of fresh fruit on the living room table for the enlisted men, but the icebox was filled with cold drinks.

Dinner was served in the apartment of the hosts. Mrs. Fletcher, who hails from the South, served a wonderful meal according to the boys. Sunday found the group devouring a fried chicken dinner also prepared by Mrs. Fletcher. This was followed by a visit to radio station KFJH and to the various service centers for enlisted men in Wichita.

The trip was greatly enjoyed by the three members of the SF special service department who for a week-end took the place of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's own 18-year-old son who is an aviation cadet stationed on the west coast.

Writer's War Board Sponsors Contest

A playwrighting contest sponsored by the Writers' War Board is offering 18 prizes totaling \$500 in War Bonds to men and women of the armed forces of the United States whether in this country or serving overseas.

There are two classes of competition: Blackouts and short comedy sketches of not more than 8 minutes playing time which consist of one sketch or any combination of short bits totaling not more than 8 minutes; comedy sketches and scenes of 8 to 15 minutes playing time which consist of one sketch or several shorter scenes totaling not more than 15 minutes playing time.

Comedy material only is eligible for this competition otherwise no restriction is placed on the subject matter or form of sketches, although subjects related to life in the service are preferred. Off color material is not suitable for entry in the competition.

Prizes offered in the first class mentioned are a \$100 War Bond for 1st prize, \$50 War Bond for 2nd prize, \$25 War Bonds will be awarded nine winners in the 3rd prize rating. In the second class prizes include War Bonds totaling \$125 for 1st prize, War Bonds totaling \$75 for 2nd prize and \$25 War Bonds will be awarded four winners in the 3rd prize rating.

The contest is now open and manuscripts must be postmarked not later than Sept. 15, 1944.

For details in preparing manuscripts call the special service office, 297.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS) — Here are the results of a four-day clean-up of Cocke County's moonshine liquor stills: 31 stills destroyed, 13,000 gallons of mash poured out, 200 gallons of whiskey destroyed, five persons arrested on moonshining charges.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

Vienna Life Waltz - - - Strauss
Kreiser Compositions - Kreiser
Caprice Viennois
Tamborin Chinoise
Liebeslied
Liebesfreud
La Gitana
Schon Rosmarin
Depuis La Jour "Louise" - - -

- - - - - Charpentier
Pastoral Symphony B - Beethoven

Selections from "The Lake of Swans" - - - Tchaikowski

Scene

Dance of the Little Swans

Dance of the Prince

Mazurka

Waltz

Carmen Suite - - - - - Bizet

Perpetual Motion - - - Strauss

Due to the presentation of a USO show this coming Thursday, the Music Appreciation Hour will be held on Monday evening. The following week the Hour will be on Thursday evening as usual.

Already portions of our programs are request numbers and it is hoped that even more requests and suggestions will be received.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo by S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Pvt. Edward Mertz gives out with the daily newscast over Strother Field's amplification station SSD while Sgt. Jack Blackman handles the controls. Both men are members of the Special Service Department.

B-24 Has 4,300 Hours In Air

There's a B-24 in military service so long that even the manufacturers wanted to take a look at it, according to word received at Strother Field from Second Air Force headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo.

This Liberator, the oldest in service in the world, had 4,300 hours in the air to its credit, when it was flown last week from the Smyrna Army Air Field to the Consolidated Aircraft plant in San Diego, Calif., where factory engineers and experts went over every part of the plane and checked its superb record.

The plane received practically all its hours at Smyrna and its record is all the more remarkable since it has been a training ship in the hands of student pilots that have placed great strain on it.

GI Pups Treated By Station Vet.

An additional service is offered to the military personnel of this 72nd Fighter Wing base with the announcement by Captain Frank N. Gluhm, post veterinarian, that dogs belonging to the soldiers will be examined and treated at his office. Vaccination for both rabies and distemper is available for pets.

Sick or injured dogs may be brought to the veterinary office by their soldier owners Monday through Friday mornings from 8:30 until noon and will be treated free of charge. Vaccination will be done, for a small charge, during the same hours on Monday only.

Captain Gluhm, from Hamilton, Ohio, is assisted in his office by Sgt. Harold Frowein of Macomb, Ill., Sgt. J. C. Landers of Bristol, Okla., and Cpl. Gioacchino Tomasino of Albion, New York.

Planning On Voting This Fall? Here Is The Correct Procedure

Want to vote in the national elections this fall? Here is what you'll have to do to get the job done. Fill out the regulation postcard application for a state absentee ballot, get it witnessed by some officer or sergeant in your section and send it to the secretary of state of your home state.

Army Medics Organized 169 Years Ago

By LT. N. J. RODES

Yesterday, July 27 was the 169th anniversary of the founding of the Medical Department of the Army. It was on that date in the year 1775, upon the recommendation of General George Washington, that the Continental Congress passed a bill providing for a Medical Department in the Continental Army. Consequently, the Medical Department is actually older than the United States itself.

Thus the famous leaders of the Continental Army of the American Colonies came to realize the importance of having skilled medical men with their small army for the purpose of maintaining the health of the soldiers and aiding injured ones to return to the fight for freedom.

It was for this reason that the Continental Congress provided for a Medical Department a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed and the Revolutionary War began. The first Medical Department was composed of very few men, but the results of their work led to the permanent establishment of a Medical Department in the United States Army (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

You'll receive a ballot from home—the regular state absentee ballot. If you are from South Carolina you'll have to request from your county board of registration a special form. State absentee ballot will be furnished only when this special form is filed.

The dates and details for voting in the various states may vary, but they can be checked by consulting WD Soldier Voting Poster 2, which is now posted on your section bulletin board and other conspicuous places including the PX, post office, etc.

One thing you should be certain about before sending in your application is your eligibility to vote. If you come from Georgia, you can vote if you are 18 or over, but in all other states you have to be 21. GIs from Washington, D.C., cannot vote at all.

If any question should arise as to your eligibility or voting procedure you should consult your CO or the voting officer at the field who is located in building 713, the Trial Judge Advocate Office.

You can secure additional information from WD posters issued on the subject. One of these posters outlines general information on voting, another contains data on requirements on voting by state absentee ballot in each state. A third is a map of the U.S. showing every Congressional District in the country.



Marjorie Olman, tap dancer with the USO-Camp Show, "What's Buzzin'," coming to the Post Theater Aug. 3rd.

Male Call



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



Beachhead Feint



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SF CIVILIANS

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with a personal representative of Major General Uzal G. Ent, commanding general of Second Air Force, awarding the trophy.

Strother Field's civilian turnover during the month of June was 2.26 per cent, as compared with 1.02 per cent at Sioux City, Iowa, Army Air Field, and 1.74 per cent at Dyersburg, Tenn., Army Air Field. In contrast with Strother Field's record of 2.26 per cent is the 8.77 per cent of one air base and the 4.96 per cent turnover in civilian personnel throughout the Second Air Force.

The complete program at Strother Field is administered by the base civilian personnel officer, Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Wolf, and the employe relations section.

ARMY MEDICS

(Continued from page 3, col. 4)

in 1818. The deeds of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War and lessons learned during the War of 1812 and the Civil War led to further improvements in the Medical Department. In 1864 an act provided for a uniform system of ambulances in the army and due to the ever increasing size of the army, 1887 saw the inauguration of a Hospital Corps which set up provisions for the permanent maintenance of enlisted men in the Medical Department.

The beginning of the twentieth century brought many rapid improvements in the Medical Department. 1901 saw the authorization of the Army Nurse Corps. In 1908 the Medical Reserve Corps was established and in 1911 the Dental Corps was authorized. The First World War saw the beginning of the Veterinary Corps and the Sanitary Corps. Other changes brought about by observation made during World War I were included in the Army Reorganization Act of 1920.

Since that time the major development has been the creation of a specially trained section for rapidly growing Air Force medical work. This section is the Flight Surgeon and his job of caring for flying personnel in the Army.

Primary mission of the Medical Service is to preserve the strength of the military forces by keeping men fit for duty. This is accomplished by (1) conducting strict physical examinations in selecting men for the armed services, (2) keeping such men in good physical condition through sanitation and preventive medicine, (3) furnishing those who become sick or disabled with such aid as will restore them to health and fighting efficiency. In a nutshell, "keeping 'em fit."

He asked for burning kisses, She said in accent cruel, "Maybe I'm a red, hot mama, But I ain't nobody's fuel."

Latest Model Studebaker



Here's the new Studebaker—1944 model, the latest car turned out at that company's plants in South Bend, Ind. In the Army it's known as Cargo Carrier M-29, or the "Weasel." Designed for Arctic reconnaissance and Commando raids, this chubby little vehicle can do everything but climb trees. Chief reason for its versatility is the low weight of pressure per square inch of ground contact.

Swim Classes For Civilians

Swimming classes for civilian personnel of Strother Field are to be organized with supervision by Red Cross swimming instructors, according to an announcement made today by Herbert Thomson, Red Cross Field Director of this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

Classes will be held every day from 1230 until 1300 for beginners and those individuals interested in advanced swimming and diving. Upon completion of the courses certificates will be awarded civilians taking the training.

These daily classes offer not only a recreational period to the civilian employees on the field, but the opportunity to become qualified swimmers.

1,000-MAN MESSHALL

(Continued from page 1, col. 3)

geant and Cpl. Raymond Woodward. Even the KPs have entered into the spirit of the thing, doing their work so well that on several days they have been rewarded with a one-hour break in which they were permitted to go swimming.

At the present time the kitchen is undergoing a paint job and other additions include the new concrete garbage rack and new vegetable bins.

Is Easy Winner

Finding their batting eye again after an extended slump, the Strother Field baseball team handed the Coffeyville Army Air Field nine an 11 to 6 trouncing last week at Coffeyville.

The Strother players pounded out 12 hits, while Von Essen limited Coffeyville to seven counters. Strother struck its best pace in the sixth inning, when six runs were scored. Every Strother player except the pitcher collected at least one hit, with Williams leading the attack.

Coffeyville scored three runs on fly balls to left field which were so high they were out of range of the low lights. Wells, SAAF left fielder, signaled he could not see the balls.

SPORTS

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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

July 28, 1944

Strother Field Wins, 17 to 7, Over Coffeyville Army Field

Strother Field handed the Coffeyville AAF baseball team its second defeat in a week when the teams met in a game at Arkansas City Wednesday night. SF made 21 hits to score 17 runs while holding CAAF to 9 hits and 7 runs. Coffeyville was defeated 11 to 6 by Strother Field in a game played at Coffeyville Wednesday night of last week.



A hustling all-around good ball-player is Pfc. Al Curtis, regular third baseman on the Strother Field team. His talent is not limited to playing this one position. Stepping to the mound last week Al tossed the Flyers to a 12 to 6 victory over the Chillicothe Indians in an Ark City League game.

As a pitcher, Curtis has set quite a record. Playing for the Flyers last season he won three games while losing only one. This gives him a total of four wins and one loss on the mound in addition to his able services on third base and also first base which he played last season.

Curtis comes from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he worked as a machinist in a glass factory before entering the service in Nov. 1942. Except for two weeks spent at Midland, Tex., Curtis has been stationed at Strother Field since joining the service. He is a member of the Guard Squadron. He and Mrs. Curtis live in Winfield. The family will soon number three persons according to Al who is really sweating out the event.

Pvt.: "Do you neck?"
She: "That's my business."
Pvt.: "Ah, at last a professional."

Adolescence—The age when a girl's voice changes from No to Yes.

Cpl. Phil Ratcliff started on the mound for SF and after allowing 5 hits that accounted for 5 runs in the first three innings was relieved by Williams, regular center-fielder in the fourth. Williams allowed only 4 hits and 2 runs in the remaining six innings.

Weaver, Yachman, Flynn and Ratcliff each made three runs during the game to tie for high scoring honors.

STROTHER FIELD

	AB	R	H
Weaver, c	6	3	2
Gorshin, ss	0	0	0
Dalak, ss	4	1	2
Antos, 1b	6	1	3
Williams, cf-p	6	0	1
Curtis, 3b	4	2	3
Yachman, 2b	4	3	2
Le Fave, lf	3	0	0
Smith, lf	3	1	3
Flynn, rf	3	3	1
Ratcliff, lf-p	5	3	4
	38	17	21

COFFEYVILLE FIELD

	AB	R	H
Singer, ss	5	2	2
Trimm, p	3	0	0
Ray, lf	4	1	1
Ackers, 1b	4	1	1
Mirandi, 3b	4	1	2
McCall, 2b	3	0	0
Nelson, c-rf	3	1	0
Boenker, cf	4	0	2
Strobel, p	3	1	1
Hamilton, p	2	0	0
Sturges, cf-p	0	0	0
Harmond, p	0	0	0
	35	7	9

Score by innings:
Strother Field 170 103 32x—17
Coffeyville Field 212 001 010—7

Field Team Plays Tonight

Strother Field plays the Santa Fe Rangers in the Arkansas City League tonight at the city ball diamond.

ARKANSAS CITY LEAGUE

Individual Batting (Above .250)

PLAYER—TEAM—	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB	Avg.
B. Sparks, Santa Fe	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1.000
Teeters, Strother Field	2	8	5	6	3	1	0	0	2	.750
Hockenbury, Kanotex	2	8	2	5	8	2	0	0	0	.625
Bruner, Maurer-Neuer	2	5	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	.600
Starr, Chillico	6	24	11	12	4	4	0	0	0	.500
Schuckman, Kanotex	7	16	8	8	5	1	0	0	1	.500
Flynn, Strother Field	3	6	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	.500
McCorkle, Kanotex	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Thompson, Chillico	6	25	7	10	4	1	4	0	0	.435
D. Gilmore, Maurer-Neuer	6	14	4	6	5	3	0	0	0	.429
Rhoten, Maurer-Neuer	3	7	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	.429
W. Rutler, Kanotex	7	28	14	12	9	3	0	1	1	.429
H. Shurtz, Maurer-Neuer	6	19	7	8	5	2	0	0	2	.421
Flick, Kanotex	6	19	13	8	4	1	0	0	1	.421
Ratcliff, Strother Field	4	12	5	5	3	1	0	1	1	.417
N. Rutler, Santa Fe	7	22	8	9	7	2	0	0	0	.409
Jimmerson, Maurer-Neuer	2	5	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	.400
Borisenko, Strother Field	1	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	.400
O. Rutler, Kanotex	7	26	4	10	8	0	1	0	1	.385
Hardy, Maurer-Neuer	8	29	12	11	8	2	2	1	1	.379
Curtis, Strother Field	5	16	7	6	2	1	0	0	0	.375
Amos, Chillico	6	19	8	7	3	2	0	0	1	.368
Tomshe, Maurer-Neuer	7	22	9	8	3	0	0	0	1	.364
C. Sparks, Santa Fe	6	22	6	8	7	2	0	0	1	.364
L. Grinnell, Chillico	4	14	3	5	5	0	1	0	1	.357
Dalak, Strother Field	4	14	6	5	3	0	0	0	1	.357
Shanks, All-Stars	5	20	7	7	3	1	1	0	1	.350
Laird, Kanotex	7	24	11	8	7	2	1	1	1	.333
H. Angel, Santa Fe	7	21	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	.333
Curless, Maurer-Neuer	5	12	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	.333
Madden, Kanotex	5	9	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	.333
Le Fave, Strother Field	3	9	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	.333
North, Maurer-Neuer	4	6	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	.333
J. Kunkle, Maurer-Neuer	2	6	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	.333
Bonewell, Santa Fe	2	6	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	.333
C. Peters, Santa Fe	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	.333
Von Essen, Strother Field	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
La Sarge, Chillico	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Kruijac, Strother Field	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	.333
McCammon, Maurer-Neuer	7	23	7	7	4	0	2	0	1	.304
O. Thomas, All-Stars	7	23	5	7	4	0	1	0	0	.304
Rairdon, All-Stars	5	17	5	5	3	2	1	0	1	.294
Artherton, Kanotex	6	17	2	5	5	1	0	0	1	.294
E. Grinnell, jr., Chillico	6	24	6	7	3	2	0	0	0	.292
E. Grinnell, sr., Chillico	6	21	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	.286
Rouse, Kanotex	6	21	8	6	3	1	0	0	3	.284
Stafford, Santa Fe	7	18	4	5	0	0	0	0	2	.277
H. Gilmore, Maurer-Neuer	7	22	8	6	6	2	0	2	0	.273

Golden Bars Issued For Overseas Duty

Washington (CNS)—The War Department has authorized officers and enlisted men of the Army to wear a golden bar on their left sleeve for every six months period of overseas service.

The bar will be worn four inches from the end of the sleeve. Each six months of overseas entitles the wearer to an additional bar and soldiers with long overseas service may wear them "even if they extend past their elbows," the WD said.

The new bar is made of cloth, one-quarter inch wide and one and three-eighths inches long. It will be worn on the overcoat, blouse, shirt and field jacket.

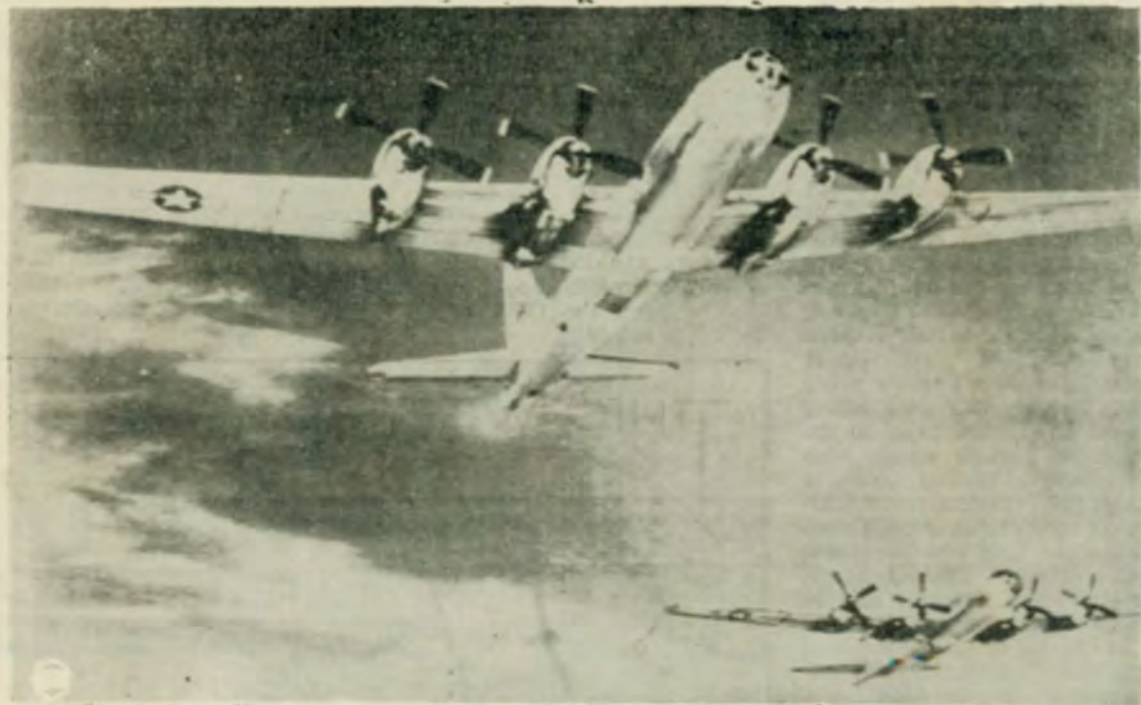
Minneapolis (CNS)—Charles Fagelund, 82, felt young again so he started to climb a tree. At Minneapolis General Hospital, his knee fracture is "improving" they say.

Goldsboro, N. C. (CNS)—Locked up on an intoxication charge when he was unable to pay his \$5 fine, Harry Hunt found a \$10 bill in his cell. Calling the jailer, he paid the fine, walked out, bought more whiskey. He was back in jail again that night.



Celebrate AAF Birthday With Open House

We've Come A Long Way In 37 Years



Army Air Force Photo from NEA.

Here's first picture of B-29 Super Fortress such as bombed Japan. Engineered by Boeing and built by Boeing, Bell and Martin, they are powered with four 18-cylinder air-cooled engines of 2,200 horsepower each, have speed of over 300 miles per hour and can fly above 30,000 feet. They bristle with .50 caliber machine guns and 20 mm cannon which have been deleted from photo for security reasons.

Elaborate Devices Teach Pilots Expert Gunnery

Strother Field fighter pilot trainees are "shooting down" enemy aircraft in great numbers these days, using one of ingenious Uncle Sam's newer inventions — the gunnairstructor. In the laboratory and on the assembly line has been worked out this device that takes the guesswork out of gunnery and makes expert marksmen of young American pilots.

At Strother Field, the gunnairstructor, which teaches aerial gunnery without the firing of a single shot, by means of films and projectors and full sound effects, was new with the arrival of the Second Air Force. But young American fliers throughout World War II have been downing Jap and German planes through the good offices of this machine. Supplementing the lessons learned in the gunnairstructor are those taught by the mirror range estimation trainer and the lectures in gunnery given for each class of fighter pilots at Strother Field.

The range estimator works on the principle of three mirrors, so located in a machine with movable parts that the image of a model airplane is reflected into the gun-sights. Gadgets that change the distance and deflection of the plane

and the type of "weather" prevailing (as well as the light of early dawn, high noon day, or bright sunset) are controlled by the one instructor who works with each group of nine men, in such a way as to give trainees skill judging distance with respect to the various angles at which a flier approaches an enemy plane.

Frequent change in the model plane also reaches aircraft recognition, since models of enemy planes only are used in the range estimator. On a placard before him each trainee records his estimate of distance each time the instructor halts the machine. These recordings are later graded to determine each trainee's accuracy.

The gunnairstructor is a complicated device which works on the principle of two projectors. One projector holds the target film and shows it; the other projector holds the scenery or fighter film. The films are reflected onto a mirror in the front of "the house," and from that mirror reflected back to a transparent screen in which spot the instructor and student see it.

In the back part of "the house" is a fuselage similar to the plane. It has short, stubby wings and is

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Know Their Beesness

Recently finding a swarm of bees under one of the control towers at Strother Field two non-coms of the armament department decided to go into the honey business (there are two kinds you know).

Cpl. L. E. Wissbaum of Lebanon, Mo., and Cpl. D. E. Fulmer of Columbia, S. C., discoverers of the bee swarm, hurriedly built a hive and the new occupants moved in. Last Sunday the corporals removed from four to six pounds of honey from the hive, not a bad haul. Later that day the bees vacated their GI property and moved on to parts unknown.

Display of AAF Equipment, Retreat Highlight Ceremony

Strother Field celebrated the 37th anniversary of the Army Air Forces August 1 with open house for civilians and a retreat formation in front of post headquarters at 1645. Although it was a regular working day on the field, there were many attractions for the visitors. Army Air Forces equipment was demonstrated including the gunnairstructor and the mirror range estimation trainer.

New Trainee Class Arrives

Another class of fighter pilot trainees reported at Strother Field Sunday to begin the final phase of their work before going to overseas theaters of war. To keep pace with the strenuous schedule set out for them and all combat pilots and air crew trainees, they were processed Sunday and today were busy on the flight line and in the classroom. The class is the largest yet received at Strother Field since it became a 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force.

Among the group are 10 young pilots who were graduated by Strother Field when the air base was a basic school of the Central Flying Training Command.

Also among the new fighter pilot trainees who reported Sunday was 2nd Lt. Allan DeBerry of Austin, Texas, brother of Major Pat DeBerry, assistant director of training.

All of the new trainees were graduated from advanced flight training on May 23. They took their work at four schools in Texas: Moore Field, Mission; Eagle Pass Army Air Field; Aloe Field and Foster Field, both at Victoria.

Jewish services will be held in the post chapel this evening at 2000. All men are urged to attend the service and the social hour following.

At the close of the retreat ceremony Lt. James R. Lounsberry, director of physical training, presented Red Cross awards to 18 officers and enlisted men who recently took the course in life saving and functional swimming given at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

Officers in charge of the retreat ceremony included Major William L. Chipman, commander of troops, 2nd Lt. Doc Hughs, adjutant. Section commanders were 1st Lt. H. E. Thompson, 1st Lt. Thomas McLogan and 1st Lt. Roy W. Silling. Platoon leaders were 1st Lt. R. B. Barnett, 1st Lt. J. K. Grigsby, 2nd Lt. R. D. Bagdasarian, 2nd Lt. R. Baum, 2nd Lt. R. E. Plantz and 1st Lt. D. M. Kain.

August 1 and 2 were double birthdays for the Army Air Forces. It celebrated its 37th anniversary on August 1 and 35th anniversary of the purchase of the first military airplane on August 2.

On August 1, 1907, the War Department created an Aeronautics Division of the Signal Corps, with one captain and two enlisted men assigned to the office. From this inauspicious beginning, the AAF has grown to an Air Force with

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VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen

Cash War Bond Sales Total \$71,370 In 5th War Loan Drive

The Fifth War Bond Drive ended at Strother Field Monday with the quota of bonds purchased for cash exceeded by 28%. Military personnel with a quota of \$26,606.25 purchased a total of \$39,001.75. Civilian personnel had a quota of \$27,585.00 and bought \$30,620.00 while civilian employees of the Post Exchange purchased a total of \$1,749.00. Their quota was \$1,260.00. Purchases totaled \$71,370.75 while the quota was \$55,451.25.

"Military and civilian personnel of this 72nd Fighter Wing base have set an outstanding record in the cash purchase of War Bonds," said Lt. Edwin J. Shore, War Bond Officer today. The total figure surpasses anything done at Strother Field during the past four drives.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo by S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Here is your Friday evening buffet supper, cold meats, salad, etc., ready to be served you in the 1,000-man messhall. Proudly displaying the tempting trays are left to right: S/Sgt. Ralph Bean, Jr., mess sergeant, Sgt. Walter Dainys, No. 1 shift leader, Sgt. Frank DePalma, asst. mess sergeant, Sgt. Harry Giaris, Cpl. James Baldwin, Pvt. Warren Stanley, Cpl. James Batson, Cpl. Peter Drezwieck, shift No. 1 cooks.

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The War and You

Two days ago the coldly calculating men who rule Turkey from the bleak hills at Ankara called in the Axis diplomatic staffs to receive their passports. Thus, after years of diplomatic toe-dancing, of post-ponement and change of mind, the Turk committed himself at last to what the whole world was coming to see must be the winning side in World War II.

On all fronts this week it was becoming more and more clear that the complete collapse of Hitlerite Germany is now only a matter of time. In France the steady, terrible drive of American and British invasion troops had broken out of Normandy and it seemed that the real battle for France had at last begun. On the basis of past results, of the steady destruction one by one of German defense lines to date, it was a battle that could have but one end.

In the east Russia rolled steadily forward. Warsaw was under fire, if not actual siege. The whole Baltic coast was being overrun. Even the heroic Finns had begun at last to note the handwriting on the wall. Not even the sacred East Prussian soil was any longer safe.

At no place along thousands of miles of battle front were the Nazis able to fight even a really convincing delaying action. At all points their armies were beginning to crumble; show signs of inner rot; to disintegrate before the storm. More and more the common soldier began to give up, until, where prisoners were tallied by the hundred a few months ago, the daily count runs now to thousands.

Characteristically the Nazi, back to wall, showed of what stuff he is made. His vicious, hysterical hatred came to the surface in threats and futile rage. He loosed more showers of robot bombs. With them he tried, by striking down the women and children of sprawling London, to shake the temper of the armies against which he could no longer stand in the field.

Inside the crumbling Reich he continued to shoot his generals and to attempt by a futile, dreary blood-bath to build loyalty from fear. It was a twisted psychology the Nazi showed; sure evidence of a warped mind; sure evidence that "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

For our own armies, however, the job was not yet done. There is still hard fighting ahead. The end is at last in sight. The victory comes daily closer. But the battle must still be fought out to its weary end. There is no time yet, at home or abroad, for relaxation or for self-congratulation.

The victory is in our grasp, but it must still be won.

The Marbles Roll

Like a national marbles tournament in which the contestants line up around the circular guards awaiting their shots at the various meggies in the center, so stand the leaders of our allied armies around the perimeters of the battlefronts.

With Warsaw the next marble to be knocked out of the Nazi ring, Gen. Ivan Cherniakovsky stands northeast of the city in preparation for driving toward East Prussia on a 200-mile front. Gen. Ivan Bagramian and his Baltic army group converges upon Riga while on the Vistula river Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky drives forward.

In the next ring Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey's British Second Army and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American forces knuckle shots at Brest and St. Nazaire in Brittany.

Other matches find Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's team spinning them in on the city of Florence, Italy, while General Douglas MacArthur's outfit outshoot the stymies on the road to Tokyo.

Day by day the circle nears the flaming agate, Berlin, and the end of Nazi terrorism in Europe.

37th Anniversary Of U.S. Army Air Forces

1 August 1944

MEMORABLE FIRSTS IN 37 YEARS OF MILITARY AVIATION
August 1, 1907—Division of Aeronautics, forebear of the Army Air Forces, is created as part of the Army Signal Corps.
August 2, 1909—U. S. Army buys first military airplane from Wright Brothers.
October 26, 1909—First solo flight made in an Army airplane. Time: three (3) minutes.
March 2, 1913—First flying pay authorized for pilots.
July 5, 1913—Lt. Henry H. Arnold is awarded first rank of military aviator.
April 29, 1918—Air Ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker downs the first of the 25 enemy planes he destroyed during World War I.
June 4, 1920—Army Air Service created by Act of Congress.
May 22, 1924—Army 'round-the-world fliers reach Tokyo in first air crossing of the Pacific, setting the pattern of things to come.
May 9, 1932—First "blind" solo flight made by Capt. Albert Hegenberger, now a brigadier general and chief of staff, Second Air Force.
December 7, 1941—Army Air Forces enter World War II and begin creation of greatest air armada of all time.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

ALPHABET OF SUCCESS

A ttend carefully to details.
B e prompt in all things.
C onsider well, then decide positively.
D are to do right, fear no wrong.
E ndure trials patiently.
F ight life's battles bravely.
G o not into the society of the vicious.
H old integrity sacred.
I njure not another's reputation.
J oin hands only with the virtuous.
K eep your mind free from evil thoughts.
L ie not for any consideration.
M ake few special acquaintances.
N ever try to appear what you are not.
O bserve good manners.
P ay your debts promptly.
Q uestion not the veracity of a friend.
R espect the counsel of your parents.
S acrifice money rather than principle.
T ouch not, taste not, handle not, intoxicating drinks.
U se your leisure for improvement.
V enture not upon the threshold of wrong.
W atch carefully over your passions.
X tend to everyone a kindly greeting.
Y ield not to discouragement.
Z ealously labor for the right, and success is sure.
—Watchman-Examiner.

BOOKS ARE ALSO Weapons

PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The long awaited, dramatic invasion of Europe is now history. Nearly everyone is familiar with the details of supply, shipping, material, training and preparation incident to this tremendous military operation. Reams of copy have been written about the fine job done by American, British and Canadian troops. Scores of radio men were on hand, broadcasting the news of the action while it was occurring. Probably no military campaign in history has been more completely cloaked in secrecy during the period of preparation, while at the same time no major operation has been more widely reported after the initial landings than the Liberation of France.

One of the less publicized but none the less important phases of preparation for this invasion was the Orientation Program which was set in motion through the personal interest of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces in ETO. Under General Eisenhower's orders, every possible medium was used during the first five weeks prior to the invasion to provide troops with information to further intensive participation in Orientation discussions. If Orientation is considered important by men who are about to jump from a landing barge, don't you think it might also be of some value to you? If men who are about to "lay their lives on the line," can find time for this type of training don't you think we can manage to spare a little time for this program here at Strother Field? Think it over.

The next time you are up that way stop at the Post Library and take a look at the Orientation Display. You will find a good selection of books arranged to help you keep informed. Speaking of books, the Library has several new ones. Among them you will find: *A Bell for Adano* by John Hersey; *Bedford Village* by Hervey Allen; *Leland Stowe's They Shall Not Sleep*; *John Gunther's D Day*; and *The Curtain Rises* by Quentin Reynolds.

For those of you who are interested in educational classes, I know you will be interested to know that plans are being considered to organize such a program. A survey will be made to determine your interests and classes will be organized to meet your needs. It is hoped that you will give some thought to this matter so that when this survey is made you will be in a position to make known your wishes.

Ye Liftings

I never kiss, I never neck
I never say hell, I never say heck.
I'm always good. I'm always nice
I play no poker, I shake no dice.
I never drink, I never flirt
I never gossip, or spread the dirt.
I have no line, or funny tricks
But what th 'ell, I'm only six.

Love with an old man is as the sun upon the snow . . . it dazzles more than it warms them.

A woman is just like a car. Body lines are of no value unless there is power under the hood.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Chicken Supper 7:30 USO
Tuesday night girls
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge night. Record voice
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dancing
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Field dance
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Swim—City pool
Ark. Bingo. Prizes



Q. My wife and I were married when we both were very young. One day she hit me with a chair leg and ran off with the iceman, never to return. Later I was drafted and as soon as I was in the Army my wife started hollering for an allowance. I don't think she deserves it, but I have been told she has a just claim. How about it?

A. As the law now stands, your wife is entitled to a regular Class A allotment. The only way you can stop these payments is by getting a divorce in which no alimony is granted your wife. Whether you can get one while you're in the service depends on the law of your home state. Your Legal Assistance Officer can give you the data on the legal channels open to you.

Coney Island, N. Y. (CNS)—Hot dogs and soda pop are "essential" commodities to Coney Island visitors, the OPA in New York has ruled.

What's new in your home town?

Chicago (CNS) — Thompsons from all over the country are filing claims to the estate of the late Mayor William Hale (Big Bill) Thompson, who left nearly \$2,000,000 in cash in a couple of strongboxes here. All the Thompsons claim a close relationship to Bill and one asks simply for "a million dollar cut" in the estate.

Lafayette, Ind. (CNS) — Police found Cecil Baker's lost dog wandering around a downtown street. Thy called Baker. "Put him on the phone," said he. Dubious, the police complied. "What are you doing down there, Pat," Baker admonished over the telephone. "Come home at once." The dog went directly home.

Evanston, Ill. (CNS) — Police found the loot from several Evanston burglaries cached in the First Methodist church. Later they found the burglar himself. He had been living in the Boy Scout rooms of the church for more than a week.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

5 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Club opened 1800. There's a good book at the Post Library.

THEATER—Manpower—Edgar G. Robinson, Marlene Dietrich, George Raft, Alan Hale—Jr. Jive Bombers' Melody Master Bands.

SUNDAY

6 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Bring out the wife or girl friend for a swim. And what's more refreshing than a coke and a dance or two after a swim. Sound good?

THEATER—Step Lively—George Murphy, Gloria DeHaven, Frank Sinatra, Adolph Menjou—This is America. News of the Day—They Fight Again.

MONDAY

7 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance on the Terrace. Always plenty of gals or bring the wife along. Bingo at 2100, lots of PRIZES.

THEATER—NO FEATURE SHOWN.

TUESDAY

8 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Open House. Do as you please night. Why not drop a line home. Plenty of stationery in the writing room.

THEATER—Night of Adventure — Tom Conway, Audrey Long; Henry Aldrich's Little Secret —Jimmy Lydon, Charlie Smith, Joan Mortimer.

WEDNESDAY

9 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night or do as you like. THEATER—Sensations of 1945—Eleanor Powell, W. C. Fields, Cab Calloway and Orchestra. Army Navy Screen Mag.—News.

THURSDAY

10 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Starlight Dance night on the Terrace. Airchords band and the girls from Winfield and Wellington.

THEATER — Music Appreciation night, 1830 to 2000. Good music you like to hear.

FRIDAY

11 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—As you were party—Dress as you please—Free cookies and lemonade—Also a good G.I. movie.

THEATER—Summer Storm—George Sanders, Linda Darnell, Edward Everett Horton—Boots and Spurs—Sportscope.

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MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

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1830-2000

Vienna Life - Strauss
Three Kreisler Compositions - Kreisler

Caprice Viennois
La Gitana
Schon Rosmarin

Three of the Viennese artists' familiar and well-loved works—the first, a rhapsodic interpretation of the gay pre-war Vienna—the second, infused with the fire of Gypsy music—the third, brief and charming, one of the gayest melodies in music.

Entrance of the Sirdar "Caucasian Sketches" - Ippolitov-Ivanof

A procession in the most colorful trappings of the Orient, barbaric and rhythmic.

Pastoral Symphony - Beethoven

Beethoven's impressions of a day in the country he loved so much. Happiest when surrounded by the beauties of nature, he has in this symphony, preserved for us the varied sights and sounds one would encounter on a summer day—peace of the woods and streams—the merry making of the country folk—a sudden but brief thunder storm and the ensuing calm and loveliness of a rain-freshened country-side.

L'Abbiando—"Traviata" - Verdi

The stirring opening scene—a banquet hall—of Verdi's loveliest and most touchingly tragic opera.

Carmen Suite - Bizet

A series of brilliantly orchestral scenes from that most colorful of operas, the universally known and loved *Carmen*.

Clair de Lune—"Suite Bergamesque" - Debussy

The most nearly perfect musical impression of moonlight—tranquility and silver light imprisoned in music.

A number of these selections are requests submitted by members of our audience and it is hoped we shall receive many more as this program. Please contact Pvt. Craig at the Service Club or call 302 at any time.

War Bond, G. I. Special



Joan Leslie comes bustin' through a giant reproduction of the new \$10 War Bonds, issued for exclusive sale to servicemen and women. The screen star was selected as "G. I. Jane" by soldiers of Camp Hahn, Calif., post where sale of bond was introduced.

Combat Crew Training Available for Some EM

The following categories of AAF enlisted personnel within the continental United States are eligible to apply for air combat crew training, and upon acceptance by an AAF examining board may be sent, under instructions issued by the service command concerned, to an AAF basic training center for Air crew classification and assignment to pilot, bombardier, navigator, or gunnery training based upon their aptitudes, and the need for personnel to be assigned to the various types of training.

Combat crew returnees who are career gunners, radio operator gunners, armorer gunners, airplane mechanic gunners, enlisted men who have evidence that their principal duty was the participation in operational missions in a foreign theater of war as regular members of an air crew.

Eligible personnel who are interested should contact 2nd. Lt. Rudolph Baum, classification officer.

Major Allen Speaks At Dexter Meeting

Major Merle W. Allen, director of administration and services at Strother Field, was the principal speaker and installed the officers for the new United States Army Mothers' Auxiliary at Dexter last Friday night.

With a membership of 39, the new U. S. Army Mothers' Auxiliary of Dexter begins activity. Installation of the chapter was in charge of Mrs. L. F. Burden of Arkansas City, state organizer. The new Dexter auxiliary president, Mrs. B. F. McDaniel, was installed by Major Allen.

The ceremonies followed a bounteous basket dinner at the Christian church and preceded an informal talk by Major Allen, during which he expressed appreciation for the friendly relations between the people of Dexter and the soldiers of Strother Field as evidenced by the community picnic for soldiers at Dexter a few days ago.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo by Sgt. Charles Deane.

Cpl. L. E. Wissbaum, left, and Cpl. D. E. Fulmer, are shown caring for their bees which produced between four and six pounds of honey during their recent stay at Strother Field.

Voting By State Absentee Ballot

(From War Dept. Pamphlet No. 21-12 Manual for Soldier Voting inside the U.S. in the Nov. 44 General Election.)

a. *Eligibility.* In order to vote by State Absentee ballot soldiers and attached civilians must be eligible therefor under the laws of their home state. Such eligibility will be determined by local election officials on the basis of the voter's age on 7 November 44 (21 years old—18 for Georgia citizens), citizenship, residence, war service status, and other factors. Facts as to age, citizenship, residence, and war service status are sufficiently stated when a soldier or attached civilian completes an application for a State absentee ballot (on USWBC Form No. 1 or State supplied form) and any forms supplied by the State with such ballot. No one is entitled to vote merely because he is a member of or attached to the armed forces on active duty.

b. *Action in Case of Uncertainty as to Eligibility.* Soldiers and attached civilians who are uncertain as to their eligibility to vote by State absentee ballot, should immediately write an air mail letter addressed to the Secretary of State (or appropriate local election official, if known) of their home states containing the following information:

(1) Full name, grade, serial number, military unit, and military address. This should be legibly written or printed.

(2) A paragraph substantially as follows: "I am a citizen of the United States. The date of my birth was..... For..... years preceding the general election in November 1944 my home residence has been in the State of..... For..... years preceding such election my home residence has been in the city, town or village of....., in the county of....., at (street and number, if any, or rural route)..... My voting district to the best of my knowledge is....."

AAF Officer Is Court Martialed

Colorado Springs, Colo., August 4—President Roosevelt has confirmed the dismissal from the Army Air Forces of 2nd. Lt. Rex A. Stage, 24, stationed at Pyote, Texas, Army Air Field, who was found guilty by a general court martial of flying a B-17 airplane so low in the early evening of March 20 that it was in collision with the roof of a loaded bus traveling on the highway near Fort Stockton, Texas.

Lieutenant Stage pleaded guilty at his trial at Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas. The bomber, with lowered landing gear, was flown so low that contact was made with the roof of the bus loaded with 28 passengers. None was injured.

Lieutenant Stage absolved other crew members of blame. He denied he deliberately struck it. The plane was neither in process of taking off or landing.

In his defense, superior officers stated Lieutenant Stage's past record had been good. He enlisted in June, 1942, and was commissioned a second lieutenant on March 10, 1943. The sentence of the court martial was not only dismissal from the service, but total forfeiture of pay.

(3) A request for information as to eligibility or procedure to establish eligibility to vote by State absentee ballot.

If any question should arise as to your eligibility or voting procedure you should consult your CO or the voting officer at the field who is located in building 713, the Trial Judge Advocate Office.

GIs Aid Drive

Eleven Strother Field soldiers, driving 10 Strother Field trucks and one jeep, collected a railroad carload of paper in a big salvage drive at Wellington Sunday. The drive was sponsored by the Lions club of that city.

After all work had been accomplished and the car on the Santa Fe siding there had been completely filled, the Lions entertained the GIs with a swim at the municipal pool, followed by dinner in a Wellington restaurant.

The crew of workers from Strother Field included: T/Sgt. Eugene C. Miller, S/Sgt. Ervin VanDerWerff, Cpl. Thomas A. Owen, Cpl. Donald Raff, Cpl. Otto C. Wallis, Cpl. Alton O. Erickson, Pfc. Raymond E. Owen, Pfc. Raymond C. Cook, Pfc. Frank R. Garner, Pvt. Fred Madary and Pvt. William E. Boggs.

Male Call

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



Mess Consolidated



ELABORATE DEVICES

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complete with canopy, controls similar to those that operate a pursuit ship of the Army Air Forces. The "plane" has an interphone communication and amplifier system which makes all the noises of an actual plane in motion. Changes in the noises of a plane in a dive, a climb, a spin or a stall all are simulated.

As the trainee sits in the cockpit of his plane in the gunnairstructor, through the gunsight he watches the aircraft of the enemy he seeks to defeat.

It is the instructor's duty to move the reflected plane the trainee sees on the screen. It is the trainee's duty to "follow" that enemy plane, bring it within range of his guns and shoot it down.

When he "hits" it (the gunnairstructor also has all the sound effects of machine guns) the "enemy plane" flashes red, showing that the trainee has judged his range and aim correctly.

When a student follows through—pursues the plane on the screen—the machine is so connected that when he responds properly, the plane on the screen is drawn back into the gunsight and he shoots it down, giving it the proper "lead." "Lead" means that the pilot shoots the proper distance ahead of his enemy craft that the plane will run into the fire of guns.

When he brings the enemy plane to the center of the screen, the pilot gives a short burst of fire and the instructor takes the plane back out again.

Change in the film also gives the pilot a change in the deflection of the enemy ship. Likewise, the scenery changes in accordance with the maneuvers of the trainee in his plane, so that the clouds appear as if the plane were climbing, diving or spinning.

Cpl. James Wells of Washington, D. C., is in charge of gunnairstructor work at Strother Field. Six other enlisted men—Cpl. Rupert Horn of Baytown, Tex., Pfc. C. Norman Stephenson of Rocky Ford, Colo., Pfc. Jerry Cogswell of Jacksonville, Ill., Pvt. August A. Hess of New York City and Pvt. Kermit Case of Lansing, Mich.—are employed in this department of the training aids section. All are specially trained at a school for operation of this device used only for tactical outfits headed directly for combat.

It's Happened!

It will be a great relief to the enlisted men of Strother Field to know that Pfc. Al Curtis of the guard squadron and member of the SF baseball team is at last a pappa. The baby, a husky boy weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces was born early Wednesday morning in Winfield. This on top of his two-hit, two-walk, two-run performance in four times at bat against the Kanotex Tuesday night should be too much for most anyone.

2AF Schedules Football Games

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 4—Second Air Force, returning to the gridiron after a lapse of one year, has scheduled half of its games and expects to announce the remainder before Major William B. (Red) Reese, coach, begins preparations for the fall campaign this month.

The Second Air Force card to this date:

September 9—Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colo.

September 29—Whitman College at Boise, Idaho.

October 7—Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln, Nebraska.

October 25—Washburn University at Topeka, Kansas.

November 11—Fort Warren at Denver, Colorado.

November 18—University of Washington at Spokane, Wash.

Virtually all 40 bases in the Second Air Force have been represented in the screening of football talent for the team. Only 50 remain of approximately 100 candidates who have participated in the preliminary workouts. Late in August Maj. Reese will assemble a squad of about 33 and get down to business for a rugged 12-game schedule.

The 2AF is giving every man in its command, who feels he has sufficient football ability, an opportunity to try out for the team. Maj. Reese, who was at the coaching helm in 1942 when the Bombers capped an unbeaten campaign with a Sun Bowl triumph, says he is starting from scratch and that several unheralded youngsters are making it hot for some of the better-known candidates.

Negotiations are underway for games with other Air Force teams in the country.

Aviation Trainee Wins Top PFR Honor

Aviation Trainee N. M. Iverson, 2nd Lt. Winston H. Wingerd, assistant weather officer, and Sgt. R. H. Green, Jr., of Section B are physical fitness winners in the tests given recently by the physical training department. Iverson is top man for the entire field while Wingerd led all administrative officers and Green topped all enlisted men on the base.

Here are the results of the winners: Iverson performed 114 sit-ups, 14 pullups and ran the 300-yard shuttle run in 47 seconds for a sum score of 245 and a PFR of 81. Lt. Wingerd did 114 situps, 11 pullups and ran the shuttle distance in 49 seconds for a sum score of 229 and a PFR of 78. Sgt. Green performed 79 situps, 14 pullups and ran the shuttle in 45 seconds for a sum score of 235 and a PFR of 78. He barely beat out Sgt. Andy G. Earls for enlisted men's honors, Earls having a sum score of 233 and a PFR of 78 with 66 situps, 22 pullups and 51 seconds for the shuttle run.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

August 4, 1944

Flyers Beat Coffeyville, 17 to 7

Capitalizing on ten errors while banging out 18 hits, Strother Field defeated the Coffeyville AAF team 17 to 7 Wednesday of last week in a game played at Ark City. Cpl. Phil Ratcliff started on the mound for SF and although relieved by T/Sgt. Ralph Williams in the fourth was credited with the win.

Strother had its big inning in the second, scoring seven runs on six hits and one error. Hamilton, first of three pitchers used by Coffeyville, was removed in the sixth after nine runs had been scored by Strother Field. Williams, who replaced Ratcliff in the fourth, held the visitors to two runs on five hits in the rest of the game and struck out nine men.

STROTHER AAF

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Weaver, c	5	3	2	12	2
Dalak, ss	4	1	2	1	2
Gorshin, ss	0	0	0	0	0
Antos, 1b	5	1	2	7	0
Williams, cf-p	6	0	0	0	2
Curtis, 3b	5	2	3	3	1
Yachwan, 2b	4	3	3	2	2
Smith, lf	3	1	3	0	0
Le Pave, lf	3	0	0	0	0
Flynn, rf	4	3	1	1	0
Ratcliff, cf-p	4	2	3	1	0
Totals	43	17	18	27	9

COFFEYVILLE AAF

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Singer, ss	5	2	3	0	2
Trimm, c	3	0	0	4	0
Haymond, c	0	0	0	2	0
Ray, lf	4	1	1	0	0
Arkey, 1b	4	1	1	2	0
Miorandi, 3b	4	1	2	5	1
McCall, 2b	2	0	0	5	1
Nelson, rf-p	4	1	1	1	2
Boonker, cf	3	0	1	1	0
Sturgis, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Strobel, p	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton, p	1	0	0	3	0
Moran, cf	3	1	1	1	1
Totals	35	7	10	24	7

Score by innings:
Coffeyville AAF 212 001 010—7
Strother AAF 170 103 22x—17

Ratcliff Allows 1 Hit As Santa Fe Loses, 7 to 1

Strother Field defeated the Santa Fe Railroaders in an Ark City League game last Friday 7 to 1 with Cpl. Phil Ratcliff allowing only one hit. Pickett, Santa Fe hurler, allowed four hits.

The game was called in the middle of the fifth due to failure of the park lighting system. Since local games are only of seven inning duration a four instead of five inning rule prevails so the game will not need to be replayed.

In the third inning Antos stole home with the bases loaded, and during the ensuing argument, Williams, SF centerfielder, scored all the way from second. Curtis stopped at second.

Williams had a perfect night at bat with a walk, a double, and a triple in three trips up to the plate.

STROTHER AAF

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Teeters, c	3	0	0	6	0
Dalak, ss	1	1	1	0	1
Antos, 1b	1	3	0	5	0
Williams, cf	2	2	2	0	0
Curtis, 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Smith, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Yachwan, 2b	2	0	0	0	2
Flynn, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Ratcliff, p	2	1	1	1	0
Totals	15	7	4	12	3

SANTA FE

	AB	R	H	PO	A
Angel, ss	2	0	0	1	1
Stafford, 3b	2	0	0	0	0
C. Peters, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Bonewell, 2b	1	0	0	2	0
White, 1b	2	1	0	1	0
N. Rutter, c	2	0	1	7	2
Sparks, rf	2	0	0	0	0
Brady lf	2	0	0	0	0
Pickett, p	2	0	0	1	1
Totals	16	1	1	12	4

Score by innings:
Strother AAF 203 2—7
Santa Fe 000 1—1

BASEBALL

SF vs. Independence AAF

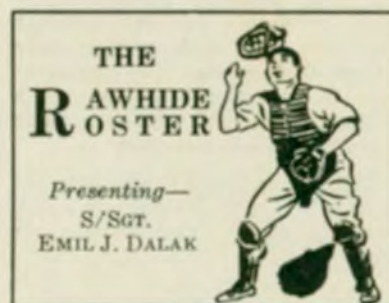
Tonight 8 p.m.

Ark City Ball Park

Beat Kanotex Oilers, 12 to 11 In An Ark City League Game

Cpl. Schultz Strikes Out 14 Men in 5 Frames

The most thrilling baseball game of the season in the Ark City League took place Tuesday night when the Strother Field Flyers defeated the Kanotex Oilers by a score of 12 to 11.



Playing heads up baseball for his second season at Strother Field is S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, member of the physical training department at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

At shortstop position and at bat Dalak has proved a great asset to the Strother team. His easy-going manner and alertness on every play has been an important factor in the many games won by the Flyers during the past two seasons.

Dalak enlisted in the service in his home town of Detroit, Mich., and came to Strother Field in April of last year. He graduated from Wayne University, Detroit, in 1939 and held teaching and coaching positions at the university prior to entering the service. He coached freshman football and assisted in the training of the track team. While a student at Wayne he played football, baseball, hockey and was a member of the track team.

When the war and six are over Dalak plans to head back to Detroit where his position at Wayne University awaits him.

Softball Tourney Here Next Week

The Strother Field softball tournament will take place next week with the first two rounds of play scheduled for Monday evening at 1800 on field diamonds.

Seven teams are entered in the tournament, representing Headquarters, Officers Armament Communications, Medics Section B and Quartermaster-Ordnance.

The second round will be held on Thursday evening and the two top teams at the end of two rounds of play will meet in a playoff series for the field title at a later date.

S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak of the physical training department is in charge of the tournament.

In the final inning SF led 12 to 7 after breaking a 7 to 7 tie in the fifth frame. Things looked good for the Flyers with Pitcher Arthur Shultz burning them in for 11 strikeouts in four innings, replacing Phil Ratcliff on the mound in the third frame.

The Oilers, refusing to accept defeat banged out a single and double at the start of the final inning. Willie Rutter, Oiler star, smacked out a hard hit ball to centerfield which appeared to bounce through an opening in the fence but was called a homerun by the base umpire. This made the score 12 to 10 and things looked rough for the Flyers with no outs against the Oilers. The next Kanotex batter hit for two bases followed by a walk and a single to rightfield, scoring the 11th run for the Oilers. With men on first and third Shultz was really in a spot. Rising to the occasion he struckout the next three batters to face him, retiring the side and ending the game with a one-run lead. Whew! Shultz singled in the sixth scoring Yatman and Smith, adding to his star performance of the evening in striking out 14 batters in 5 innings.

Weaver, SF catcher, had two walks, made two singles and scored three runs in five times at bat. Curtis got two walks, made two singles and accounted for two runs in four times at bat. Williams, centerfielder, got three hits and scored one run in four times at bat.

Herington Defeats Strother Field, 21 to 8

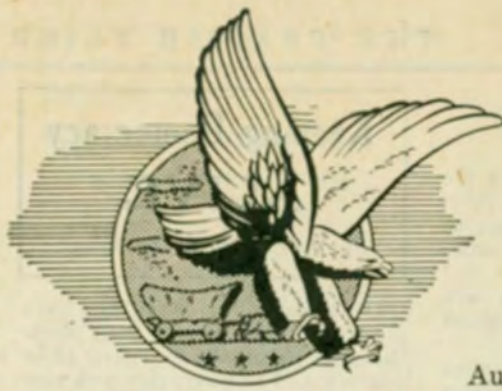
Herington Army Air Field, jinx of the Strother Field baseball team, handed the local team a 21 to 8 trouncing in a game at Ark City Thursday night of last week. In the first game played between the two teams at Eldorado several weeks ago, Herington won 11 to 0.

Shurtz, Von Essen, Antos and Ratcliff saw service on the mound during the game last week, the latter taking over in the ninth and holding Herington hitless in the final frame.

Eleven runs were made by Herington in the eighth inning while SF was able to account for only five runs in this frame. McQuade, HAAF leftfielder, was leading hitter for the game with four singles in six trips to the plate.



Henson, are you forgetting my lecture on booby traps so soon?



Strother Field to Have Non-Com Club

Membership Drive Is Underway; Cadet Messhall And Rec. Room Site of Club

A Non-Com club, first in the history of Strother Field, is in the stage of organization at this 72nd Fighter Wing base with a membership drive underway at the present time. Site of the club will be the cadet mess building and cadet recreation room located on north Main street. A special meeting of all non-coms is scheduled for next Monday afternoon at 1630 in the ground school building at which time officers and a board of governors will be nominated and voted upon. Officers will serve for a 3-month period. Every non-commissioned officer on the field is urged to attend this very important session.

The buildings made available for club use by Col. D. M. Meade, commanding officer of Strother Field, are ideal for such purpose. Sets of plans for the interior design of the buildings will be submitted for approval to club members at the meeting Monday. It is tentatively planned to use the right wing of the cadet mess building as a ballroom while the left wing will contain the non-com mess and snack bar. The cadet recreation room will contain a lounge, game rooms and powder room.

The initiation fee is \$3.00 and dues will be \$1.50 per month. Non-coms who pay their \$4.50 before August 25th will become charter members in the organization. Those individuals who find it more convenient to pay their \$4.50 after next payday are requested to at least sign up as potential members at the present time. By so doing it will be possible to estimate the size of the organization within a very short period of time.

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Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Field Bus Line

Saving many footsteps for officers, enlisted men and civilian personnel of Strother Field is the newly established intra-post bus system.

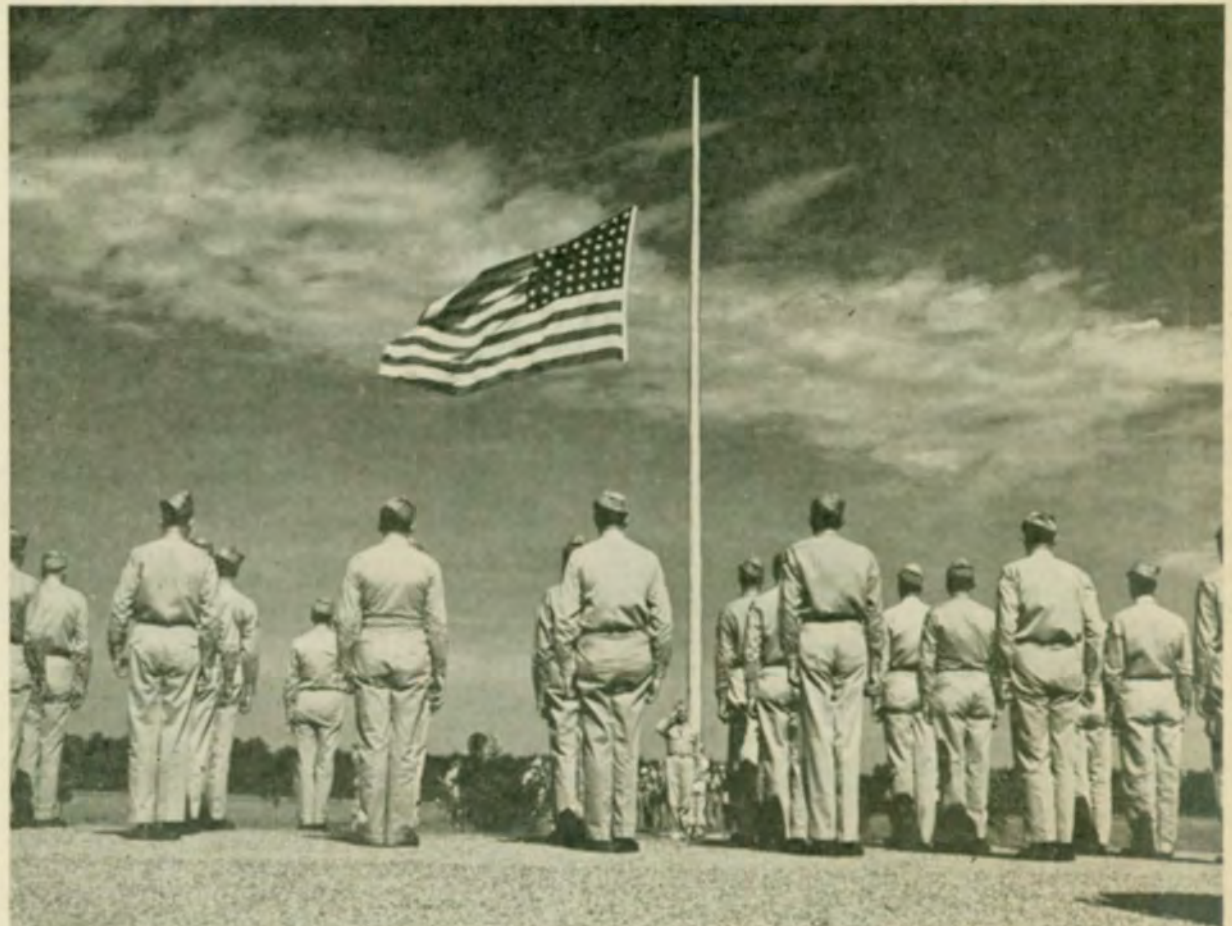
Operating continuously from 0800 to 1700 a field bus will make a round trip over the base every twenty minutes, with a stop of five minutes each run in front of post headquarters if necessary. The bus may be stopped along the route by personnel wishing to ride elsewhere on the base. The bus carries red and yellow flags to identify it.

70-Mile Gale Here

The personnel of Strother Field who had been yelling for a breeze last week-end nearly received more than they bargained for on Sunday evening.

The welcomed "breeze" developed into a full scale blow with the peak velocity reaching 70 miles per hour at 6:36 o'clock, with another peak of 65 miles per hour hitting the base after the wind had settled down to a quiet 35 per. according to the Weather Department.

Results of the terrific windstorm are unbelievable—no damage was done to buildings or property



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Enlisted men of Strother Field stand at attention as Old Glory is lowered during the retreat ceremony held last week in observance of the 37th anniversary of the Army Air Forces.

CAP Cadets Of Kansas Wing Here For Two Weeks Training Course

Two hundred Kansas youths—from 16½ to 18 years old—will arrive at Strother Field during the week-end for a two-week run as a warm-up for their actual participation in the Army Air Forces. Recruits of the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, most have met the preliminary qualifications for air crew training in the Army Air Forces, are awaiting induction into the armed forces.

During the two weeks the young men will spend at Strother Field, they will get a concrete idea of military life by actually performing many of the duties of enlisted personnel—assignments on the flying line and in the shops, drilling, physical training, swimming, guard duty, kitchen police and classwork. They will have early reveille, reveille inspections and will stand retreat. They will be housed in some of the barracks formerly occupied by aviation cadets when Strother Field was a part of the Central Flying Training Command and will be fed in the officers' mess at times that will dovetail into the regular meals for flying and administrative officers.

Some of the group of C.A.P. trainees who will be at Strother

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SF Radio Hour On KFH Monday

Highlighting the third edition of the Strother Field Hour when it goes on the air over station KFH, Wichita, at 7:30 Monday night will be the story of how Thunderbolt trainees at Strother Field learn the fine points of aerial gunnery by means of photographic equipment. This interesting discussion will be brought out in an interview with Capt. Albert S. Hartman, jr., of Brookhaven, Miss., base gunnery officer.

Capt. Hartman will be interviewed by Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, public relations officer and supervisor of the radio program.

Also featured on the Strother Field Hour will be the voices of Sgt. Cliff Lowrie and Sgt. Lou Cunningham, and the music of the Airchords, Sgt. Pat Oliver's popular dance band component of the 683rd AAF Band under the supervision of CWO William F. Baker. Cpl. Robert Haney will announce the program.

Major R. S. Johnson Talks to Trainees

Major Robert S. Johnson, top ace in the European theater of operations last spring with 27 enemy planes to his credit, visited Strother Field Sunday.

Major Johnson is now visiting Second Air Force stations to talk with trainees about combat aircraft, and combat tactics. He is a native of Lawton, Okla.

Play District 2AF Baseball Champs

An event of interest to all baseball fans is the game scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Ark City between the Herington Army Air Field, winner of the Second Air Force fourth area baseball championship and the Strother Field Flyers. The game is called for 2:30 o'clock.

Making the afternoon complete will be the presence of the 683rd Army Band under the direction of W/O Baker. This will be the first time this season that the field musical organization has appeared in Ark City to play for a baseball game.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

The Singing Stenos and Sgt. Louis Cunningham are shown above singing "Time Waits for No One," on the Strother Field Hour, radio program presented over station KFH in Wichita last week. What appears to be a genuine wolf howl by the sergeant was really a high note of the song. The Stenos, left to right, are: Mrs. Maxine Cates, Civil Service Board; Mrs. Betty Williamson, Military Personnel; Miss Winifred Dewey, assistant to the post chaplain; Miss Marilyn McAlister, Civil Service Board; Miss Bessie Morrison, Civilian Personnel; Miss Bonnie Jean Smith, Post Engineers, and Miss Barbara King, Post Engineers.

The War and You

On the western front today the battle for France, perhaps the decisive battle of this whole dreary war, is blossoming into its full fury. With Brittany almost completely overrun and its great ports due to fall to American troops within a matter of days at the most, the "battle for the beach-heads" has become a matter of history.

No longer is there any likelihood of our armies being pushed back into the sea. Today we have ports for supply and a hinterland behind the front lines in which to organize and coordinate our attacks.

So far these attacks have been successful; largely because they have followed a planned pattern fitted to the particular stage of war and to the specific conditions under which the pattern is employed.

Advance spearhead of each attack has been the Allied Air Fleet based in England. Almost without opposition the bombers range ahead of our troops; smashing bridges and roads, shattering supply dumps, strafing trains and truck convoys, harassing troops in camp and on the march. This prepares the way and strangles the enemy for lack of supply.

Then comes the bombardment. The air fleets sweep over in waves, pulverizing all opposition with sheer, terrible weight of high explosive. The massed artillery, hub to hub, lashes the doomed Nazi defense with solid sheets of shell and shrapnel.

Next the tanks, the American Armored Force, the fastest, best armored, heaviest gunned in the world go forward for the breakthrough before the dust of barrage has settled to fan out, race through a demoralized enemy.

Afterwards the infantry comes through to mop up, seize and hold the ground.

This is the plan. Each wave, each element is vital to all the others. Integrated into a whole they spell Defeat for Nazi "Supermen." Together they succeed because they are parts of a plan. We have the materiel, and the most of it. We have the best trained soldiers and the bravest and most intelligent. But without the right plan for battle all of these might avail little. In the long run war depends not only upon what strength you have, but upon the way that strength is used.

It's Up To Us Now

Non-commissioned officers of Strother Field this week began organization of a Non-Com Club. It is a forward step, and one to which every thinking non-com on the base will give his full support. By the same token it is a project to which all concerned should, and we believe will, give careful attention during the crucial stage of formative meetings.

To be successful a non-com club must be a spontaneous effort of all interested men. Monday there will be a meeting to elect officers, and to establish policies for the club. All men who expect to take an active part in club activities should certainly plan to be present.

There is, of course, no compulsion to join or to attend meetings. There is likewise no compulsion to make this the best club of its type in the country, one which will add something of value to the army life of all concerned. It's strictly up to us who will be members.

This is the time to give thought to what we want this club to be; to the men we want for officers. A little extra thought and effort on the part of all who plan to use the club will pay off a thousandfold later on. So let's get back of our club and make it the best in the Army. It's up to us now.

Let's Do It The Army Way

The service club terrace is an attraction greatly appreciated by enlisted personnel and their friends. The recent addition of the picket fence makes the place more attractive. Something else new has been added—which gives the place a messy appearance—cigarette butts scattered around the area.

In civilian life you no doubt flicked your finished cigarettes into the air disregarding where they might land, but in the army you have been taught differently—to tear the paper apart, scatter the tobacco in the breeze and roll the paper into a tiny ball.

If this one little thing were remembered by you, and your guests taught the idea, the terrace of the club would have a spic-and-span appearance at all times. Let's do it the army way, men.

Speaking of -- Who Has The Wheel?

The recent transportation strike in Philadelphia that played hell with defense workers getting to and from their important jobs as well as causing inconvenience to other citizens is being investigated by the FBI. Why not add a few psychiatrists or brain specialists to study what ticks inside the noggin of those who left their jobs during this emergency?

The situation is pathetic yet disgusting, regardless of who is to blame. One man who decided to sit at home, rather than drive his vehicle because of a racial situation arising among the operators, answered the ring of his doorbell to receive word of his son's death while serving with the U. S. Army in France.

Speaking of men overseas. Vehicle drivers hauling troops to the front lines give no thought to the fact a few of the drivers are of another race.

We are all in this army for one purpose, to bring about victory as soon as possible. The home front must follow suit before such results can be obtained on the battlefield. It makes no difference who has the wheel as long as we keep moving forward to peace and a democratic world.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

We wonder if you are availing yourself of the opportunities offered at the Chapel. You don't know what they are? Well, listen!

In the northwest corner of the building you will find a room marked, "Your Room." It is a quiet place for writing, reading, radio and relaxation. We have a good library of classical and religious music. Bring your guests there and entertain them if you do not have a better place. By all means take a look at the various religious periodicals there. You will find some of interest to you, regardless of what your faith may be.

If you like to play or sing, come in. We have a piano and a new Hammond electric organ. We also have several guitars and a violin. You are welcome at any hour of the day. If you need an accompanist, Miss Dewey, our secretary, will oblige.

IT IS YOURS, WHY NOT USE IT?

Keeping Democracy ALIVE

By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Over ten million American have given up their homes, their families and their jobs to defend their country and to guarantee a chance for the democratic way of life to continue. Already many of these men and women have given their lives for their beliefs. Unfortunately, more will make the supreme sacrifice before the job is done. They will do it gladly and without complaining, for to them life without freedom is empty and not worth living.

We fight and die so that any man may say what he thinks, be he pauper or prince; bricklayer or banker; or black or white. We fight for the right to worship as we please; to be free from fear and want. We fight so that our children and their children shall have the opportunity to a full and good and decent life.

To those at home and to those of us in the Army who live to return, and most of us will, is left the responsibility of seeing "that these dead shall not have died in vain." Democracy does not run itself. It is not static. It requires the constant thinking and action of its members, the people, to make it work.

As soldiers our first job is to win this war and the Army has equipped us to the highest degree to do that job, mentally, physically and in terms of equipment. Moreover we are doing that job and doing it well. In addition to this primary job the Army, through the Orientation and Education Program is trying to keep us fit for the even bigger job of keeping democracy alive after the war is won. We cannot allow our brains to lie dormant. We cannot lose touch with the world. We must not lose sight of our personal stake in and responsibility for continuing the democratic way of life.

Our country cannot become a place for race riots and depressions; for fear and want; for oppression of the weak, for autocracy and ignorance. That is, it will not if each of us keeps his mind alert and aware of his responsibilities. Take advantage of every educational facility on the field. Remember that you won't be criticized if you do a little more than is required of you in the way of learning. Remember too that if we don't do this job—it won't get done.

Ye Liftings

Gal: "So a peek at my garters never bothers you?"

Pfc.: "Naw, my mind is way above such things."

Fred: "In this bottle I have peroxide which makes blonds, and in this one I have dye that makes brunettes."

Joe: "And what is that third bottle?"

Fred: "Gin, which makes both."

GI: "Let's take a walk in the park."

Girl: "No, I'm afraid if we do, you'll—"

GI: "No, honestly I won't."

Girl: "Then what's the use?"

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing Games
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Program. Free call
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge, Rummy Recording
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Bingo. Prizes
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Ping pong. Shuffleboard
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Swim. Games
Ark. Bingo. Prizes



What's new in your home town?

Boston (CNS)—William James Sidis, famed boy prodigy of 35 years ago, died here recently, an obscure clerk living in a hall bedroom. Sidis could read and write at the age of three and spoke several languages before he was nine. He entered Tufts College at 10 and Harvard at 11, graduating at 16. At 20 he was a mathematics instructor at Rice Institute but a few years later was found running an adding machine at \$23 a week. "I'm tired of thinking," he explained at that time.

Brooklyn (CNS)—If you ask anyone in Brooklyn who the "meanest thief in the world" is they'll tell you he's Harry Miller. Harry volunteered to tend a blind man's cigar stand while the blind man was out to lunch, then swiped all the receipts. He's jugward bound now.

Hardin, Ky. (CNS)—So severe has been a three-weeks' drought here, that local authorities let the county's only well digger out of jail so he could dig some more wells.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

12 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Open house at the Club until 1800. Don't forget to write a letter home. Use our Club stationary.

THEATRE—Minstrel Man—Benny Fields, Gladys George. Short Subjects.

SUNDAY

13 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Swimming for you and your friends. Dancing and cold drinks on the terrace.

THEATRE—Mr. Skeffington—Bette Davis, Claude Rains. Short Subjects.

MONDAY

14 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance on the terrace. Plenty of gals from the base to dance with. Your wife or girl friend is also invited.

THEATRE—SF Hour Radio Broadcast 1930.

TUESDAY

15 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Open house. Write those letters. Pool, Ping Pong. Your friends are always welcome.

THEATRE—The Girl Who Dared—Lorna Grey, Peter Cookson; Jungle Women—Evelyn Ankers, L. Carroll Nash. Acquaintance.

WEDNESDAY

16 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night on the terrace. Snack bar open until 2230 every night except Saturday.

THEATRE—I Love a Soldier—Paulette Goddard, Sunny Tufts. Short Subjects.

THURSDAY

17 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Regular Starlight Dance. Girls from Ark City and Ponca City. Don't be bashful. The girls aren't.

THEATRE—Music Appreciation Night. For those who like good music.

FRIDAY

18 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Night at the club. Dress as you please. It's your night. We have cookies, lemonade, and a good movie on the terrace. Come and relax.

THEATRE—Dixie Jamboree—Frances Langford, Guy Kibbee, Eddie Quillan, Charles Butterworth. Short Subjects.

PRAIRIE FLIER

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MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

17 AUGUST—1830-2000

POST THEATER

1. Tales From The Vienna Woods - - - - Strauss
 2. Midsummer's Night Dream - - - - Mendelssohn
- Overture
Nocturne
Scherzo
Intermezzo
Wedding March

These five numbers of an original fourteen comprise the usual concert arrangement such as is played here. This exquisitely beautiful music so filled with fairy like delicacy, with quaint and feefque humor, with romance and lovely orchestral color needs no story to make it thoroughly enjoyable.

The overture, composed when Mendelssohn was 17, begins softly, mysteriously in the wood winds and strings of the orchestra—rises to a joyous revel—then a rough humorous peasant dance—then in conclusion is filled with the magic witchery of lovely music.

The Nocturne which follows embodies one of the loveliest of horn solos in all music.

The Scherzo is the climactic point of the Suite in that herein, all the infinite delicacy, playfulness and fairylike grace of Mendelssohn's genius reach a perfection seldom attained by any other music of this kind.

The Intermezzo—nervous and exciting is a selection well suited for the retaining and holding of the moods of the portions preceding and following it.

The Wedding March—the most familiar of all the sections—has ingratiating pomp and color—the gaiety and inevitable sadness of a wedding—compounded into an interesting and pleasurable "processional."

Teaches With PA System

In daily use in the station hospital is the public speaking system over which musical recordings are played, orientation lectures are given by T/Sgt. George P. Rozwyck, and training courses taught by Lt. N. J. Rodes, convalescent officer. Speakers are installed in all wards and the hospital mess-hall.

During the noon-hour each day a one-hour program of popular and classical music is played over the system. On Wednesdays for four consecutive weeks one-hour classes are held in the study of code, map reading, compass reading and foreign languages. Records and books are used in the study of Spanish, German, Italian, North African Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Turkish and Russian.

Australians Make Good Allies

If all of our allies are like the Australians, then we really have some allies.

So speaks Master Sergeant George M. Akin, son of Mrs. Clara Akin of Arkansas City, Ark., who reported here this week after almost two years in the Southwest Pacific.

M/Sgt. Akin, a top-notch airplane mechanic, wears the Asiatic-Southwest Pacific campaign ribbon with three bronze stars, the American Defense ribbon, and a unit citation ribbon with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

The latter decoration, indicating a presidential citation, commended the work of Akin's unit in the defense of Darwin, Australia, during the dark days of the Pacific war. The Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of another ribbon, is for a citation from the commanding general of the Fifth Air Force in recognition of meritorious activity in the Papuan campaign on New Guinea.

Former State Education Executive Directs Orientation

An expanded and enlarged program of Army Orientation got under way here this week under the direction of Pvt. Edward H. Mertz, former Kansas and Indiana State education executive.

Pvt. Mertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Mertz of Alton, Kans., and husband of Mrs. Daisy Lucille Mertz, formerly of Downs, Kans., and now of Evergreen Court, Topeka, brings a wide and varied background to his work. After studying at Kansas State Teachers College and at Kansas State College, he has held the positions of State Director of Workers' Education in Kansas and Indiana, and, before entering service in August, 1943, was State Director of the Industrial Division of the Kansas Department of Labor.

Under his direction war and study rooms have been established at this Second Air Force base where the soldier may find maps and reading material to give him the latest information on the war in detail and in its broader aspects. A staff of volunteer speakers qualified to lecture on orientation subjects has been assembled and their services made available to all units on the base.

Pvt. Mertz is assigned to the Special Services Department under Lt. Howard E. Thompson, special services and orientation officer.

Air Force Facts For Military Personnel

All of 1,800 entries and 10,000 references from the Civil War to Pearl Harbor and the ultra massive B-29s are to be found today in "AAF," "The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces."

The reference volume, in pocket-size and deluxe editions, is now available for Second Air Force personnel through Post Exchanges. It is dedicated toward integrating the history and pertinent facts of military aviation.

The book is also on sale at general book and magazine centers. The pocket size sells for 25 cents; deluxe, \$2.50.

It is designed:

1. To provide a concise, handy source book for swift reference.
2. To give each member of the AAF a meaningful insight into the necessity for his own job and how it fits into the whole pattern of air force operations.

3. To offer a concentrated medium for indoctrination, orientation and training purposes.

4. To cover current operations from a historical perspective.

What the AAF is, how it trains, what it is fighting for, how it keeps 'em flying, what and where it fights from, how its forces are centered, its combat techniques, insignia, battle honors, war calendar and historical highlights, are all in "AAF."

Promoted from the rank of lieutenant to that of captain is George Nelson Rood, post adjutant. The promotion became effective July 31. Capt. Rood who came to Strother Field from Randolph Field on January 17, 1943 is a resident of Des Moines, Iowa.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

In the top picture Lt. N. J. Rodes, convalescent officer of the station hospital, is shown studying Russian words and their meaning with a group of hospital patients. The microphone to his left carries his words to patients in the various wards.

Below is shown T/Sgt. George P. Rozwyck of the Medics operating the amplification system in the station hospital and playing musical selections for the hospital patients.

Field Classification Office Places The Right Men In The Right Jobs

Technical knowledge and study, long hours and a whale of a lot of good old fashioned American elbow grease go into the job done daily here at Strother by Lts. Rudolf Baum and Doc E. Hughes and the men of the Classification Section. End product of the job they do is the job you are doing; or at least the fact you're doing that particular job and not some other.

Staffed by experts in Army classification and personnel techniques and methods, the Section does a job that calls for skill, diplomacy, technical knowledge and a high level of ability. It is these experts who determine for just what job every soldier is best fitted and to see that he gets a chance at that job.

On their part it calls for the keeping of many records; and for keeping those records with absolute accuracy. It means the ability to conduct an intelligent interview (not by any means as easy a job as it seems) and to analyze and judge facts correctly and quickly.

It's a job where the men cannot afford to make a mistake which might affect the whole Army career of a soldier. They have to study the job all the time, and they do just that. When a rare skill is needed in a hurry, it's Classification which finds the needle in the Strother haystack. When a soldier feels he's been put into the wrong job, or wants to apply for tech school or paratrooper, or feels he's ready for a better job, it's Classification which is called upon to judge the merits of the case.

There is a new addition to the family of Major Merle W. Allen, director of administration and services at Strother Field. She is Patty Jean born in Winfield on Tuesday. Major and Mrs. Allen's two other children are boys.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Here are the unsung heroes and heroine of the Classification office at Strother Field. Shown left to right in the front row are: Lt. Rudolf Baum, classification officer; Mrs. Betty A. Bowens, and Pfc. William B. Davis. In the back row left to right are: Cpl. Maurice Weinberg, S/Sgt. Fritz Ruebesam, Sgt. James H. Dodds, Cpl. Norwood Dillard and 2nd. Lt. Doc E. Hughes, assistant classification officer. Not shown in the group are S/Sgt. Donald Straus, S/Sgt. Thomas Jones, and Pfc. Ansel Wittenstein, other members of the department.

Male Call

WHY SAILORS GO TO SEA

OH, I KNOW JUST HOW IT IS!
—I SAW DICKIE DAINGER IN
"JOLLY TARS AT SAVO"...
ISN'T IT NICE THAT HE'S IN
4F SO HE CAN PLAY IN THOSE
WONDERFUL MOVIES?

DID THEY NAME THE
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS
AFTER THAT FELLAH
IN DICK TRACY?

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

MAJOR JACKSON WILL
NOW TELL US HOW HE
KILLED ALL THOSE NASTY
OLD JAPS WITH HIS
DARLING LITTLE PX BOAT

HOW COULD A
KID LIKE THAT GET
ALL THEM RIBBONS
JUST RIDIN' IN A
BOAT?

Betwixt Wind And Water

DON'T TELL ME HOW
TOUGH IT WAS IN THE
SOUTH PACIFIC... I'VE
SEEN THOSE DOROTHY
LAMOUR PICTURES!

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Ah! Safe at last!

NON-COM CLUB

(Continued from page 1, col. 1)

All master sergeants on the field will have membership forms so ask for your's now. You can also indicate your desire to join the club by seeing the first sergeant of your section who will sign you up.

Work on the club will be done by voluntary labor among the members. At the present time the officer's club has promised to come through with some venetian blinds, so this is a start on equipping the club.

More than 200 non-coms attended the open meetings last Friday and Tuesday of this week. Last Thursday Major W. C. Chipman, commander of troops, Capt. W. R. Hanna, director of ground training and honorary president of the non-com club, all first sergeants and M/Sgt. Grogg, representing enlisted men on the line, met with Col. Meade last Thursday and received permission to use the cadet buildings and form the club.

New KP System In Section A-1

Men of Section A-1 are talking these days about the new system introduced this week by F/Sgt. Peyton A. Horton and designed to help take the P(ain) out of K.P. The list of men selected to participate in this well-known GI nightmare during a given week is now posted some days in advance and the men are permitted to sign up for the day during that week which will be the most convenient for themselves and fit into their work schedules with the least friction.

The perfect system would involve a mechanical KP, or tin plated Garbage Packin' Mamma, of course, but this move by Section A-1 is a long step forward. Comment overheard among the men proves that they are much impressed by the consideration shown and are heartily back of the new system.

CAP TRAINEES

(Continued from page 1, col. 4)

Field already have taken their turn at guard duty. For sometime, the Wichita C. A. P. has been charged with the security of military aircraft at the Wichita municipal airport. More recently, the C. A. P. has provided guards for special transient military aircraft.

Lt. Col. J. Wilcox of Anthony, Kansas, is commanding officer of the Kansas Wing of the C. A. P. He will head the staff of C. A. P. officers who will accompany the cadets to Strother Field.

Muskogee, Okla. (CNS) — War nerves were responsible for the extraordinary behavior of Lefty Smith, authorities believe. He recently wreaked havoc in downtown Muskogee by flinging eggs at every woman he saw who wore slacks.



ZAF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Here is the medal awarded Sgt. R. H. Green Jr., for achieving top honors among enlisted men of this base in the recent PFR tests.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Lt. James R. Lounsberry, left, physical training officer, presents a medal for physical fitness honors among enlisted personnel of Strother Field to Sgt. R. H. Green Jr., right, of Section B. Sgt. M. D. Knox, physical training instructor of Section B, center, looks on with pride over Green's accomplishment.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

August 11, 1944

SF Flyers Even Score With IAAF

Pfc. Fred Von Essen, Strother Field hurler, evened the two-year score with Independence Army Air Field Friday night of last week when he tossed the local flyers to a 5 to 2 victory. The score now stands at 4 games each for the two teams. In 1943 Strother Field won two games while losing four to Independence. This year Von Essen pitched the two games against the IAAF winning both, the first 5 to 3 at Independence and last week's game 5 to 2.

Strother Field bunted the first Independence pitcher silly in the fifth and sixth frames, poling out two long hits to score four runs after being behind 0 to 1 after IAAF scored one run in the first inning. Rateliff doubled in the seventh with Antos and Williams on base. The ball went through the fence and Williams was required to hold at third after Antos scored.

STROTHER FIELD					
	AB	R	H	PO	A
Weaver, c	5	0	0	8	0
Dalak, ss	4	0	1	2	4
Antos, 1b	4	1	2	9	0
Williams, cf	2	1	0	1	0
Rateliff, lf	4	1	2	1	0
Smith, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Gorshin, 3b	4	1	1	1	3
Yachman, 2b	3	1	1	4	4
Von Essen, p	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	30	5	7	27	11

INDEPENDENCE FIELD					
	AB	R	H	PO	A
Jezioro, 2b	3	1	1	0	3
Webber, 2b	2	1	0	0	1
MacDonald, rf	5	0	3	1	0
Pickett, 3b	5	0	0	1	2
Willoughby, 1b	4	0	1	11	1
Parton, ss	3	0	1	2	3
Reeves, cf	4	0	1	0	1
Seliter, c	4	0	1	7	0
Miller, lf	3	0	0	0	0
Jeffries, p	2	0	1	0	1
Fulton, p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	2	9	24	12

Score by Innings:					
Independence Field	100	000	001	—	2
Strother Field	000	022	10x	—	5

Lose 4 to 0 To Bartlesville

The Strother Field Flyers journeyed to Bartlesville, Okla., last Saturday night where they played the Bartlesville Merchants team. The home team defeated the Flyers 4 to 0 getting nine hits off T/Sgt. George Wilson, new addition to the SF hurling staff, and T/Sgt. Ralph Williams.

Dalak, Williams, Wilson and Yachman collected one hit each during the game, the latter two getting their hits in the seventh in a rally that was stopped short when LeFave lined to the shortstop who doubled Wilson off second.

STROTHER FIELD					
	AB	R	H	PO	A
Weaver, c	4	0	0	1	1
Dalak, ss	4	0	1	0	4
Antos, 1b	2	0	0	17	0
Williams, p-cf	2	0	1	0	1
Rateliff, lf	4	0	0	2	0
Smith, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Wilson, p	3	0	1	0	2
Yachman, 3b	4	0	1	2	3
LeFave, 2b	3	0	0	1	5
Carroll, cf-rf	3	0	0	1	0
Totals	30	0	4	24	16

MERCHANTS					
	AB	R	H	PO	A
Kempa, 2b	3	1	1	4	2
White, ss	3	0	0	1	4
Yates, 1b	4	1	2	10	0
Pralle, cf	3	1	1	2	0
Truxal, 3b	4	0	1	1	4
Clarke, rf	3	1	2	0	0
McJroom, rf	1	0	1	1	0
Frye, lf	3	0	0	4	0
Geary, lf	1	0	0	0	0
Witzel, c	4	0	1	4	2
Lindeman, p	3	0	0	0	2
Totals	32	4	9	27	14

Score by Innings:					
Strother Field	000	000	000	—	0
Merchants	112	000	00x	—	4

Military and civilian personnel with talent who desire to appear on the Strother Field Hour radio program over station KPH are requested to contact Cpl. Bob Haney, Public Relations Office.

Flyers Defeat All-Stars 8 to 0 To Win 2nd In AC League

Strother Field copped second place honors in the Ark City baseball League for the last half of the season when the Flyers defeated the Dubbs All-Stars 8 to 0 in a five-inning game Wednesday night. The chance for a three-way tie for the title between Strother Field, the Kanotex Oilers and Maurer-Neuer Packers faded out of the picture when the Packers defeated the Oilers 10 to 8 in a game Tuesday evening.

SF FLYERS				ALL-STAR			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Teeters, 4	0	2	Means, rf	3	0	1	
Dalak, ss	4	2	Shanks, lf	3	0	0	
Antos, 1b	3	0	1	Duncan, c	3	0	0
Williams, cf	2	3	2	Thomas, cf	2	0	1
Gorshin, 3b	1	1	0	Hadley, 2b	2	0	0
Smith, lf	3	0	1	M'Keever, 1b	2	0	0
Correll, rf	3	1	0	McVay, 3b	2	0	0
Yachman, p	3	1	1	Martin, ss	2	0	0
LeFave, 2b	2	0	0	Parker, p	2	0	0
Schultz, 3b	0	0	0				
Totals	25	8	9		21	0	2

The Strother Field baseball team journeyed to Halstead, Kans., yesterday where it met the Hutchinson, Kans., Naval Station team in the first of a two-game series last night. The second game will be played in Hutchinson tonight.

Medics and Headquarters Win Opening Games of Softball Tourney

Strother Field's softball tourney opened Tuesday night with two games played while one team drew a bye. The Medics, 1943 champions, defeated the Communications team 16 to 0 in a five inning affair while Headquarters took a see-saw game from Armament by the score of 9 to 8. Section B was idle having drawn a bye.

MEDICS				HEADQUARTERS			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Childers, 3b	4	1	1				
Cagle, 2b	3	3	3				
Haungs, c	4	3	3				
Dillon, lf	4	2	3				
Gangwere, 1b	4	1	1				
Masucci, rf	3	2	1				
Inman, cf	3	1	0				
Onuklewech, sf	3	1	1				
Tiersbach, 2b	1	1	1				
Tomasino, p	3	1	1				

COMMUNICATIONS				ARMAMENT			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Cohen, ss	3	0	0				
Nason, 2b	2	0	0				
Tellick, 3b	3	0	0				
Karrell, 1b	2	0	0				
Schuerman, lf	2	0	0				
Lax, rf	2	0	1				
Wagner, c	2	0	1				
Pelletier, cf	2	0	1				
Tendberg, p	2	0	1				
Byrne, sf	1	0	1				

2AF Schedules 13 Football Games

Colorado Springs, Colo., August 11—Second Air Force, one of the country's outstanding service teams in 1942, will play 13 football games this fall, according to announcement by Maj. Claude F. McGrath, 2AAF director of football.

No opponent has been named for September 16, but Maj. McGrath, former director of athletics at Gonzaga University, has several teams under consideration for that date or September 17, a Sunday.

The 2AAF squad, which has been undergoing preliminary workouts for three weeks, will start practice the middle of August at Colorado Springs, under direction of Maj. William B. (Red) Reese, who also coached the squad two seasons ago.

- Sept. 2—Peru Naval V-12 at Sioux City, Ia.
- Sept. 9—Colorado College at Colorado Springs.
- Sept. 16—Open.
- Sept. 23—Whitman College at Boise, Ida.
- Sept. 30—Colorado University at Boulder, Colo.
- Oct. 7—Iowa Seahawks at Lincoln, Neb.
- Oct. 14—University of New Mexico at El Paso, Tex.
- Oct. 21—North Texas Aggies at Pyote, Tex.
- Oct. 25—Washburn University at Topeka, Kan.
- Nov. 4—Amarillo Air Field at Colorado Springs.
- Nov. 11—Fort Warren at Denver, Colo.
- Nov. 18—University of Washington at Spokane, Wash.
- Nov. 26—Fourth Air Force at Denver.

Armament made 5 runs in the top half of the fifth frame while Headquarters put two runs across the plate. In the third Armament made one more run while Headquarters again scored two runs to make it 6 to 4 in favor of the former team. In the fourth frame Headquarters had its biggest inning scoring three runs and making the score 7 to 6 in its favor. In the Sixth Armament scored one run to tie up the score at 7 all. In the seventh and final inning Armament put over one run to lead the game 8 to 7. Headquarters made two runs in its half of the final frame to win the game 9 to 8.

Cunningham, Armament first baseman, hit a home run in the sixth and Loughan, Headquarters pitcher, banged out a triple in the fourth scoring Ingram.

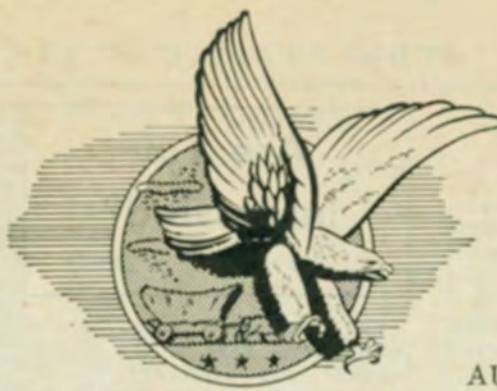
The Medics began their scoring spree in the second inning with 3 runs. Three more runs in the third inning, 7 runs in the fourth and 3 in the fifth gave them a total of 16 runs on 15 hits. Cagle, Medics second baseman, had a perfect evening with three runs, three hits in three trips to the plate. Dillon, Medics leftfielder, hit triples in the fourth and fifth innings scoring one man in each frame.

In the second series of games played last night Headquarters met Communications, the Medics played Section B and Armament drew a bye. The games were played too late to carry the results in this week's issue of the Prairie Flier. The tourney is being handled by S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak of the PT department.

HEADQUARTERS				ARMAMENT			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Biederman, 3b	4	0	0				
Harper, 2b	3	2	1				
Gansen, lf	4	1	1				
Walton, cf	2	2	0				
Smith, ss	4	0	1				
Ingram, 1b	3	1	1				
Nouse, c	4	0	1				
Loughan, p	3	1	1				
Selvidge, sf	3	1	1				
Williams, rf	3	1	2				

ARMAMENT				HEADQUARTERS			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Dorle, 2b	4	1	1				
Hayes, ss	4	1	3				
Molecky, cf	2	1	1				
Cunningham, 1b	4	2	3				
Robertson, cf	3	0	0				
Dugan, c	3	0	0				
Curran, lf	2	1	1				
Skelly, rf	3	0	1				
Yakovac, p	3	1	1				
Stutenfeld, 3b	3	0	1				

Lancaster, Pa. (CNS)—A 28-year-old West Virginian has written to Lancaster's mayor, asking his aid in finding a bride. "I want one not so bad-looking," he wrote, "not too wild and not too tame."



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

1st Lt. Robert K. Outsen, aviation ordnance officer at Strother Field, is shown loading 50 cal. shells in a gun to be placed in a P-47 Thunderbolt plane. A veteran of the Middle East and African campaigns, he has been awarded the Soldier's Medal and two unit citations.

On May 21, 1943, a 1,000-pound bomb was accidentally released by a plane making a landing at the field where Lt. Outsen was stationed. The bomb skidded and came to rest directly in the path of another plane making an emergency landing. With complete disregard for his own safety Lt. Outsen aided in removing the bomb to a safe place. By this courageous act he probably prevented the loss of several lives and valuable government property. For this deed Lt. Outsen was awarded the Soldier's Medal.

A graduate of Polytechnic High School and the Junior College in San Francisco, Cal., Lt. Outsen entered the service July, 1941 at Presidio Monterey, Cal. His home is in Stockton, Cal. He was a sporting goods buyer and merchant in civilian life.

Special Broadcast Sunday Evening

A special edition of the Strother Field Hour radio program over station KFJ in Wichita will be heard Sunday evening at 5 o'clock.

The program will feature interviews with Civil Air Patrol cadets in which their impressions of army life based on their stay at this 72nd Fighter Wing base will be discussed. The 683rd Army Band under the direction of CO-O William F. Baker will furnish the musical background.

Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margol'n
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Field Has Four SSO's in Week

Some kind of record was established this week when four different officers headed the Special Service department.

When 1st Lt. Howard E. Thompson was transferred over the week-end, his duties were temporarily assigned to 1st Lt. James R. Lounsberry, physical training officer. Lt. Lounsberry was granted an emergency leave Tuesday and the SSO was taken over by 1st Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, public relations officer.

Thursday morning 1st Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, new permanent SSO officer arrived at Strother Field to assume his duties. Lt. Gilbert came to Strother Field from the Grand Island, Neb., Army Air Field and he and Mrs. Gilbert are making their home in Winfield.

Sgt. J. E. Cogdill Treasures Insignia

Most highly treasured among the mementoes of two and one-half years of foreign duty of an airplane mechanic now at Strother Field is the famed "Hat in the Ring" insignia of World War I ace, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker.

The right to wear the silver pin was granted by Rickenbacker himself to the group to which Sgt. John E. Cogdill of Canton, N.C., was assigned before it went overseas.

Sgt. Cogdill modestly thinks nothing of the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon with five campaign stars which he wears or of the Presidential Citation ribbon awarded all members of his group for destroying 88 Nazi planes in a daring low-level raid. But he is really proud of that Rickenbacker pin.

A coincidence of interest to Sgt. Cogdill when he reported at this Thunderbolt base of the Second Air Force recently was the fact that it was named for Captain Donald R. Strother, heroic brother of the man who commanded his fighter group in Italy, Brigadier General Dean Strother of Winfield, Kansas.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen

M-Sgt. Woodrow W. Watson To Head Non-Com Club at Strother Field

M/Sgt. Woodrow W. Watson of Section A-3 was elected president of the newly organized non-commissioned officers club at a meeting of members in the post theater Tuesday noon. Vice-president of the organization is M/Sgt. Carl W. Davis of Section A-2 and secretary-treasurer is S/Sgt. Joseph Paulk, also of Section A-2.

Members of the Board of Governors for the club were elected by members of sub-sections one, two and three of Section A while representatives of the Medics and 683rd Army Band will be elected at a later date.

Those men elected to the Board during the voting Tuesday were M/Sgt. Robert L. Smith of Section A-1, T/Sgt. Bernard P. Robertson of Section A-2 and S/Sgt. William G. Hessman of Section A-3.

More than two hundred non-commissioned officers have either paid their initiation fee and first month's dues or have signed pledges to do so before August 25th in order to become charter members of the organization, first of its kind at this 72nd Fighter Wing base. Initiation fee is \$3.00 and monthly dues are \$1.50.

CAP Cadets Representing Entire State Here 10 Days

Halfway through their ten-day orientation course in Army Air Forces activity at Strother Field are the 170 CAP cadets who arrived at this 72nd Fighter Wing base Sunday. The young men, 16 to 18 years of age, and members of the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol came from all parts of the state, the largest delegations representing Kansas City, Wichita and Hutchinson.

Field Projects Keep C of E Busy

With the reconstruction of Post Operations building—destroyed by fire the night of July 13—nearing completion, the top item on the Strother Field Post Engineer's list of many projects is that of repairing and resurfacing of streets. Concurrent with this job work is being pressed on a number of other important projects, chiefly in the ordnance and motor pool sector.

In the motor pool area, a new office has been provided for the motor transportation officer. The old office will be turned over to the drivers as a waiting room.

A new hydraulic hoist has been installed in the motor pool and ordnance area for greasing and servicing trucks and cars on the field.

A new tile drain to the main storm sewer on the post will be laid during the next few days to drain the motor pool wash rack.

A changeover which has been in progress for sometime is nearing completion—the tearing down, welding and reconstruction of the large gasoline storage tanks. When Thunderbolt fighter planes were

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On Monday a six o'clock reveille started the first military day for the young men, followed by an army meal at the officer's mess. After breakfast the cadets attended a series of lectures in the post theater. In the absence of Colonel Donald E. Meade, base commander, the boys were officially welcomed by Major W. L. Chipman, commander of troops.

The cadets are quartered with the P-47 pilot trainees at the field, and are being accorded the same military treatment as regular AAF cadets. They are under the immediate supervision of CAP officers who accompanied them here. The detachment is commanded by CAP Lt. Clark A. Luther of Wichita.

Their schedule here is packed with field and classroom activities covering such subjects as Supply, Small Arms, Crash Procedure, Armament, Line Maintenance, Communications, Parachutes, Sanitation, Weather, Military Intelligence, Physical Training. They have access to the enlisted men's service club, theater, gymnasium, athletic fields, swimming pool, library post exchange. With all their duties the boys found time to thoroughly enjoy the juke box dance Monday night at the service club and the Thursday night dance party at the club.

STEALS THE SHOW

During a dramatic moment in the screen production at the post theater last Friday evening one of the characters said to the heroine, "Who did that?" Someone screamed, "Sergeant Hirschfield, Sergeant Hirschfield!"

It was an usher calling Sgt. Sanford (On your old bald head) Hirschfield to the telephone.

We Can Take It!

By 1ST/CAP SGT. R. H. JAMES
Emporia, Kansas

Squadron 1, Flight B Barracks 508 After four days of life under Army discipline at Strother Field the opinions of the cadets as to military life are varied. We have been experiencing this routine for the first time.

To suddenly step into the rigors of army physical training has brought many complaints of tight muscles and after an hour of PT most of us are ready for bed, providing we can crawl that far.

Kitchen police has been another Army privilege we have shared in, doing our work at the officer's mess. Although it has not been hard we can understand why men in service gripe about it.

We have two inspections each day and one medical inspection.

Reveille is at 0530 and taps at 2230. Retreat is held every evening at 1830 just before evening mess.

We are receiving training that will be invaluable to us after our time for call to duty comes. The cadets selected to attend the 10-day training period here previously completed training courses in drill, military courtesy and discipline, guard duty, safeguarding military information and study of the history of the Civil Air Patrol.

Although we are only half through our training here we have enjoyed every minute of it and appreciate the courtesy extended us by the officers and enlisted men of this 72nd Fighter Wing base.



Cadets and officers of the Kansas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol stand in formation during their first day of military training at Strother Field. The group will be stationed here for a ten-day period.

72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

The War and You

Under the eyes of a weary and cynical world-at-war an old, recurrent miracle is taking place today. Almost unnoticed by the many who are too tired, too hardened, too preoccupied with war for miracles, it is yet a salient fact of our age; a fact that will leave its print upon our world for many decades to come.

The miracle of course is the nascent resurgence of the Phoenix, France, out of the flame and ashes in which she has withered and charred for four long years.

In a way it is inexplicable. For France has been crushed as few nations have ever been crushed. Her armies and her fleets were swept away. Her leaders crawled worm-like before the conqueror and parroted his words and sought only to steal crumbs from his table. All her old glories and her old pride were trampled and humbled, and the grey-clad sentries of the conqueror clashed their hob-nailed boots in the courtyards of Louis Le Roi Soleil. Morally and intellectually France was discredited, and physically she was almost annihilated.

For a long time France had only a man and a faith. The man, Charles de Gaulle, was leader of a pitiful remnant which proudly named itself an army. He was a man of faults; not a Bonaparte in military skill, nor a Voltaire in intellect, nor a Richelieu in statesmanship. He was only a man who believed in France. He was a symbol for the faith of France.

The faith was an old thing and a living thing. There was something of the arrogance of long-haired, horse eating Clovis in that faith; something of the pitiful gallantry of Roland at Roncevalles; something of the uncomprehending pride of the Sun King; something of the pure, sweet faith of the Maid of Domremy. Above all it was a living faith and kept alive in the hearts and thoughts and the unthinking emotions of the little people who are France.

Today the man and the faith are making a miracle. France is once more a power in the world we know. It is almost unthinkable that this should be so, for France is still nine-tenths under the heel of the enemy. She has not yet an army or a navy to be reckoned with seriously. Her people are still hungry, and tired, and in the shadow of her agony.

But France is already a power. The statesmen of the great powers ask "What will France do?" The planners of a post-war world give place to France in their nebulous dreams and their careful treaties. The stubborn spirit of France is doing more than armies to defeat the Nazi on her soil. When the Nazi is gone France will be a power again.

For a long time she had only a man and a faith; a man not without fault and an intangible which no man can weigh or measure. Together they have wrought a miracle in a world too cynical for miracles.

Speaking of -- Seasonal Fruit

Mars, the god of war, with sharp teeth represented by the allied armies in Europe, is enjoying his own watermelon season.

The melon comprises the Nazi outer defense area and daily the old boy bites off dripping red chunks of the overly ripe Nazi fruit. At the left of the slice is Normandy. In the center is Southern France and Italy. At the right is East Prussia.

Each day the bites grow larger and the fruit more red. The seeds, like Hitler's soldiers, are spat aside to dry and rot as do the bodies of German dead before belated burial.

As the fruit is consumed nothing remains but the Rhine, end of Mar's feast and of World War II. White in color as the bleached swastika serving as the unconditional surrender flag, it will then be discarded along with Nazism to be replaced by the ever-in-season fruit of democracy.

As the watermelon season draws to a close so does Hitler's rampant rule in Western Europe. As the season passes, so does our enemy.

American Boys

It was not many years ago that the men in service today were crossing through the woods to the ole swimmin' hole, stopping by a berry patch to pick up a handful of sweets.

Today we saw one hundred and seventy youngsters heading for the swimmin' hole at Strother Field. What they were picking up this time were their feet as they followed the cadence called out by an enlisted man as they marched to the pool. The boys were Civil Air Patrol Cadets here for 10 days of training. Their's was a newly acquired military bearing until they dived from the boards and tower, then they became a group of regular American kids, having the time of their lives.

It has been a pleasure having these young men on the base and seeing them take the training handed out to them in the typical American spirit.

To their officers, business men from over the state of Kansas, we extend our congratulations on their training of such a fine group of young men. The hours devoted to the cadets have been taken from their own leisure time.

It is our sincere hope that World War II ends before these cadets reach the age to be called into service, regardless of their desire to get into the fight. May these boys continue the American tradition of finding swimmin' holes and tying their pals' clothes in knots, yelling "chaw beef" while their brothers head for the Seine and Rhine rivers in Europe, tying the enemy lines in knots as they go on to victory.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

How much do you know about the Bible? Each Wednesday night at 7 o'clock a Bible study class is being held in the Post Chapel. Why not attend this week and see what it's all about?

Here are some reasons why you should attend:

1. It is a study of the Bible, not about the Bible.
2. The method of study is informal and thought provoking.
3. You do not have to prepare before coming.
4. You do not need to dress up—come in fatigues if you like.
5. Every man takes part.
6. It will cost you nothing.
7. It lasts only one hour.
8. Men of all protestant churches will feel at home.
9. You will know more about the Bible when you go away than you did when you came—each week every man testifies to that fact.
10. You will not be embarrassed at any time.

Preceding the study there will be 20 minutes of organ music. Come in, relax, and have Miss Dewey play your favorite religious number. Remember, WEDNESDAY AT 7 P.M.!

Are You Interested?

By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The other day a patient in the convalescent ward of the station hospital was overheard to remark, "I didn't come here to be educated!"

This seems to be the attitude of a certain group of GI's toward anything educational. The most common justification for this attitude is that, "I just don't have time," or "What good will it do me?" Fortunately, this group is a minority.

There are many soldiers who are availing themselves of the educational opportunities offered by the Army. One of the major programs in this field is the United States Armed Forces Institute. Every GI (including officers) is eligible to enroll. The institute offers four types of work: Institute correspondence courses; University Extension correspondence courses; Self-teaching courses and Off-Duty classes. You may enroll in almost any type of class in which you are interested. All courses have been selected on the basis of adding to your military efficiency or in adjustment to civilian life, or both. Incidentally, the problems we will face when we return to civilian life are becoming increasingly important, if you have been following the battlefronts of Europe.

Many men have kept their skills alive while in the Army. Others have learned new skills. What have you done? Are you ready to face the problem of making a living after your discharge from the Army? Many of us are. Many of us could well spend some time "brushing up."

The cost of Institute self-teaching and correspondence courses is very reasonable. One fee, \$2.00 enrolls any enlisted man or woman, who may continue to enroll for additional courses without charge so long as acceptable work is being done. University Extension courses are somewhat higher but the government shares the cost of these courses up to the amount of \$20.00. Frankly, you can't beat these prices!

Are you interested? If so, contact the post librarian or the special service officer for assistance in enrolling. If you aren't interested—give it a bit more "thinking over." It is your problem and you are the one who will benefit.

Ye Liftings

Old Maid—A girl of advanced years who has gone through life with no hits, runs, or errors—presumably.

Bellboy making a couple comfortable after showing them to their room.

"Anything I can get for you sir?"

Man: "No, that will be all."

Bellboy: "Anything for your wife?"

Man: "Oh yes, bring me a postcard."

He: Let's create a disturbance.
She: You'll have to marry me first.

GI: Do you think a girl should learn about life before 20?

Date: Hell no! That's too big an audience.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

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| Sat. | Win. | Dancing Games |
| | Ark. | Informal dancing |
| Sun. | Win. | Program Free call |
| | Ark. | Bingo-Free call |
| Mon. | Win. | Do-as-you-please |
| | Ark. | Bridge and game night |
| Tues. | Win. | Bridge-Rummy |
| | Ark. | Do-as-you-please |
| Wed. | Win. | Dancing Games |
| | Ark. | Snack Bar party |
| Thurs. | Win. | Game night |
| | Ark. | Ping-pong tournament |
| Fri. | Win. | Swim |
| | Ark. | Bingo-Prizes |



Q. My first sergeant recently crushed a cigarette butt on my bed. What recourse have I against this boorish fellow?

A. See your CO. He's the logical man to go to if you have a legitimate gripe against your sergeant.

Q. As I understand the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, a veteran is eligible for educational benefits if he had not passed his 25th birthday when he entered the service. I was 26 when I was drafted, but was still attending school at that time. Because my education was interrupted by military service, I think I should be eligible for assistance when I resume my schooling after the war. What do you think?

A. If you can prove that your education was interrupted by the Army, you will be considered eligible for the educational benefits of the GI Bill of Rights even though you are over 25.

What's new in your home town?

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

Brooklyn (CNS) — Sprinkling the flowers of his second-floor windowbox, Joseph Roteno accidentally splashed a few drops on the bald dome of his first-floor neighbor, Carmino Peravello. Peravello dashed upstairs and slugged Roteno several times with an axe before he was restrained by the police.

Cambridge, Mass. (CNS)—Another tradition crumbled here recently when the Harvard Corporation voted to admit women students to the Harvard Medical School for the first time in 308 years.

Houston, Tex. (CNS) — D. D. Hobbs, city dog catcher, picked up a stray poodle on a downtown street. As he was loading the pooch into his wagon, he was bitten on the leg. But it wasn't the poodle that had bitten Hobbs. It was the woman who owned it.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

19 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Open house at the Club until 1800. Don't forget to write a letter home. Use our Club stationary.
THEATER—A Lady Takes a Chance (revival)—Jean Arthur—John Wayne. Short Subjects.

SUNDAY

20 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Swimming for you and your friends. Dancing and cold drinks on the terrace.
THEATER—Mr. Winkle Goes to War—Edw. G. Robinson, Ruth Warrick. Short Subjects.

MONDAY

21 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance on the terrace. Plenty of gals from the base to dance with. Your wife or girl friend is also invited.
THEATER—No feature shown.

TUESDAY

22 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Section B Party and Dance with the Airchords Orchestra.
THEATER—Double Feature: Three Little Sisters—Ruth Terry, Mary Lee, Wm. Terry. The Mummy's Ghost—John Carradine—Robt. Lowery—Lon Chaney.

WEDNESDAY

23 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night on the terrace. Snack bar open until 2230 every night except Saturday.
THEATER—Barbary Coast Gent—Wallace Berry, Binnie Barnes. Short Subjects.

THURSDAY

24 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Regular Starlight Dance. Girls from Wellington and Winfield. Don't be bashful. The girls aren't!
THEATER—Music Appreciation Night. For those who like good music.

FRIDAY

25 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Night at the club. Dress as you please. It's your night. We have cookies, lemonade, and a good movie on the terrace. Come and relax.
THEATER—Crime by Night—Jane Wyman, Jerome Cowan. Short Subjects.

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The gunnaircraft crew of Strother Field appear ready to take off with Cpl. James B. Wells at the controls of the equipment used in training flying officers at this 72nd Fighter Wing base. Standing to his left is Pvt. Dewey Melton and at the right is Cpl. Rupert Horn. Kneeling, front row left to right are: Pfc. Clarence Stevenson, Pvt. August Hess and Pvt. Kermit Case.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
1830-2000

POST THEATER

Meditation from Thais - Massenet
The familiar and well loved violin number, a favorite because of its quiet reflective mood.

Jardins sous la Pluie - Debussy
Les Collines d'Anacapri - Debussy
Two of this great impressionist's lovely numbers... the wind-swept, rain-drenched "Jardins" and the sunny and peaceful "Hills of Anacapri."

Concerto in A Minor for Piano - Grieg

This magnificently dramatic work has been called the most perfect amalgam of piano and orchestra ever effected. Its mood ranges from the majestic through the solemn to lovely and humorous passages once heard never completely forgotten.

Summertime "Porgy and Bess" - Gershwin

Prelude in A Minor - Tschostakovitch

Polka "Age of Gold" - Tschostakovitch

One of the most amusing numbers ever written... it is an excerpt from the composer's satirical ballet "The Age of Gold." 1812 Overture - Tchaikowski

The spirit—the very soul of Imperial Russia and its people expressed in music seldom if ever surpassed in grandeur, sonority, power and intense and nationalistic feeling.

Torreodore's Song "Carmen" Bizet
Waltz in A Major - Brahms

A wife is a woman who sticks with her husband through all the trouble he would not have had if he had not married her in the first place.

"If I take this castor oil, do you think I'll be well enough to get up in the morning?"

"Well—you'd better."

Polls Prohibited

(Sec. 4, War Dept. Pamphlet No. 21-12
Manual for Voting)

The law provides that no person within or without the armed forces of the United States shall poll any member of such forces at any time or at any place with reference to his choice of or his vote for any political candidate. Specifically, the law states:

"Sec. 314. (a) No person within or without the armed forces of the United States shall poll any member of such forces, either within or without the United States, either before or after he shall have executed any ballot either under the provisions of this title or under any State law, with reference to his choice of or his vote for any candidate for any of the offices authorized to be voted for by the use of the aforesaid ballot nor state, publish, or release any result of any purported poll taken from or among the members of the armed forces of the United States or including within it the statement of choice for or of votes cast by any member of the armed forces of the United States for any of the officers authorized to be voted for by the use of the aforesaid ballot.

"(b) The word 'poll' is defined as any request for information, either verbal or written, which by its language or form of expression requires or implies the necessity of an answer, where the request is made with the intent of compiling the result of the answers obtained either for the personal use of the person making the request, or for the purpose of reporting the same to any other person, persons, political party, unincorporated association or corporation, or for the purpose of publishing the same orally, by radio, or in written or printed form.

"(c) Any person not a member of the armed forces of the United States who violates the provisions of this section, either within or outside of the United States, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both."

Night Life at Strother Field

It isn't kitchen police detail alone that gives one that weary look—it is the night before that leaves you staggering by the time 4 a.m. rolls around.

At 2 a.m. a delightful surprise took place. Someone, against the messhall rules, contributed the cash for a concert on the juke box. "One O'clock Jump" an hour late, was the leadoff number followed by the fiendishly clever selection of the piece "I'll Be Seeing You." Then came "I Walk Alone." We are checking to see if the concert master has been on KP recently. If so he should know that the CQ leads his staggering stupe to the messhall, delivering them to the pusher like so many sacks of old saggy potatoes (with no eyes). The messhall is only a stone's throw (no, no, no!) from the orderly room and with traffic so light four out of five of us could have made it alone perhaps.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Newest additions to the base photo lab are shown. Left is Pvt. Gerald E. Curtis who came here from the Lincoln, Neb., army air field. His home is in Leon, Kans. At the right is Pvt. Melvin Smith who hails from Bay City, N.J. He came here from Shepard Field, Tex.

Section 'B' Sets Date for 'Cruise' of SS Strother

Tuesday, August 22, will see another Section "B" outdoor dance on the patio of the Service Club. This time it will be in the form of a cruise on the good ship S.S. Strother. A nautical theme will be used in the decorations. As a background for the Airchords dance orchestra a huge picture of a steamship has been painted.

Along the walls of the patio will be the railings of a ship's deck hung with life savers. Festooned across the dance floor will be pennants in various colors. A large table decorated with miniature life savers, flowers and air corps colors will be reserved for guests.

Refreshments will be served during the cruise. The passenger list will include invited guests from Wichita, Winfield, Arkansas City and Ponca City.

New Additions For Two SF Families

It seems the editor has not caught up with the stork (Heaven forbid the opposite!). An officer and enlisted man recently became proud fathers and the news just reached the Prairie Flier.

Lt. and Mrs. Fred R. Hundley Jr., are the parents of a 7 pound 7 ounce boy, Danny Frank, born in Winfield the ninth of August. Lt. Hundley is the 3rd Echelon maintenance officer at Strother Field.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph Paulk became the parents of a 7 pound daughter, Joanne Nugent, July 27th in Ft. Smith, Ark., the home town of the couple. S/Sgt. Paulk is assigned to the officer's club at Strother Field.

Then there was the cross-eyed professor who couldn't control his pupils.

BENEFITS GRANTED 1919 VETS CONTRASTED WITH THOSE OF '44

When the servicemen came home from fighting the first World War they found a hearty welcome home, and but little else. It is interesting to note the comparison of conditions confronting returning veterans in 1919 and those awaiting the veterans of 1944 and later.

	WORLD WAR I	WORLD WAR II
Severance pay	\$60 top discharge bonus.	\$300 top muster-out pay.
Total disability pay Government hospitalization	\$30 top a month. None available.	\$250 top a month. Available to every veteran today.

(G. I. Bill Benefits)

Veterans Administration	None existed.	Made a full war agency with priorities.
Hospitals	None existed.	\$500,000,000 expansion authorized of present structure of 100 V.A. hospitals.
Boards to review discharges	None existed.	Authorized by G.I. Bill.

Claims procedure ..	Stifled by red tape.	Quick settlement of claims mandatory under new law.
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Educational opportunities	Nothing for able bodied.	Schooling for all whose education was interrupted, delayed or impeded by war service, with provision for \$50 a month subsistence allowance from the government, plus \$25 a month for dependents, plus \$500 a year for tuition fees, all available up to four years if progress warrants it.
Vocational training	Only for the disabled.	For all who want on same terms as above.

Apprenticeship training	None provided.	For all desiring it.
Loan provisions for the purchase of homes, farms or small businesses ..	Nothing like this dreamed of.	Government guarantees 50 per cent of loan, guarantee limit being \$2,000, from any local lending agency or individuals, for the purchase of a home, farm, or small business property.

Employment aids ..	No effective employment or job placement service existed.	Finest veterans' employment service, job counseling and job placement service provided, operated by veterans for veterans.
Unemployment benefits	No one ever heard of them.	\$20 a week for a period of not to exceed 52 weeks.

Male Call

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



Perspective In Map Reading





Medics Lead In Softball Tourney With Three Victories

The Medic softball team, champions in 1943, is leading in the current tournament at Strother Field with three games won and none lost. Third victim was the Headquarters team which was defeated 5 to 3 Monday evening. What appeared to be a shutout for Tomasino, Medic tosser, who had given up only four scattered hits in the first six innings, suddenly turned into a 5 to 3 affair in the final frame.

Nouse, Headquarters catcher, singled followed by outs by Williams, rightfielder and Harper, centerfielder. Loughan, pitcher, and Smith, shortstop, were walked, loading the bases as Selvidge, shortfielder, came to bat. He singled and a passed ball resulted in three runs coming in. This was however, the end of the Headquarters rally as the Medics tightened up and ended the game with a two-run margin. Nicholas of the Medics made two runs and two hits in three times at bat to lead his team in batting.

In the other game played Monday night Armament defeated Section B 9 to 0 behind the one-hit pitching of Heassig. Not only did Heassig star on the mound but banged out a homerun in the sixth inning. No one was on at the time. Robertson, Armament centerfielder, made three hits for two runs in four trips to the plate to lead his teammates. Windham, Section B first sacker, got the only hit off Heassig.

In the second series of games played Thursday of last week the Medics defeated Section B by the score of 20 to 12. Dillon, Medics leftfielder, slugged out two home runs along with two other hits in six trips to the plate and accounted for five runs. Bowen, Section B thirdbaseman and Moore Section B secondbaseman, each hit home runs. Moore got two hits for two runs in four trips to the plate while Bowen got four hits for two runs in four trips.

Headquarters trimmed Communications 6 to 1 in the second game played last Thursday. Thomas, thirdbaseman. Smith, shortstop and Nouse, catcher on the Headquarters team got the only hits made in the game. one each. A combination of walks and errors resulted in the Headquarters hits counting for tallies in the first, third, fifth and sixth innings.

MEDICS				HDQTS.			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Childers, 3b	4	1	1	Thomas, 3b	3	0	0
Cagel, ss	3	0	1	Zirtslaff, 2b	3	0	2
Haungs, c	4	0	2	Ingram, 1b	2	0	0
Dillon, lf	4	0	1	Gansen, lf	3	0	1
Inman, rf	3	0	1	Nouse, c	3	1	1
Nicholas, cf	3	2	2	Williams, rf	3	0	0
Gangwere, 1b	2	1	1	Harper, cf	3	0	0
Masucci, cf	3	0	1	Loughlan, p	1	1	0
Ottersb'h, 2b	3	0	1	Smith, ss	2	1	1
Tomasino, p	3	1	1	Selvidge, cf	3	0	2
	33	5	12		26		

ARMAMENT				SECTION B			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Skelly, sf	3	2	1	Nalls, c	3	0	0
Malecky, lf	4	1	2	Moore, p	3	0	0
Davis, 3b	4	1	1	Wind'm, 1b	3	0	1
Cun'g'm, 1b	4	1	1	Durr, 2b	2	0	0
Rob'tson, cf	4	2	3	Alderson, ss	2	0	0
Scott, ss	2	0	1	Bovena, 2b	2	0	0
Doria, 2b	3	0	2	Reed, lf	2	0	0
Duggan, c	2	0	0	Blonson, cf	2	0	0
Heassig, p	3	1	1	Berry, rf	2	0	0
Klemens, rf	2	1	1	Davis, sf	2	0	0
Daniel, sf	0	0	0				
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STANDINGS

Medics	3	0	1.000
Hdqts.	2	1	.750
Armament	1	1	.500
Section B	0	2	.000

Split Bill With Hutch. Naval Base

Strother Field broke even in a series of two baseball games last week with the Hutchinson, Kans., Naval Station, losing the first game 2 to 1 with Pfc. Fred Von Esson on the mound, and winning the second encounter 3 to 1 with Cpl. Arthur Shultz tossing for the flyers.

The first game was played in Halstead, Kans., where the townspeople gave the soldiers and sailors a hearty welcome. The entire top floor of the hotel was turned over to the men and they were served a chicken dinner before game time. There were other attractions too (we won't discuss them however. How can you write about something when you get left at home?)

The second game was played at the naval base in Hutchinson. Following the game the boys were served a super deluxe steak dinner in the messhall. By a coincidence the route home brought the boys back through Halstead.

FIELD PROJECTS

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brought to Strother Field, a change to 100-octane gasoline was necessitated, and the tanks which were on the post were unsuited for storage of that type gasoline. One by one the storage tanks have been rebuilt, re-welded and re-equipped to handle this high-rating fuel. While this work was in progress, it was necessary to keep the 100-octane gasoline stored in trucks and in tank cars retained on the siding in order to have available a sufficient amount to fill the needs.

Flyers Complete Season With 13 Wins; 10 Losses

The Strother Field Flyers closed the 1944 baseball season with a thrilling game Wednesday night in Eldorado, Kans., with the Herington Army Air Field winning 11 to 10 in the ninth inning.

This was the fourth game played with the Second Air Force district champions and was a tough one to lose for the local team. Herington scored one run in the first frame and in the fourth the Flyers tied the score at one all. In the fifth Herington scored another run and sent Diz Hoeffner, pitching star, to the mound to replace the starting tosser. Strother Field was out to win and Diz who had stopped the Flyers in three previous games, came in to keep his record perfect.

The Flyers were not to be stopped. They scored three runs off Diz in the top of the seventh and were leading 4 to 2. In its half of the seventh Herington scored three runs, two of them resulting from fly balls to the outfield which were lost in the field lights. The inning ended with Herington leading 5 to 4.

In the eighth Strother Field scored four runs only to have Herington come back with five runs, four of them resulting from fly balls being lost in the field lights again. Herington then led 10 to 8.

Disregarding their bad luck Strother Field scored two more runs in the ninth and tied the score at 10 all. Herington was able to score one run in this inning resulting in its winning this hard fought game 11 to 10.

Cpl. Phil Ratcliff, SF pitcher, played a magnificent game, hurling his head off to beat the team that has jinxed his outfit all year. He hit two singles with the bases full to throw a scare into Hoeffner and his teammates. Rain started pouring during the last half of the game and Herington wanted to call the game, but Strother Field was out to win and came very near doing it. The

third game between the two teams was played last Sunday afternoon in Ark City and the visitors were hotter than the weather winning 20 to 3.

Strother Field has won 13 games while losing 10 during the season. The team finished in second place in the Ark City League in both the first and second half of season play. Replacing Dexter, Kans., in league play the first half of the season the Flyers had two losses made by Dexter credited to them, but they won the three remaining games that half and would have copped the title had they been able to have played in the first two games of the season. In the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament in Wichita the Flyers were eliminated by Ft. Riley, tournament winner, and Liberal, Kans., AAF. The Flyers won their other tournament game, defeating the A.C. Parts, 5 to 1.

SF 12—Santa Fe 0
SF 8—Kanotex 7
SF 9—All Stars 3
SF 5—Independence AAF 3
SF 5—A.C. Parts 1
SF 12—Chillico 6
SF 11—Coffeyville AAF 6
SF 17—Coffeyville AAF 7
SF 7—Santa Fe 1
SF 12—Kanotex 11
SF 5—Independence AAF 2
SF 8—All Stars 0
SF 3—Hutchinson 1
Topeka AAF 14—SF 2
Herington AAF 11—SF 0
Ft. Riley 12—SF 1
Liberal AAF 6—SF 0
Packers 10—SF 7
Herington AAF 21—SF 8
Bartlesville 4—SF 0
Hutchinson 2—SF 1
Herington AAF 20—SF 3
Herington AAF 11—SF 10

Pitching honors for the season were shared by Cpl. Arthur Shultz, Pfc. Fred Von Esson, and Cpl. Phil Ratcliff with three wins each. T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, Pfc. Al Curtis, Cpl. James Wells and Pfc. John Yachman each won one game.



Shown above are members of the Strother Field baseball team. Front row, left to right: Pvt. Don Weaver, catcher; S/Sgt. Emil Dalak, shortstop; Sgt. Frank Gorshin, utility infielder; Pfc. Al Curtis, 3rd baseman; Pfc. Fred Von Essen, pitcher; Sgt. John Borisenko, utility infielder and Cpl. Stanley Antos, 1st baseman. Second row, left to right: 1st Lt. James Lounsberry, physical training officer; M/Sgt. George Schuermann, 1st baseman; Cpl. Arthur Shultz, pitcher; S/Sgt. Norval Wagner, rightfielder; Cpl. Curvin Smith, outfielder; Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, team manager. Back row, left to right: T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, centerfielder; Cpl. Phil Ratcliff, pitcher and leftfielder; Sgt. Frank Flynn, rightfielder; Cpl. Frank LeFave, 2nd baseman and Cpl. Kenneth Teeters, catcher. Not shown are Cpl. James Wells, T/Sgt. Ralph Wilson and Pfc. John Yachman.

72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.



Know This Super-Duper?



For obvious reasons, we would like you to meet a very attractive girl. We do not know her name or home address so formal introductions are out.

A snap shot of the above cut was viewed by the ed. and knowing GI's appreciate the finer things in life, we had the picture reproduced for your admiration.

Two Strother Field enlisted men claim the picture and gave the lovely girl different names and addresses. We gave up the identification angle in order for the picture to make this issue of the Prairie Flier. Maybe next week we'll have the correct name and address. Wonder if she would like to be nominated as Strother Field's pin-up girl.

Civil Air Patrol Cadets Complete 10-Day Army Training Course Here

One-hundred-seventy tanned and weary but happy young men "transferred" from Strother Field Thursday morning. Destinations were their home towns over the state of Kansas and their return to high school or college this fall.

Members of the Kansas wing of the Civil Air Patrol, the cadets range in age from 15 to 18 years and took with a grin the 10-day training course given them in army air force life at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

Their stay at Strother Field included classroom work, physical training, drilling, kitchen police detail, and nightly retreat. It would take a lot of training to wear these young men out as evident in their "invasion" of the enlisted men's dances at the service club. Their jitterbug tactics made the GIs look like a bunch of has-beens.

Strother Field will miss their snappy marching and bright red epaulets flashing in the sun.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen

Sgt. Evens Score With Girl Friend

Equal rights for women is a great thing but Sgt. Martin T. Siegel of Section A-1 figured it was going a little too far when he received word from his girl friend that she had donated her first pint of blood to a Red Cross blood bank.

Sgt. Siegel considered the situation an emergency and called on the station Red Cross director for assistance in helping him even the score with the little woman. Mr. Thomson drove Siegel to Wichita Monday afternoon where the sergeant donated his first pint of blood. The score is now even but for how long it is hard to tell as Siegel awaits further word from the g.f.

Sgt. Mace Wears Unique Insignia

Sgt. Hudson Mace of Cordell, Okla., a new arrival at Strother Field from an overseas station, wears a unique insignia and a rare decoration. The insignia is the "Hat in Ring" of World War I ace, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. The famous patch was authorized for wear by Mace's group by Rickenbacker himself before it moved overseas to become famous as the outfit which wiped out the Luftwaffe at Foggia.

The other unusual item among Sgt. Mace's array of ribbons and patches is the French Croix de Guerre. The French decoration was awarded Mace's unit for having the best maintenance record in the Fifteenth Air Force.

An interesting coincidence for Sgt. Mace was the fact that his new Second Air Force station was named for a brother of Brigadier General Dean Strother of Winfield, Kas., commander of his fighter wing in Italy.

Sgt. Mace, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bonnell, Cordell, Okla., also wears a presidential citation ribbon, the E-A-ME theater ribbon with five stars and the American defense ribbon.

He is the second Strother Field soldier entitled to wear the "Hat in Ring" insignia, the other being Sgt. John E. Cogdill of Canton, N. C.

Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Field Ranks First In Salvage Drive

A report recently released by Headquarters, Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebraska, discloses that Strother Field, a 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force, ranks first among 34 stations in salvage efficiency.

The stations were rated according to percentage of expected achievement based on the overall attainment of the normal rate of accumulation of various items being salvaged. Strother's record is 111%. Two other stations, the army air bases at Herington, Kansas, and Kearney, Nebraska, also exceeded 100% of expected results.

A vigorous paper salvage drive contributed largely to Strother Field's achievement. The report shows that .32 of a ton of miscellaneous waste paper was collected for each 100 men during June.

Lt. Leonard Friedson, QMC, base salvage officer, gave impetus to the drive when he supplied all departments with large yellow cans for use in salvaging paper. The big black words WASTE PAPER on the cans serve as constant reminders of the necessity of saving every bit of paper possible.

Non-Commissioned Officers Mess To Open About Sept. 1

Quarters of the Strother Field Non-Com mess will be opened to members sometime between Sept. 1st and 5th, according to Capt. W. R. Hanna, director of ground training and honorary president of the organization. The buildings to be occupied are the former cadet mess-hall and cadet recreation room.

Catches Bass Without Hook, Line, Sinker

"The Miracle of Grouse Creek" is the title of a thrilling story told this week by Pfc. Paul Conn Jr., and his wife Martha, who is secretary to 1st. Lt. James R. Lounsberry, physical training officer at Strother Field.

Accompanied by Pfc. Harold Hester and Pfc. Lamar Latham of the quartermaster department, the couple went on a fishing jaunt last Saturday evening on Grouse Creek which is east of Arkansas City.

While the men were setting their line Mrs. Conn stood watching the trio in the boat from the bank of the stream. Suddenly, there was a splash in the water and something silver-colored dropped among the men in the boat. It was a bass 15 inches in length!

At the present time membership in the organization totals 216 non-commissioned officers of Strother Field. Of this number 92 are charter members, having paid the initiation fee of \$3.00 and dues of \$1.50 prior to today. 124 other non-coms have signed membership pledges and will pay their initiation fees and dues Sept. 1st.

A beer bar for the mess has been obtained and plans call for the selling of coffee, doughnuts, cookies, potato chips, etc., after the club is opened. Within 60 days after the mess opens it is hoped that provisions can be made for the serving of meals, including steaks, to members.

Tentative plans for the mess after it is in operation call for dinner-dance parties twice monthly. The first such affair will probably cost each couple one dollar while it is hoped the second party in the month will be free to all members and their dates.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photos.

Civil Air Patrol Cadets from over the state of Kansas are shown above in the various activities of their 10-day training course completed at Strother Field yesterday. At the top left are shown six of the youths getting a bit of kitchen police experience. Front to rear they are: Pfc. Burton G. Klein, Mylo G. Smith, Pvt. Verle I. Meadows, Pvt. Jack W. Perry and Pvt. Jack J. Huston, all of Wichita. At the top right Sgt. Edward A. Scott of Strother Field instructs CAP cadets in the operation of a Link Trainer. Left to right are shown: Pvt. Kenneth Eddie, Sedan; Pvt. Seward D. Shukers, Independence; Pvt. Richard L. Bohnert, Anthony; Pfc. Barry Crites, Topeka; Sgt. Laverne Ravins, Topeka; Pvt. Bill Timmons, Anthony; Pfc. Merle Bradley, Topeka; Pvt. Charles Gawse, Caney; Cpl. Dale Glenn, Coffeyville and Pvt. Russell Frisbie, Independence. In the center are the cadets standing retreat while at the center left they go through the paces of physical training. Center right shows a squadron in marching formation. Cadets and officers form the letters CAPE on the base ramp in the lower photo.

The War and You

With a dogged persistence popular thought has insisted upon comparing this conflict of ours today with World War I. It has been, if the word may be used, a sentimental persistence, having little to do with the undoubted historical fact that the two wars are in essence only two phases or battles out of one great conflict.

Today, for the first time since the Sitzkrieg in the early days of 1940, such a comparison takes on a shadow of substance. In the past week our armies have advanced almost to the lines held in the eventful summer of 1918. France, despite a few lingering and undoubtedly despairing Nazi garrisons, is to all effects and purposes in Allied hands. Paris, miraculously, has cast off the chains of the conqueror and restored to our armies the line of the Seine.

Tomorrow it is likely that we will again see familiar names in the news, that guns will speak again along the Marne and American boys will walk beneath the trees of Belleau Wood and the dark forest of Argonne. Today as in 1918 our men are moving north against a beaten and retreating German horde, against a horde bled to a shadow by long years of bitter war.

It is a pattern which repeats itself endlessly in history. The pattern of the conquering horde, victorious at first, then weary and exhausted after victory and beaten back in turn. In this war it has followed the old familiar course.

Only the last act of the bitter play remains. Each day it grows closer. For back of every German trooper today looms, dark and terrible, the shadow of his father who fought a generation ago. Then, as today, the German fought with his back to the wall. And, faced by defeat, he gave up the fight.

In a military sense the German was stronger in 1918 than in 1944. Russia had been eliminated from the struggle, and there had been no air fleets to strike his home cities to rubble. Yet he surrendered. The inner core of the individual German soldier could not stand the strain. His moral fibre, the basic integument of his character, was not strong enough. And when the end came it came with climatic suddenness.

It is this part of the pattern which we are waiting to see repeated today. At sea, in the air, and on land, Germany has been beaten in a military sense. The fighting yet to come is a foregone conclusion with an inevitable outcome. There is only a part of the last act yet to play. We are waiting today for the curtain to come down.

Speaking of--Moving Day

"The German troops are moving eastward." Such was a recent broadcast to the Japanese people by their government.

It is a truthful statement—an amazing thing to be done by the propagandists—but they failed to say on which front the movement eastward was taking place.

Certainly the Germans are moving eastward—on the Western Front. In fact they are moving westward on the eastern front and northward on the southern front. Everywhere they are moving in directions contrary to their plans, heading for a last futile stand within the hinterland.

The Japanese troops are also moving in reverse. That is when they are able to move. Water is more difficult to retreat over than land. Add this barrier to their fanatic nature and cheap value of life and you have a more stubborn enemy than the weary Nazi. The moving results are the same though, whether the enemy moves back by foot or their swollen bodies float in the same direction in the blood-stained waters of the South Pacific.

Something For The Boys

With the opening of the non-commissioned officers' mess next month comes the promise of a place to buy something to eat at night.

This feature alone is well worth joining the organization. At first the variety of food offered will be necessarily limited but after operation of the mess really gets underway there is the promise of hot foods being available.

An army travels on its stomach, even if only from the barracks to the swimming pool or service club, and it is amazing how hungry a soldier can get at night.

Lucky Civilians

So alarm clocks are back on the civilian market. Thankful are the millions who have relied on the feeble ring of clocks that long ago should have been donated to the scrap drive.

We in service envy the civilians who will now be awakened each morning by the melodious sound of new clocks with their shining new faces. In fact we wish these civilians would give their old clocks to us. In exchange we'll gladly donate our human time-bums, the Charge of Quarters.

He too, has a shiny face as he stumbles into the barrack, turning on the lights and blowing his off-pitch whistle, not once but continuously. Not at the end of the barracks but directing his blasts at each individual, delighted in his ability to cause minor body convulsions among the sleepy GIs.

Oh, for the rhythmic sound of a ticking clock with its enchanting ting-a-ling. At least you can turn the damn thing off or throw it out the window!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Christy Mathewson was a much loved ball player, but he had trouble with one of the rules—obedience. Manager McGraw required that at the end of every day's practice, all extra players must run around the ball field twice before climbing into the bus to go home. On this particular day all who were supposed to run around the bases started except Mathewson. "Go ahead, Matty, take the run with those fellows, and we'll all go home," said the manager. "I've worked hard enough today," replied Mathewson. "Just the same you've got to go," said McGraw. Matty sat there on the bench. "We don't move a foot till Matty runs," said the manager. His teammates urged, but there he sat for over half an hour. Finally, he arose, stood at first base as if struggling with himself, then ran the bases twice and jumped into the bus. He said, "That was the most important lesson I ever had. I had to win in the fight over myself, and I did it."

What Christy Mathewson learned, we all must learn. Only absolute obedience can ever cure the miseries of human society. In our case it is obedience to God and His revealed will (The Bible) that will bring happiness into the life. When we surrender self to God, human ills and miseries disappear, just as they did with the ball team when Matty ran the bases. Let us exhort you then, RUN THE BASES!

When I Get HOME

By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Probably no other subject is given more thought and consideration by the "Average G.I." (your writer included) than the one that deals with "When I Get Home." The ultimate objective of every soldier is to win the war so he can go home. This is only natural in view of the fact that most of our living habits, personal relationships, educational and cultural backgrounds were formed and developed in an atmosphere of peace and normalcy. Naturally, we are eager to return to that situation.

However, I wonder how much really serious thought has been given to some of the very important problems veterans will encounter upon their return to civilian life? The typical reaction to this suggestion is, "I can take care of myself, just let me out." I wonder if we really can?

In the first place, what about a job? Will you go back to your old job? Or have you learned a new job while you have been in the army? If so, can you find someone who will hire you with your new skills? Have you done any reading on what kinds of jobs will be available after the war? If you were a union worker what is your status with respect to your union? If you were a professional or clerical worker have you kept up to date? Perhaps you left a farm to come into the army. Do you know what is happening on the farm?

Many of the men who are in the army today came out of the schools of America. Are you going back to school? Are you acquainted with the educational provisions of the "G.I. Bill of Rights"? If not it might be to your advantage to check into this matter.

Perhaps even more important than jobs and homes and education is the kind of mental and spiritual attitudes we take back with us. How are you going to live as a citizen of your community? Men have fought and died all over the world to save democracy from Nazi aggression. Are you prepared to continue this effort to maintain that democracy after victory is won on the battlefield? Being a good soldier involves a lot of hard work. Being a good citizen likewise requires a generous amount of gray matter and elbow grease. It might be well to keep in mind that our responsibility to our country does not end when we cease being soldiers. Let us so use a bit of our spare time in the army to prepare us for doing as good a job "out there" as we have done "in here."

Ye Liftings

Man who hesitates is lost; likewise the girl who doesn't.

Soldier: Do you object to necking?

Girl: That is something I've never done.

Soldier: What, necked?

Girl: No, objected.

Visitor: And how is the good wife?

Sultan: She's all right, but the others are more fun.

Girl: I thought I told you to come after dinner.

Soldier: That's what I'm after.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing Games
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Program Free call
Ark. Bingo Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge Rummy
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dancing Games
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Field dance
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Swim Games
Ark. Bingo Prizes



Q. Some of the terms they use in this man's Army are starting to make my head swim. Can you tell me the difference between special duty, temporary duty and detached service?

A. According to definitions supplied by TM 20-205, special duty is "duty performed by an individual away from his organization but still under its control," temporary duty is "task of short duration as distinguished from regular duty" and "may be in addition to, or instead of regular duty," and detached service is "duty with another organization, making necessary a continuous absence of 24 hours or more from the military unit to which one is normally attached."

Q. My Mother receives \$50 a month in a Class B1 Allotment as dependent upon me for the main share of her income. Will she have to pay an income tax on this allowance?

A. No. Family allowances are not subject to Federal income tax law.

What's new in your home town?

Brooklyn (CNS) — Mrs. Olga Sadosh was given a suspended sentence on a charge of permitting a cow to roam the streets of Brooklyn. She promised to restrain the heifer.

Butte, Mont. (CNS)—Irrked by poor service in a local restaurant, a testy customer jabbed the waitress with his fork. This fit of pique cost him 90 days in the county workhouse.

Atlanta, Ga. (CNS)—This ad ran in a Sunday edition of the Atlanta Journal: WANTED — Tyist, smart enough to be worth \$135 a month, yet dumb enough to start for less.

Columbus, S. C. (CNS)—A Columbus native was arrested here for failure to carry a draft card. Later he produced the draft card, all right, and it was OK, too, except that it was dated 1918.

Girl: Am I the first girl you ever kissed?

Soldier: Now that you mention it, you do look familiar.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

26 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Club open from 1400 to 1800. Snack bar, games, stationery.
THEATRE—They Made Me a Criminal—John Garfield, Ann Sheridan, Claude Rains—Short Subjects.

SUNDAY

27 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Swimming, tennis. Club and Snack bar open until 2300. Your friends are invited.
THEATRE—The Seventh Cross—Spencer Tracy, Sigge Hasso. News of the Day.

MONDAY

28 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance on the terrace with girls from the base to dance with.
THEATRE—Strother Hour radio program over station KFH, Wichita. Program begins 1930.

TUESDAY

29 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Open House at the club. There is stationery in the writing room so catch up on your letters home.
THEATRE—Double Feature—Allergic to Love—Twilight on the Prairie.

WEDNESDAY

30 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge on the terrace. Snack bar open until 2300 every night except Saturday.
THEATRE—Abroad with Two Yanks—Wm. Bendix, Dennis O'Keefe. Short Subjects.

THURSDAY

31 AUG.

SERVICE CLUB—Starlight dance. The Airchords orchestra and girls from Ark City and Ponca City. Your wife or girl friend is also invited. See the hostess about a pass.
THEATRE—Music Appreciation Night, 1830 to 2000.

FRIDAY

1 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—As you were night. Dress as you please. Refreshments and a good movie. Its your night.
THEATRE—Oh, What a Night—Edmund Lowe, Jean Parker. Short Subjects.

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MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
1830-2000

POST THEATER

Due to the Wichita American Legion show held in the post theater last night the scheduled music appreciation program below will be presented next Thursday evening.

Meditation from Thais - Massenet

The familiar and well loved violin number, a favorite because of its quiet reflective mood.

Jardins sous la Pluie - Debussy
Les Collines d'Anacapri - Debussy

Two of this great impressionist's lovely numbers... the wind-swept, rain-drenched "Jardins" and the sunny and peaceful "Hills of Anacapri."

Concerto in A Minor for Piano - Grieg

This magnificently dramatic work has been called the most perfect amalgam of piano and orchestra ever effected. Its mood ranges from the majestic through the solemn to lovely and humorous passages once heard never completely forgotten.

Summertime "Porgy and Bess" - Gershwin

Prelude in A Minor - Tschostakovitch

Polka "Age of Gold" - Tschostakovitch

One of the most amusing numbers ever written... it is an excerpt from the composer's satirical ballet "The Age of Gold."

1812 Overture - Tchaikowski

The spirit—the very soul of Imperial Russia and its people expressed in music seldom if ever surpassed in grandeur, sonority, power and intense and nationalistic feeling.

Torredore's Song "Carmen" Bizet

Waltz in A Major - Brahms

Officer to Wac: No, no, Private Johnson! When someone approaches your sentry post you should say, "Halt! Who goes there?" and not "Stop or I'll scream!"

Base Headquarters Enjoys A. C. Party

Sixty officers, enlisted personnel and civilian workers of base headquarters and their husbands and wives attended a party held at the Arkansas City country club Wednesday evening.

The party which began at 1900 featured a buffet supper, dancing, swimming and golfing. General mess, which made up the sandwiches and potato salad, added a fancy touch by placing the letters HQ made from sliced cucumbers on the salad. Soft drinks were purchased through the post exchange.

2nd Lt. Doc E. Hughes Jr., unit personnel officer, and M/Sgt. L. E. Tinker, personnel sergeant major, handled arrangements for the party which was acclaimed a great success by the guests.

Indian Pow Wow At Ponca City

Ever attended an Indian Pow Wow? If you have never witnessed ceremonial dances by tribe members in native costumes you will have the chance this week-end.

The Ponca Indians will present what they term "America's Greatest Indian Spectacle" with victory ceremonial dances at White Eagle Park, 7 miles south of Ponca City, Okla., on highway 40. The ceremonies began yesterday and will continue through Monday of next week.

New programs will be presented each day and evening and you are assured a genuine thrill by attending the ceremonies. The pow-wow is an annual affair and members of the Ponca tribe come from miles around to attend the affair.

In a volunteer turnout of enlisted men to form a work detail in the south end of the 1,000-man messhall Monday evening. Section A-3 took top honors. The fifteen men of this unit participating in the work formed a larger group than other units.

Butchers and Bakers Cater to GI's

From the east, south, west and midwest come the bakers and butchers of Strother Field. Out of the joint shop in the 500-man messhall come the daily provisions of tasty pastries and choice cuts of meat prepared by a staff headed by T/Sgt. C. F. Bolin who hails from Waterloo, Iowa. The bakers are S/Sgt. C. L. Anderson of Columbus, Ohio, and Cpl. S. S. Shoemaker who is from Benndale, Miss. The butchering staff is composed of Cpl. R. D. Moreau who comes from Chicopee, Mass., Pvt. K. M. Lundberg from Oakland, Cal., and Pvt. J. H. Phillips from New York state.

If you have ever served on kitchen police detail in the bakery and butcher shop you have seen how such a few men can provide so much foodstuff for so many men in such a short time. These specialists go about their work smoothly and before the day, is done adequate quantities of doughnuts, cakes, steaks, roasts, etc., are ready to be loaded on trucks and delivered to the 1,000-man messhall.

T/Sgt. Bolin who keeps production rolling came to Strother Field from Galveston, Tex. He previously had been stationed at Northern Field, Tenn. Before entering the service in December 1940 he was in the bakery business. S/Sgt. Anderson who has two months more service than his boss was manager of a bowling alley in Columbus, Ohio, before entering the service in October 1940. He had 3½ years service in Panama before coming to Strother Field. Cpl. Shoemaker is another vet of Panama, having served six months there. He entered the service in January 1943.

Cpl. Moreau was formerly stationed at Abilene, Tex., and has been in service since February 1943. Pvt. Lundberg saw service at Lakeland, Fla., before coming here. He has been in service since November 1942. Pvt. Phillips was stationed at Amarillo, Tex., before coming to Strother Field. He has been in service six months.

CAP Cadets On Special Broadcast

A special radio broadcast from the post theater was presented over station KFH in Wichita last Sunday evening at 5 o'clock in which Kansas Civil Air Patrol cadets, taking a training course at Strother Field, were interviewed by 1st Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, public relations officer.

Among the cadets interviewed were John B. Mader, Nickerson; Roy Wingate, Wellington; Richard James and Richard Trimble, Emporia, and Richard Mosier of Herington.

The 683rd Army Band under the direction of CWO William Baker, provided a number of musical selections during the broadcast.

Dedham, Mass. (CNS)—Woodbury Rand, the late millionaire, left \$100,000 for the care of his cat, Buster, and cancelled bequests of \$20,000 to nine cousins "because of their contemptuous attitude and cruelty toward my cat."

Butchers and Bakers—Appetite Makers



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo by Pfc. Sidney Morse.

Cpl. R. D. Moreau and Pvt. K. M. Lundberg are shown doing a bit of carving for the enlisted men of Strother Field. These two men and Pvt. J. H. Phillips, not shown, comprise the crew of the butcher shop in the former 500-man messhall.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo by Pfc. Sidney Morse.

A fresh batch of cakes for GI consumption is exhibited by Cpl. S. S. Shoemaker and S/Sgt. C. L. Anderson of the bakery shop located in the 500-man messhall. T/Sgt. C. F. Bolin, who was on leave when the photo was taken, is non-com in charge of the bakery-butcher shop.

Male Call

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





"There's somethin' I've been wanting to ask you!"

Strother Hour Over Station KFH Monday

The Strother Hour, bi-weekly radio program presented over station KFH in Wichita, will be broadcast from the post theater Monday evening at 1930. The latest in the series of programs presented by military and civilian personnel of this field will feature solo numbers and an interview in addition to the fine musical numbers of the Airchords, SF dance orchestra.

The Singing Stenos, a group of civilian vocalists, will accompany Sgt. Lou Cunningham in his arrangement of the selection "Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are." Miss Barbara King, one of the Singing Stenos, will sing "Good for Nothin' Joe." Cpl. Marty Faloon, guitarist of the Airchords, will sing his own version of "Straighten Up and Fly Right." Sgt. Cliff Lowery of the Airchords will sing "It Could Happen to You."

The Airchords will play a farewell salute to saxophonist Bob Delabadia, who was recently transferred from Strother Field. It will be his own arrangement of "Poincianna."

Sgt. Edward Breese of the public relations office will interview S/Sgt. R. A. Bean, mess sergeant of the 1,000-man messhall and Sgt. Ole Satterlund, who leads one shift of cooks at Strother Field.

Field Director Tells How to Start Request For Emergency Furlough

"All requests for emergency furloughs or furlough extensions must be made to the commanding officer and not to the American Red Cross," ARC Field Director Mr. Herbert A. Thomson at Strother Field said yesterday.

"I'm pointing this out again," Thomson said, "because the correct approach speeds up the procedure in getting prompt action on an emergency furlough or time extension request." The serviceman should always understand that his own organization is the starting point.

"The Red Cross enters the picture, when the military calls it to get verification of the emergency which may make a furlough or extension necessary. The Red Cross acts as a fact-finding agent for the commanding officer by clearing information from the man's home town through the local Red Cross chapter. Final decision is made by the CO, and not the Red Cross, which only obtains the data and makes no recommendations."

According to Mr. Thomson, it is wise to tell your relatives that when they report an emergency to you which may require your presence at home, they should also notify the local Red Cross chapter and let it proceed with transmittal of the facts to the Red Cross field director at your station. In this way the Red Cross field director

Voting Is A High Privilege

(The following was written by Lt. Col. Clarence D. Barnhill, station commandant, AAF Mountain Home, Idaho, and published in The Mountain Home Sage.)

Every soldier, including all commissioned warrant, flight and non-commissioned officers, and all enlisted men and women on this field, will receive through his section, USWBC Form No. 1. This is a postcard application addressed to the Secretary of State of the soldier's home state, asking that a State Absentee Ballot be mailed to him for use in the forthcoming election of 7 Nov. 1944. If you do not receive a card, ask for it.

Your Section Commander or Deputy Commander of Crews, as the case may be, has been designated as Unit Voting Officer for your section. Take your voting problems to him. He will be glad to aid and advise you. Watch the Official Election War Ballot Information posters in your day rooms and orderly rooms for instructions. They are distinctly marked with a double red line at top and bottom for easy recognition. If you are doubtful about whether you are eligible to vote, mail the card anyway. Your home station will decide all questions of eligibility.

It cannot be too strongly urged that each and everyone complete the post card application as soon as possible and place it in the mails so that you may receive your absentee ballot. Voting is not only a duty, but a high privilege. Today we are fighting in the far corners of the earth to uphold and preserve this privilege. The corner stone of democracy is government by rulers of our own choosing. In order to choose, we must exercise our right of elective franchise.

Lt. Col. J. Howard Wilcox of Anthony, commander of the 75th Civil Air Patrol (Kansas) visited Strother Field Saturday. While here he attended the functional swimming program given by members of the CAP Cadets who have been taking a 10-day training course at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

will have the information at hand immediately to submit to the organization commander, when he requests it.

"If you are asking for a furlough extension," the field director continued, "the process is exactly the same, except that it will be necessary for you to wire your commanding officer instead of seeing him personally. At the time you wire your CO requesting an extension, you should contact your Red Cross chapter and ask it to verify in advance the facts stated in your request."

"The reply, affirming or denying the furlough extension, must come from your C.O., and not through the Red Cross."



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

August 25, 1944

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

There is nothing quite so funny to the fan in the \$1.10 seat as a baseball player with an unorthodox stance at the plate. You get a fidgety Dan, a foot-in-the-bucket, or an All-Wrong O'Gooley up there on the dish and the customers will bust their sides laughing.

When Tyrus Raymond Cobb first came up to Detroit, the fans almost swallowed their celluloid collars laughing at him. Cobb, who bent over the plate like a T-square with his left hand far up on the fat part of the bat, looked like he was just learning to play.

Even the pitchers got a laugh out of Ty. They thought it very unfunny, however, when he began to slice off their legs with vicious line drives.

Roger Hornsby used to stand half a block away from the platter and he looked like a sucker for anything over the far away corner. Actually, he could step into an outside pitch and plaster it against the Burma Shave sign in left field. And what's more, he frequently did.

Nick Etten, of the Yankees, has the strangest stance of any player in the American League today. Nick is a good hitter, all right, but he sags at the knees like he was carrying a land mine detector in the seat of his pants. The fans swallow cigars in high glee every time Nick steps up to bat, but rival pitchers see little that's humorous in those burning liners he hits.

Melvin Ott is another fellow with a funny-looking stance. A left handed hitter, little Mel waves his right foot around in the air just before he swings. He claims he gets more distance into his extra base clouts that way.

If John McGraw, who nurtured Ott at his bosom, was ever tempted to change Mel's stance, he restrained himself, as he did with Heinie Groh, who used to bat facing the pitcher, and with Bill Terry, who used to lean back on his heels and let his stomach drape over the plate like a hammock.

Groh, armed with a bottle-shaped bat, was the master bunter of his time and Terry, despite his flat footed stance, was the best hitter in the National League for half a dozen years. So McGraw left them alone.

McGraw made one change in a batter's stance, however. Frankie Frisch came to him batting cross handed. "My God," said McGraw. "What is he, a man or a squid?"

SECTION B 7-HEADQUARTERS 6					
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Wash'on, p	3	0	Thomas, ss	3	1
Green, 1b	3	1	Noose, c	2	1
Throver, cf	2	1	Gansen, p	3	0
Grogan, rf	3	1	Ingram, 1b	3	2
S'worth, lf	3	2	Selvidge, cf	3	0
Blunton, sf	2	0	Harper, 2b	3	1
Durr, 2b	3	0	Davis, lf	3	0
Reed, ss	3	0	Williams, rf	2	0
Alterson, 3b	1	0	LaFave, cf	3	0
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Section B			052	103	x-11
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Section B Upsets Headquarters, 7 to 6; Medics Win Fourth In Tourney

Major upset in the Strother Field softball tourney this week was Section B's defeat of Headquarters, 7 to 6. This win coming on top of Communication's defeat by Section B, 11 to 7, brought the latter team into a tie with Headquarters for second place in league standings, each team having won two games and lost two. Section B lost its first two games in tourney play.

All-American Dobbs On Superbomber Team

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 25 —The presence of 2nd Lt. Glenn Dobbs on the Second Army Air Force football squad insures the Superbombers of a brand of forward passing few, if any, have excelled on a college gridiron in the past decade.

A widely-heralded All-American in 1942 at Tulsa University where his passing, kicking and running spearheaded the Golden Hurricane to an unbeaten campaign, Dobbs is expected to play an outstanding role for the service team this season.

The Oklahoman's forte is a bullet throw which was largely responsible for Tulsa's Missouri Valley championship for three years.

Last year against the Washington Redskins at Chicago, Dobbs completed nine forward passes in 13 attempts for a gain of 116 yards as the College All-Stars routed the Pros. 27 to 7. In the Tulsa-Texas Tech game in the 1942 Sun Bowl, he completed 21 out of 29 throws, one of them a touchdown pass in the last minute of play for a 6 to 0 triumph.

One of his greatest performances was seen in the 1943 Sugar Bowl contest when Tulsa met Tennessee. Here Dobbs put on a passing exhibition unmatched in the New Orleans game's history. He completed eight in a row, the last one for a touchdown. His eight successive completions and a 78-yard punt went into the New Orleans record books.

The 2AAF ace is six feet, four inches tall, the source of his powerful kicking. His high knee action finds him a tough customer to tackle.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Medics	4	0	1.000
Headquarters	2	2	.500
Section B	2	2	.500
Armament	1	2	.333
Communications	0	3	.000

Astoria, N. Y. (CNS)—A local resident snores so loud that neighbors have threatened him with bodily harm if he doesn't cut it out. He has applied to the police for protection.

QUICK KICKS

by Lemons



"GUESS YOU GUYS NEVER HEARD OF FIGHTER ESCORT!"



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Capt. J. D. Collinsworth, veteran of three allied invasions and now a commanding officer of a training section at this 72nd Fighter Wing base, receives air Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Flying Cross from Col. Donald E. Meade, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, in a presentation ceremony held in post headquarters Saturday.

Pin-Up Beauty Is Identified

The Prairie Flier's nominee for Strother Field pin-up girl has finally been identified. She is Jewel Nye of Hollywood, Cal., and a friend of Pvt. Charles Pollock, Operation, Sec. D, who has known her for 10 years.

With the authentic identification came disillusionment for the Prairie Flier ed. Previously informed that Jewel was the friend of an old-bald-headed-goat-of-a-sergeant, Sanford Hirshfield, we had jumped at the chance to boost the charms still possessed by GIs with thinning hair. At press time last week we got wind of something funny about this friendship so we ran Jewel's picture as scheduled (lovely wasn't it), but revised the copy and waited for her true identity to be revealed. Hirshfield in the meantime was transferred to Galveston. (Come to think of it we never saw a girl speak to him!)

Jewel was forwarded copies of the Prairie Flier and her approval was asked for our selecting her as Strother Field pin-up girl. Other pictures were also requested. A telegram was received Tuesday from the California beauty saying she was honored in being selected (see copy of wire on page 3).

Now for facts and figures about Jewel. She is a former stand-in for Paulette Goddard, movie star, and her age is 22 years. She has coal black hair, light blue eyes and fair complexion, according to Pvt. Pollock.

GIs Invited to Picnic at Dexter

American War Dads and Metl-ers of Dexter, Kans., have issued an invitation to GIs of Strother Field to attend a picnic Sunday, Sept. 3rd.

Two field busses will leave the service club at 1100 Sunday morning for Dexter, so plan now to go. Notify your orderly room to count you in on the picnic which will feature barbecued steer.

Pvt. Freeman Fashions Bracelets

Relief for Pvt. Joe Freeman from his somewhat prosaic job of repairing boots and shoes in the Strother Field shoe shop comes from his novel avocation—engraving bracelets.

The bracelets Pvt. Freeman fashions are all hand work. From the scraps of aluminum to which he has access, he trims and bends and smooths the bracelets into shape. Most of them are wide enough to carry a design or insignia. Upon the Army Air Forces for his designs also, Pvt. Freeman depends. Wings, propellers, American flags and shields are blended with neatly engraved borders to trim the bracelets.

It's handy work and easy—for Pvt. Freeman. He can turn them out with a rapidity that resembles the assembly line, except that the designs are all different. Within a couple of hours from the time he finds his piece of scrap aluminum, Pvt. Freeman can put on the Post Exchange market a finished bracelet.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Capt. H. I. Anderson, flying safety officer at Strother Field, who last Saturday was presented the Air Medal by Col. Donald E. Meade, Commanding Officer, for meritorious service in the Aleutians.

'Step Lively,' USO-Camp Show To Give Two Performances Monday

STEP LIVELY, a timely, topical revue with new songs, new comedy and presented by a troupe that's heavy with talent and good looks, is scheduled for the post theater Monday, Sept. 4th, in two performances, 1830 and 2000.

Come and see a world-famous juggler, just home from a year overseas with a CAMP SHOW unit. Two girls and a man acrobat will be on hand to do a little mad tossing. Pretty girl plays straight to a man with dozens of sound effects. There'll be some nifty warbling by a sister trio who can really rock a tune, and are mighty good to look at besides.

MICHAEL DOYLE, M.C.
STAN KAVANAGH, Comedy Juggler.

ROGER WILLIAMS AND ALICE, Comedy act.

THREE BLAIR SISTERS, Attractive singing trio.

THREE RAYS, Comedy acrobatics.

MILTON SHERMAN, Pianist and Musical conductor

JUDY KELLY, Acrobatic dancer.

Dance To Feature Formal Opening of Non-Com Mess

The new non-commissioned officers' mess, located in the former cadet mess hall, will be formally opened to members and their wives or dates a week from tonight, Sept. 8th. Feature of the opening will be a dance with music furnished by the Strother Field Airchords dance orchestra.

Post Sewage Plant Vies for Beauty Honor

Among areas of Strother Field that are showing outstanding results from grounds beautification and upkeep is, oddly enough, the post sewage plant.

A place seldom visited by strolling GIs and their visiting friends or relatives, the establishment located in the southeast section of the base does have an attractive appearance even from the field's main street.

Responsible for the ground area around the sewage plant is the post engineering department. In addition the areas around the fire station, water wells, material and equipment yards, engineering office

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VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen

Capt. Collinsworth and Anderson Presented Awards

Awards in the form of an oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal were presented to two Strother Field officers by Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer of this 72nd Fighter Wing base last Saturday morning. Receiving the oak leaf cluster was Captain J. D. Collinsworth, commanding officer of a training section at this base, while the Air Medal was presented Captain Hiram I. Anderson Jr., flying safety officer here.

Service Club Has New Hostess

Miss Betty Kritzschmar is the new hostess of the enlisted men's service club at Strother Field, coming here this week from Camp Hale, Colo., where she had served in social hostess work.

Miss Kritzschmar has had 1½ years service in this line of duty since receiving her training at Camp Phillips, Salina, Kans. She was stationed at the Smoky Hill Air Field, Salina, Kans., before being transferred to Camp Hale. Her home is in Brainerd, Minn.

Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, hostess at Strother Field since the opening last fall of the service club, recently accepted a position as recreational director of personnel in the Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita.

Last night members attended a "club warming" at the mess and the new beer bar was placed in use for the first time, the affair being judged a success by all attending.

The right wing of the structure will be used as a ballroom while the left wing contains the mess and snack bar. The former cadet recreation room has also been made available for use by club members and will contain a lounge, game rooms and powder room.

More than 200 non-coms have joined the organization at the present time and others have signified their intention to do so. The initiation fee is \$3.00 and monthly dues are \$1.50.

Sell 157 GI Bonds

The new GI War Bond Allotment is proving very popular among the enlisted personnel of Strother Field. During the past week 157 new War Bond Allotments have been sold amounting to \$1,421.25.

Section A-3, commanded by 1st. Lt. Roy W. Sillings, leads with a total of 80 new allotments amounting to \$738.75.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

One of the beauty spots at Strother Field is the sewage disposal plant shown above with its eye-pleasing landscaping. It is an outstanding example of what can be done in the line of area beautification and up-keep.

Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

The War and You

As the beaten German armies fall back on all fronts from defeat to defeat and from disaster to disaster, the Allied world waits impatiently for the day when the whole bloody and dreary conflict will end in the "unconditional surrender" which has been demanded. And here arises a difficulty which may prolong the whole course of the war needlessly and yet inevitably.

Who, actually, is going to surrender Germany? Hitler and his little coterie of maniacs at the top of the Nazi structure have said that they will never surrender. There is no reason not to believe them. These few men on whose shoulders lies the blood guilt of a torn and shattered continent know full well that for them surrender will mean more than "the honors of war." It will have to be a personal surrender leading to the most personal and unpleasant consequences. With considerable justice they believe that it will mean death for themselves.

For men in this position surrender is unthinkable. Every day in which the German armies can be persuaded to go on fighting is an additional day of personal grace for themselves; an additional day of life itself.

Logically, then, many on our side hope for a revolt that will overthrow "the Hitler gang" as a prelude to surrender. But this will be much more difficult than it may sound. The Nazi party is much more than a mere clique at the top. It has millions of members in every walk of German life. It permeates the army and dominates the civil service. Most of these men feel with their leaders that their personal bridges have long ago been burned and that they cannot surrender.

Even should these Nazis be eliminated by revolt, who will remain to surrender? Outside of the Nazi party there is no civil government responsible enough to speak for the nation or to surrender anything more than their own persons. When the Kaiser fell in 1918 a government remained to make terms. When the Nazis fall nothing will remain except chaos.

It may well be then that there will be no surrender, that as the armies of Germany disintegrate it will be necessary to occupy her territory, foot by foot and town by town.

Should that be the case, let us hope that it has been provided for by our side; that the necessary machinery for civil administration has been planned in advance. If not, the job will be infinitely complicated.

Meanwhile the question remains: Who will surrender Germany?

Speaking of -- Voting

Officers and enlisted personnel of Strother Field have been provided United States war ballot cards which are applications addressed to the secretary of state of the soldier's home state, asking that a state absentee ballot be mailed to him for use in the forthcoming election of Nov. 7, 1944. These cards have been issued through the various sections on the field.

In each section there is a unit voting officer, who in addition to 1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin, courts and board officer who is also station voting officer, will be glad to aid and advise you on any voting problems you might have.

Official election war ballot information posters are periodically placed in your dayrooms and orderly rooms. Read them. They are distinctly marked with a double red line at the top and bottom for easy recognition.

Voting is not only a duty, but a high privilege, so everyone is urged to mail the postcard application immediately so that the absentee ballots will be received in time to vote.

What Do You Know, Joe?

Well, as a matter of fact what do you know . . . about the man in the next bunk to yours . . . and the job he's doing here at Strother?

Here on the post we're running the equivalent of a pretty fair sized town. And we're doing a lot of technical jobs no town is set up to do. It takes specialists to do those jobs; men with skills learned by years of civilian and military experience, with technical training in colleges and schools, with a high order of natural and acquired ability. It takes men who would command a high price in any civilian job.

What do you know about those jobs and the men who fill them, Joe? Can you tell what makes a mechanic tick; what a communications man has to know; what makes an operations clerk different from a headquarters man?

With the cooperation of the base Classification Section the Flier this week begins a weekly column, "The Jobs We Do At Strother." In each issue a job will be analyzed and described so each of us can see what the other fellow has to know and do as his share of our common effort. Watch for your own job. It will be included.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

FOR THIS I PRAY

O God,
For great consistency of thought,
For steadfast aim that falters not,
For power to do the things I ought,
For this I pray.

Make me
To run the race courageously,
To falter not, nor fail to see
The path Thy hand hath set for me:
For this I pray.

Forgive
My sin—my inconsistency,
The pride which clothes my human frailty;
Create in me a real humility,
For this I pray.

Give me
Faith to take Thee at Thy Word,
To know that Thou, who see'st each little bird,
Dost know the way where it to me seems blurred.
Guide me, I pray.

Help me
To cleanse and keep my soul from dross,
To count my righteousness but total loss,
To point another to Thy blessed cross,
For this I pray.

—Douglas M. Parsons.

The Nazi Soldier Still a Dangerous Fighter

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here are a few things GIs learned about the German soldier during the early weeks of the fighting in France:

1. He fights hard and with courage. But when the going gets tough, he's likely to quit.

2. He doesn't like to fight at night. And that's a good time to go out and get him. You can pick out his position better at night by following the line of the tracers from his machine guns. By day it's hard to see him because he fights behind hedgerows and his powder is smokeless.

3. He's very tricky. If you give him a chance to pull a fast one on you, he'll go ahead and pull it. Watch him when he surrenders. German soldiers have been known to surrender with a white flag in one hand and a potato masher in the other. When they get close to you they are liable to let you have the grenade right in the face.

4. He's inclined to be trigger happy. Sometimes he will fire aimlessly just to build up his courage. Generally, however, he's a good shot and a dangerous man with a gun but he's no match for our men with a bayonet.

Physically, this 1944 edition of the German soldier is thinner and shorter than the 1940 model. The early Superman is dead, or wounded, or guarding the front at home. His successor on the fighting fronts is a lesser man, physically and psychologically, according to reports printed in *Stars & Stripes* and other newspapers abroad.

Gone is the arrogant, fanatical Nazi who laid waste the entire continent of Europe. His place has been taken by a smaller, shabbier, less enthusiastic and more bewildered soldier—a man who doesn't want to fight so hard, but who still knows how to do it.

To sum it up, the German soldier today isn't the fighter he once was, but he still is quick and smart, he's tough and he's wicked. Don't let him fool you.

Ye Liftings

When a man gets too old to set a bad example he starts giving good advice.

GI: "I suppose you dance?"

Gal: "Oh, I love to."

GI: "Well, that's better than dancing."

"You are an apt boy. Is your sister apt, too?"

"Oh, yes, if she gets a chance she's apt to."

A wallflower is a girl who wears a sweater to keep warm.

Old-fashioned mosquito: And to think when I was young I could only bite girls on the hands and face.

Gal: There are lots of couples who don't pet in parked cars.

Guy: Yes, the woods are full of them.

The old fashioned girl who used to go to the city and stop at the Y.W.C.A. now has a daughter who goes to the city and stops at nothing.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Supper 6:30
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Do-as-you-please
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge. Rummy
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Dancing Games
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Field dance
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Swim Games
Ark. Ping Pong



Q. I'm a resident of New Jersey, one of the 20 states which authorizes the use of the Federal ballot by servicemen. At present I am stationed at a camp in Oregon. May I use the Federal ballot or is it for the use of soldiers overseas only?

A. You may NOT use the Federal ballot. Paragraph 2A, WD 302, issued 17 July 1944 states that the Federal ballot may NOT be furnished to citizens of the 20 states that now authorize its use who are stationed inside the U.S.

Q. My brother, who is only 17, just enlisted in the Army by falsifying his age. How can I get him out?

A. Because he is over 16, your brother cannot be discharged for minority until one of his parents or his guardian applies for the discharge.

What's new in your home town?

Biloxi, Miss. (CNS) — Hard pressed for manpower, one local semi-pro baseball team has a 12-year-old shortstop in its lineup.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS) — A post office clerk received a card demanding a reason for his absence from work one day. "Sunburned so badly I couldn't wear my pants," he wrote.

Danville, Ill. (CNS) — Charlie Derr, a local boilermaker, is making the war pay off for him—and being patriotic as well. Ever since Pearl Harbor he has invested 100 per cent of his salary in war bonds, and lived on the income from rooms rented to war workers.

New York (CNS) — Alphonse Sauri, 19, dropped in to call on Mrs. Irma Hernandez, a wealthy Castilian beauty. While visiting he copped her diamond ring, popped it into his mouth and swallowed it. After he had left, she missed the ring and had her young friend arrested. A fluoroscope located the missing jewel.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

2 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Club open from 1400 to 1800. Sandwiches and cold drinks on the Terrace. Free stationery in the writing room.
THEATRE—The Falcon in Mexico—Tom Conway, Mona Maris. Idle Roomers—Three Stooges. Variety Views. Swing Symphony Cartoon.

SUNDAY

3 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Invite your friends out for a swim, then a cool drink on the Terrace. Club open until 2300.
THEATRE—Great Moment—Joel McCrea, Betty Field. Devil Boats. News of the Day.

MONDAY

4 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance, 8:00. Get acquainted with the girls on the base.
THEATRE—Big USO Camp Show "Step Lively"—Direct from Broadway. FREE!

TUESDAY

5 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Open house. Music, games, cold drinks. Write those letters home.
THEATRE—U-Boat Prisoner—Bruce Bennett, Eric Rolf. Sing Neighbor Sing—Ruth Terry, Lulubelle and Scotty.

WEDNESDAY

6 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night, other games. Bring the wife or girl friend if you wish.
THEATRE—Dragon Seed—Katherine Hepburn. Walter Huston, Aline MacMahon. News of the Day.

THURSDAY

7 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Starlight Dance on the Terrace. Dance to the music of the Airchords with the girls from Winfield and Wellington.
THEATRE—Music Appreciation Hour. For those who like good music.

FRIDAY

8 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—As you were night. Dress as you like and do as you please. Free cookies and lemonade. Also a good movie.
THEATRE—Take It or Leave It—Phil Baker, Edward Ryan, Marjorie Massow. Lucky Lulu—Little Lulu Cartoon. Popular Science.

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72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.
Sgt. Hudson Mace of Cordell, Okla., a new arrival at Strother Field from an overseas station, wears a unique insignia on his jacket, the "Hat in Ring" of World War I Ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. The famous patch was authorized for wear by Mace's group by Rickenbacker himself before it moved overseas to become famous as the outfit which wiped out the Luftwaffe at Foggia.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG
THURSDAY, AUG. 31
1830 2000
Donna Diana Overture - Reznicek
Roumanian Rhapsody - Enesco
The freshness and basic melodiousness of this number, its coruscating rhythms and wild Gypsy like strains make of it a work immediately liked—thrilling and impassioned—exciting and satisfying.
Te Deum "Tosca" - Puccini
Hymn to the Sun "Le Coq d'Or" - Rimsky Korsakof
Concerto in B Flat Major for Piano - Mozart
The last of Mozart's 21 concertos and one which expresses his own personality more than previous works in this form though it possesses, too, the technical brilliance and the fluid melody of all his work.
Russian Dance - Tchaikowsky
Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso - Saint Saens
Triumphal March "Aida" - Verdi
All the exotic color and pomp of an Oriental procession interspersed with graceful ballet music makes up this parade of a victorious army.

One wolf we know is too rough to buy etchings so he always asks his girl friends to come up and see the handwriting on the wall.

Educational Classes Open To EM

The Public Schools of Arkansas City and Winfield are cooperating with the Orientation and Off Duty Education Program of Strother Field by providing educational opportunities for service men. These classes should be of particular interest to the men who live in these towns.
In announcing its full program the Arkansas City Junior College indicates that "service men will be accepted on the same basis as local residents." The enrollment fee for day classes is three dollars per semester and for night classes two dollars per semester regardless of the number of courses taken. The curriculum includes the usual courses offered by accredited junior colleges as well as special courses for special interest groups. Formal credit will be issued for satisfactory work. Enrollment should be made through Mr. K. R. Galle, assistant dean.
Mr. Evan E. Evans, superintendent of the Winfield schools, has invited all interested service men to enroll in adult education night classes in the Winfield schools. Shorthand, typing and industrial arts classes including welding, sheet-metal work, furniture repair and woodworking will be offered. An enrollment fee of one dollar is charged, but it is returned if the enrollee attends three-fourths of the classes.
Additional details regarding these programs may be obtained by contacting Mr. Galle or Mr. Evans directly, or by calling Pvt. Mertz at the Special Service Office.

Draft Boards Will Aid GIs After War

By Camp Newspaper Service
One of the biggest concerns of American fighting men overseas is this one: "What kind of a job am I going to get after I come marching home again?"
The answer:
You can have your old job back if you want it. And if you don't, you will get a crack at another one, a job for which your training in the service has fitted you.
Here's the way it's going to work:
A new memorandum on veterans' assistance has been issued by National Selective Service Headquarters appointing a re-employment committeeman to every local board in the country. His job is to help place you in a job after the war.
Let's suppose, for a starter, that the job you left behind isn't available when you return. Maybe your employer went out of business. Or maybe your old job doesn't exist any more.
In either case, your first recourse is your old draft board. There you will be placed in contact with the reemployment committeeman who will review your service career, find out just what kind of work you are qualified to do. Then he will go to bat for you.
If you can't get or don't want your old job, you will probably be referred to the veterans' employment representative of your home town U. S. Employment Service office. He will be in touch with employers not only in your community but all over the country and he'll be able to recommend the best place to get the kind of work you want and can do.

If you want a job with the Federal Government, you'll be sent to the nearest U. S. Civil Service office or post office for assistance. All veterans will have five points added to their scores in Government examinations and those with service connected disabilities will have ten points added. Also, a new Civil Service policy reserves 25 per cent of all Federal jobs for returning war veterans and examinations for many jobs will be open only to veterans.
Now, for the sake of argument, let's pretend you want to return to your old job, which is exactly what many GIs want to do.
In the first place, you have to apply to your ex-employer for your old position within 40 days after your discharge from the service. Once you've done this, he has to take you back unless his circumstances have changed so as "to make it impossible or unreasonable to reinstate" you.
After you have made your application, the law states that your old employer must take you back without loss of seniority and he cannot fire you "without cause" within a year.
If your old boss should fail to give you your job back after you have made application, you can file suit in U. S. District Court where, if he is reasonably satisfied that you have a case, the U. S. Attorney will handle your case without cost to you.

Jobs We Do
At Strother Field
Airplane and Engine
Mechanic MOS 747

The airplane and engine mechanic assists in performing prescribed inspections and maintenance of aircraft.
He examines portions of aircraft such as wings, fuselage, stabilizers, flight control surfaces, propeller, and landing gear for evidence of damage or wear such as cracks, bent or broken members, and looseness which might cause dangerous vibration. Corrects such defects by appropriate maintenance, minor repairs, adjustments or unit replacement. Refers specialized repairs of propellers, instruments, hydraulic and electrical systems to appropriate specialist. Cleans all accessible structures and parts with appropriate cleaning agents. Manipulates controls in cockpit to insure proper operation and alignment of flight control system. Makes required adjustments by correcting tension of control cables or by replacing badly worn control cables. Assists in inspection and maintenance of engine and in changing engines. At stipulated intervals, and with assistance of other mechanics, disconnects engine from its mounting, removes it from airplane and makes replacement using mechanic's tools and equipment and technical orders as a guide to maintenance procedures. Assists in preparing engines and other units for shipment.

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM
HG 1 NL Los Angeles Calif Aug 28 1944K
Pvt. Charles R. Pollock 39690869
269th Base Unit Sec. A1 Strother Field, Winfield, Kans.
Highly honored to be chosen pin up girl of Strother Field. You have my permission as well as thanks. Best of luck to you all.
JEWEL NYE.



Open Bowling Alleys Friday Evening

The post bowling alleys will be open for play by military personnel today at 1600 following the reconditioning of all alleys and redecoration of the interior of the building located south of the post gym.
The alleys will be open week days from 1600 until 2200 and from 1300 until 2200 on Sundays. 1st. Lt. C. F. Molloy, post exchange officer, said today that efforts are underway to establish bowling leagues composed of enlisted men from each section and officers on the base.
The reconditioning and redecoration work has been under the supervision of S/Sgt. Carl Anderson assisted by T/Sgt. Clifford Bolin, Sgt. Calvin B. Valk and Cpl. H. W. Kranzusch.

The chances of getting any sleep in a harem are 1,000 to 1 against you.

Capt. Sithens 'Framed' with Door

Captain S. D. Sithens, head of the statistical control office, received the unsolicited assistance of fellow headquarters workers this week in building a chart room in his office.
The "workers" built a false door front of black cardboard with the following lettering in silver paint: "Sithens Secret Sanctuary." Under the sign is a ticket window and below that a heavy chain and padlock.

No More Class A Clothing to be Issued

Clothing issued to military personnel will no longer be known as Class A as in the past. Each garment will be tagged CS, meaning combat serviceability.
Advice to GIs is to save and take care of their clothing as what they get in the future may not be as good as that which was turned in.
The GI offered his girl a scotch and sofa. She reclined.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Contour Map (Note Magnetic Azimuths and Topographic Features)

Four comic panels from Milton Caniff's 'Male Call' strip. The first panel shows a woman in a polka-dot dress looking surprised. The second panel shows her in a similar pose. The third panel shows her in a long, dark dress. The fourth panel shows her in a white dress, looking down. The text 'YOU MEAN YOU WANT A GAG, TOO?' is at the bottom of the fourth panel. A copyright notice for 1944 by Milton Caniff is on the left.



PRESENTED MEDALS

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one-half planes and flew air cover for three Allied invasions of Nazi territory. These included the Dieppe raid, North African and Sicilian invasions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Collinsworth of Borger, Tex., and graduated from Texas Technological Institute at Lubbock, Tex., before entering service in August 1941.

Captain Anderson entered the Air Corps Nov. 1st, 1941, and received his wings May 21, 1942. Before entering the service he was a student at the Arkansas A & M College. His home is in Little Rock, Ark.

POST SEWAGE PLANT

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come under the supervision of the C of E.

Other attractive areas at Strother Field are the front of the Dental Clinic, around the Chapel, Provost Marshal buildings and sections around the hospital.

Ground maintenance is a job which requires doing the right thing at the right time and from now on, for the next 60 days, is the proper time to loosen up ungrassed areas and sow seed.

Revegetation, turf, dust and erosion control has been considered the responsibility of the Post Engineer. However, no funds are to be expended merely because it contributes to beauty, convenience, comfort or prestige. No services will be rendered unless it is essential in order to make supplies, equipment, transportation or training facilities available to troops. Under such orders the C of E cannot hire men to mow lawns, police grounds, plant trees, flowers, shrubs, even though civilian personnel were available.

A beautiful grassed area may be obtained in a few months with a little work at the beginning and a small amount of attention following the original shaping and planting.

Strother Field can continue to be one of the best appearing fields in the Second Air Force with co-operation by various organizations in keeping up their grounds. The necessary work involved is well worth the time spent.

JOBS WE DO

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Places all essential items of miscellaneous equipment such as life rafts, parachutes, adequate supply of breathing oxygen and appropriate forms and technical orders in proper storage places aboard airplane. Must have a knowledge of AAF forms and technical orders and weight and balance procedures.

Completion of a course in aircraft inspection and maintenance at an Army school or equivalent experience is required to fill the job of airplane and engine mechanic.

Washington State Star On Superbomber Team

Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sept. 1—Washington football fans will have many favorites on the Second Army Air Force football squad this Fall.

One of them is Pvt. Golie Renfro from Cheney, Washington, who played for Washington State for four years and is now a member of the Superbombers' backfield.

Renfro, a blocking quarterback, is a newcomer to the service, but a tried and true hand on the gridiron. He was in the same backfield with Lt. Glenn Dobbs when the College All-Stars whacked the Washington Redskins last Fall at Chicago, and also played with the West in the 1944 New Year's Day game against an Eastern galaxy of stars.

A 200-pounder who stands five feet, 10 inches, Renfro played fullback for two years at Washington State and then finished up at quarterback, a position which found him excelling as a blocker.

The Superbombers play one game on Washington soil this Fall, taking on the University of Washington in the Gonzaga University Stadium at Spokane, November 18. The team opens its season September 2, against the Peru Naval V-12 Station at Sioux City, Ia.

Renfro's early football days were spent at Glendale, California High, which has furnished the West Coast with some of its greatest athletes. He was at Glendale High a year before Frankie Albert and Bob Reinhardt who went on to win All-American honors at Stanford and University of California, respectively.

ARMAMENT COMM.

AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Malecky, lf	1	1	0	0	0
Rob'tson, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Dylesby, cf	3	0	0	0	0
Cu'n'm, lb	2	0	0	0	0
Davis, 3b	2	2	1	0	0
Doria, 2b	2	1	1	0	0
Scott, ss	2	1	1	0	0
Kelly, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Duggan, c	2	0	1	0	0
Haessig, p	1	1	0	0	0
	19	6	4	2	0

MEDICS SEC. B

AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Childers, 3b	3	1	1	0	0
Cagle, ss	3	2	2	0	0
Haungs, c	3	2	3	0	0
Dillon, lf	3	2	2	0	0
Inman, rf	3	0	0	0	0
Nicholas, cf	3	0	1	0	0
Gan'ere, lb	3	0	0	0	0
Smith, cf	2	0	0	0	0
Otter'ch, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
To'sino, p	2	0	0	0	0
	27	7	9	2	0

MEDICS COMM.

AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Cagle, 3b	4	0	0	0	0
Haungs, c	3	1	1	0	0
Inman, p	4	1	1	0	0
Dillon, lf	4	0	0	0	0
Smith, ss	2	0	0	0	0
Gan'ere, lb	2	0	0	0	0
Otter'ch, 2b	3	0	0	0	0
To'sino, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Masucci, cf	3	1	1	0	0
Hundt, cf	3	1	1	0	0
	31	4	5	2	0

Comm. 200 000 10-3
Medics. 042 001 01-4

Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before

When Tony Cuccinello was playing second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, he was the champion cigar smoker of the National League. In fact, his fondness for Philadelphia two-fers finally cost him his job with our Bums.

It happened one day when Tony tried to go from first to third on a single to right. He was tagged out standing up.

"Why didn't you slide?" inquired Casey Stengel, who was coaching at third.

"What!" bellowed Tony, "and break my cigars?"

That winter Casey sold Tony down the river to Boston.

You never can tell in baseball. The Ft. Sheridan (Ill.) nine lost 17 of its first 19 games against competition with other service teams, then turned around and beat the Chicago White Sox, 8-6. . . . And the Great Lakes Blue-jackets had won 16 straight and 39 out of 40 before they bowed to the Brooklyn Dodgers who occupy the National League cellar. . . . Roberto Ortiz and Fermio Guerra, Puerto Rican ball players with the Washington Senators, have returned to that team after jumping the club when threatened with induction into the U. S. Army. Ortiz and Guerra now say they will play until called in the draft. . . . Slingin' Sammy Baugh, the sweet-singin' slinger from Sweetwater, Tex., is not only the best forward passer in football but he's also pretty tricky with a rope. He won the calf roping contest at the annual Texas cowboy reunion, snapping his calf in 17.5 seconds.

Ernesto Natali Lombardi, the nose that walks like a man, snored with such fervor that no one would room with the fellow, despite the fact that he was the most popular player on the New York Giants.

All's well with Ernest now, however. He finally has a roomy—Pitcher Bill Voiselle, who's so deaf he has been classified 4F by his draft board.

Joltin' Joe DiMaggio's big bat is as fat as ever. Playing centerfield for the 7th AAF in Hawaii, he recently clubbed four homers in four games and has a batting average of .441 for 34 times at bat. . . . Johnny Vander Meer, of Sampson, and Virgil Trucks, of Great Lakes, are the two hottest pitchers in the Navy. Fireball Johnny has fanned 55 men in 45 innings and Trucks, who has an earned run average of 0.73, has whiffed batters at the rate of 1.43 an inning. . . . Randy Gumpert, formerly of the A's, recently pitched a perfect game for the Coast Guard Dolphins at New London, Conn. Not a batter reached base against Randy. . . . The Boston Red Sox bid for a pennant took a terrible set-back when Pitcher Tex Hughson, Second Baseman Bobby Doerr, and Infielder Jim Tabor were called for pre-induction physicals. . . . Three Boston Braves, Max Macon, Stan Klopp and Chet Ross, have been classified 1A, and so have Max Marshall, Reds, Preacher Roe, Pittsburgh, Nappy Reyes, Giants, and Mickey Owen, Dodgers. . . . Tommy Loughran, 41-year-old former Philadelphia "dancing master" and ex-light heavyweight king of the world, is expecting a discharge from the Marines as overage.

Danville, Ill. (CNS)—Arrested for driving his car with last year's plates, a motorist explained that he tried hard but "I couldn't get the old ones off."

Medics Have Close Call In Winning Sixth Consecutive Softball Game

The Medics softball team ran into a stubborn opponent when they took on the Communications team Monday night in league play. The latter outfit is still holding the cellar position in league standings but the Medics had to break a 3-3 tie in the extra eighth to take the game 4 to 3. The tally was made after Haungs, Medics catcher, and Inman, Medics pitcher, had singled. Haungs made the winning tally from third base on a passed ball at home plate, a tough break for the Communications team which played heads-up ball throughout the game.

The Ring Lost A Boxer But Army Gained A Fighter

(From the September Coronet Magazine)

"The little town was buzzing with an excitement that was rare on the Kansas prairies in the early 1900's," begins an article in the September issue of CORONET magazine. The excitement centered around a slender, sturdy-legged, tow-haired youth who strode briskly along the twilight streets with a newspaper wrapped package under his arm. In it were a pair of rubber-soled shoes, a pair of boxing trunks and a sweat shirt.

The young man walked so fast that his heavy-set companion breathlessly begged him to slow down lest he wear himself out before he got to their destination. . . . an improvised boxing ring where waited Frankie Brown, a professional boxer. . . . stocky, thick-necked and roundheaded. Outside the ring were the Kansan's friends, shouting words of encouragement, urging him to show the skill that had made him the pride of that little town.

The Kansan was lean and rangy and fast. And his excellent footwork was to his advantage. He danced back from Frankie Brown's stinging left jabs and rolled his body under the powerful right-hand punches. He realized early in the match that his only chance to win a clear-cut victory over Brown was to out-general him. Coronet relates.

But Frankie Brown was a ring-master too. It was a clean, hard fight. A case of one natural-born fighter pitted against another who fought because he loved it. They were as evenly matched as any two boxers who had ever stepped in the ring. The bout was declared a draw and even the spectators agreed with the judges that this was the only possible decision.

After the match was over, Frankie Brown caught up with the smiling tow-head who had wrapped up his paraphernalia and was started home. They began a conversation and stopped off in a lunchroom to talk over a sandwich and a glass of milk.

Frankie Brown told his opponent how much he had admired his ring style, what a great boxer he'd make. But the other smiled. "I'm going to college and get an education, so I'll be able to carve out a

career to suit my own ideas. They talked to nearly midnight, says Coronet, and in the end, it was the views of Frankie Brown that were changed. He decided to give up boxing as a career and enter college, even if it meant working his way through. He thanked the Kansan for the advice.

"You're welcome Frankie," the young Kansan laughingly replied. At that Brown grinned back. "Forget the Frankie Brown stuff. That's just my ring name. My real name's Rockne—Knut Rockne. And say, if I should want to write you, how should I spell that last name of yours?"

"E-i-s-e-n-h-o-w-e-r, Dwight Eisenhower," the lanky Kansan smiled.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Medics	6	0	1.000
Headquarters	2	2	.500
Armament	2	2	.500
Section B	2	3	.400
Communications	0	5	.000

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Second Air Force 72nd Fighter Wing Photo by Charles Deane.

A group of members of Section 1, Engineering, and their guests are shown above during a buffet dance held in Winfield Saturday evening.

Sec. 1 Engineering Enjoys Winfield Party

Two hundred and fifty officers and enlisted men of Section 1, Engineering, and their guests attended a buffet dance held Saturday night in the Courier building, Winfield.

The party was acclaimed a success by all attending and due credit goes to Sgt. John T. Eskrow, chairman of the committee that arranged the affair, and his assistants including S/Sgt. Harry H. Miller, Pvt. Wm. H. Loose, Cpl. Henry Masterianna, S/Sgt. William B. Miller, S/Sgt. Kenneth L. Carpenter, Cpl. Abb H. Carmichael, T/Sgt. Harold A. Kirkman, T/Sgt. Herman T. Singleton, S/Sgt. J. M. Mortensen and S/Sgt. William R. Raney. 2nd Lt. R. K. Kendall, engineering officer, and 2nd Lt. J. R. Squeo and Clifford E. W. Weihman, assistant engineering officers, assisted in making the party a success.

The guest list included Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jason L. Beatty, Major and Mrs. Samuel S. Wolf, Capt. and Mrs. Andy S. Briscoe, Capt. and Mrs. Matthew W. Mosby Jr., Capt. J. D. Collinsworth, 1st Lt. and Mrs. Morton L. Levy, Oscar G. Malach, Republic Aircraft representative, and George Mahoney, Pratt Whitney representative.

Drill Team Members From Newton, Kans., Guests of EM

The Freedomettes, a drill team composed of cuties from Newton, Kans., were guests of Strother Field enlisted men in the service club, Thursday evening. The group presented their precision drill exhibition and later joined Winfield and Wellington GSO girls as dance partners for GIs at the dance following the drill presentation.

Jet Bomb Range Under SF Jurisdiction

Transfer to Strother Field of the Great Salt Plains bombing range at Jet, Oklahoma, and its personnel from the jurisdiction of Woodward Army Air Field and of the civilian personnel at Woodward Army Air Field for administration was announced this week. The transfers became effective on September 1.

Woodward Army Air Field, formerly a P-40 fighter base of the Second Air Force, has been placed on a stand-by basis and no longer has use for the bombing range. With the reduction of military personnel and the subsequent stripping of the post to maintenance crews only, the civilian personnel—all employees of the Post Engineers department—have been transferred to Strother Field for administration only. They will remain on duty at the field until it is again put in use or until the government decides it may be permanently closed. The payroll for the approximately 80 civilians at Woodward will be handled by the Civilian Personnel office of Strother.

Transfer of the Jet range to Strother Field places under the jurisdiction of the local base a property which has been in use by Strother Field since it became a fighter base of the Second Air Force.

The Jet range, considered an unusually fine bombing range, is used by Strother Field during the day

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30-Minute Gas Drills

Your gas mask may not be a beauty aid to your appearance but you better slap it on at 0815 each Monday morning if you want to "save face" with your commanding officer and 1st Lt. Donald M. Kain, Chemical Warfare Officer.

The gas drills are of 30 minutes duration and the field siren is blown at the conclusion of the drill as well as at the beginning. Masks must be worn during this 30-minute period and military personnel found not wearing gas masks will have their names turned into headquarters.

Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Dance Tonight Will Officially Open New Non-Com Mess

Members of the non-commissioned officer's mess and their wives or girl friends will celebrate the formal opening of the organization headquarters, the former cadet mess building, with a dance tonight beginning at 2030.

The Airchords, Strother Field's own dance band, will provide the music for the occasion and refreshments will be served during the social affair.

The club will remain open until midnight and arrangements have been made by Capt. W. R. Hanna, honorary president of the organization, to have city busses from both Winfield and Arkansas City stop at the club before returning to town following their 2330 trip to the field.

Membership cards are being prepared at the present time and will be delivered to the various orderly rooms for distribution. Ones prepared late Friday will be made available to members at the club tonight.

GIs Go For Barbecued Steer

The two field busses that carried approximately sixty enlisted men to Dexter, Kans., Sunday for the picnic sponsored by the American War Mothers and Dads returned to Strother Field with a greatly increased gross weight load.

Feature of the picnic which was greatly enjoyed by the men was the 700 pounds of barbecued steer meat. This taste of the west went over big with the GIs who did their share in consuming the picnic food. This was the third picnic held in Dexter to which military personnel of Strother Field were invited.

Strother Sets Safety Record For 72nd Fighter Wing Bases

Strother Field set the pace in flying safety for the 72nd Fighter Wing during the month of August, snatching off first honors for the lowest number of accidents among the eight training stations of the Wing.

Flying Officers Take Part in Movie

Three Strother Field fliers, piloting P-40 Warhawks, furnish the fighter escort in "Winged Victory," Twentieth Century Fox production now being filmed in Hollywood. The pilots are Capt. J. D. Collinsworth, Capt. Warren A. Blakely, and 2nd Lt. Louis R. Lenz. The three have just returned from Hollywood where they spent two weeks during the filming of aerial parts of this new war picture.

The three men were loaned by the Second Air Force to the Twentieth Century Fox for the filming of the stage hit "Winged Victory" which has been scoring tremendous success on the legitimate stage in New York. The show, including all the leading members of the cast (Eddie O'Brien is starred) has been moved to Hollywood where Twentieth Century Fox is producing it for the movie world.

Men of the cast are all in the armed forces and have been loaned by their various services to what Fox is popularizing as the "Winged Victory Unit." Supplementing the stage cast for the movie production are many cadets from Santa Ana, Calif., Aviation Cadet Center, the crews of several B-24 Liberators, and the three Strother Field pilots. The story concerns the crew of a B-24 in the South Pacific.

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Overseas Christmas Mailing Dates are Sept. 15 — Oct. 15

If you want Christmas packages to arrive in time to army and navy personnel overseas, you should mail them sometime between September 15 and October 15.

Great care in addressing of parcels and the use of metal, wood or fiberboard containers is urged. "Christmas Parcel" should be marked plainly on the outside.

Parcels must not exceed five pounds or be more than 15 inches in length or 36 in length and girth combined. Anything that might damage other mail — perishable goods, intoxicants, inflammable materials—are banned.

And you can't send more than one parcel a week to the same addressee. Requests are not necessary by the addressee.

Nearest competitor to the 269th AAF Base Unit was the 263rd with a rate which lacked but one accident of doubling that at Strother Field. The station with the highest number of accidents had four times as many as the local Base Unit.

During August, the 269th AAF Base Unit reduced to one-third the number of accidents the previous month, when the accident rate at Strother Field was next to the highest in the 72nd Wing. Pilot error accidents in August were reduced to one-eighth those of July and materiel failure was cut to one-third that of the previous month.

Deeply gratified by the improvement in the flying safety record at Strother Field, Captain Hiram I. Anderson today commented:

"This type of improvement is due only to hard work both by the flying training supervisors and the maintenance sections. It is hoped that in the future months the accident rate reductions will be as great as in the last two months."

Special Services At Chapel Sunday

A special service will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Post Chapel. The Midwestern Negro quartet will sing spirituals and Dr. Willis Leek, an A.M.E. evangelist, will be the speaker. The quartet is very popular and has sung at many functions in Wichita and sing regularly over the Wichita radio stations. They will also sing at the General Protestant service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Field personnel and friends are invited.

Free doughnuts and coffee will be served each Sunday morning from 0900 until 1030 in the enlisted men's service club according to an announcement made today by Miss Betty Kretschmar, club hostess. This is another service for enlisted men sponsored by the special service department of Strother Field.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Shown above is the non-commissioned officer's mess, the former cadet mess hall, which is to be formally opened tonight at 2030 with a dance for members and their guests.

The War and You

This week the Battle for France has become quite definitely a matter of history with a complete victory for our Allied arms. Such few Nazis as remain on French soil do so quite involuntarily and only because the long road home is barred to them. Though some continue to deny the issue by a futile though heroic resistance, their fate is sealed.

The Battle for Belgium is also over, ended almost between two dawns. It was so brief as to seem hardly a battle at all by comparison with the cataclysmic conflicts raging on all sides. The Battle for Holland bids fair to run the same course.

Today, at week's end, our armies stand upon the threshold of the greatest conflict of all, the Battle for Germany. Festung Europa is no more. Its outer bastions are stormed or beaten to rubble. The armies which defended it are only unhappy memories to the people they oppressed. Festung Deutschland remains. The question is; how strong?

Hitler has definitely been driven back to his inner ring of defenses. American patrols already test the fringes of his Siegfried line. This is the fortified zone that has long been acclaimed as impregnable. Once its simple existence was enough to prevent attack by the armies of France.

Today, however, there is great doubt as to the ability of the Nazi to hold even this line. He may not, for one thing, have the men to man the line in adequate strength. The armies beaten in France have been literally cut to ribbons by a combination of Allied air and land power. Out of one full division of 12,000 men it is known that only 93 survived. And those who did live to reach Germany have had to retreat over hundreds of miles, harried and harassed all the way by bloody attacks and the inescapable sense of defeat. It is highly doubtful if these units possess either the strength or the morale to make them effective soldiers for some time to come. What other power is available we do not know for sure as yet, but, with unceasing pressure draining German reserves to the Russian front, it cannot be great.

There is also doubt as to the amount of materiel the Nazis can place in their lines. Stock piles created five years and more ago must certainly be running low by now. And with the loss of conquered areas and Balkan allies there are no more foreign barrels for Hitler to scrape to the bottom.

Then, too, the moral value of a line of defense must have fallen low indeed for the German with the piercing of his Atlantic Wall. He had been told this was a firm barrier against any force and for all time. He has seen it broken to pieces in a summer.

It is certain that the Nazi will attempt to hold his line, and, in spite of all, he is still a terrible fighter. He will do his best. But it is doubtful if that best will be enough.

In a few weeks we will know. Time will lift the curtain of secrecy that now shrouds military movements and the greatest battle of history will be revealed.

Fall Comes To Germany

The coming season is very appropriate for the demise of the Nazis and the end of five years of hell in Western Europe.

On the ground the dead leaves will settle to earth, their colors blending with the rusted German armament and spilled blood of Nazis.

The sky above will be blue and filled with daylight stars—the stars shining from the sides of American planes as they fly unmolested alongside the aircraft of other Allied nations.

The curtain will then be drawn at Berchtesgaden on the final act of the Hitler Horror which had an unsuccessful five-year-run in France, Russia, Poland, Belgium and other European theaters.

What will happen to the demented dictator and his cast is yet to be seen but they could continue their theatrical careers as puppets—dead ones hanging from ropes.

Speaking of -- It Pays to Advertise

For the last three years newspapers and magazines have carried advertisements paid for by railroad and bus systems asking civilians to travel by rail or highway only when absolutely necessary in order that military and naval personnel could be accommodated when on pass or furlough.

This money was invested in such advertisements with genuine sincerity by transportation officials. They were, and are, not kidding the American public about staying at home, yet their messages have boomeranged with more than capacity travel by civilians.

Many of these people are making greater wages than ever before but this country of ours will still possess all its scenic beauty and vacation spots after the war is won—then will be the time to travel.

No time passes more quickly than furlough time. Hours lost in the depots of strange towns can never be replaced by GI Joe, but Yosemite, the Rocky Mountains, Miami Beach, Hollywood, will still offer their enticement after the war is over.

Perhaps a letter from you to the folks at home will convince them they should not travel to vacation spots. Let's hope your word makes more of an impression than have advertising dollars.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

We would like to share with you the following excerpt from a Chaplain's Monthly Report.

"Words are inadequate to describe the dramatic experiences and events the chaplain found himself a part of this month. Looking back on it all he realizes that those of us that survived are here to carry on by the Grace of God. I landed from an LCT in ten feet of water and had to swim fifty yards before I touched bottom, and we waded through a hail of death to the shore. I was with my Combat Engineer Battalion that hit the coast at H-Hour plus thirty minutes. . . . I spent the first hours ministering to the wounded while we were pinned down on the dune line until enemy resistance was further liquidated and a way opened to move off the beach to higher ground. Eighty-eight's fell in our midst while digging in, killing and wounding men next to us. Work with the wounded and dying at the first aid stations, clearing stations, and evacuation points during the first few days has more than repaid for every sacrifice I have made and the toil of months of preparation for this task. I must pay a sincere tribute to our men. They are supreme in their manhood, resigned in their faith in God, tough and courageous in battle, fine-spirited and uncomplaining in wounded sufferings, and glorious in death. Contrary to all one would normally believe it is an inspiration to be with them and a high and holy privilege to walk beside them through battle, kneel beside them to comfort and pray for them when they fall wounded, and give them a Christian burial when they have walked through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. 'Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.' 'If God be for us who can be against us?' With the dynamic, righteous wrath of God turned loose on world aggressors, plus the kind of stuff our officers and men are made of this war must soon come to a victorious end."

LABOR DAY

By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The United States observed its fifteenth official Labor Day Monday. In contrast to previous celebrations, Labor Day this year was observed by most workers staying at their jobs. A very real relationship exists between the men who are fighting in fox-holes and the men who are fighting in the great army of industrial production.

Leaders from many areas of American life poured forth praise for the job done by American workers. President Roosevelt in a statement said that American workers can be proud, knowing that "in the battle of production their free labor is triumphing over slave labor." General Dwight D. Eisenhower in a statement broadcast on the Army Hour, said that our Allies join American fighting men in "grateful thanks to the workers of America for having made this the best equipped fighting Army in all history."

Inaugurated in 1882 by the Knights of Labor in New York, the first Monday in September is now a legal holiday in all the states and the District of Columbia, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Alaska. The observance of this day symbolizes the struggles, problems and achievements of the Labor Movement in America since the first union was organized by the cordwainers (shoemakers) in Philadelphia in 1792. From that small beginning, the trade union movement has grown to an organization of more than twelve million men and women.

Above and beyond its significance to American workers and fighting men, Labor Day this year gave hope to the masses of people all over the world who have been enslaved by the dictators. Slowly but surely they have watched the growth of the forces of democracy. They know that ultimately this force will win and free people all over the world will again observe the holidays of their choosing.

Ye Liftings

Soldier Dad to Son: "It's none of your business how I first met your mother, but I can tell you one thing—it certainly cured me of whistling."

"The Sultan's son is inclined to be a bit wild."

"Harem-scarem?"

"Oh, no, he's used to them."

Pfc.: "Your husband looks like a brilliant man. I suppose he knows everything?"

She: "Don't be a fool. He doesn't suspect a thing."

Boss: "No, I'm afraid you won't do."

Steno: "Yes, I will, too, if that's what it takes to get the job."

GI (sighing): "I've loved you more than you know."

Cutie: "How dare you take advantage of me when I'm drunk?"

"Speak! Speak!" said the housewife, holding a cookie over the dog's head.

"What in the hell do you want me to say, lady?" asked the mutt.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.—Win.—Dancing
Ark.—Informal dancing
Sun.—Win.—Scavenger Hunt-Weiner
Roast—Meet USO 6 p.m.
Ark.—Bingo-Free call
Mon.—Win.—Do-as-you-please
Ark.—Bridge and game night
Tues.—Win.—Bridge-Rummy
Ark.—Do-as-you-please
Wed.—Win.—Dancing-Games
Ark.—Snack Bar party
Thurs.—Win.—Read-Write-Relax
Ark.—Ping-pong tournament
Fri.—Win.—Ping Pong-Cards
Ark.—Ping Pong



Q. Now that the Army Nurse Corps has become a part of the AUS, will nurses be permitted the same privilege granted to members of the Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps who held commissions and were permitted to refuse the new commission and obtain a release from the service when that organization became the WAC?

A. If you mean can these gals get out of the Army, the answer is No. If you want this wrapped up in technical language here's the way they gave it to us: "Declination of an appointment to a commission in the Army of the United States in no way influences their status in the Army Nurse Corps. As members of the Army Nurse Corps they will still be subject to its regulations and policies." Okay?

Gather kisses while you may,
For time brings only sorrow
The girls who are free today
Are chaperones tomorrow.

What's new in your home town?

Houston, Tex. (CNS) — When Mrs. R. R. McBride was knocked flat by a car while crossing the street, her pocketbook flew open and a couple of dollars in change was scattered over the road. The driver of the car that struck her courteously helped her to her feet, then picked up her change, pocketed it and drove away.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Joey Raia, 18, siphoned gas from his dad's car into one belonging to a friend. Then he struck a match. Resulting fire loss: both cars, a garage and a nearby house.

Detroit (CNS) — Meanest men of the week are Charlie Willoughby and Jasper Manier, sentenced to jail for selling two whiskey bottles to a local resident. The bottles were full of cold tea.

East Liverpool, Ohio (CNS)—Rabbits ruined his garden, so Russ Paterson sicked his dog on them. When last seen the dog was running for dear life—with two bunnies in hot pursuit.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

14 SEPT.

FRIDAY

15 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Club open from 1400 to 1800. Use the free club stationery.

THEATER—Kid from Spain (Revival) — Eddie Cantor, Robert Young, J. Carroll Naish. Movietone Adventures and Merrie Melodies.

SERVICE CLUB—Invite your friends out for a swim. See the hostess about a pass. Snack bar open until 2300.

THEATER—Janie—Joyce Reynolds, Ann Harding, Edward Arnold, Robert Benchley. News of the Day.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance on the terrace. Girls from the Base to dance with. Your wife or girl friend also invited.

THEATER—Strother Field Radio Program at 1930.

SERVICE CLUB—Open house. Pool and Ping Pong. Sandwiches and cool drinks on the terrace. THEATER—Strangers in the Night—William Terry, Edith Barrett. Stagecoach to Monterey — Allan Lane, Peggy Stewart, Wally Vernon.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night. Snack bar open every night except Saturday.

THEATER—In Society—Abbott and Costello. Short Subjects.

SERVICE CLUB—Starlight Dance Night. Girls from Ponca City and Arkansas City.

THEATER—Music Appreciation Night—1830 to 2000.

SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Night at the club. Dress any way you please. Free lemonade and cookies. Also a G.I. movie.

THEATER—Music in Manhattan — Anne Shirley, Dennis Day, Phillip Terry. This is America and Terrytoon.

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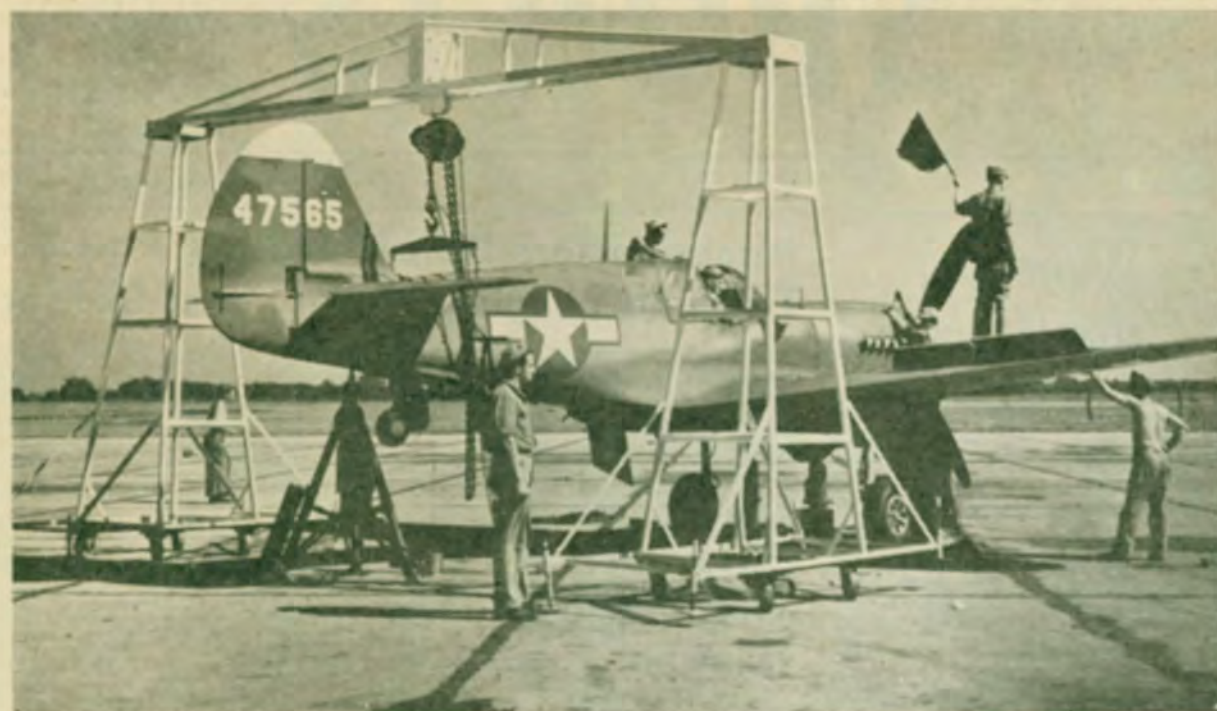
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72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Cpl. Robert Tagliatela (center front) inventor of a new type of fragmentation bomb, stands beside his latest brain-child, a plane hoist designed by him and built and placed in use at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. Cpl. Tagliatela from NYC, is an armament technician at Strother Field.

Combat Intelligence War Room Open Monday

The Combat Intelligence war room, located in building 2308 (north of the parachute building) will be opened Monday to officers and enlisted men of Strother Field, according to an announcement made today by Capt. Thurlow M. Weed, Combat Intelligence Officer.

The war room features wall maps 8' x 8' of the Western Europe, Eastern Europe, China-Burma-India, Italy and South Pacific theaters of war. These maps and large ceiling insignia of Allied and enemy air corps were drawn and constructed by Sgt. William Morey who recently completed decorating the officers' club. From each of the insignia hang model planes for recognition purposes. The maps are individually lighted. There are also model naval craft and tanks on display.

At the east end of the room is a huge world map bordered with U.S. Army Air Force insignias and ribbons from each indicate the headquarters of each organization. The east section of the large room is used by trainee pilots for the reading and study of confidential information supplied them.

A snack bar has been built in the west end of the room and doughnuts, coffee and sandwiches will be sold through the cooperation of the post exchange.

Beside each wall map are bulletin boards on which are placed daily news releases pertaining to that particular theater of war.

"I believe the Strother Field combat intelligence war room now is superior to the one at Harding Field, Baton Rouge, La., which Brig. Gen. George P. Tourtellot, Commanding General of the 72nd Fighter Wing once considered the best in the wing," Capt. Weed said today. He was formerly combat intelligence officer at Harding Field before coming here two weeks ago. Sgt. Irv Benedon of combat intelligence is non-com in charge of the new war room.

'Southern Hospitality?' 'Phooey,' Says Blackman

Sgt. Jack Blackman, who returned from the special service school at Lexington, Va., this week, tells the following story on himself.

Inquiring of a native as to how he might meet some of the townspeople and perhaps get invited to a home cooked meal, Jack was told to go way up to the other end of town and stop the first woman he saw coming out of the grocery store and then offer to carry her packages home. In this way he would probably be invited in and asked to stay for dinner.

Jack followed the directions and sure enough, out of the store came a most attractive woman. He asked if he might carry her packages and she smilingly consented. Upon their arrival at the woman's home, she invited Jack in. When asked if he would care for a glass of wine, Jack eased back into an antique chair and decided southern hospitality was really something. Just then the front door opened and the woman exclaimed, "Here comes my husband."

Jack bolted upright in his chair and looked into the eyes of a man who said, "For the love of Pete, soldier, I told you to go w-a-y up town, w-a-y up town!"

We Loused It, but Good

We could hardly wait for you fellows to see the "Wolf" cartoon by Sgt. Sansone last Friday, as in our judgment it was one of his best. Then the paper came out and the darn thing made no sense, whatsoever.

On the original mat there were two dolphins out in the water and their round shape while submerging greatly resembled parts of the feminine form. Somehow this part of the mat did not show up in the cast, for which we express our extreme apology and disgust.

GI: "What keeps your shoulder straps up?"

Gal: "Your extreme timidity."

Civilian Workers Of SF Honored

Strother Field's civilian soldiers, squarely behind the war effort with their money as well as their work, have earned a place on the Roll of Honor of Major General C. H. Danielson, commanding general of the Seventh Service Command. A certificate which arrived at Strother Field this week was awarded by the Service Command's war bond council on September 1 for 100 per cent participation by Strother Field employees with 12 per cent of payroll for the month of August.

The Service Command's War Bond Council certificate goes to all army installation civilian organizations which attain at least 95 per cent enrollment and at least 12 per cent investment in the Class A pay reservation plan.

In a letter to Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer of Strother Field, Capt. C. S. Bunch, assistant chief of the war bond branch of Seventh Service Command, said in part:

"The congratulations of the Commanding General of this Service Command are extended to the Commanding Officer, the War Bond officer, and to the fine patriotic civilian personnel of your organization, whose co-operation and efforts have made this achievement possible.

"It is regretted that it will not be possible for the chief or the assistant chief of the war bond, insurance and AER branch of this headquarters personally to present this certificate and express appreciation of the splendid manner in which the war bond program is being carried out at your installation. It is hoped that this fine record will be maintained."

There was a young lady from Trent,

Who said she knew what it meant

When men asked her to dine

Gave her cocktails and wine,

She knew what it meant—but she went!

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14—1830-2000
POST THEATRE

1. Prelude to Act III, Lohengrin - Wagner
2. Perpetual Motion - Paganini
Written originally for solo violin this work is here played by 16 violins of the string section of the orchestra.
3. Scheheerzade, Rimsky-Korsakov
This musical impression of the "Arabian Nights Entertainment" is pervaded with the glowing hues and exotic rhythms of the music of the Orient and with the inexhaustible resources of the modern symphony orchestra projects a kaleidoscope of melody and brilliant color.
4. De Puis la Jour "Louise" - Charpentier
5. Slavonic Dances, Nos. I and III - Dvorak
6. Funeral March "Hamlet" - Berlioz
7. Camorist's Dance "Jewels of the Madonna" - Wolf-Ferari
8. Malaguena - Lecuona

Daughter Born to Cpl. and Mrs. Ellerman

Cpl. and Mrs. Walter L. Ellerman are the parents of a daughter born Aug. 27th at 6 p.m. in Newton Memorial Hospital, Winfield. The baby weighed 6 lbs. and 5½ ounces at birth. Cpl. Ellerman is a cook in the 1,000-man mess hall at Strother Field.



Second Air Force 72nd Fighter Wing Photo by Pvt. Melvin Smith.

Two Southwest Pacific veterans now stationed at Strother Field are shown above discussing the battlefronts of World War II with three Winfield girls in the USO center in that city. The group gathered around the orientation display recently installed by the Special Service Dept., includes, left to right: Joyce Couchman, S/Sgt. Johnnie Yuska, Geraldine Van Laningham, T/Sgt. Matthew Socca and Irene Krueger.

T/Sgt. Socca, whose home is in Pitman, N.J., enlisted at Mitchell Field, N.Y., in 1940. S/Sgt. Yuska also enlisted in 1940 at Langley Field, Va. His home is in Sayre, Pa. The two men left the states Dec. 15, 1941, and returned in July 1944.

They saw service in the Southwest Pacific including New Guinea and the Solomon Islands for 31 months. They were awarded Presidential Citations with Oak Leaf Clusters while serving with the 5th Air Force. On their campaign ribbons are four stars for service in the Dutch East Indies, New Guinea, Papua and Northern Solomons.

The orientation display was designed and built by Sgt. Lou Cunningham, Cpl. Edward Walker and Pvt. Edward Mertz.

Male Call

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



Never-Slightly Beyond Prime



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Warming the Bench

By Camp Newspaper Service

Pete Gray, 28-year-old regular centerfielder for the Memphis Chicks, stood at the plate waving the bat around in his left hand. His right arm was a stub in an empty sleeve.

Gray let the first two go by. They were wide. The third pitch came over knee-high and outside, just the kind of a pitch you dream about. Gray slammed it over the right field fence, 330 feet away. It was his first home run of the year.

"It sure felt good," said Gray. Pete Gray's right arm is cut off close to the shoulder. He lost it in a childhood accident. Despite this handicap, he is hitting around .330 for the Chicks and is leading the league in stolen bases. Doc Pothro, his manager, says he's ready for the majors right now.

Out in centerfield, Gray plays with sleight-of-hand artistry. In fielding a fly, he catches it first, then tosses it into the air, tucks the glove under the nub of his right arm, grabs the ball with his free left hand and burns it back to the infield, all in one motion.

Lefty O'Doul, the man in the Kelly green suit, is keeping his San Francisco Seals in second place in the Pacific Coast League standings, despite the fact that his pitching staff has been torn to shreds by war and war plants.

The other Sunday Lefty's best pitcher, 32-year-old ex-Giant Tom Seals, finished his lobster shift at a Golden Gate shipyard at 6 a.m., drove to Sacramento and pitched both ends of a doubleheader for the Seals against the Sacramento club. The kid won them both, too, with a double shutout.

"Take the rest of the day off, Tom," cracked Lefty after the second game.

Do You Know?

THERE MUST BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE IN POLITICAL MATTERS?

Sec. IV. Political Argument and Political Propaganda in the Manual for Soldier Voting says—

There must be no interference with private correspondence of members of the Army on political matters. No member or employee of the Army, acting as censor or otherwise, may remove from any letter or communication addressed to an individual member of the armed forces political literature or political argument or other political matter sent to such individual member of the armed forces by an individual, corporation, or political committee, unless it contains information which may be of value to the enemy in their prosecution of the war.

VOTING IS NOT COMPULSORY Sec. II. Eligibility to Vote in the Election. The Manual for Soldier Voting says—

Soldiers and attached civilians should be given an opportunity to vote. No one has to vote unless he so desires. However, it is the policy of the War Department to assist and encourage all eligible soldiers desiring to vote to exercise their privilege. No soldier will be ordered to vote or marched to the voting place. No commissioned, non-commissioned, or warrant officer will attempt to influence any soldier as to his choice of candidates.

Softball Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Medics	6	1	.858
Headquarters	3	2	.600
Armament	2	3	.400
Section B	2	3	.400
Communications	1	5	.167

Headquarters Defeat Medics 7 to 4 To Hand League Leaders First Defeat

Number seven turned out to be an unlucky number for the league leading Medics softball team when it lost to Headquarters last week 7 to 4. The Medics team won its first six games in league play to take a firm grip on first place, but the Headquarters outfit had a hot sixth inning making four runs to come from behind and win the game.

Superbombers Defeat Peru (Neb.) V-12, 38 to 0

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 8 — The Second Air Force Superbombers will continue their quest for national service football honors when they oppose Colorado College, one of the unbeaten teams of 1943, in a night game at Spencer Penrose Stadium, Colorado Springs, tonight. It will be the opening game for the Colorado College gridders, a V-12 unit.

The Superbombers this week returned here, their training base, from Sioux City, Ia., where they opened the season last Saturday night with a slashing 38 to 0 victory over Peru (Neb.) Naval V-12.

Rolling to four successive touchdowns on the first four times it had the ball, the 2AF eleven scored 29 points in the first half as 12,000 fans—nearly half of them service men—watched. It was the largest crowd and considered the most colorful game in the history of the Sioux City football.

Here are some highlights:

Lt. Glenn Dobbs, returning to the Superbombers' line-up only four days after participating in the All Stars-Chicago Bears game, contributed a 10-yard field goal late in the second half as his share of the scoring. On three booming kicks, he averaged 55 yards. Dobbs, nursing an injury, did no passing and was used sparingly.

Lt. Billy Sewell's passing scored one touchdown and set up another although the Superbombers relied primarily on ground attack and attempted only eight passes, four of which were completed.

The Navy took to the air and gained 224 yards on 10 completions in 19 attempts. The Superbombers gained 56 yards on passes. The Superbombers ran up 175 yards on the ground while the Sailors had a net loss of 21 yards. The first downs were 12 for 2AF and six for the Navy.

Lt. John Holmes was the 2AF's leading individual ground gainer picking up 66 yards in five runs. His 31-yard dash in the fourth period placed the ball in position for Dobbs' placement field goal.

Headquarters scored two runs in the second frame to lead the Medics by one tally. In the third inning the Medics scored three runs to take the lead 4 to 2. In the fifth Headquarters scored one more run to make the score 4 to 3 in favor of the Medics. Then came the sixth with four runs scored by Headquarters, making the score 7 to 4, winning margin of the game.

Nouse, catcher, Williams, right fielder, and Waits, centerfielder, on the Headquarters team all had perfect evenings at bat, the first two men getting two hits and two runs in two trips to the plate and Waits scored twice on a hit and a walk. Pope, Medics shortfielder, led his team in batting with two hits and one run in three times at bat.

Out of the cellar in league standings came the Communications team in a game with Armament last week. After losing five straight games the boys came back strong against Armament, winning by the score of 9 to 2. Chow, Communications rightfielder, made three hits in three times at bat and scored one run to lead his team in batting. Yakaras, Armament pitcher, led his team with one hit and one run in three trips to the plate.

MEDICS				HQDTS.			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Childers, 1b	3	0	1	Thomas, ss	2	0	0
Smith, ss	4	1	1	Bider'an, cf	3	0	1
Haungs, c	3	1	0	Ingram, 1b	3	0	0
Hundt, lf	3	0	2	Grensen, lf	3	0	0
Inman, rf	1	0	0	Nouse, c	2	2	2
Cagle, 3b	1	1	1	Waits, cf	1	2	1
Tom'ino, p	2	0	1	Smith, 3b	1	0	1
Otter'ch, 2b	3	0	0	Williams, rf	2	2	2
Macucci, cf	3	0	0	Loughan, p	3	1	1
Pope, sf	3	1	2	Wood'rd, 2b	3	0	0
	26	4	8		23	7	8

COMM.				ARMAMENT			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Byrne, 2b	3	1	1	Skelly, ss	3	0	1
Schon'r, 1b	4	3	1	Rob'son, cf	2	0	1
Lind'rg, p	3	1	1	Molecky, lf	3	0	0
Wagner, ss	4	1	2	Cun'am, 1b	2	0	0
Flynn, 3b	4	2	2	Davis, 3b	3	1	0
Schultz, ss	4	0	2	Scott, ss	1	0	0
Ebersole, c	4	0	0	Steff'ld, 2b	3	0	1
Schloesser, lf	3	0	0	Wade, rf	3	0	0
Cohen, cf	3	0	1	Johnson, c	3	0	0
Chow, rf	3	1	3	Yakaras, p	3	1	1
	35	9	13		26	2	4

A sensible girl is not as sensible as she looks because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible.

JET BOMB RANGE

(Continued from page 1, col. 3)

time for bombing and ground gunnery and for strafing practice and at night by Will Rogers Field at Oklahoma City for the aerial photographic operations of a night reconnaissance outfit.

Approximately five miles away is the Jet Army Air Field. At this small field, constructed to serve the purposes of the bombing range and which was never activated to any extent, Strother Field crews will be on duty, the proximity of this base aiding materially in stepping up the pace of gunnery training of the fighter pilots of Strother Field. The transfer of the Great Salt Plains bombing range to the jurisdiction of Strother Field brings to the jurisdiction of the local air base approximately 30 civilians now on duty at Jet. Like the civilians at Woodward, their administration will be handled by the Civilian Personnel Office of Strother Field.

TAKE PART IN MOVIE

(Continued from page 1, col. 4)

For Captain Blakely, the take-offs and landings down a lane of palm trees was a poignant reminder of similar feats when he was a combat pilot in New Guinea. A simulated beachhead and the simulated ruins left by a supposed enemy raid made the scene even more familiar to him.

Life around the movie studios held much of interest for the three young Strother Field officers. When they were not flying their Warhawks for the aerial pictures of the film, they found opportunity to visit some of the movie sets for the production of "Knob Hill" and "Sunday Dinner for a Soldier." They saw the sets for the filming some months ago of "The Song of Bernadette."

Captain Collinsworth is commanding officer of the training section. Captain Blakely is assistant bombing and gunnery officer and Lt. Lenz is an instructor pilot.

The Jap—How He Fights And How To Fight Him

By Camp Newspaper Service

Millions of words of analysis have been written about the Japanese soldier since our war with his nation began. Yet today, despite all these words, he remains an enigma even to those American soldiers who have met him in combat. No one can quite figure him out.

Just what is he like, this bandy-legged, myopic little man who sells his life so cheaply? How does he fight? What tricks does he play in the jungle? What makes him act the way he does?

Here are some answers to these questions from infantrymen who have fought the Jap and licked him—at Munda, Kwajalein, Attu.

A rifleman: "He has no guts, but he is treacherous as hell. He won't face an American soldier with an M1 rifle, but he'll burrow himself into a hole and stay there a month, sniping at you until you pick him off or dig him out. Then he'll blow himself up with a hand grenade before he'll give up."

An I&R scout: "I met him at Kwajalein. He's a dangerous little monkey, but, shot for shot, GI Joe has got it all over him in nerve, guts and common sense. When the Jap's leaders are gone so is his initiative and he'll crawl into a hole and just wait there for you to close in and get him. He'll try to get you first, however."

A reconnaissance sergeant: "He's kind of stupid, a poor shot, and no match for a Yank physically, mentally or psychologically. But because he's such a determined, fanatic little ape, you've got to watch him every minute. At Munda, the bayonet fights were few and far between, but when we had them, our soldiers proved to be

much the superior."

Rifle squad leader: "I found in the fighting on Kwajalein that the individual Jap soldier is not a good fighting man, especially when he is caught by surprise and doesn't have a chance to get organized."

A platoon guide: "He is a fanatic who will fight to his death and is therefore not to be taken lightly. However, fanaticism is a poor substitute for courage and clear-headed thinking. In many instances Japs attacking our positions made suicidal charges that doomed them from the beginning."

A rifleman: "He's a tricky little weed. I have known him to kill a GI, then take the GI's clothing and sneak into our lines. You can always spot a Jap, however, even in Yank clothing. The way he walks with short, choppy steps and a sort of shuffle always give him dead away."

And now, from these veterans, some advice on how to fight this strange soldier, who hides in trees and shoots at you and then waits there for you to come and kill him.

A demolition private: "In moving from one position to another, move fast, keep low, and hit the ground flat. Don't misuse the rifle. And don't wander off by yourself."

A staff officer: "Memorize your own position, know what your personal objectives are and remember that you're a better fighting man than the Jap. Keep your self-confidence."

A rifleman: "Don't get trigger happy when you're fighting the Jap. You're liable as hell to spray some of your own men. In the jungle, fire only when you've got a bead on a Jap."





72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, public relations officer, tunes in a foreign radioteletype station in his quest for the latest news direct from world battlefronts.

Kansas Looks Good After New Guinea

PRO Gets News By Short Wave

Who says soldiers don't like Kansas? Take for instance, M/Sgt. A. J. Sosnowski who smilingly remarked while going about his job in the miscellaneous maintenance department, "I'll stay right here for the duration." Of course he only arrived at Strother Field last Sunday and his last station was in New Guinea. That fact might have something to do with his enthusiasm.

M/Sgt. Sosnowski, who hails from Wendell, Pa., served two hitches in the service prior to 1941. His first was 1936 to 1938 during which time he served with the infantry and was stationed in Hawaii. His second hitch was from 1938 to 1940 and he served with the Army Air Forces in this country, being stationed at Selvidge Field, Mich., and Wright Field and Patterson Field in Ohio.

January, 1942, he was transferred to Australia where he served with the 4th Air Depot Group until June of that year when he was transferred to the 81st Air Depot Group. This year he was sent into

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Two New Classes In Training Here

Two more classes of fighter pilot trainees have arrived at Strother Field to begin or to continue their fighter pilot training in P-47 Thunderbolts.

Last Thursday, the first group of new arrivals reached Strother Field where they were processed to become the underclass in training at the local air base. They came from Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Saturday morning, another group arrived, this one from Wendover Army Air Field, Wendover, Utah. These pilot trainees had already had part of their training at Wendover and at Strother Field joined the upper class which has been at the local air base for some weeks.

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POW Packages On Display

Sample packages like those the American Red Cross is distributing to Americans who are prisoners of war in an enemy country have been received by Field Director H. A. Thomson of Strother Field for the information of officers and enlisted men and have been arranged in a display in the combat intelligence war room.

Of prime interest is a laundry case containing considerable wearing apparel and personal articles designed to re-equip a man who perhaps in the loss of his army equipment has lost the articles necessary for his personal cleanliness and health.

Mr. Wesley Gordon, assistant to the Director of Public Information for the American Red Cross, was a visitor at Strother Field last Wednesday. Mr. Gordon was formerly on the editorial staff of the Topeka Daily Capital.

Who Should Get Out First?

Plans have been announced by the War Department for a limited start at demobilizing America's huge army soon after Germany's defeat. Following is listed the priority system which will govern the release of the men under these conditions.

1. Service credit based on the total number of months of Army service since Sept. 16, 1940, when the draft law became effective.

2. Overseas credit based on the number of months overseas.

3. Combat credit, based on each award of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart and battle clasps on theater campaign ribbons.

4. Credit for each dependent child under 18, up to three children.

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Air Medal To Be Presented Saturday

The Air Medal will be presented to little Robert Cole Dailey, son of Lt. and Mrs. Cole M. Dailey of Arkansas City by Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer of Strother Field, at military ceremonies to be held at the field at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, it was announced today.

The decoration was authorized for Lt. Dailey, now a prisoner of war in Germany, "for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in heavy bombardment missions over enemy-occupied Europe."

Capt. George N. Rood, adjutant, will read the citation during the ceremony.

The 2½-year-old boy will be accompanied by his mother and several other official guests. He will wear a regular officer's uniform, complete with an Eighth Air Force patch and second lieutenant's bars.

Lt. Dailey was bombardier on a heavy bomber which was shot down over Belgium last April 27, and was officially listed as a prisoner of war on June 3. Mrs. Dailey last heard from him about a month ago.

An interesting sidelight to the award of the Air Medal to Lt. Dailey was revealed yesterday. All of the crewmen in his plane had been reported prisoners of war except the pilot, Lt. Winnans Shaddix of Birmingham, Ala. Wednesday morning Mrs. Dailey received a telegram from his parents saying they were in receipt of a cablegram from Lt. Shaddix. He was back at an Allied base, and in the best of health. He revealed that he had been protected by the Belgian underground since his plane went down nearly five months ago. He became free a few days ago when Allied armies liberated the Belgian town where he had found refuge.



The honorary president and two officers of the non-commissioned officers' mess are shown above as they discussed future plans of the organization during the formal opening of the clubroom last Friday evening. At the left is M/Sgt. Woodrow W. Watson, president; Capt. W. R. Hanna, honorary president, and M/Sgt. E. F. North, secretary-treasurer.

72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen



Capt. Thurlow M. Weed, combat intelligence officer at Strother Field, points out a battle location in China on the China-Burma-India map to a group of officers in the combat intelligence war room. This map is one of five 8' by 8' maps that have been prepared and placed on display in the war room by Sgt. William Morey.

72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Huge Crowd Attends Non-Com Mess Opening

Between three and four hundred non-commissioned officers and their wives or guests attended the formal opening of the new non-com mess Friday evening of last week.

The Airchords orchestra played for dancing in the north wing of the building while the south wing was used for the serving of refreshments.

The opening party which was judged a complete success by the many who attended the affair will be followed by a similar social event on either Friday or Saturday, Sept. 22 or 23. The board of governors will decide on the date at a meeting next week.

The War and You

Out of the kaleidoscopic panorama of a twentieth century war there stands occasionally some small vignette, miniscule acid etching on the bronze mask of Mars, that in itself is more revealing than a thousand books of measured words. Perfect example is found in a few seconds of a recently released newsreel of the siege and capture of the Breton port of St. Malo.

Across this page of history stalks briefly the envoy sent forth by the beleaguered Nazi garrison; heroic voice which cries out, "Death before surrender"; heir to Siegfried and the fabled Aryan berserker. He is a Nazi junior officer, young, uniformed to be every inch a soldier, whipcord lean with the leanness and long jaw of the fighting animal, contemptuous in look and bearing of the men whom he defies, and sodden staggering drunk.

Here is your German militarism personified for a whole world to see. Here is the warrior Brahmin caste that would set the torch to a continent without scruple and without regret; here the bell-ram to lead the common sheep of a nation. Here is legendary courage grown out of raw alcohol.

In this defense of St. Malo is a new German legend sprung full-blown from the brow of Bacchus. The officer in command has already been given the mouth-filling, imagination firing soubriquet "The Madman of St. Malo." His men, living or dead or maimed, will be set up as models for the little German boys to dream of. His hopeless defense of an indefensible bastion will be woven into a new saga of heroes. Doubtless it will be remembered long after the cause for which this war was fought has faded into the mist of "old, forgotten, far off things and battles long ago."

Ironically enough we do not know if the young hero has survived his moment of befuddled strutting on the world stage. It is probable that he did, for later scenes of the same reel show numerous fat and ferocious officers, some even with their trousers creased impeccably, surrendering along with the ragged, haunted privates who did the actual fighting of the ensuing battle.

We know however that he will live forever in the minds and the memories of all civilized men. For here, in camera, is the very spirit of war itself and of the men who breed war deliberately to serve an end or to fill the vacuum of an otherwise empty life. Here stands the heir to Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon. Here is the stuff from which great legends are made.

In this grotesque little figure, making his cheap heroics out of an outworn tradition and a whiskey bottle, sacrificing the lives of his men in a hopeless battle, is the utter antithesis of all that the thinking men of America are fighting for today.

Here indeed is the mask stripped from the face of Mars.

Speaking of -- Halloween

October thirty-first has been established by war planning leaders of the U.S. as the "outside" day for the collapse of German resistance according to an announcement from London.

A better day could not have been selected for the end of Naziism—Halloween day.

The superman masks will be ripped from the faces of Hitler, Goehring, Goebbels and Himmler, revealing their fear-filled eyes and quivering lips as they face justice for their five-year reign of terror in Europe.

Goehring, a fat witchlike individual with nothing much left but a broomstick on which to ride, will come crashing to earthly reality as his Luftwaffe has been sent burning to the ground by Allied pilots.

Goebbels' glib words will cease to pour from his mouth which has resembled a cauldron filled with witches brew, endeavoring to heal the suspicions of the German people. He will be a helpless cripple begging for mercy.

Himmler, custodian of the Gestapo goblins, will see them scatter like rats for sewers as they seek hiding places away from the reckoning that is bound to reach them, one by one.

Hitler, who carved out a bloody career from his pumpkin—Germany, will hear the rattling of skeleton bones, those of Allied soldiers and civilians whose lives he took. Their living brothers will decide his fate and return the world to peace and democracy.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

INTERESTING THINGS PEOPLE DO

Although not German himself, Captain George Harper can now understand why God led him to spend ten years pastoring German families in his church at Weehawken, N.J.

It was preparation for the unique ministry he now enjoys—chaplain to hundreds of German prisoners of war being held in this country.

He not only preaches the gospel to them in their own language—he lives with them during the week and has led many of them to accept Christ as Saviour.

"It is in situations like this that we see the international fellowship of Christian people. Enemies—once. But now brothers in Christ. Then the middle ground is broken down. The war is almost forgotten as American guards and German prisoners worship the same Saviour and love each other in Him."

Harper has found these men to be especially fond of singing German hymns and often the men can be heard singing the tunes by themselves.

One German youth who had listened several Sundays to Harper asked the Chaplain for literature. When Harper gave him a German New Testament, he replied with beaming face, "Das ist wunderbar!" (This is wonderful.) When the Captain told him about the work of the American Bible Society, he again explained, "Das ist wunderbar!"

Harper hails from New Jersey, spent 23 years in pastoral work before taking up his work as chaplain for prisoners-of-war. About his new parishoners, he says, "These people are just as real as we are. They're human. They hunger for home and for God. They find Christ as we do—and He satisfies."—Condenser from *Power*.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

7:00 Catholic Confession
8:00 Catholic Mass
9:00 Hospital Service
10:00 General Protestant Service
11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The current issue of "The Digest," monthly publication of Army Information Branch, Information and Education Division, A.S.F., discusses some very interesting education and orientation programs which are taking place, both here at home as well as overseas. These activities range from small, informal discussion programs and brief daily news bulletins to the active and comprehensive program of Orientation which was inaugurated by General Eisenhower in ETO before D Day.

Strother Field likewise has not neglected this very fundamental phase of its training program. Last month alone, lecture-discussions on such topics as "The GI Bill of Rights," "Soldier Voting," "Current Events," etc., were attended by over 2000 participants. Film programs including "Victory in the West" were also well attended.

Sections "B" and "M" have set up excellent Orientation Rooms with posters, maps, displays, magazines, etc. Other sections are in various stages of completing similar rooms. Combat intelligence formally opened one of the best equipped War Rooms in this area to Officers and Enlisted Men last Monday. (You should visit it soon.)

Perhaps more important than all these activities is the orientation which is happening among small groups and departments on the field, which have secured war-maps and are reading, discussing and charting the progress of the war among themselves. Learning, like many other things, happens more readily when people do it for themselves.

Although still quite new, the progress of Orientation at Strother Field is highly gratifying to those who are responsible for it.

Ye Liftings

Time tells on a man—especially a good time.

CO: You were out after 12 last night, weren't you, Private Smith?
Private Smith: No sir, only after one, sir.

Guide: We are now passing the largest brewery in the world.
Soldier: I'm not.

Working in a preparation plant, a man let his coat get caught in a revolving wheel.

He was whisked up and whirled round and round till the foreman managed to switch off the machine. The workman fell to the ground and up rushed the foreman.

"Speak to me, speak to me," he said.

"Why should I?" said the workman, "I passed you six times just now, and you didn't speak to me."

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Truth or Consequences.
Come and have fun with Wed. night girls
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Candy making night
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge and Rummy night
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Formal Dance—SF Air-
chords—8:15 to 11:15
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Field Dance—Meet
U.S.O. 7:30.
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Game night
Ark. Ping Pong



Q. I'm a Regular Army man, see, with two hitch stripes on my sleeve. I have been told that I am not eligible for benefits under the GI Bill of Rights because I'm not a selectee. That sounds fishy but it might be true. Tell me, is it?

A. Of course not. The only eligibility requirement for GI Bill of Rights benefits is that you must have served in the Army on or after Sept. 16, 1940.

Q. I'm attending Cooks and Bakers School but, at heart, I'm really a fighting man. I want to transfer to the Rangers. How can I do this?

A. Right now you're out of luck. The Rangers do not exist as a TO part of the Army. They were formed from men taken from other units in Africa and England. Thus far, no Ranger units have been formed in the U. S.

Cincinnati (CNS)—When Mrs. Lena Coffin won a divorce from her husband she asked no alimony. But she did ask—and receive—custody of a carnival exhibit, a two-headed baby preserved in a jar.

What's new in your home town?

Great Falls, Mont. (CNS)—At 3 p.m. Ruby Olsen was granted a divorce from Walter Olsen. At 4 p.m. Ruby Olsen and Joe Anderson were married. The best man was Walter Olsen.

Manhattan Beach, Cal. (CNS)—Harry White received this telegram from his son-in-law: "Ruth in hospital. Baby boy born last night." Harry White answered: "Mom in hospital too. Baby boy born last night—too."

New York (CNS)—Fred Allen, the comic, has written to the manufacturer of built-up shoes to place an order for built-down shoes "I am four inches taller than Mrs. Allen," he complained "and would like to buy a pair of shoes that lowers a man four inches."

Gloucester, Mass. (CNS)—Each week for 32 years, Theresa Nau-man saved a little money. Now, at 62, she has enough to do that upon which her heart has been set—pay for a divorce from her husband, who deserted her in 1912.

Atlanta (CNS)—A local resident has sued his aunt for borrowing his best suit of clothes—in which she buried Uncle George.

THIS WEEK'S
PROGRAM
SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB•LIBRARY•BOWLING•SWIMMING•GYM•THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Open for you from 1400 to 1800. Catch the ball games on the radio.
SEPT. 16	THEATRE—Girl Crazy (Revival)—Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Write that letter home—relax—read a good book. Snack bar open 'til 2300.
SEPT. 17	THEATRE—Wing and a Prayer—Don Ameche, Dana Andrews. Cartoon.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Hop. Okay cats, you can jump all you like.
SEPT. 18	THEATRE—Soldier Show Meeting 1830. Come out, come out wherever you are GIs and lend a hand.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance.
SEPT. 19	THEATRE—Double Feature: "Seven Doors to Death"—"Mademoiselle Fifi."
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night. Make up a four-some and rubber away to your heart's content.
SEPT. 20	THEATRE—Rainbow Island — Dorothy Lamour, Eddie Bracken.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—It's dance night. Winfield and Wellington cuties!
SEPT. 21	THEATRE—Music Appreciation night, 1830 to 2000.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Night—GI movies, cookies and coffee.
SEPT. 22	THEATRE—The Impatient Years—Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman.

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Jobs We Do At Strother Field

MOS (911)
Airplane Armorer

"Our job is to inspect and perform 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance on all armament within the unit, and load bombs and ammunition in aircraft," said T/Sgt. G. R. Cunningham, NCO in charge of Section 1, Armament, when asked this week to describe the duties of enlisted men classified as airplane armorers.

Qualified for his job is T/Sgt. Cunningham who has been in service since Jan. 4, 1940. From Feb. 8, 1941, until Oct. 15, 1943, he was stationed in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands where he witnessed early raids on the islands by Jap bombers before the Japs were driven out of Kiska.

"Periodically we examine aerial machine guns and other aircraft armament and equipment such as aerial cannon, bomb racks, bomb release mechanisms, gun mounts, gun turrets, and pyrotechnics for cleanliness and proper functioning," continues T/Sgt. Cunningham, getting back to armorer's jobs at Strother Field.

"We install armament and equipment and check their completeness prior to missions. Remove and replace aircraft armament to be serviced or repaired. Remove and replace bombsights, inspect, disassemble, clean, repair, assemble and make parts replacements to such weapons as .50 caliber machine guns, .30 caliber machine guns, 37 mm cannon, 20 mm cannon, rifles, carbines and pistols. Use combination tool, wrenches, screw drivers, micrometers, depth gauges and other hand or bench tools in making the repairs. We receive bombs and ammunition from the ordnance department and load them on aircraft prior to missions."

"We must be familiar with armament, inspection and maintenance procedures, and with safety regulations in handling, transporting and loading bombs and other ammunition. We must also be familiar with safety regulations pertaining to chemical warfare."

"At the present time two of our men are instructing training pilots in gun sights, gun cameras and the harmonization of guns, while another enlisted man is giving lectures on rockets and rocket launchers," says T/Sgt. Cunningham.

Completion of a course in aircraft armament at an Army School or equivalent experience is required for this particular type of work in order to be classified as an airplane armorer.

Swim Pool Closed

If you decide to go for a swim in the post pool jump in feet-first, junior. Fractured ankles are not quite as bad as a cracked noggin. This warning is issued due to the fact the pool has been drained and will not be used until next Spring. Who knows by then it may be filled with luscious lovelies attending a Strother Field branch of Vassar college.

P-47 Thunderbolts In The Jungle

Having crowded a lifetime of adventure into eight months with Thunderbolt squadrons on the coastal and interior air bases of New Guinea, Frank Tchinnis, field representative for Republic Aviation Corporation, is glad to be back in the U.S.A.

Field service is not new to Frank Tchinnis, for he has done it for six years for Republic and thirteen years before that for the United Aircraft Corporation.

He went with airplanes to South America years ago, where he lived through revolutions in both Brazil and in Peru. He admits, however, that New Guinea gave him plenty of new experiences.

"I saw Thunderbolts flown from air strips in jungles so close on the sides that the trees almost touched the wing tips," said Frank in talking about his adventures.

"Our planes and the P-38s are doing a tremendous job against the Japs. There is great rivalry between the pilots. As long as the Japs hold out there is plenty of work for both Thunderbolts and Lightnings."

Republic's Field Service Representative Tchinnis has been recently assigned to Strother Field, for special work with P-47 Thunderbolt ground crews.

WHO SHOULD GET

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Several enlisted men of Strother Field were asked how they would list the points in importance. Following are their ratings of the four points in the demobilization system:

Cpl. Joseph Donnay, Sec. A-3, who served 5 months in England, one year in Africa and 7 months in Italy before coming to Strother Field, lists the four points as follows: 1. Combat credit. 2. Overseas credit. 3. Parenthood credit. 4. Service credit.

S/Sgt. Edward T. Moon, A-3, who will have been in service three years next May and who served 24 months in Panama and the Galapagos Islands, suggests: 1. Combat credit. 2. Parenthood credit. 3. Overseas credit. 4. Service credit.

S/Sgt. James A. Hinton, A-3, who will have seen three years service by next March, all of it in this country, feels that men who have been wounded and returned to service should be demobilized first and then the others released as follows: 1. Combat credit. 2. Parenthood credit. 3. Overseas credit. 4. Service credit.

S/Sgt. Etha S. Croft, A-3, who will have been in service six years in January, serving 24 months in Panama and 2½ years in New Guinea and the Southwest Pacific, considers men who have been wounded and then returned to service should be demobilized first. Then the point system as compiled by the War Department should be followed, as "it seems very fair."

1st. Sgt. Peyton A. Horton, A-1, who has been in service 2½ years, serving in this country, lists the following: 1. Combat credit. 2. Overseas credit. 3. Service credit. 4. Parenthood credit.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

1830 to 2000

ALL TCHAIKOWSKI PROGRAM

Because of the repeated requests for Tchaikowski's music on the Music Appreciation Hour we are presenting an All-Tchaikowski program. The works selected range from his lighter moments to his most serious—to show his wide versatility in all fields of composition.

1. Valse from Serenade for Strings.
2. March Slave.
3. Symphony No. 5 in E Minor.
4. Nutcracker Suite. Overture Miniature—March—Dance of Sugar Plum Fairy—Russian Dance—Danse Arabe—Danse Chinoise—Dance of the Flutes—Waltz of the Flowers.
5. Selections from Lake of Swans.
6. Humoresque.

Five Officers Promoted

Five promotions of Strother Field officers have been announced by Headquarters, effective as of Sept. 11th. Promoted from first lieutenants to the rank of captain are: Robert A. Gnospeilus, signal officer, and William N. Joyce, motor transportation officer. Promoted from second to first lieutenants are: Edward W. Armstrong, photo officer; George N. Gonyo, flying instructor and Roger E. Plantz, aircraft engineering officer.

GI: I can imitate any bird you name.

Girl: Try a homing pigeon.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.
Miss Laverne Scott and Herbert A. Thomson of the Strother Field Red Cross office look over the contents of a Red Cross prisoner of war kit. These kits, which include innumerable items for the comfort and enjoyment of war prisoners, are sent to POW camps in Germany and Japan.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo by Pfc. Sidney Morse.
M/Sgt. E. F. North, 1st. Sgt. C. H. Robbins, T/Sgt. Edwin Bass and M/Sgt. Robt. N. Lawson are shown above at the new bar in the non-commissioned officers' mess during the formal opening of the club.

Night Classes Being Organized

The Arkansas City Junior College is organizing its fall night class program and announces the following classes as of this time: Geography, Shorthand, Typing, French, Algebra, Trigonometry and History. Additional night classes will be offered if interest justifies. The schedule for these classes as well as the regular day classes can be secured by calling Mr. K. R. Galle, assistant dean, at telephone 76. Service men who are interested should enroll immediately.

Enlisted Men Enjoy Twin Entertainment

A number of GIs attended social functions held in Burden, Kans., on Friday and in Ponca City, Okla., on Saturday of last week.

Two bus-loads of enlisted men were guests of Burden, Kans., Fair officials during the day and evening and reported a great time. A dance, sponsored by the Boy Scout organization in Ponca City, was held Saturday night in the Conoco Oil Co., recreation building. Members of the band and other enlisted men journeyed to Ponca City.

Male Call

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



Anti-Personnel Bum

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"Cherchez la femme?"

Five Men Turn Out For Boxing Team

Candidates for the Strother Field boxing team number five men at the present time, according to Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, physical training instructor and coach of the team. The men who have begun their training sessions are Cpl. Don E. Woodward, 155 lbs., Cpl. Jimmy Roberts, 140 lbs., Cpl. Melvin Harper, 140 lbs., Sgt. Thomas E. Irwin, 180 lbs., and Pfc. Laverne Fisher, 185 lbs.

Anyone interested in training for a place on the team is asked to contact Sgt. Muchowich at the post gym.

Brooklyn (CNS) — His resemblance to the late actor, Leslie Howard, was the downfall of Artie Rosenfeldt, who was picked up by police here after several residents had complained that they had been robbed by "a man who looks like Leslie Howard."

ANY IDEAS ? LET'S PUT ON A STROTHER FIELD SOLDIER SHOW

You Need No Experience—
All You Need Is Just
The Desire.

IT'S ALL FOR THE FUN
OF THE THING SO
DON'T BE BASHFUL

— WE WILL NEED —

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ENTERTAINERS
MUSICIANS
STAGE HANDS
SINGERS
DANCERS

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KANSAS LOOKS GOOD

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New Guinea where he remained in service until sent back to the States through the rotation plan.

When asked if he had any encounter with the Japs on the ground or from the air he said the Japs had been cleared out before his unit moved in. Then came our spicy question "How about the native gals, huh? how about them?" He answered, "the native women were way up in the hills." We suggested he forget the preliminaries and catch up with them (the women). Romance was nipped in the bud when he said the only natives he saw were males—going about their work of malarial control under the supervision of the Australian government.

When asked about entertainment provided for the armed services over there he said that he walked into a theater after returning to this country only to see a picture he had first enjoyed three months ago in New Guinea. The theater manager told him that the production had just been released in the U.S.

"We were provided with plenty of motion pictures and some stage shows. A theater is any place a sheet can be hung. If you didn't like the picture being shown you could always hike over to some other outfit's area and see whatever picture they were presenting."

When asked about the rotation plan of returning men to the U.S., M/Sgt. Sosnowski remarked, "It's a wonderful thing." Rather an understatement for a man who has served overseas 30½ months. We could tell by his smile just how much it does mean to him.

PX Has 'Official Guide to Army Air Forces'

All of 1,800 entries and 10,000 references from the Civil War to Pearl Harbor and the ultra massive B-29s are to be found today in "AAF," "The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces."

The reference volume is now available for Second Air Force personnel at Strother Field. The price is \$1.75 through the Post Exchange.

It is dedicated toward integrating the history and pertinent facts of military aviation.

It is designed:

1. To provide a concise, handy source book for swift reference.
2. To give each member of the AAF a meaningful insight into the necessity for his own job and how it fits into the whole pattern of air force operations.
3. To offer a concentrated medium for indoctrination, orientation and training purposes.
4. To cover current operations from a historical perspective.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

September 15, 1944

Will Enter Second Air Force League

Organization of a basketball team at Strother Field was announced today by Lt. James R. Lounsberry, field athletic director.

He said the Strother Field team would become a member of the Second Air Force League, and would play other clubs in Area Five, which comprises the air bases at Topeka, Herington, Salina, Walker, Pratt and Strother Field.

The schedule calls for inter-base play to begin not later than December 1, with the area winner to be determined by Feb. 7, 1945. Semi-finals in the Air Force play-off will be played between Feb. 9 and Feb. 28.

Lt. Lounsberry expressed confidence that Strother would be able to put a strong team on the court, since an early survey has revealed an enviable array of prospects is now stationed at the base.

Now Is The Time To Join Bowling League

The bowling league schedule for the first half of the season play is now being made up by Lt. James Lounsberry, physical training officer. All military personnel are urged to form teams and be ready for the opening round of play.

Whether you are an expert or a dub you can still have a lot of fun bowling. A handicap system will be used to equalize the teams and make the competition keener. Plans call for four sections of six teams each as follows: Administrative officers, flying officers, enlisted men in division A (Tues. and Thurs.) and enlisted men in division B (Wed. and Fri.)

Strother Field has the finest alleys obtainable and they were installed with one purpose—to provide healthy entertainment for the officers and enlisted men of this base, so let's join in league play and have a lot of fun.

HDQTS.			COMM.		
AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Thomas, ss	4	3	Byrne, 2b	4	0
Bied'an, 3b	3	1	Sch'ger, 1b	3	1
Gansen, lf	4	1	Lind'rg, p	4	0
Waits, cf	5	2	Wagener, sc	2	0
Nouse, c	4	2	Flynn, 2b	1	1
Williams, rf	5	1	Shultz, ss	3	1
Termini, sf	3	1	Ebersole, lf	2	1
Harper, 2b	4	0	Chow, cf	3	0
Loughan, p	4	1	Cohen, c	3	0
Ashwell, 1b	3	2	Lax, rf	3	0

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HDQTS.			SEC. B		
AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Thomas, ss	4	1	Alderson, 2b	4	1
Bied'an, sf	4	1	Reed, ss	4	1
Gansen, lf	4	1	Durr, 2b	2	2
Waits, cf	4	2	Green, 1b	4	2
Nouse, c	4	2	Hayward, rf	3	0
Williams, rf	3	2	Baraba, lf	3	1
Smith, 3b	3	1	Thrower, sf	3	1
Ashwell, 1b	3	0	Wash'ton, p	3	2
Harper, 2b	3	1	Moore, c	4	0
Loughan, p	3	0			

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COMM.			SEC. B		
AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Byrne, lf	4	1	Moore, c	4	0
Sch'ger, 1b	4	2	Grogan, cf	4	3
Flynn, sc	4	2	Hayward, rf	2	1
Wagener, p	4	2	Bailey, 2b	3	1
Shultz, ss	4	2	Thrower, sf	1	0
Cohen, c	4	0	Durr, 2b	4	0
Chow, cf	3	1	Reed, ss	2	0
Pedota, 3b	4	0	Green, 1b	3	0
Pelletier, 2b	4	1	Barnaba, lf	3	1
Lax, rf	2	1	Wash'ton, p	3	1

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The men of Section A-1 have been cockily walking down the area alley the last few days. No more are there zig-zag paths leading behind buildings in the area and used by GIs side-tracking the duty sergeant, Bob Kleinpeter. No longer will we see the familiar go-to-hell stride of Bob who has served as duty NCO for more than a year with the 269th B. U. and the old 407th Fighter Bomber Group. He joined the 407th a year ago on the 9th of this month and was transferred from Strother Field this week.

Good luck, sergeant.

Headquarters Defeats Medics 20 to 11 In First Title Series Game

Softball league play has been completed at Strother Field and the two top teams, the Medics, which won six games while losing only one and Headquarters, which won five and lost two, met in the first game of the two-out-of-three series for the title Tuesday night. Headquarters won 20 to 11 in a slam-bang affair.

Announce Change In Superbomber Schedule

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 15 —Because of increased demand to see the Superbombers play, two changes in the schedule of the Second Army Air Force football team were announced today by Major Claude F. McGrather, director of football.

A game at El Paso, Tex., with the University of New Mexico, has been moved to a larger stadium, the School of Mines, site of Sun Bowl games, and rescheduled for Saturday afternoon, Oct. 14, instead of Saturday night.

At Pocatello, Idaho, a contest with the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, has been transferred from Saturday night, Sept. 16, to Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17.

The revised schedule:

Sept. 17—Univ. of Idaho, So Br, Pocatello, Idaho.

Sept. 23—Whitman College, Boise, Idaho.

Sept. 30—Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

Oct. 7—Iowa Seahawks, Lincoln, Nebr.

Oct. 14—Univ. of New Mexico, El Paso, Tex.

*Oct. 21—No. Texas Aggies, Odessa, Tex.

Oct. 25—Washburn University, Topeka, Kans.

Nov. 4—Amarillo AAF, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Nov. 11—Fort Warren, Denver.

Nov. 18—Univ. of Washington, Spokane.

Nov. 26—Fourth Air Force, Denver.

*Night game.

HDQTS.			MEDICS		
AB	R	H	AB	R	H
Thomas, ss	5	3	Childers, 3b	4	0
Gansen, lf	4	3	Smith, ss	3	1
Bied'an, 3b	5	2	Otter'ch, cf	2	1
Waits, cf	5	3	Haungs, c	4	2
Nouse, c	4	2	Inman, p	3	2
Williams, rf	3	0	Gan'ere, 1b	4	1
Termini, rf	2	1	Roswick, sf	4	1
Ingram, 1b	5	2	Hundl, lf	4	2
Smith, sf	4	1	Masucci, rf	3	1
Harper, 2b	4	2	Kramer, 2b	3	0
Loughan, p	3	2			

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"You GI's are so strong a girl can't help but surrender!"



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

S/Sgt. A. R. Bierhorst of Armament, listens to a short wave German news broadcast of the landing of Allied air-borne troops in his native Holland. Some landings were apparently made within 70 miles of his home town of Sassenheim.

Allied Air-Borne Troops Land Within 70 Miles Of Sergeant's Home

Keeping his Armament buddies well informed on the German news broadcasts of the Allied air-borne invasion of his native Holland has been the pleasure of S/Sgt. A. R. Bierhorst this week. Sharing his enthusiasm over Allied progress the boys good-naturedly comment, "You don't say?" and "Well, we'll take your word for it," as he translates the words of the German announcers.

Born in Springfield, Ohio, residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bierhorst, from 1915 until 1919, "Dutch" as he is called by Army pals, moved to Sassenheim, Holland, with his family when he was one year of age. He returned to the United States in January, 1940, as a salesman representing his father's nursery business in Holland. In June of 1942 he entered military service.

When asked how near the air-borne troops were to his home he gave with a big grin and said, "As near as I can figure from the news broadcasts some troops landed within 70 miles of Sassenheim." He commented then that in a letter received from his family prior to January of this year, when he

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Display of Naval Aviation Paintings In Service Club

A display of reproductions from the Abbot Collection of Naval aviation paintings will be on exhibition in the enlisted men's service club for several days beginning Sunday, Sept. 24th.

The artists whose works compose the exhibit covered all phases of Naval Aviation training from Pre-Flight school up to combat. There are pictures of pilots, enlisted men, Waves, and of virtually all the Navy's planes both on the ground and in the air.

The oils, water colors, drawings and sketches are the work of Howard Baer, Adolph Dehn, Don Freeman, Joseph Hirsch and Georges Schreiber.

The reproductions were presented this week to Pvt. Alden Craig of the special service department by Mrs. Dorothy Bernheisel, former hostess of the service club, who is now living in Wichita.

PX Offers Portrait Service

The post exchange is offering another new feature to military personnel of Strother Field—a portrait service. Officers and enlisted men desiring photographs taken of themselves will find this service available at reasonable prices, according to Lt. C. F. Malloy, post exchange officer.

A studio is being set up in the special service building by Sgt. Wiley Hamilton and Sgt. Jack Blackman, who will do the portrait work for the post exchange. Appointments may be made through the PX or special service department for noon hours or in the evenings.

Non-Com Dance Saturday Night

A dance will be held tomorrow night in the non-commissioned officers' mess for members and their guests, according to an announcement made today by Capt. W. R. Hanna, honorary president.

This event will be the second dance held in the club since its formal opening two weeks ago. Refreshments will include hamburgers, ham and egg sandwiches, and cold meat sandwiches.

Winfield and Ark City buses will stop at the club following their 2330 trip to the field for accommodation of enlisted men and guests desiring transportation to the two towns.

Strother Field Radio Program To Feature New Quiz Show

A new feature will be initiated on the Strother Field Hour next Monday night on the regular bi-weekly broadcast from the base theater at 7:30 p.m. over radio station KFJ. The Public Relations office announced today that a quiz idea entitled "The Army Game—or Passing the Buck" will be given a prominent spot on the program.

Air Medal Presented To Son of Lt. Dailey

Robert Cole Dailey, 2½-year-old son of Lt. and Mrs. Cole M. Dailey of Arkansas City, won the hearts of military and civilian personnel of Strother Field last Saturday afternoon when he was presented the Air Medal recently authorized for his father, now a prisoner of war in Germany.

The youngster wore a regular officer's uniform complete with an Eighth Air Force patch, second lieutenant's bars, silver wings and campaign ribbons. He accepted the Air Medal from Colonel Donald E. Meade, post commander, with dignity and poise of a person many times his age.

His father was bombardier on a heavy bomber which was shot down over Belgium last April 27, and was officially listed as a prisoner of war on June 3.

Robert Cole Dailey was accompanied at the ceremony by his mother. Capt. George N. Rood, adjutant, read the citation during the presentation. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, personnel affairs officer, was escort for Mrs. Dailey and her son.

The novel quiz feature, which was originated by Corporal Bob Haney, calls for the participation of contestants chosen from the theater audience. Questions are fired at the group of contestants and the first one to answer correctly each time is passed a buck. The person holding the buck at the end of the allotted time is entitled to keep it. All other contestants are given free theater tickets. All military personnel on the field are invited to attend the broadcast and participate in the quiz portion of the program.

In addition to the quiz show, a well rounded program of entertainment is slated for next Monday night's broadcast including songs by Sergeant Cliff Lowery, music by the popular Airchords under the direction of Sergeant Pat Oliver, a comedy monologue by Sergeant Ed Breese as Herman Blooch, the Grandfather of all Sorrow, plus other talented soldier entertainers.

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VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen

Invents Device To Detonate Caps On Rejected Ammunition

A perfect example of the sort of American initiative and clear thinking that has made our Army the best in the world is the recent development by Sgt. Thurl W. Starcher of Strother Field of a safe and simple device for detonating caps on rejected machine gun ammunition. Previously used methods for destroying the primers involved either a great deal of time and work or a considerable amount of risk. Sgt. Starcher, by a few simple alterations to the bolt of a fifty-caliber machine gun, has created a device by which the primers may be detonated rapidly and with complete safety to the user.

Sgt. Starcher, husband of Mrs. Elsie Starcher of Rayland, Ohio, is a small arms specialist in the Ordnance Detachment of this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. A truck driver in civilian life, he received his army technical training at the Atlanta Motor Base after entering service in November of 1942.

A part of his job is the destruction of machine gun ammunition which, through deterioration or otherwise, has been rejected for combat training use at the base. It was to overcome the practical problem which faced him that he invented his ingenious device.

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72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Col. D. E. Meade, Commanding Officer of Strother Field, presents little Robert Cole Dailey of Arkansas City with the Air Medal awarded his father, Lt. Cole M. Dailey, now a prisoner of war in Germany. The youngster's mother stands at the right during the presentation while Capt. George N. Rood, post adjutant, at the left, and Lt. Edwin J. Shore, personnel affairs officer, center, look on.

The War and You

This week the clanging, discordant symphony that history has labeled World War II mounts rapidly to a harsh crescendo. The German Reich is ringed with tightening bands of flame and iron and the hammer blows fall ever faster and more terribly against both east and west walls.

In simple fact the Nazi is beaten even as the Kaiser was beaten in August of 1918. Yet, even as the Kaiser's generals fought on till November, so the Nazi state fights on without hope of success.

Men are dying this week by the thousands because of that stubborn refusal to accept reality. There is no excuse, no reason, for Germany to continue a battle already lost; save only to prolong for a short space the powers and perhaps the lives of the little group of blood-smeared maniacs at the top of the pyramid of state. The men who die today do so purely and simply as sacrifices to the fears and hates of Hitler and his inner circle.

As far as Germany is concerned this is no longer a war. It is only the last struggle of a few madmen to shelter themselves behind a wall of living flesh; to propitiate the demons whose prey they are by the sacrifice of the lives of any who will still fight for them. Our comrades in the American Army are dying because a few Nazis will not admit that they are beaten. This must be remembered when the fighting is over.

And yet this fact should not startle or surprise anyone. It is a part and parcel of the senseless, brutal illogic of modern war.

This week in the disintegration of the Nazi structure in the Balkans we see again how little real meaning there is to this war for many of the European powers and peoples who have been participants. The Russians and Rumanians who have torn each other's throats for three long years fight today as allies. The rulers and the "great people" have made a new contract and the small shopkeeper from Bucharest now marches with the peasant from Kiev. Yesterday they shot each other's brothers. Today they are allies. The things for which they killed six months ago are already erased by smooth sheets of treaty paper; are already forgotten.

Or consider the curious and ironic case of Bulgaria. Less fortunate than Rumania, this little nation has now managed to get into such a muddle that it is at war with everyone at the same time. For the Bulgars have begun to fight Germany without having had time to make peace with our side. Certainly the soldier in the ranks can have little idea for what, if anything, he is fighting. At one and the same time he is at war with American democracy, German Nazism and Russian Communism. For what, then, is he fighting?

All of these things America must remember in the months and years to come. When it is time to make the peace we must remember how Rumania changed her skin like a chameleon. We must remember how Hitler sacrificed our men to his fears. We must remember how many of the conquered peoples were willing collaborators.

When it is time to make the peace we must remember that this war has had many faces and that all of them were ugly and obscene and the faces of idiots.

Speaking of - - Scrubbing

The people of Holland have a centuries-old custom of scrubbing the sidewalk in front of their homes each morning. No doubt during the past five years these people have scrubbed with even more vigor as they glanced up during the morning chore to see shining boots of German soldiers flashing in the sun with goose-step precision. The mark of the invader was on their walks, their streets, parks, and in the public buildings.

Today these same walks, streets and buildings are being cleaned of all signs of Nazism. The brooms have been replaced by the steel of artillery, machine guns and rifles wielded by "Allied Angels," Allied air-borne troops numbering in the thousands.

The stain of war and death will be on the streets and sidewalks of Holland, but not for long—scrubbing will finally remove these stains, forever, it is hoped.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

A few days ago one of our officers said to me, "I send my tithe to the church at—". His tithe! Thank God for a man who has not forgotten his financial obligation to God. Thank God for a man who has not forgotten that the church at home still has to meet a budget, and without doubt an increased one, even though he is no longer able to attend.

We never take an offering in an Army Chapel. That does not mean, however, that we encourage men not to give to the support of God's work. It simply means that all the expense of operating the Chapel program is taken care of by a fund specifically set up for that purpose. It also means that we are trusting Christian men to be loyal to God and to continue to give to the support of the church of which they are members.

Some of us are getting more money than we have ever had before in our lives. Some are getting far less. But regardless of what we get, God's Word concerning giving is still the same. God demands a tenth of our income and specifically labels it as His own. Those who fail to set it aside for Him are using something that does not rightfully belong to them.

Remember, too, that the churches back home are heavy hit because most of the wage earners, the ones who support the financial program, are in the service of their country. How long has it been since you have inquired into the financial condition of your church? Some churches are having to close their doors. Would that be yours, and because you have failed to continue your support?

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

7:00 Catholic Confession
8:00 Catholic Mass
9:00 Hospital Service
10:00 General Protestant Service
11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Not all of the orientation and education which takes place at Strother Field is necessarily organized and conducted through formal channels. In fact some of the best programs are only now being discovered.

Take Barracks No. 1908 in Section A-1 for example. Occupied largely by Headquarters personnel, T/Sgt. Don Browne who works in the office of the Secretary of Training, originated this program by securing six large maps of various theaters of operations, from the post library. Now with the assistance and cooperation of other 1908 occupants, a full sized "war room" is developing. S.S.D. news-casts, the PRO news bulletins, newspapers and radio broadcasts are used as sources to maintain current pictures of the progress of the war.

Cpl. Charles R. Lucke called the other day to check some late news and we learned that the QM office has an equally interesting program of orientation. A good picture analysis of the war is arranged just above the coke stand. As far as can be learned, Captain Richard J. Woodward, General Supply Officer, is largely responsible for this fine job.

Not to be outdone by any other department, the "Ink Spots" of the Reproduction Center are working on what they say will be the best display on Strother Field.

A good idea to help stimulate orientation activities was inaugurated two weeks ago by First Sergeant Horton, Section A-1. An "orientation board" composed of several enlisted men of differing interests and backgrounds was appointed to meet regularly in an attempt to encourage, suggest and conduct orientation activities adapted to the needs of the Section. This idea would be worthwhile in other Sections.

Who says we don't appreciate orientation?

Ye Liftings

Sergeant: "Where DID you get that dame? Buck teeth, cross-eyed, bowlegged, and her hair's dyed."

Corporal: "You don't have to whisper, she's deaf, too."

Fable of the Week: A bunch of soldiers rapped on the Pearly Gates.

"What kind of soldiers are they?" asked St. Peter.

"American," came the reply.

"Okay, let 'em in. They'll ask for a transfer in six weeks, anyway."

Sergeant: "The man who sneaked out of the barracks last night and met a girl on the main highway will step forward—Company Halt!"

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. "Penny" supper 6:00—
Come and join the Friday night girls
Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon. Win. Pop corn night
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge night. Games
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Games. Dancing
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Do As You Please
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Ping Pong Tournament
Ark. Ping Pong



Q. Bowser, my pet dog, has just returned from the wars where he lost a leg with the K9 Corps. Is Bowser entitled to wear the Purple Heart?

A. No, despite his wound, Bowser can't wear the Purple Heart for the simple reason that medals are awarded only to humans. If a dog's action warrants it, however, he may get a citation.

Q. I'd like to transfer to the Paratroops but have been told that I can't because I'm color blind. Is this true?

A. No, color blindness alone won't disqualify a candidate for the Paratroops.

Q. I'm about to be commissioned a second lieutenant and realize that when I reach this rank my family allowance will stop. What I want to know is how soon is the termination of this allowance authorized after the period of enlistment ceases?

A. The law provides that entitlement to a family allowance will terminate on or be modified at the end of the month in which a change of status in the enlisted man or his dependents occurs, rendering them no longer eligible.

What's new in your home town?

Alameda, Cal. (CNS) — A neurotic gunman, disappointed in his haul at a grocery store, poured a bottle of ink over the grocer's head.

Alton, N. H. (CNS)—Worried lest someone steal her purse, Mrs. Eugenia Shorrock, curator at a reptile zoo, locked it in the python cage.

Baltimore (CNS) — Henpecked Henry Killman won a divorce here after testifying that his 200-pound wife beat him with a hammer, threatened to poison him, chased him from their home with a pan of hot bacon grease, and then threw stones at his car, breaking the headlights.

Chicago (CNS)—A local lady borrowed \$1,500 from her boy friend for an operation. Then she changed her mind. Instead she bought a saloon. The boy friend is suing.

Indianapolis (CNS) — A sleepy burglar broke into a loan office, helped himself to \$300 and then lay down on the counter for a nap. Several hours later a cop awakened him gently and led him away to the station house.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Open for you from 1400 to 1800. Catch the ball games on the radio.
SEPT. 23	THEATRE—Three of a Kind—Maxie Rosenbloom, Billy Gilbert, Shemp Howard. Short Subjects.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Write that letter home—relax—read a good book. Snack bar open 'til 2300.
SEPT. 24	THEATRE—Bride by Mistake—Lorraine Day, Alan Marshal, Marsha Hunt. Short Subjects.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Hop. Okay cats, you can jump all you like.
SEPT. 25	THEATRE—Strother Field Hour Radio Program, 7:30 p.m. Take part in the "Pass the Buck" Game.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance.
SEPT. 26	THEATRE—San Fernando Valley—Roy Rogers, Dale Evans. Short Subjects.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Bridge night. Make up a four-some and rubber away to your heart's content.
SEPT. 27	THEATRE—Arsenic and Old Lace—Cary Grant, Priscilla Lane, Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre. Short Subjects.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—It's dance night. Ark City and Ponca City cuties!
SEPT. 28	THEATRE—Music Appreciation night, 1830 to 2000.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Night—GI movies, cookies and coffee.
SEPT. 29	THEATRE—Atlantic City—Constance Moore, Brad Taylor. Short Subjects.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Cpl. John R. Farrell.

Air Corps Supply and Ordnance teamed up last week to win waltzing honors at the weekly enlisted men's dance in the Service Club. Shown above, left to right: Stanley Kincheloe, chaperon of the Ark City GSO group; Mrs. Vernon Brody, chaperon of the Ponca City GSO group; Miss Betty Kretschmar, club hostess; and the winning dance couple, Kathleen Lewis of Air Corps Supply and Sgt. H. B. Silliman, Ordnance Dept.

Who Is Eligible For Educational Benefits In GI Bill of Rights?

(This is one of many questions asked daily by military personnel of Strother Field, concerning the GI Bill of Rights, according to Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Personnel Affairs Officer, who quotes the following information from the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.)

You are eligible if you served 90 days or more in the active military or naval service on or after Sept. 16, 1940, and prior to the termination of World War II, and if your discharge is not a dishonorable one.

You are eligible if you were discharged because of service incurred injury or disability, even if you served less than 90 days.

You are eligible if you were not over 25 years of age at the time you were inducted, or if you were over 25 years old, and can prove that your education or training was impeded, delayed, interrupted, or interfered with by reason of your being inducted into the Armed Forces.

You are eligible if you are discharged before or by the end of the War, and file application within two years of the end of the war. If you are discharged after the termination of the war, you must file application within two years of your discharge.

Officers and enlisted men are eligible as long as they have met the general requirements for eligibility.

Next week Lt. Shore will answer questions pertaining to what the government will pay in connection with this education.

Section E Wins Safety Plaque

By continuing safety measures which last month won for Strother Field first honors in the 72nd Fighter Wing, Section E of the Flying Training department at Strother Field won the safety and efficiency plaque given at the local air base for the two-week period ending September 15. Capt. J. D. Collinsworth heads Section E, which finished the period with six out of a possible ten points.

By terms of a new Strother Field regulation, it is possible for a training section to earn four points for each 1,000 hours or fraction thereof flown. It also is possible to earn two points for highest maintenance.

Points, likewise, are subtracted for failures of one kind and another. Three points are taken off for each fatal accident, two points for each accident not resulting in a fatality. Three points are subtracted for each accident due to supervisory error.

A worship service, sponsored by Chaplain Karl B. Smith, was given Sunday night in the Methodist Church at Cedarvale, Kansas. Sixteen enlisted men and Miss Winifred Dewey, chaplain's assistant, attended the service from Strother Field.

The program included several numbers from the Section B quartet comprised of Pfc. Radios Nalls, Pvt. Lucius Reed, Pvt. David Thomas and Pfc. Willie Keys. A violin selection was played by Pvt. Anthony Belfiore and a vocal solo by Pvt. John Nolan. The scripture lesson was read by Sgt. Thurl Starcher and messages were given by Pfc. Johnny Johnson and the chaplain.

Jobs We Do At Strother Field

Special Vehicle Operator (932)

Two Pennsylvanians stationed at Strother Field and who are classified as special vehicle operators (MOS 932) have become inseparable buddies. Cpl. Peter T. Di Falco who is from Philadelphia, Pa., and Cpl. Edward A. Kolaczynski, from Pittsburgh, Pa., have been in service 18 months during which time they have been together at six different stations.

They met at Key Field, Miss., and were located at Northern Field, Tenn., Lowery Field, Colo., Chanute Field, Ill., and at Galveston, Tex., before coming to Strother Field.

Their jobs here call for the operation of large semi-trailers, trailer-trucks, wrecking equipment, refueling units, Diesel powered towing equipment and other special purpose vehicles used in connection with construction, salvage and transportation activities, and operate special equipment with which the vehicles are outfitted.

"We also check operation of lights, brakes, steering mechanism and other working parts. Service clean and lubricate vehicles, make running repairs to vehicles in emergency, camouflage vehicles and accomplish standard vehicle report forms, operate hoists, fuel pumping or other special equipment mounted on vehicle," says Cpl. DiFalco.

"In addition we must know civilian and military traffic regulations, convoy rules and road discipline. Know how to read maps and overlays, and be able to drive at night and during blackout over all types of terrain," added Cpl. Kolaczynski.

Their job also calls for their knowledge of general principles of the internal combustion engine, power transmission and electrical systems of vehicles and they must possess Army Motor Vehicle Operator's Permits. Completion of a course in special purpose motor vehicle operation at an Army school or equivalent experience is required to be assigned to this particular job.

Mess Hall Gets Bird

By "RUSTY" ABRAMSON

Among the "birds" that entered the mess hall the other day with Joe Jeep, Sad Sack and other GIs was a civilian pigeon. I doubt very much if he was government issue because he did not wear any bird tags.

Several cooks had to be dissuaded from going after their carbines. It has been so long since they have seen chicken on the wing that it naturally upset them.

Several GIs decided the bird might think itself a bomber, so they cleared the target range—their table. However, when last spotted the pigeon was cooing softly (which is the bird version of griping) and conducting himself like a gentleman.

We call it "filly mignon."

7th Service Command Leads in Civilian War Bond Purchases

Strother Field civilians, who by their exemplary war bond participation won a place on the Roll of Honor of the Seventh Service Command during August, helped boost the Command with headquarters at Omaha to first place among all commands of the Army Service Forces.

The Office of the Fiscal Director of the Army Service Forces at Washington, D.C., this week announced results of the Fifth War Loan drive for civilian purchases of war bonds, as represented by the total of Class A pay reservations and purchases for cash in relation to quota established.

SF RADIO PROGRAM

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The regular interview of Strother Field Personnel will this week feature the base adjutant, Captain George N. Rood. He will answer questions asked by Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, PRO.

On subsequent programs the interviews will be discontinued in favor of more time for the "Army Game," according to Lieutenant LaBorde.

The Strother Field Hour is written and produced by the Public Relations office in the interest of entertainment and orientation of both soldiers and civilians in this area. All people working on the field, both soldiers and civilian workers, who would like to be on the program are urged to get in touch with Corporal Bob Haney at the Public Relations Office—phone 202. Especial need is for those with good speaking voices, dramatic students, singers, dancers, comedians, musicians and other types of entertainers.

A wolf is a guy who can't be left at the door.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28TH

1. Traumerei - - - - Schumann
2. The Sorcerer's Apprentice
The tragic-comedy of the unfortunate young apprentice who tries his hand at magic with the enchanted broom which, when he cannot recall the word of disenchantment, continues to carry water until complete catastrophe is averted only by the timely return of the Sorcerer.
3. Libretto "Tristan and Isolde"
- - - - Wagner
4. Symphony in C Minor - Brahms
This has been called the greatest first symphony ever written and perfectly portrays the genius of Brahms in its most splendid development. The first movement is reflective, tender, vital by turns, from the opening like the drawing of a large rich curtain—to its closing single note in plucked strings. The second movement is in contrast dreamy and contemplative touched with melancholy and resignation. The third movement is robust in its gaiety and playfulness—changing to an almost caressing tenderness. The fourth and final movement is one of the sublimest utterances human ears have ever heard—an outpouring of passion and exultation—a magical evocation of power and beauty—it becomes metamorphosed gradually from the delirious beauty of the opening measures—to a philosophical complacency—then pure exultation.
5. Four songs by the chorus and soloists of the Red Army.
Cossack Song — White Whirlwind—Song of the Village Mayor—Meadowlands.
6. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 - - - - Liszt



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Sgt. Charles F. Deane.

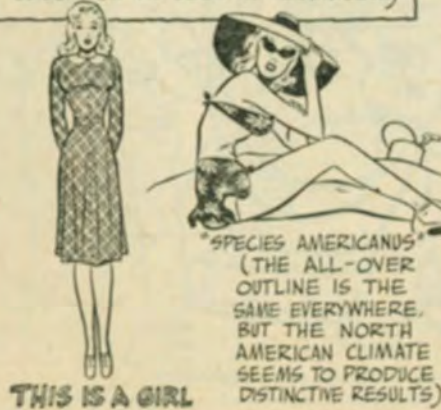
Sgt. Thurl W. Starcher (right) of Ordnance, demonstrates the device which he invented to detonate the primers of rejected machine gun ammunition to Cpl. Frank V. Curoba. The invention is a time and labor saver offering perfect safety to the user.

Male Call

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

A.S.T.P. (Apply Science to Propositioning)

ANTHROPOLOGY REFRESHER CHART (FOR THE RETURNING SERVICE MAN WHO WISHES TO RESUME HIS EDUCATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...)



THERE ARE AREAS IN WHICH THE STUDENT WILL FIND THE SPECIES IN ABUNDANCE... IN OTHERS THE FIELD MAY HAVE BEEN WORKED OVER BY LOCAL SCIENTISTS...



MANY STUDENTS BECOME SO ATTACHED TO THE LITTLE CREATURES THEY DECIDE TO MAKE PERMANENT PETS OF THEM... AT THIS POINT YOU THROW THE BOOK AWAY...





Arts, Crafts, Music Competitions Are Announced

Strother Field GIs and officers, talented in music, or in the arts and crafts, have the opportunity to compete for field honors and for Seventh Service Command championships, according to announcement made this week by Seventh Service Command Headquarters at Omaha.

The Barracks Boys who have been blending their voices in barbershop quartets may sing "Sweet Adeline" and other appropriate selections for quartet honors. Vocal soloists, string quartets, pianists and string soloists of Strother Field are invited to compete.

The Strother Field music competitions will be judged by local or near-by professional musicians, the winners to represent the base at Omaha in the Seventh Service Command contests December 1, 2 and 3.

Each individual soloist will sing or play two pieces of music of his own choice, one of a technical nature and the other of a contrasting mood, melodic or lyric. Each soloist will provide an accompanist for his selections which must not exceed 10 minutes' time.

Competitions in arts and crafts have been divided as follows: drawing and sketching; painting—(1) oil, (2) watercolor; clay modeling; woodcarving; photography; leathercraft; metalcraft; knotting and braiding; fly-tying.

As in the musical competitions, the arts and crafts winners of Strother Field will be selected by local experts. The post level exhibits will be held the middle of December. The winning creations from this base then will be sent to Seventh Service Command headquarters at Omaha for an exhibit which will be held January 7 to 14. At that time, all winners of the Service Command competition will be announced and awards made.

Two Officers Promoted

Promotion of two Strother Field officers—Leonard H. Brown and Leonard H. Friedson—was announced today.

Brown, now serving as a flight commander at Strother Field after 15 months' foreign duty, was promoted from the rank of first lieutenant to captain. The promotion became effective September 12. Captain Brown wears the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters for his participation in the European and Middle Eastern campaign.

Lt. Friedson was promoted from second lieutenant to first, effective September 16. At Strother Field he is general supply officer.

Captain Brown resides in Winfield; Lt. Friedson at Arkansas City while they are stationed at Strother Field.

Boxing Team Trains

Candidates for the post boxing team are working out daily in the gymnasium, according to Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, boxing team manager.

The team is short of flyweights, bantamweights and middleweights however, and men in these weights as well as anyone classified in the other weights are urged to contact Muchowich. Present plans call for the season to start within a month.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Cpl. Melvin Harper, Sec. A-3, is shown executing the sit-up exercise, of which he did 114 to add to his 15 chin-ups and 45 seconds to run the 300-yard shuttle distance to cop physical fitness honors with a PFR of 85.

ALLIED AIR-BORNE

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received word through the Red Cross that his people were all right, his mother commented that there were nearly 2,000 German soldiers of occupation in Sassenheim. Today he wonders how many, if any, are still there.

Near his home is a four-lane highway that extends from Den Helder through Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam then to Nijmegen and into Germany. This super-highway is the main road into Germany, according to S/Sgt. Bierhorst, and will probably be used to some extent by the Allies unless the Germans have destroyed the many bridges over its length.

The Normandy invasion by the Allied forces was followed with intense interest by "Dutch." In 1939 he went to Guernsey Island, off the coast of France, where he worked in a nursery near St. Peters Port. While there he learned to speak and write the English language. He visited St. Lo and LeHavre many times.

S/Sgt. Bierhorst has nine brothers and sisters living in Holland, all too young for military service. Another brother is a resident of Grand Rapids, Mich.



SPORTS



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THE PRAIRIE FLIER

September 22, 1944

Headquarters Win Softball Championship; Defeat Medics

Box Scores

MEDICS					HDQTS.				
	AB	R	H			AB	R	H	
Smith, ss	3	0	2		Gansen, ss	3	4	3	
Childers, 3b	3	0	1		Bie'man, 3b	4	1	2	
Kreamer, 2b	3	0	0		Nouse, c	4	2	2	
Haungs, c	3	0	0		Waits, lf	4	3	2	
Hundl, lf	2	0	0		Ashwell, 2b	4	0	2	
Inman, rf	2	0	0		Ingram, 1b	4	3	2	
Otters'ch, p	2	0	0		Williams, rf	4	2	2	
Rozwick, cf	2	0	0		Smith, cf	4	1	1	
Pope, cf	2	0	0		Termini, cf	4	0	0	
Gang're, 1b	2	0	0		Loughan, p	4	2	2	
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Headquarters						000	000	—0	

MEDICS					HDQTS.				
	AB	R	H			AB	R	H	
Pope, cf	4	1	1		Thomas, ss	2	0	1	
Childers, 3b	4	0	2		Bie'man, 3b	3	0	1	
Cagle, ss	4	0	1		Ingram, 1b	3	0	1	
Haungs, c	3	1	1		Waits, lf	3	1	1	
Hundl, lf	3	1	1		Nouse, c	3	0	2	
Inman, rf	4	1	1		Williams, rf	3	0	1	
Kramer, 2b	4	2	2		Ashwell, cf	3	0	2	
Otters'ch, p	4	0	1		Smith, cf	3	0	1	
Rozwick, cf	3	0	3		Harper, 2b	3	0	0	
Gang're, 1b	2	0	0		Loughan, p	2	0	1	
					Termini, rf	2	0	1	
	35	6	13			30	1	12	
Medics						104	010	0—6	
Headquarters						010	000	0—1	

The Headquarters softball team won the Strother Field championship for 1944 when it defeated the Medics by a lop-sided score of 18 to 0 Tuesday evening, taking two out of three games in the three-game series. Headquarters won the first game played Tuesday night of last week by the score of 20 to 11. The Medics evened the score at one game each when they whipped the Headquarters team 6 to 1 last Thursday.

Football Star Now PT Instructor Here

New physical training instructor at Strother Field is S/Sgt. Chad Y. Vallance, who came to this 72nd Fighter Wing base from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Not only is he big enough to play football (6 feet tall and weighs 212 pounds), he is an old-timer at the game, having played with Greenwood, Miss., high school (his hometown), Louisiana State University, University of Oklahoma, and was scheduled to play guard on the Second Air Force Superbomber team but injured a knee during the final scrimmage session prior to the first game of the season. This injury knocked him out of playing with the Superbombers this season and he was transferred to Strother Field.

Having Lt. J. R. Lounsberry, physical training officer, as his boss is like old times to Chad. He was stationed with a technical training command at St. Petersburg, Fla., when Lt. Lounsberry arrived there to take over the duties of physical training officer.

S/Sgt. Vallance attended Oklahoma University for three years and played guard until a knee injury knocked him out of playing. This was in 1940. In 1941 he played tackle. On May 18, 1942, he entered military service and was stationed at Alamogordo, New Mexico, before going to Colorado Springs for practice with the Superbombers. He and his wife are making their home in Arkansas City.

ATTEND THE BROADCAST

All personnel, both civilian and military, are invited to attend the broadcast of The Strother Field Hour Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

Be there and enjoy the show and participate in the "Army game." You may win a Dollar Bill!

Headquarters scored nine runs in the first inning of the final game Tuesday night with Smith, shortstop, and Gansen, shortstop, hitting home runs in the initial frame. Not content with such a lead the champs piled up six more runs in the second frame to lead 15 to 0. Three more tallies were made in the fifth inning to total 18 runs in the game. Smith, Medics shortstop, led his team in batting with two hits in three trips. Childers, Medics third baseman, got the only other hit off Loughan, Headquarters hurler. The champions made each hit count for a run, getting 18 for 18. Ingram, Headquarters first baseman, played an outstanding game at first base.

In the game won by the Medics last week, the hits were nearly even, the Medics getting 13 for six runs while Headquarters made 12 for only one run. The Medics' big inning was the third when four runs were made. Rozwick, Medics shortstop, got three hits in three times at bat, two singles and one double, for a perfect evening at the plate. Waits, Headquarters leftfielder, hit a homerun in the second inning to score his team's only run in the game.

The Medics, winners of the championship in 1943, finished in first place during league play with only one loss, that to Headquarters. As customary, the two top teams met for the play-off for the title. Tomasino, star hurler for the Medics, has been on furlough during this series of games and his teammates have challenged Headquarters to another game after his return just to show the new champs that the old ones are still a hot team.

Reporter, interviewing castaway Marine: "And you and this lovely South Sea maiden lived all alone on this island for seven years?"

Marine: "Well, we did for the first year."

Famous Last Words: "She's a knockout in a blackout—but a fright in the light."

Corporal Harper Wins PFR Honors

A physical fitness rating of 85 with a sum score of 253 gave Cpl. Melvin Harper, Section A-3, top honors on the field in the recent PFR tests, according to Lt. J. R. Lounsberry, physical training officer of Strother Field.

Harper has held the title twice and ran a close second during three of the tests given this year. When Strother Field was a basic training school of the Central Flying Training Command he copped top honors for enlisted men with a PFR of 81. This was in May. In February of this year he again had a PFR of 81 but had to be content with second place honors as another enlisted man had a higher sum score along with a PFR of 81.

In the recent test Harper performed 114 situps, 15 chin-ups and ran the 300-yard shuttle distance in 45 seconds.

He was a member of the SF boxing team last year and is in training at the present time to represent this 72nd Fighter Wing base in coming boxing matches.





72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Major Richard T. W. Rivers, left, director of training at Strother Field, receives his senior membership card in the 72nd Fighter Wing fighter safety club from Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer of this base. Major Rivers qualified as a senior member by flying 75 hours without an accident due to pilot error. The qualifying time was flown in airplanes of the 72nd Wing.

89 SF Officers In Fighter Safety Club

To further fighter pilot interest in flying safety and credit those pilots who, through superior technique and demonstrated good judgment, have flown specified numbers of hours in 72nd Fighter Wing aircraft of all types, a Fighter Safety Club was formed, according to an announcement today by Capt. Hiram L. Anderson, flying safety officer at Strother Field.

All pilots in the wing are eligible for membership if they meet any of the following requirements: pilot member, 50 hours flying time without an accident due to pilot error; senior member, 75 hours; command member, 175 hours. All of the time for qualifying must be flown in airplanes of the 72nd Wing.

Strother Field members have been issued attractive membership cards with silver pilot's wings embossed on the face of the card and the signatures of the commanding general of the Wing, Brigadier General George P. Tourtellot. Wing safety officer

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Free Sewing Service For GIs

Need buttons, insignia sewed on your clothing? Does your uniform need a little sewing repair work? If so, you can have this service done free of charge by members of the Officers' Wives Club, headed by Mrs. William N. Joyce.

Each Wednesday at 1300, beginning next week, members of the club will meet in the enlisted men's service club to do this sewing service for GIs. This work will be an activity of the American Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council.

Enlisted men are requested to bring their clothing to the service club by 1200 each Wednesday. Articles must be clean and properly marked. They may be picked up Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo by Pfc. Sidney Morse.

T/Sgt. C. R. Bewley, non-com in charge of radio operation and maintenance of the Fighter Control Unit at Strother Field is shown on the job here. He is a vet of 2½ years service in the South Pacific and has been in the Air Corps since Nov. 1940.

Section A-2 Wins Review Honors

Section A-2, commanded by 2nd. Lt. Doc E. Hughes, copped top honors in the review of enlisted men held last Saturday on the parade grounds east of post headquarters.

Section B was presented the review pennant during the ceremony for having won first place honors the previous week.

Troops were reviewed by Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer. Major Merle W. Allen was commander of troops and 1st Lt. John W. Ondreas was adjutant of troops during the review.

All military personnel interested in taking part in the coming soldier show at Strother Field are urged to attend a meeting in the special service office, building 1903, tonight at 1900.

'Monkey Shines,' USO-Camp Show, Coming Here Oct. 3rd

One of the snappiest music-comedy revues yet sent out by USO-CAMP SHOWS arrives here on Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, for two presentations, 1830 and 2000 in the post theater. Admission is free to servicemen. The show, MONKEY SHINES, lives up to its name for comedy and zany twists. You'll find plenty of trick hoofery, good-looking girls and a master of ceremonies who's quick on the gag-line and presents his own specialty strictly on the novelty side. A pretty little tap dancer paces the program and a gal that does strictly acrobatic dancing gives the program a lot of snap. A sister trio does a little "solid sending"; their numbers are "hot" off Broadway. Here are the performers appearing in person:

HELEN WALL . . . Acrobatic balancing novelty act. Her "Run Around" is most unique as she rests her body almost flat on the stage while her feet run around in a circle.

BOB EASTEN & CO. . . . Bob Easten and his "Two Chips from a Star" — Ondee Odette and King Rector. A comedy act with amazing surprise features.

AILEEN READ Aileen has had road tours and Broadway successes which many other gals her age only dream about. She tapped her way through "Leave It to Me" (the Victor Moore-Billy Gaxton presentation) and had a nice spot in "Crazy with the Heat."

WAYNE & MARLIN The idea for this act was created on a beach at Santa Monica, California, where Wayne and Marlin back from a swim in the ocean watched hundreds of professional and non-professional acrobats doing turns on the beach playground equipment. They began to practice "just for fun" then teamed up. In 1942 their act was caught at the Stage Door Canteen. Wayne & Marlin were exactly what was needed in "Star and Garter." So for a year and a half—up to December, 1943, the pair worked on the Broadway hit.

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ZAF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Sgt. Charles F. Deane.

Miss Doris Conley, of the Strother Field rationing office, appears very happy in the above picture, and who wouldn't with a handful of gasoline coupons? It is good psychology having such an attractive girl in the rationing office. At least you get a smile with the sad news that your gas coupons have not arrived. Miss Conley has been on the job since the 10th of March. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Conley whose home is in Oxford, Kans.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen

1st. Lt. Stout Credited With Destroying Three Nazi Planes In One Day

In the galaxy of stars of the Army-Air Forces now serving as instructor pilots and flight commanders at Strother Field is one whose shining Silver Star decoration bears special significance. It represents the destruction of three German aircraft in a single day. The flier is 1st Lt. Edward L. Stout, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stout of 2322 New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kansas.

Lt. Stout reported to Strother Field from Wendover, Utah, where he taught trainees the finer wrinkles of combat flying in P-47 Thunderbolts. He has begun similar duties at the local air base.

Lt. Stout belongs to that long list of Kansans who definitely "made good" Not only that but he delivered at a time when his best service came in mighty handy for the Allied armies—on April 18, 1943 in the Palm Sunday Massacre over Cape Bon, Tunisia. On that occasion, Lt. Stout shot down three JU-52's—German flying boats used as transport planes. His group,

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P F Presents New Picture Series

As a new and morale building feature the Prairie Flier will weekly contain a picture of a Strother Field civilian employee who possesses not only good looks but whose job is important in the war effort.

We can only devote enough space for one presentation each week, so take it easy, cuties. First in this series appears Miss Doris Conley, attractive brunette, who works in the field rationing office.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Sgt. Charles F. Deane.

Five members of Section B, assigned to Ordnance, are shown belting .50 cal. ammunition. This is one of three teams doing this type of work at Strother Field. Left to right: Pvt. Linsey S. Beals, Pvt. Joseph Berry, Pvt. Douglas Abraham, Pvt. Hiawatha Bell, Pvt. Adrian C. Johnson.

What Will The Government Pay Toward My Education?

This question has been asked 1st Lt. Edwin J. Shore, personnel affairs officer at Strother Field, by military personnel in connection with continuing their education after being honorably discharged from service. Lt. Shore quotes the education benefits in the GI Bill of Rights.

To the school you attend \$500 for an ordinary school year will be paid to cover the cost of tuition and laboratory, library, health, infirmary and other similar fees, and for books, supplies, equipment and other necessary expenses.

You will receive \$50 per month. This is paid for the time you are in school and for regular holidays and leave of not more than 30 days in a calendar year. If you have one or more dependents you will receive \$75 per month on the same basis. If you are a part time student or are receiving pay for work as part of your apprentice or other training on the job, your subsistence payments may be reduced or cut out entirely.

Next week Lt. Shore will answer questions relative to what schools you can attend and for how long.

'Since You Went Away' Scheduled Wed-Thurs

Due to the length of the motion picture, "Since You Went Away," scheduled for the post theater next Wednesday, the picture will be shown also on Thursday. There will be one performance each evening beginning at 1900. The Music Appreciation Hour, held each Thursday in the theater will be postponed until the following week.

The picture starring Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Shirley Temple and Joseph Cotten, has a running time of nearly three hours.

C of Cs Will Provide Weekly Refreshments

Again we salute the people of Arkansas City and Winfield for their interest in the welfare of military personnel at Strother Field.

For an indefinite period the Chambers of Commerce of both towns will provide the weekly refreshments furnished enlisted men attending dances in the service club. Due to a new army regulation (AR210-65) it is necessary that a working capital be built up by the post exchange council equal in amount to 105% of the average sales figure for the past three months. In the past, special service and related activities have been supported largely by dividends declared by the council. Under this new ruling it is impossible for the local exchange to declare a dividend until this working capital is built up. At the present time the only revenue is a very meager dividend from Army Motion Picture Service. The Central Post Fund, out of which special service and related activities have been supported, is now exhausted and will remain so until such time as the post exchange can again declare a dividend.

A letter from the S S O to the Chambers of Commerce in Winfield and Arkansas City made the situation known and as a result Winfield C of C came through almost immediately with a check for \$100.00 with a promise of additional aid when need arises to be used for refreshments to be served to enlisted men at the regular Thursday night service club dances as well as the Section B dances. The Arkansas City C of C has offered to furnish soft drinks and the food necessary for the making of sandwiches on alternate Tuesday and Thursday night dances.

Use of GI buses to transport dancing partners to the Tuesday and Thursday night dances has been approved and this will make it possible to continue bringing G S O girls from neighboring towns. The buses were used on Tuesday and Thursday of this week for the first time.

Special Service Council Meets

The Special Service Council, composed of enlisted special service representatives from each organization at Strother Field, held a meeting Monday morning.

Objectives of the council are to plan a program of wholesome recreation, entertainment and education for the full and adequate use of leisure time and to determine the interests of the greatest number in each individual unit for the purpose of program planning.

Members of the Council who met with 1st Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, special service officer, included M/Sgt. Peyton A. Horton, Sec. A-1; M/Sgt. Russell O. Stevens, Sec. A-2; M/Sgt. Clovis H. Robbins, Sec. A-3; T/Sgt. George P. Rozwick, Sec. M; T/Sgt. Alton B. Calhoun, 683rd Band, and S/Sgt. Henry W. Ward, Sec. B.

National Fire Prevention Week October 8 to 14

With a view to curtailing the nation's fire losses by strict attention to all elements of fire prevention, the attention of Strother Field personnel—military and civilian—is directed by post authorities to the fact that October 8 to 14 will be observed as National Fire Prevention Week.

Despite the fact that fire defense at home may seem trivial and unimportant when so much of the world is ablaze with war, latest reports show sharply increasing fire losses, damages piling up at the rate of more than a million dollars a day. Much of this loss, and its attendant loss or injury to humanity, could have been prevented, had fire defense measures been in force, it has been pointed out by national authorities.

The week marking the anniversary of the great Chicago fire each year is set aside as Fire Prevention week to serve as the initial week of a year-round activity promoted to making America a safer homeland. A great deal of practical information about fire safety has been gained in recent years, and it is considered a patriotic duty to use this information in a positive, united program for safeguarding lives and property against loss by fire.

Will Your First Civilian Clothes Be Brown in Color?

This question (silly isn't it?) was asked six enlisted men of Strother Field by Pfc. R. D. Caseldine of the special service department. Here are their answers:

Sgt. Leonard Tomlin, Sec. A-2: "I am not going to wear brown as long as I live. It's going to be a green suit for me with the trousers complete with cuffs and pleats. Oh yes, flashy socks, too."

Sgt. Joseph Thrower, Section B: "My first civilian suit will be Oxford gray in color with pleats and plenty of drape. Green socks will add a bit of color."

Cpl. Robert Mullette, Sec. A-1: "I want a green suit with red pin-stripes. The hat will be green and the socks flashy."

Cpl. Jack Scherler, Sec. A-3: "I'll take a black pin-stripe suit any day. I'll take pleated trousers but leave off the cuffs."

S/Sgt. Reginald Stechmann, 683rd Band: "Are you kidding? If I wear brown I hope I get shot! I want a gray or blue suit and flashy socks."

Cpl. Frank Dickens, Sec. M: "My first suit will be a blue tweed with pleated trousers. My socks will be plain in color but the material will be silk."

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AILEEN READ, Dancer, appearing Tuesday evening at the post theater in the USO-Camp Show, "Monkey Shines."

Male Call

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



Pets Beget Whet Threat



The War and You

At week's end the signs point increasingly to a renewal of large scale military action in the Pacific; more specifically in the Philippine area. When General MacArthur left Bataan he swore to return, and the little Jap conquerors must be thinking back to that oath today.

The positions which our forces have occupied at Morotai and in the Palau group of islands furnish perfect springboards for an attack on the Philippines from the south and east. From flight strips captured or constructed here and from carriers which lie in these harbors our bombardment aircraft will find it a comparatively easy hop to Mindanao, or even to Luzon, and can furnish the aerial cover needed by any invasion fleet.

Indeed preliminary bombardment of Jap garrison positions has already commenced, and, so far, has produced excellent results. A task force which swept up through the islands has hit the Manila area in force. As a result the local puppet government went through the formality of declaring martial law, and, what is more important, all Jap naval surface units were sent scurrying away to safer points.

There is strong hope that when the Philippine invasion does come it will be aided by a strong native fifth column. Certainly the fanatical and traditionally piratical Moros who inhabit the jungle covered interior of Mindanao are known to hold the Jap in hatred and contempt. Although devoutly Mohammedan and never thoroughly tamed or civilized, these tribes have always of late evinced friendship for the Americans. It is a respect based largely upon their previous experience of our fighting ability, it is nonetheless genuine.

Nor is there any reason to believe that the more urban people of Luzon would not welcome back their own exiled government with our troops. Unless Jap colonial policy has been radically different here from anywhere else in the "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere," they must have ample reason to desire a change of rule.

Of course the amount of actual military help which could be given by either of these groups might be small, but the value of a friendly native population is something not to be under-rated. It can at times mark the line between success and failure.

The Philippine attack can not of course be considered entirely as an end in itself. If successful, its chief value would still be inherent in the extent to which it opened a road to the China coast. Before Japan can be finally beaten positions for constant and unremitting attack against her must be established in Chinese territory. That must be the end and aim of all operations undertaken at this time. But undoubtedly the military occupation of the Philippines would be a long step in the right direction.

Speaking of -- Quick Victory

Every day you hear this remark, "Germany is practically out of the war picture. Any day now her unconditional surrender to the Allies will take place."

It is easy to relax from our daily work and feel that our Axis enemy will number only one, Japan, in a short time. But what about the men that are in actual contact with the German armies? They do not have time for idle day-dreaming, they know what a fight it is going to be to eliminate the Nazis.

Wednesday approximately 2,000 members of the original 9,000 men of a British airborne division that has been locked in battle with the Germans at Arnhem were evacuated. For nine days they fought heroically to hold territory that would mean entrance into the German Ruhr. It is reported that approximately 1,200 wounded men were left behind. Does this indicate Germany will be a push-over?

Germany's war fronts are becoming shorter. Her supply lines are becoming shorter. These two facts in themselves mean the fighting in Europe will become more bitter. Each foot of ground taken by the Allied armies will be relinquished slowly and with heavier casualties by the Germans. It is now or never for the Nazis.

The next time you wishfully think "It won't be long now," picture our men engaged in a life and death struggle on the battlefronts. They are the answer to when it will be over in Germany and they know the struggle and sacrifice that will take place before they can say, "We are the victors."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Soldier, you're just kidding yourself. One of these days you will wake up to find it out. What do I mean? Well, listen.

There are a lot of you who attended church regularly before you joined the Army. Since you've been in, you've been too busy on Sunday, or too tired, or there were too many interesting places to see. You have reasoned that so long as you are moving about the country you may as well see what you can, since you'll probably never have another chance. Chapel at the Base, or church in town, will just have to wait. After the war is over, then you'll have time for them, but not right now.

There is a greater number of you who lived morally clean lives before this war began. When the gang gathers around the poker table now you reason, "What's the difference so long as I'm in the Army? I may as well play even if I do lose. Of course, if it were anywhere but in the Army I wouldn't do it. And when I leave the Army I'll leave the gambling."

Some of you are saying, "If it were anywhere else but in the Army I'd never look twice at these 'pick-ups.' And believe me, when this war is over I'm going to have a home and children and I'll never be unfaithful to them."

"A drink now and then while I'm in the Army won't hurt anything. After the war is over I'll never touch the stuff."

SOLDIER, YOU'RE JUST KIDDING YOURSELF. It won't be any different after the war. Neither will YOU be any different. The life that you accustom yourself to now will be your life after the war. Remember this, WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE TOMORROW YOU ARE BECOMING TODAY.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

7:00 Catholic Confession
8:00 Catholic Mass
9:00 Hospital Service
10:00 General Protestant Service
11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Within the very near future every enlisted man on Strother Field will receive a questionnaire designed to reflect his interests in Off Duty Education Classes. This form lists several classes which will be organized if interest warrants. It is hoped that every man will fill out this form, adding any classes he would like which do not appear on the form and return it to his orderly room.

Several volunteer instructors including both officers and enlisted men have indicated their willingness to teach classes if sufficient interest is shown. The subjects taught will depend of course on the available instructors and the interests of the men. At this time there is a possibility of having classes in History, English, Mathematics, French, Typing, Shorthand, Public Speaking and others.

This program is in addition to the various types of courses offered by United States Armed Forces Institute. Several men have recently enrolled in some of these courses. If you would like information about the USAFI, drop into the Post Library or Special Service Office.

With the passage of the "G. I. Bill of Rights," many service men will become eligible for college training at governmental expense as soon as they are honorably discharged. It is not too early to be thinking about this matter. Where will you go to school? What are the entrance requirements? Do you lack a few credits toward high school graduation? Aren't you interested perhaps in doing some review work in anticipation of a college program?

Both the USAFI and the Off Duty Education Program are designed to meet your needs. Let us know what you want and we will try to provide it. When you receive the questionnaire—fill it out.

Ye Liftings

A girl is sometimes like the ocean—she can look green, and she can get awfully rough.

Said one Siamese twin to the other: "You must have had a swell time last night; I look like a wreck this morning."

Kindly clergyman, pinching little boy's knee: "And who has nice chubby pink legs?"

Little Boy: "Betty Grable."

I know a place where there's never any smoking, drinking, and where men and women never neck. Don't give me that stuff. There ain't no such place.

Yep. There is. And there's another thing about it, too.

What's that?

No people live there.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Back to School Dance—Girls Door prizes, Floor show
Ark. Informal dancing
Sun. Win. Program—Free call
Ark. Bingo—Free call
Mon. Win. Candy night—Games
Ark. Bridge and game night
Tues. Win. Bridge party
Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed. Win. Games—Dancing
Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs. Win. Field dance
Ark. Ping-pong tournament
Fri. Win. Do As You Please
Ark. Ping Pong

Winfield USO will sponsor National Letter-Writing Week from Oct. 1 to 7.

Does This Answer Your Question?

Q. Are enlisted men stationed at Strother Field allowed to wear the service cap with their winter uniform?

A. If you have an OD service cap complete with fancy leather visor you might just as well send it home for junior to play soldier in. Strother Field Regulation No. 35-6A, Sept. 27, 1944, states that paragraph 3B (1) (d) in SF Reg. No. 35-6 June 22, 1944, is amended to read "Garrison cap only."

Q. In inclement weather may I wear my helmet liner on and off the base?

A. According to SF Reg. 35-6 paragraph 4 (d) the helmet liner may be worn in lieu of the garrison cap with the field uniform during inclement weather.

Q. Can I wear my field jacket into town?

A. You can if you are on duty off the post or live off the post and are going to or returning from duty on the post, according to paragraph 4 (c) of SF Reg. 35-6.

Q. I have become so accustomed to going without a necktie on the base this summer that wearing same with the OD trousers and shirt is uncomfortable. Can I go without a tie on the field?

A. Definitely not. The necktie will be worn on and off the base at all times when wearing the winter uniform with or without blouse. See paragraph 4 (e) of SF Reg. 35-6.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 to 14.

What's new in your home town?

Houston, Tex. (CNS) — John Duniop, sitting on his porch while waiting for his evening paper, saw one floating through the air on a gust of wind. He reached out and grabbed it. After reading it through and discovering he had only the first section, he looked up in time to spear the second which came in on another breeze.

Detroit (CNS) — Although he was a professional palm reader, Hassin Kohn wouldn't hold hands with his own wife, Mrs. Kohn charged in filing suit for divorce here.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS)—Annabelle Medford, who says that three of her nine husbands have been convicts, has divorced her most recent mate to marry her 10th in jail. Annabelle is in jail herself, right now—on a charge of stealing 31 cases of whiskey from a box car.

Jersey City, N. J. (CNS)—Izzy Banikonis spent his weekly pay check merrily, then, en route home, fell asleep in a 15-inch-deep patch of tar. The tar melted, holding Izzy fast. Twenty-five cops went to work on Izzy with gasoline, kerosene, shovels, longshoreman's hoods and knives and finally removed him from his gummy resting place. At a nearby hospital Izzy's condition was reported as "not serious—just messy."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

30 SEPT.

SERVICE CLUB—Check on your favorite football games. Club open from 1400 to 1800.
THEATRE—Leave It to the Irish—Jean Dunn, Wanda McKay. Cartoon—featurettes.

SUNDAY

1 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Letter Writin' Time—Read, listen to the radio and just relax.
THEATRE—Greenwich Village—Don Ameche, Wm. Bendix, Carmen Miranda. Cartoon—News.

MONDAY

2 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Hop. Base girls are invited.

TUESDAY

3 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance.
THEATRE—USO-Camp Show, "Monkey Shines," 1830-2000.

WEDNESDAY

4 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night—Do As You Please.
THEATRE—Since You Went Away—Claudette Colbert, Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotton. One performance beginning at 1900. This is an extra special.

THURSDAY

5 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Dance Night. Winfield and Wellington girls.
THEATRE—Since You Went Away. One show at 1900.

FRIDAY

6 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—GI Night. Free Movies—Cookies—Coffee.
THEATRE—The Gypsy Wildcat—Marie Montez, Jon Hall. Cartoon—Featurettes.

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1ST. LT. STOUT CREDITED

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the 324th, destroyed 76 enemy planes that day, and of the 76 craft shot down, Lt. Stout's fighter squadron, the 314th, accounted for 25.

The Silver Star he won in the African campaign is not the only decoration Lt. Stout wears. By flying 81 missions, he won the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters. His ribbons show that he has earned two presidential citations. One of them was for his participation in the Palm Sunday Massacre, the other for outstanding work with the Desert Air Task Force.

Altogether, Lt. Stout has had 116 combat hours. His Middle East campaign ribbon bears three battle stars, representing aerial operations in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

T/SGT. BEWLEY SERVED

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lands of the South Pacific before going to Guadalcanal in November, 1942. When he mentioned that he was stationed at Henderson Field we asked if he had any contact with the enemy. "The Japs from Rabaul gave us hell for a time with their bombing and strafing. We had to hit our foxholes many times and fortunately Jap shells never hit me," said Bewley.

From Henderson Field T/Sgt. Bewley moved to Munda, New Georgia and then Duganville. Having completed 2½ years of overseas service he was returned to the United States. From the redistribution center at Miami Beach, Fla. he was assigned to Strother Field, arriving here in July.

89 SF OFFICERS

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Major Raymond H. Baker and Strother Field training director, Major R. T. W. Rivers.

A pilot may qualify at any time for a higher rating; in such event his name and rating are submitted to the Wing for approval and issuance of a new type of certificate. Strother already has 28 command pilots, 23 senior pilots and 38 pilot members. However, Captain Anderson pointed out that many of the first 89 members have qualified for higher ratings since the date of issue of the original membership certificates.

Membership in the Fighter Safety Club gives the pilot these privileges: pilot member 2 days leave; senior member, 3 days leave; command member, 5 days leave. If a member of the club is charged with an accident due to pilot error and disciplinary action or court-martial results, he must start all over and work toward a pilot membership in the Fighter Safety Club.

NCO-Mess Members Plan Club Future

A called meeting of non-com mess members was held Monday evening at which time future plans for the organization were discussed. The turnout of members for the meeting was small compared to the total number on the membership list. M/Sgt. Woodrow W. Watson, club president, and M/Sgt. Carl W. Davis, vice-president, urged greater turnout of men for these business sessions in order to make the club a success.

Sgt. George Sabitino was appointed chief chef and Sgt. George Maurer was appointed steward of the non-com mess during the meeting. 1st Sgt. Clovis Robbins heads the decoration committee and plans were made to provide the club with tablecloths and installation of wall lamps, the latter to be used instead of the ceiling fixtures.

Future improvements in the club will include a sandwich bar, additional furniture and a greater variety of soft drinks. Better cooking facilities offering a greater variety of food is included in future plans.

There will be weekly dances on Saturday nights with music provided by the Airhords dance band when it is available.

Ten Officers Are Promoted

Announcement of the promotion of ten Strother Field Officers was made this week at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. Two of the promotions were from the rank of First Lieutenant to Captain. They are: Capt. Ben R. Diskin, dental officer, of Detroit, Mich.; and Capt. John Dobrojavic, dental officer, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Those advanced in rank from Second to First Lieutenants are John W. Klein Jr., technical supply officer, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Raffy D. Bagdasarian, commanding officer of Section B, of Los Angeles, Cal.; George W. Bradley, fighter pilot instructor of Bolivar, N. Y.; Ralph F. Grossman, fighter pilot instructor of Indianapolis, Ind.; Adolph C. Schilke, air communications inspector of Springfield, Ill.; Edwin J. Shore, personal affairs officer of Fairmont, W. Va.; Francis G. Sydeiko, fighter pilot instructor of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; and Milton E. Spencer, assistant aircraft engineering officer of Amsterdam, N.Y.

Added to the number of commendations received by Strother Field for its participation in the Fifth War Loan Drive today was a letter from Major General Uzal G. Ent, commanding general of the Second Air Force.

In a letter to Colonel Donald E. Meade Strother Field commander, General Ent declared that the field had exceeded by 17% its allotted quota.

Jobs We Do At Strother Field

Radio Operator, CNS MOS 759

Doing vitally important work at Strother Field are the enlisted men classified as Radio Operator, CNS. Among this group is T/Sgt. J. F. McCahill whose home is in Seattle, Washington. "Mac" has been in service 2½ years and had been stationed in four states before coming to Kansas. He was stationed at Presidio Monterrey, Calif., Northern Field, Tenn., Key Field, Miss., Sheppard Field, Love Field, and Galveston, all in Texas.

When asked to describe his job at this 72nd Fighter Wing base, T/Sgt. Cahill said, "I operate, inspect and make minor repairs to very high frequency radio equipment and to fixed and mobile ground direction finding equipment. Clean, adjust, install, and replace parts in direction finding and very high frequency receivers and transmitters and their power supplying auxiliaries and accessories, using radio repairman's tools."

The completion of a course in maintenance and repair of direction finding and very high frequency radio equipment at an Army school or equivalent experience is required for this classification.

Mother Nature brought about a change in GI fashions this week—taking us out of the summer khaki uniform and putting us in our OD winter uniform six days ahead of schedule.

Wearing of either the summer or winter uniform was to become optional at Strother Field on Oct. 1st through Oct. 10th, after the latter date the winter uniform becoming compulsory. 50 and 60 degrees weather brought about the decision by headquarters to move up the optional date to Monday of this week.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 to 14.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Softball champions of Strother Field—members of the Headquarters team that defeated the Medics in a two-out-of-three-games play-off series for the title are shown above. Front row, left to right: Sgt. James M. Waits, centerfielder; Sgt. Ted Ingram, 1st. baseman; S/Sgt. William F. Biederman, 3rd. baseman; Sgt. Edward M. Williams, rightfielder; Cpl. Joseph D. Gansen, leftfielder; Pvt. Richard E. Ashwill, utilityfielder. Back row, left to right: Pvt. John P. Termini, utilityfielder; Pfc. Edward L. Smith, shortfielder; Cpl. Stanley Antos, physical training instructor and manager of the tournament and play-off series in the absence of S/Sgt. Emil Dalak; Pvt. George K. Nouse, catcher, and Sgt. Emmett W. Loughan, pitcher. Cpl. Melvin Harper, 2nd baseman, was on furlough when the picture was taken.



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Opening Game In Second Air Force Area V Basketball League Nov. 6th

The schedule for the Second Air Force Inter-Base Basketball League, Area V, Southern Section, has been announced and Strother Field will be host to the Walker Army Air Field from Victoria, Kans., in the opening game of league play on the night of Nov. 6th.

15 Teams In Bowling League

League play for members of 15 newly organized bowling teams got underway last night in the post bowling alleys. The teams are represented by officers, enlisted men and civilian workers of Strother Field. Two teams are comprised of officers, 12 teams are represented by enlisted men while civilian workers of the sub-depot make up the other team participating in league play. League play will take place on Thursday and Friday evenings of each week.

Following are the scheduled in the league this year:

Officers' Club	2
Headquarters	1
Section A-3	2
Section A-1	1
Section A-2	2
Medics	1
Hot Rocks	1
(orderly rooms personnel)	
Armament	2
Base Weather	2
Sub-Depot	1

In the opening round matches last night Section A-3, team 1, met the Medics. Section A-1 took on the Hot Rocks and Headquarters met the Base Weather team.

Sgt. Alexander J. Kazanecki, physical training department, and S/Sgt. Harry Miller, Section 1, engineering, are managing the league.

A sight for sore eyes this week has been the dismantling of the Strother Field obstacle course. This is in line with a recent request made by Second Air Force Headquarters to the Seventh Service Command asking that all obstacle courses in this Air Force be done away with due to chances of injury to military personnel.

The course at Strother Field has not been used since the Second Air Force took over the installation but the thought of it still being there had a morale-lowering effect on some individuals.

A meeting and practice session for all men interested in trying out for the team to represent this 72nd Fighter Wing base will be held in the post gymnasium Monday evening at 1900, according to an announcement made today by Lt. J. R. Lounsberry, PT officer.

Following is the schedule in league play for Strother Field:

Walker AAF at Strother Nov. 6.
Strother at Great Bend AAF Nov. 17.
Topeka AAF at Strother Nov. 20.
Strother at Pratt AAF Nov. 28.
Herington AAF at Strother Dec. 4.

Strother at Smoky Hill AAF Dec. 11.

Strother at Walker AAF Dec. 20.

Great Bend AAF at Strother Jan. 8.

Strother at Topeka AAF Jan. 11.

Pratt AAF at Strother Jan. 15.

Strother at Herington AAF Jan. 19.

Smoky Hill AAF at Strother Jan. 25.

Following regular league play semi-final playoffs will be held for the northern and southern sections. Area I will play Area II and Area III will play Area IV in a two out of three game series. The two winners will then play a two out of three game series to determine the northern champions. In the southern section semi-finals Area V will play Area VI and Area VII will play Area VIII. These two winners will then play a series to denote the champion. The northern and southern section champs will then play a two out of three game series to decide the Second Air Force championship. This will take place 2 March 1945 and 10 March 1945.

Lt. Lounsberry received a call from Wichita this week in which the Strother Field basketball team was invited to participate in the Wichita Industrial League. Due to the heavy schedule set up for Strother Field, Lt. Lounsberry said today that no definite decision had been made as to entering.