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# WALKER TALKER

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Official AAF Photo by Cpl. Selm

A SURPRISED SOLDIER was Sgt. William G. Furgason (right) when he discovered himself serving in the 303rd Service Group (Sp.) under Col. H. W. Shelmire (left), with whom he served in World War I.

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SERVE IN SILENCE

# R. H. I. P. (Rank Hinders Impromptu Propositions)

by Milton Caniff,

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## Last Call for War Bonds Must Put Field over Top

A payday spurt in War Bond cash purchases, extending through Friday, March 3, is depended upon to push Walker Field over its quota in the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Likewise, a simultaneous increase in monthly allotments is expected to take care of that factor in the drive. Soldiers who have been investing only \$3.75 a month, the low amount now being discontinued, are signing up for \$6.25 a month and higher as their current bonds become paid up.

Also increasing, it is reported, is the number of soldiers who are buying a bond a month.

Civilian purchases have been marked by a number of \$750 investments, for bonds maturing at \$1,000.

## Stag Club for Men in Service

Tampa, Fla.—(ALNS)—On the theory that soldiers, sailors and marines get a bit tired of being "mothered" and would, at times, prefer to relax with their buddies, the U. S. S. Tampa Post of The American Legion here spent \$10,000 to furnish a building for just that purpose. Patronage has proved the Legionnaires were right.

Shower baths and toilet facilities, a canteen where home-made food is furnished at low prices, stationery and many other conveni-

ences are provided—but there are no hostesses or hosts. Service men guests are just asked to make themselves at home and help themselves, and if they want something not in sight, to just ask for it.

## Gable Escapes Injury

Hollywood, Calif.—(ALNS)—Capt. Clark Gable escaped injury in an automobile accident here, but four other persons were hurt. Captain Gable was riding alone in his car and halted for a boulevard stop, the other car striking his from behind.

## Atrocities Known To Army in July

Washington, D. C.,—(ALNS) Previous rumors of Japanese cruelties to American prisoners captured and held in the Philippines were confirmed in July, 1943, by several American officers who escaped from the Japs and made their way to American bases.

Col. I. B. Summers, in charge of prisoner of war matters for the Provost Marshal department of the Army, related the circumstances to the National Defense Committee of The American Legion, meeting in Washington.

Colonel Summers, in reply to a question concerning the secrecy that has so long surrounded the atrocity report, recalled that the refugee ship Gripsholm was scheduled to sail shortly after the rumors of atrocities were confirmed. This ship eventually exchanged 1,500 Japanese civilians for an equal number of American civilians and also transferred 180,000 food parcels of 13 pounds each, 250,000 pounds of medical supplies, and some clothing destined for Americans in Japanese prison camps.

Had the story been "broken" at that time, there could have been no exchange of prisoners nor would Americans have received the supplies sent them from home.

## Not Too Serious News of Nation

Augusta, Me. (CNS) — Joe Voice, an Indian of 111 years, successfully underwent a major operation recently in a local hospital. He received a spinal anesthetic and smoked his pipe during the surgery.

Boise, Ida. (CNS) — Mrs. Harry Mook, 23, gave birth to a boy weighing 18 pounds. Mrs. Mook is a big girl herself. She weighs 303.

Cheyenne, Wyo. (CNS)—"Stew" Forsyth is the proprietor of a local liquor store. Name of the store.—"D.T.'s"

Hollywood (CNS)—Edward M. Sheridan listed "Mary Ann" as a dependent in his draft questionnaire and his local draft board classified him 3A. The board recently discovered that "Mary Ann" was a horse. Now Sheridan faces a federal charge as a draft dodger.

Indianapolis (CNS)—An elderly man was peeling potatoes in the Salvation Army hotel when a state detective called and told him he was heir to \$600 left by a relative. The recipient of this fortune immediately threw a potato at the cook.

Kansas City (CNS)—This sign, hanging over a basket, confronts taxpayers as they present their checks to the Collector of Internal Revenue at City Hall: "Throw all rubber here."

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. John H. Morse won a divorce from her husband on the grounds that he used to leave her in a cheap movie while he attended a more expensive one.

Minneapolis (CNS) — Just because it's Leap Year, the local boys are getting cagey. Only one man showed up at a University of Minnesota lecture last week. Subject of the lecture: "Making a Home."

New Comerstown, O. (CNS)—Arrested for beatin a woman he sat next to in a movie, Earl Sayre had a logical explanation. "I thought she was my wife," he said.

New Orleans (CNS)—James S. Reese answered the ring of his doorbell and found an alligator standing there. The 'gater had escaped from a nearby zoo.

New York (CNS)—Harry Shipman was depressed. He flunked his Army physical, was fired from his defense job and got thrown out of a saloon in the same afternoon. So, a doleful man in a woeiful world, he turned in a false fire alarm and didn't even bother to run away when the fire trucks arrived. Then, given his choice of \$25 fine or five days in jail, he took the five days. "I'm glad this day is over," he remarked as he was led to his cell.

# Red Cross Handles 2,000 Cases in Year

## Walker Field Office Reports On First 12 Months of Work

The American Red Cross rounds out a year of service March 1 to the men at Walker Army Air Field. On March 1, 1943, Paul W. Zieke reported to Lt. Col. William A. Cahill, and since then has maintained 24-hour, seven-day a week verification service for applicants for emergency furloughs.

During the year, more than 700 telegrams were sent out, and as many received, concerning illnesses and deaths in servicemen's families. Over 1,000 letters were written to Red Cross Chapters concerning family problems. Four hundred eighty-nine loans were made, amounting to \$9,950.50. Field Directors of other stations transferred 182 loans to this station which were purchased for \$5,016.00, making a total of 671 loans handled, amounting to \$14,966.50.

\* From scratch, the Station cases went over the 2000 mark this past week, Mr. Zieke reported. Hundreds of services were rendered which did not require keeping records as no wires were sent out or letters written.

In the year, the American Red Cross furnished the Station Hospital with the following list of surgical dressings, made in the production rooms of countless Red Cross Chapters:

20,000 sponges 2" x 2"  
20,000 sponges 4" x 4"  
5,000 sponges 8" x 8"  
5,000 sponges 12" x 12"  
500 Abdominal packs, 12" x 16"

The sunrooms in the Station Hospital received the following furniture:

7 radio tables  
7 radios  
7 Easy chairs, cushioned  
7 Pull-over Chairs  
7 Floor lamps  
7 writing tables  
7 bridge tables  
28 Side Chairs  
1 Studio Piano.

The Station Hospital has also received for servicemen patients, 150 Christmas cards, 400 Christmas boxes, 300 bingo prizes, 70 model airplane kits, 80 decks of cards, 7 complete game kits, 20 cribbage boards, 200 bouquets of flowers, hundreds of books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles and games, 18,000 sheets of patients note-heads and envelopes were furnished.

The Junior Red Cross Chapters have contributed over 500 articles which they made, such as bridge tallies, cribbage boards, games, checker sets, a ping pong table, and Christmas cards.

Through the cooperation of local organizations in 15 counties, the American Red Cross through its Camp and Hospital Service furnished 8 dayrooms, 4 alert rooms, collected over 20 truck loads of furniture, 5 pianos, hundreds of books, magazines, games, puzzles, and subscriptions to current magazines. Over \$800 in cash was distributed to Base organizations to buy furniture for these dayrooms.

This month saw the organization of the Walker AAF Camp and



Official AAF photo by Cpl. Boyer  
FIELD DIRECTOR PAUL W. ZIEKE

## KEYNOTES

By Cpl. "Hep" Katz

No doubt Base Headquarters is very much relieved now that the band has moved away. I am sure they couldn't stand the racket. Just in case a few of you have been trying to find us, in the past week, we are located in Barracks 871, the last barrack going west in the WAC area. Come up and see us sometime, that is if we are still holding forth by then. The 696th marches on.

Woe indeed is the case of Sgt. Donald J. McDonald. Never again can he show his face in public without revealing something tragic. Evidently Cpl. Charles Hill was just a little bit too rough for him, for the sergeant came up with a bruised nose, hence the bandage you now see. Quoth McDonald, "The bandage presents a lot of suffering for my women." The corporal went away with some bruised knuckles. Evidently he was trying to land a low punch somewhere; the skin on the floor proves that.

Our thanks, this week, go to Cpl. Wade of the Medical Detachment, who so ably helped us out in the rhythm section in the WAAF Orchestra.

We welcome back Pvt. Albert Roth, who spent two (—) weeks in the town of Baltimore, Md.

Sgt. Thomas R. Middleton, our supply man, almost tore his hair out on Monday. No sooner did he have a place for everything, and everything in its place, and a shelf for that purpose, than he received orders to remove items from the shelf, as we were moving to different headquarters. Perhaps Tom will learn, some day.

Brazil soon will be producing cooking gas from her own coal. This will make another step forward in the wartime developments of Brazil's coal deposits, which are being used in growing quantity for domestic needs. Before the war, Brazil used mainly higher-grade coal imported from England and the United States in preference to her own lower-grade deposits.

Hospital Council, a group of 10 nearby Chapters who will work to provide comforts for the servicemen in the Station Hospital and on the Field.

Mr. Zieke has been the Field Director since opening the Station. In October, Kenneth L. Terry came, but was transferred for overseas duty recently. Mr. Zieke now has as his staff, Mrs. Lela Brown Riddell, assistant to the Field Director in the Station Hospital; Miss Mildred Gersten, secretary, and Mrs. Jimmie Neal, stenographer.

The Red Cross office was first located in the building now occupied by the Provost Marshall. There were four Airdrome Squadron offices, Headquarters Squadron office, Special Service, Chemical Warfare, S-2 and Provost Marshal offices all in the one building, and all using one telephone extension. On Easter, the office was moved into the new Base Headquarters. Late in October, the office was moved across the street into the north section of the old Base Headquarters. Here, Servicemen come with their problems, and always find a warm welcome from their RED CROSS.

### Another Camp Paper

Camp Rucker, Ala.—(ALNS)—The first issue of Bandage Roll, weekly publication of the 176th Station Hospital here, made its appearance bearing date of January 22, 1944. Lew Luster is the editor.

### Singer At Goldsboro

Goldsboro, N. C.—(ALNS)—Tony Martin, the radio singer, is now at Seymour Johnson Airfield here having transferred from Officers Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla.

## YANKWIZ

By  
BOB HAWK  
Quizmaster



"THANKS  
TO THE YANKS"

Saturdays, C B S

- How did Bluebeard find out that his wife had entered the forbidden room?
- If the waiter brought you fifteen cents in change and there were seven coins, what were they?
- What relations to you is your mother's sister's husband's mother-in-law?
- If all your great-grand-parents were alive, how many would you have?
- What fowl grows up and down at the same time?
- When a man yells "mush," what is he yelling at?
- If I have two kings and two jacks, and you have two kings and two jacks, and we exchanged three cards apiece—what is the largest possible number of jacks either of us could hold?
- Does the average circus elephant drink nearer ten, twenty or fifty gallons of water a day?
- Which one of these two difficult feats could a skilled acrobat perform:
  - touch the right patella to the 12th thoracic vertebra.
  - touch the first phalanx of the right hallux to the clavicle.
- A male deer is called a stag or buck. What is his lady friend called?

(Answers on page 15)

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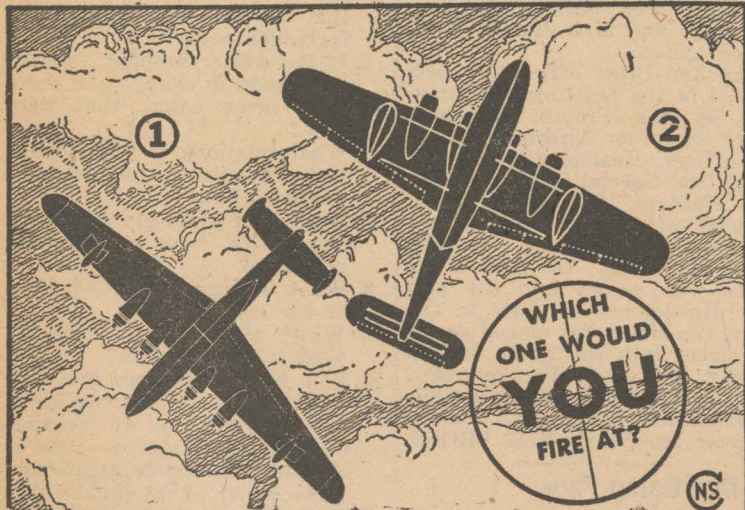
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### Editorial

## 4th War Loan—Last Call

Walker Field has not yet reached its quota in the Fourth War Loan Drive. Even though the national goal has been attained, this Field will have failed to perform its part, should its civilian and military personnel neglect to invest their dollars in their country's War Bonds. The extension of the drive to March 3 provides the wide open opportunity. Make this pay day count.



**Not at No. 1!** It's the U. S. Navy's "Mars," the world's largest flying boat which recently carried a record cargo to Hawaii. It has a large two-step hull and is powered by four radial engines. The thick high wings of enormous span taper on both edges to rounded tips with a slightly greater taper in the trailing edge. Fixed wing floats extend ahead of the leading edge of the wings. The tailplane is also tapered and has twin fins and twin rudders.

**Fire at No. 2!** It's the Japanese Kawanishi 97 "Mavis," a high wing, four engine flying boat used as a torpedo bomber and reconnaissance plane. The wings taper slightly less on the leading edge than on the trailing edge to rounded tops. Fixed wing floats are located in about the middle of each wing. The tailplane has straight edges, rounded tips and twin fins and rudders. Both wings and the tailplane are externally braced.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Time'll go much faster if you know of any games we two can play."

## Laugh If You Must

The tough Army sergeant spotted a yardbird leaning against the guardhouse puffing a cigarette.

"Can't you read that sign in front of you that says, 'No Smoking'?" he roared.

"Sergeant," he replied, "If I could read that sign, I'd be in the Navy now."

There was a hot pilot named Bright,  
Whose speed was much faster than light.  
He took off one day,  
To indulge in a fray,  
And returned on the previous night!

She: What makes you think this is the night for wild oats?  
GI: Your eyes have told me so.

Two Yanks sleeping in a fox hole in Italy were awakened by a loud crash.

"What was that?" asked one.  
"Bombs or thunder?"  
"Bombs," replied the other.  
"Thank Heaven, I was afraid it was going to rain."

Lady: "Are you the soldier who saved my little boy from drowning?"  
GI: "Yes ma'am."

Lady: "Where's his hat?"

Said the absent minded salesgirl as she kissed the soldier good night: "Will that be all?"

Lieutenant (entering orderly room): "How long have you been working in this office?"

Clerk: "Ever since I saw you coming in the door, sir!"

The taxi was a very ancient one and had taken an unusually long time to reach its destination.

As the passenger paid his fare, he remarked:

"How do you manage when your fare is in a desperate hurry?"

"Ah," said the driver, leaning toward the passenger, confidentially, "I keep on changin' me gears an' 'onkin me 'ooter."

Husband: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."

Wife: "You missed it before—that's why it's gone."

"Brown never completed his education, did he?"

"No. He lived and died a bachelor."

The walking stick was invented when Eve presented Adam with a little Cain.

Mess Sarg: Look here, Bub, this man has peeled twice as many spuds as you have.

K. P.: Yeah, I been tellin' him that but the fool won't slow down.

Red Cross Rep: What was the cause of your father's death?"

Furlough Seeker: I don't remember but it was something pretty serious.

Inspecting Officer: Sergeant! Is that your cigar butt on the floor?

Soldier: It's yours if you want it sir, you saw it first.

Soldier: "Hey."

Girl: "My name ain't Hay—so don't try to make me while the sun shines!"

At Pearl Harbor

# Jap Planes So Close He Saw Their Gunners Grin

It was a clear, sunny, Sunday morning, nothing unusual. It was the same type of Sunday at Pearl Harbor as it had been every other Sunday since June, 1940, when Blair W. Peppel (now Lt. Peppel of the 303rd) arrived at Pearl Harbor with Company D of the 19th Infantry. Around 8 o'clock Cpl. Peppel (he later attended OCS and received his commission) and his buddy woke up, took their shower, and were lounging in the barracks. It was Sunday—no training today, no practicing on the machine guns.

## Notes, Anecdotes From Guard Section

The Provost Marshal's Office has had a change of address. You will now find it in Bldg. 504 across from Base Headquarters. Passes will be given out at the new location.

The office has been in somewhat of an uproar because of a precocious pup which was picked up because of being in mischief. He is a golden Cocker Spaniel about 3½ months old. Owner can have same by producing definite proof of ownership.

We thought we had lost a certain number of our men on a shipment last Friday. However, Saturday, they were back on a three-day pass from their new organization. Looks like the lure of WAAF brought them back. We hear a welcoming party was given to returning adventurers.

Our well liked C.O., Hugh B. Montgomery, was promoted from first lieutenant to captain, 15 February. All the boys join in a big cheer for your well-earned promotion, Captain.

From a small beginning, Japan grew to be the world's largest producer of agar. Until the war cut the supply line, the United States got all of its agar from Japan. It went into ice creams, sherbets, puddings, cosmetics, medicines, and many other products.

## Bus Schedule

Leave Hays	Arrive Base
0545	0630
0630	0715
0715	0800
0945	1030
1115	1200
1315	1400
1430	1515
1625	1710
1700	1745
1825	1910
2145	2230
2315	2400
Leave Russell	Arrive Base
0545	0630
0645	0730
0715	0800
1115	1200
1625	1710
1725	1810
1825	1910
2145	2230
2315	2400

A formation of planes were approaching the field. Cpl. Peppel and his friend, Sgt. Teal, idly watched them as they came nearer. They were flying at about 150 feet from the ground. Practicing, figured Blair. Then they saw a bomb drop from one of the planes. There was a terrific explosion as it hit an oil tank. Above the din a bugle sounded "Call to Arms."

"We rushed out of the barracks," said Peppel, "got our weapons from the supply room .30 cal. machine guns. We knew then that this wasn't a joke . . . we were being attacked. We got our weapons set up on the Regimental football field and proceeded to start shooting. The Jap bombers were flying so low we could see the rear gunners grinning as they let loose a rain of shells at the barracks.

"In 20 minutes there were four regiments out there on that football field, all firing machine guns. Planes crashed into the ground near us as some of our shells hit home. There were so many guns firing I don't know whether or not I made any direct hits. The whole thing lasted about an hour and a half.

"When it was all over we found about 60 fellows, recruits who had arrived a few days before the attack, hiding under beds, in wall lockers, and generally hidden all over the place. After the smoke cleared away we got our field equipment, went to the beach and set up gun installations. After that our time was spent in rounding up all the Japs on the Island."

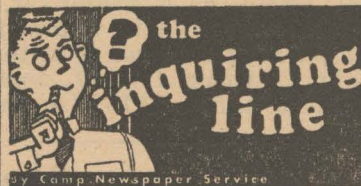
Lt. Peppel's home is at Waterford, O., where he spent his civilian time in farming. He was graduated from the Fairfield Centralized high school in 1937, and joined the Army March 31, 1940. In June of 1940 he left with Company D, of 19th Infantry (machine gun), for overseas. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor from then (he was a Section Leader controlling two squads) until July, 1942, when he returned to the United States to attend Infantry Officers Candidate School. He was graduated at Fort Benning, Ga., and received his commission in November, 1942.

While stationed at Durham, N. C., he met and married, Miss Martha Horton, Feb. 27, 1943.

Lt. Peppel is Adjutant of Hq. & Hq. Sq. of the 303rd Service Group (Sq.)



Official AAF Photo by Cpl. Selm



Q. Is it permissible for a serviceman to change the beneficiary in his monthly allotment and his insurance?

A. That depends on the circumstances. A serviceman cannot authorize discontinuance of the regular monthly allowance to his wife. In a Class E allotment of pay, however, he can change the beneficiary or discontinue the allotment any time he wants to. He is also at liberty to change the beneficiary of his insurance at any time.

Q. My brother, a marine, is overseas. I'd like to send him a picture of his new baby. Is it OK to do this?

A. Sure. Photographs may be sent by first-class mail if they weigh less than eight ounces. But, listen, if you are sending a snap shot, make sure there is nothing in the background the censors wouldn't like. For instance, there should be no views in the background of military posts or war plants.

Q. I have a wife and three children. If I die from injury or disease received in line of duty, how much pension will they receive?

A. Under the present law, your wife will receive \$50 a month. She also receives \$15 each month for her first child and \$10 a month for

each additional child. In your case, your family would get \$85 a month. The maximum payment for widow and children is \$100 a month.

## Camp Paper Sells Gags, Buys Gifts for Lassie

When "Command Post," the publication for the Sacramento (Calif.) Air Service Command, got a check from Esquire for jokes selected by Esquire for reprinting, the money was used to purchase Christmas gifts for the small daughter of an American held in a Japanese prison camp.

It has been estimated that more than half a billion dollars is saved annually to American motorists because of the discovery that tetraethyl lead added to gasoline conquers knock. The use of anti-knock fuel in high compression motors is said to have increased the power to our civilization.



Stockholm—According to a local report, huge crowds gathered in Copenhagen recently when Field Marshal Erwin Rommel drove through the Danish Capital.

After Rommel had passed through and the crowd still remained police told them to move on. "Oh, no," was the retort. "We're waiting for Gen. Montgomery. He always follows right after Rommel."

## Servicemen Get Discharge Pay Under New Law

By Camp Newspaper Service

If you happen to be a soldier, sailor, marine or coast guardsman who has tangled with the enemy in Europe, Africa, Asia, in the Pacific or in the fog-bound Aleutians, or served with our armed forces at any other post overseas, you're going to get \$300 to put in your pocket when you come marching home for good.

If you're a serviceman who has served more than 60 days in the continental United States when discharge time comes around, you'll get \$200 in two monthly payments. And even if you're just a GI with less than two months service on your record, you'll get a present of \$100 from Uncle Sam when it's time for you to go home.

These are the principal provisions of the servicemen's Muster-Out Bill, which became a law recently.

This legislation affects virtually all the nation's servicemen and women up to and including the rank of captain in the Army or equivalent ranks in the other services. Also affected are many of the 1,300,000 men and women who have been discharged from the services since Dec. 6, 1941.

Not eligible for these payments are persons discharged under dishonorable conditions; those who at the time of their discharge were returned to the inactive list and those discharged or released from active duty on their own request to accept employment who had not served outside the continental limits of the U. S. or Alaska.

Air Corps Reserve officers, who already are entitled to receive a lump sum payment on their return to inactive duty are not eligible for the additional benefits, nor are members of the armed forces whose total service has been as students detailed for training under the ASTP, the AAF College Training Program or any similar program in the Navy, Marine or Coast Guard.

West Point and Annapolis cadets and officers above the rank of captain complete the list of ineligible for discharge payments.

## 16 Soldiers Qualify As Paratroopers

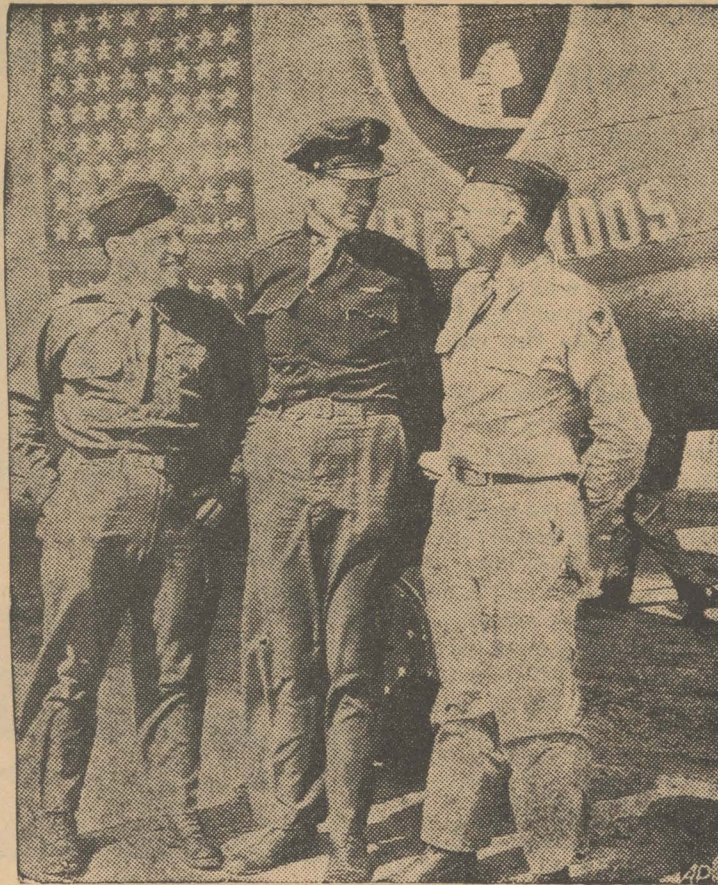
Fort Benning, Ga.—Sixteen Negro soldiers, the first of their race to qualify as paratroopers, have donned silver "wings" of the army's airborne infantry have been assigned to help train an all-Negro parachute unit.

The 16 made their fifth and qualifying jump at night from a transport plane after four weeks of training at the parachute school here.

## Perish The Thought

England (CNS) — Pvt. Pete Scherer, of Milwaukee, kissed his wife goodbye last year and shipped out for England. He wound up in a camp a block away from his mother-in-law's house.

## 'Blue Streak' Comes Home



With Hal Boyle, Associated Press war correspondent (left), as a passenger, the famed bamber, "Blue Streak," arrived in Miami from Italy, piloted by Maj. Ralph P. Thompson (center). Also aboard was Maj. John D. Craig (right), commander of the 9th Combat Camera unit. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Traveling Time Now Permitted for Long Distances

Travel time in addition to regular furlough time may now be granted, at the discretion of station commanders, to soldiers who are to travel long distances, under a War Department ruling recently issued.

The ruling is designed to bring relief to men whose necessary travel results in the loss of much of their allotted furlough time.

The ruling follows:

"Under the provisions of paragraph 2, AR 615-275, an enlisted man may be granted a furlough of not to exceed 15 days at any one time. This restriction works a hardship on individuals who are stationed at long distances from their homes. Commanding officers within the continental United States who are authorized to grant furloughs will give consideration to this factor and, when practicable, may for this purpose grant furloughs in excess of 15 days by the amount of rail travel time involved."

A young couple registered and were shown to their room. The bride of a few hours became very much concerned when she saw twin beds in the suite.

"What's the matter, dearest," asked the attentive bridegroom.

"Why," she answered, "I thought we were going to get a room all to ourselves."

A giant lawnmower that can trim 40 acres in an hour has been developed by the army corps of engineers for use on air fields.

## News of the 303rd

### 327th Engineering

The 327th Engineering Squadron wishes to acknowledge its sincere gratitude for the hearty welcome that was extended this organization from both Russell and Hays. We can truthfully say, this is the first time we have ever received such a hearty welcome.

First Sgt. Milligan's bowling team requests it be sent to a bowling school—not Boeing. Even though they died at the hands of the Group Headquarters team, they are eagerly awaiting the return engagement.

Through accomplishing a problem that was thought impossible, the 327th received commendation for which it is very proud. Some of the fellows have been going around with their heads so high in the air that they had better watch out for the rain. To the following officers and men all credit is given: 1st Lt. Timothy L. Wood, 1st Lt. Angelo C. Chiazza, 1st Lt. John W. Gebhart, M-Sgt. Dale H. Nelson, T-Sgt. Paul S. West, T-Sgt. Raymond E. Vanstone, S-Sgt. Marion C. Fryer, S-Sgt. Luther W. McElfresh, S-Sgt. James T. Twine, S-Sgt. Arthur A. Toelle, S-Sgt. Kendall B. Williams, S-Sgt. Hugh H. Olive, S-Sgt. Johnnie B. Barker, Sgt. Frederick G. Fewkes, Sgt. John Kalbko, Sgt.

Victor C. Rich, Sgt. Frank J. Widish, Sgt. Robert H. Nordstrom, Cpl. Harold P. Aylward, Cpl. Arthur C. Bankey, Cpl. Leith L. Dennis, Cpl. Russell R. Matthews, Cpl. John Pasteur, Cpl. Richard Shortell, Cpl. Rex H. Voss, PFC. Louis Xepolities, Pvt. Albert J. McNeil, Pvt. James C. Mowless, Pvt. George J. Oja, Pvt. William S. Winston, Pvt. Joseph G. Yedvobnick.

We wonder whether or not a certain corporal, whose initials are JHT, is really going to get married on his next furlough? He said he was on his last one, but he came back as single as ever.

We wonder who the PFC in the 73rd Materiel Squadron is, whose alias is Gladys?

Cpl. Royce D. Fair

### The Rugged 73rd

S-Sgt. Albert (NMI) Zbinden, Jr. is back in the Rugged Outfit and with his old tricks again. The boys figured him out as a kill joy.

A second honeymoon is being spent in Ellis by Cpl. Ken H. Croll. His little woman came there a week ago. A three-day pass is pending.

The bowling team is practising very hard to hit a high score. S-Sgt. Nicholas Pecil is one of the high hitters in the 73rd. We're

on the watchout to see higher scores.

Our boys are completing the assembling of our day room. The sooner the better.

Buying of bonds in this Squadron is starting to roll. War Bond pledges are piling up on the First Sergeant's desk.

Chaplain Davis spoke to a private carrying a partition to a hut and saying, "and they give you a workout in the Gym, too."

While typing out this gossip near midnight, the bowling team came in, reported winning three games from the 327th on Washington's Birthday.

Those who have signed up for the excursion to visit Denver, Colorado, are eagerly awaiting the Saturday morning's Pony Express. All aboard, here comes the 303rd visitors.

Pfc. Posochowicz

In Memoriam  
for the  
Unrepresented  
Headquarters Sqd.

## Lady of the Legion



JOSEPHINE FURIAK, discharged from Marine Corps, joins American Legion post in Whiting, Indiana. That's her post membership card she is displaying.

## Sandwich Bar Features Service Club Remodeling

Remodeling one end of the Service Club to provide more room in that crowded establishment was completed this week.

The horseshoe-food and fountain counter has been replaced by a straight fountain and sandwich bar which occupies part of the formerly large kitchen.

Tables, for self-service, are provided in the space made available by the rearrangement.

Serving of meals and short orders at the Service Club is no longer contemplated. This service is to be performed by the new cafeteria which is being installed in the former Post Exchange restaurant.

## Marine Ace Crashes Trying for 26th Kill

Guadalcanal (CNS)—Lt. Robert N. Hanson, of Newtonville, Mass., Marine flying ace credited with downing 25 Jap planes, was killed near Rabaul, New Britain, Feb. 3, while trying for his 26th, a mark that would have tied him with Maj. Joe Foss and Maj. Greg Boyington, the two top air aces of this war.

Lt. Hanson went on his last mission the day before his 24th

birthday. His plane struck water after a strafing dive, however, and the gasoline tank burst into flame. His body was not recovered.

An ex-night club bouncer, Hanson downed his first Zero last August after he had put 25 hours flying experience in Corsairs. While covering the landing of American forces in Bougainville on Nov. 1, he bagged three more and was downed himself. He spent six hours in a rubber boat before he was rescued by a destroyer. Later he shot down 14 Zeros in six weeks, including four in one day.



Oil splattered and dirty is GI Pete,  
A guy you can see on any street;  
Unkept, unshaven, a shirt with one button,  
That's GI Pete, who don't know from nuthin'.

## Bagpipes 'Down Under'



Piper William J. Sands of Newcastle, N. S. W., shows young Lillian Marr of Merrylands how to play the pipes. The two appeared at a Highland gathering held at the sports ground in Sydney.

## Class in Social Dancing at Hays USO

The class in social dancing was scheduled to be resumed at the Hays USO Center at 8 p.m. Friday, February 25, under Miss Elizabeth Barbour, athletic instructor on the staff of the Fort Hays State College. Classes will meet regularly each Friday thereafter. Mrs. Kathryn O'Loughlin McCarthy, junior hostess chairman, invites all soldiers to come and learn to dance.

## Aviation Cadet Wins Free Telephone Call

The free telephone call home, a weekly feature of the 5 to 6 p. m. Sunday bingo party at the Hays USO, was won last Sunday by an aviation cadet at Fort Hays State College, Billy R. Drew. His call was to Houston, Tex. Other prizes also mark the weekly party.

Fur coats made from the skins of Australian water rats, which defy comparison with mink, have been sold in London for as high as the equivalent of \$400 each.

## Party for Officers Of Bomb Group

A tribute to Col. and Mrs. Richard H. Carnmichael and officers of Col. Carnmichael's command, the 462nd Bombardment Group, will be paid at a party in the Officers Club Saturday night, Mar. 4. Attending will be officers of the 462nd, the 303rd Service Group and the Base Complement and their ladies. The WAAF band will furnish music.

## 6 Orchestra Dances Slated at Hays USO

Six dances with the WAAF dance band furnishing music are scheduled at the Hays USO in March, in addition to informal juke box dances and the class in social dancing conducted every Friday evening.

The dances will be held every Wednesday in March, on the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, and on two Saturday nights, those of the 18th and 25th.

In 1782 George Washington founded the Purple Heart and conferred it upon soldiers of the Revolutionary war. It was the first insignia of valor awarded by this country to rank and file soldiers as contrasted with officers.

**PICK IT UP!**  
**An Unclean Area**  
**Is Like**  
**A Dirty Face**



# War At a Glance

By Sgt. Morris Bernfeld

**HOME FRONT** — President Roosevelt vetoed the new tax bill, stigmatizing it as one for the greedy, not for the needy, but he thereby stirred a political eruption not witnessed in Washington in many a month. Sen. Barkley resigned as majority leader of the upper house in protest against the language of the veto message, and Rep. Doughton, chairman of the house ways and means committee, denounced the president's course. On Thursday, the following day, Sen. Barkley was re-elected as majority leader and the house passed the measure over the president's veto, three to one. Similar action by the senate was forecast.

**ENGLAND:** The ever mounting fury of the air attack against Germany reached a new high this week. In one of the attacks, 5,000 planes flew over Germany within 36 hours. These planes were based on England and Italy. Aircraft factories, fighter and bomber bases all over Germany were the targets. The Nazis showered incendiary bombs on London several nights this week.

**ITALY:** The Anzio beachhead below Rome has developed into an artillery duel. After several attempts to dislodge our forces with massed tank attacks, the Nazis have resorted to heavy artillery. Our air superiority over the beachhead has diminished. Concentrated enemy anti-aircraft batteries have tipped the scales. The Cassino battle is still a matter of slow advances from one nest to another. Both sides have entrenched themselves in whatever buildings are left standing or afford some cover.

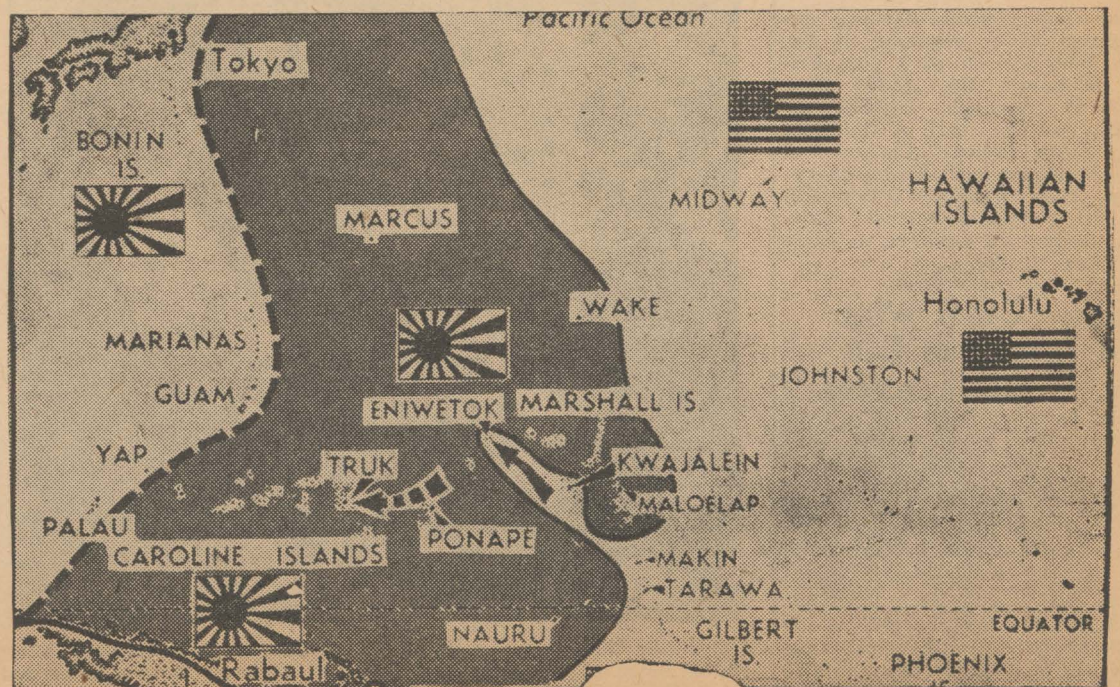
**RUSSIA:** Krivoi Rog, the great iron center in the southern Ukraine, has been retaken by the Russians. This is a severe blow to the Nazis. Besides relieving Hitler of a source of much needed iron, the capture of Krivoi Rog puts the Russians in a good position to encircle a greater force than the one wiped out in the Cherkasy pocket. In the north, Russian troops are within 20 miles of Pskov, the gateway to Estonia and Latvia.

**SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:** Rabaul, Jap stronghold on New Britain, was bombed again. Observers report decreased Jap strength in this area. Truk, strong naval outpost in the Caroline Islands, was raided in a surprise attack by sea and air. Two hundred one planes and 19 ships were destroyed by our forces. That was another installment on our payment for Pearl Harbor.



Geologists say that Sicily and Southern Italy once were joined together. Nature separated them ages ago and for centuries blood has been spilled in military and political efforts to rejoin them. General Eisenhower, in crossing the Strait of Messina, followed the footsteps of the Romans, Roger the Norman and Garibaldi. Sicily, two miles away from the mainland, is the grainery of the ancient world and, as the home of Ceres, the mythical birthplace of agriculture. Today it is a combination orchard-vineyard, a garden of citrus fruits, grapes and olives. Southern Italy, mostly farmland, is nearly bald of forests. But its ragged mountain peaks have surprised even those Yanks from the Rockies, for there the fighting is vertical warfare—up one mountain after another. In Italy "over the top" means "over the mountain top."

## Where Japan's Pacific Control Is Challenged



# Talladay Retains His Physical Fitness Crown

## Betters Previous Score by 11 Points; Gogniat Second

T/Sgt. Burrell Talladay retained the unofficial title of Physical Fitness champion of the Base Complement in the periodical tests which were completed this week.

In doing so he bettered his previous score by 11 points, pushing it up to 85 from 74. He did 85 situps and 20 pullups and did the shuttle run on the Rec Hall floor in 49 seconds.

Second, with a score of 73, was Cpl. Gogniat, who had 96 situps, 12 pullups, and a time of 53 seconds for the run.

PFC Floyd Mosier the Minnesota Kid, was third. He registered 90 situps, six pullups, and ran the shuttle course in 51 seconds to obtain a score of 70.

## 3-time All-American Serving in 2nd War

Jacksonville, Fla.—It has been 28 years since Eddie Mahan, the Harvard football immortal and the only fullback to gain All-America recognition for three consecutive years from the late Walter Camp, was the toast of intercollegiate athletics. But during most of the ensuing time, that former allround star has been actively engaged in one or the other of the sports he excelled in as a youth.

Now past the half-century mark, Mahan is serving in his second world war as a lieutenant-commander at the huge Jacksonville Naval Air Station, where he is the chief athletic officer.

The only noticeable physical change almost three decades have made in the once-dashing Eddie is his added weight. He now is well over the 200-mark. When he was starring for the 1913-15 Harvard teams that lost only one game—to Cornell — he was a 165-pound stripling.

## Santa Anita Park To Be Prison Camp

Los Angeles—Santa Anita park, one of the world's finest horse racing plants, is about to become a prison camp for captured German soldiers.

The park has been used recently as an Army ordnance training center and formerly served as a replacement center for Japanese. Santa Anita has not had racing since Pearl Harbor.

If the six gallons of liquor which the sheriff poured down the courthouse drain yesterday were anything like some of the stuff we have been hearing about, we taxpayers are going to have a big plumbing bill on our hands.—Garden City Telegram.

# Sports



Davis of the 303rd (left foreground) tosses a perfect one in Monday night's game with the Base team. The 303rd won, 41 to 31.

Official AAF Photo by Cpl. Mason

## WARMIN' THE BENCH

by Sgt. Frank de Blois

CNS Sports Correspondent

Tex O'Rourke, the famous old promoter, trainer, referee, beak-breaker and long distance talking champion, tells this one about the very first fight he ever had in his life. Tex was 17 years old at the time. He stood six feet, two inches tall and weighed 200 pounds with a salami sandwich in each hand.

"My opponent looked as big as a house," recalls Tex, who looks as big as a barn himself. "All I could think of was to hit him first and I inched forward on the edge of the stool so that I could spring into instant action. The bell rang and I was across the ring in four steps. He had hardly reached his feet when I let go a short right which landed solidly on his jaw and knocked him clean out of the ring."

"The fight was over, but it wasn't until later on that I discovered that the clanging of the bell was not the start of the bout at all but merely the signal for the announcer to come through the ropes to introduce us."

Fritzie Zivic, the dish-nosed old welterweight who fought most of his bouts with his thumb in the other guy's eye, is service-bound. This is bad news for Tojo because

to an old cauliflower commando like Fritzie, jiu jitsu holds fewer terrors than mah jong. The first Jap who mixes it with Zivic will get the old elbow, knee and eye-thumb treatment so fast he'll think he tackled a giant squid.

Marshall Tito's hard-boiled Yugoslav Partisans ain't sport fans. Informed recently that the collaborationist Croatian football team was enroute to Zagreb to play the Hungarian champions, the Partisans shelled the Zagreb-Belgrade railway, spreading Axis-minded football players all over the landscape.

Here's the newest big league draft boxscore: Latest major leaguers classified 1A are Paul (Dizzy) Trout, who won 20 games for the Detroit Tigers last year; Big Bill Lee, former pitching ace of the Chicago Cubs; Joe Beggs, Cincinnati relief star, and Pete Suder, Athletics' infielder. Emil (Dutch) Leonard, Washington knuckleballer; Al Smith, Cleveland southpaw, and Bronko Nagurski, Chicago Bears' fullback, have been classified 4F.

## Shooting by Davis Features Victory Of 303rd Team

Sparked by the accurate shooting of "Deadeye" Davis, a team from the 303rd Service Group turned on a team from the Base Squadron in the second half Monday night and won, 41 to 31.

At half time the Base was leading 21 to 11. Using substitutes freely, the 303rd put on the pressure and wore out the foe. Beautiful shots by Davis for the winners and by Treherne for the Base, featured the game.

## Anti-Climax

On Tuesday night the 303rd team invaded Hays to play Fort Hays College. It came back to the Base on the short end of an 80 to 26 score. Details of the contest were not readily available.

Babe Ruth can still cut the old cake. Celebrating his 50th birthday at his home in New York recently, the great man spaded a big hunk out of his birthday cake. Then the cake slipped from the table and landed, frosty side down, with a squashy plop on the floor.



Official AAF Photo by Cpl. Mason

Cpl. Jerry Shames instructs a group in rudiments of fencing at the initial session of the class. Sessions are being held in Rec Hall at 7 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, and 2 p.m. Sundays.

### Her Sons Taken



With five sons in the army, Mrs. Margaret Stull, above, of Los Angeles who is blind, had as her only guide her dog, Queenie. Her fifth son, Walter, 19, was her support until he was drafted in November. She is living at a mission where efforts were being made to obtain Walter's release. The other four sons are overseas.



Official AAF Photo by Cpl. Selm

SGT. HAROLD EPSTEIN

### Medic Detachment Sergeant Named King for a Day

King for a Day this week is the clerk of the Medical Detachment, Sgt. Harold Epstein, of the Bronx, New York City.

For nine years before he entered the Army a year ago, Sgt. Epstein was connected with Radio City Music Hall. When he left he was chief usher, with 125 men under his supervision.

That's all behind him for good, he thinks, for he says, "I've had enough of the show business. After the war I hope to go into business for myself."

Sgt. Epstein was inducted at training at Kerns, Utah, and came to Walker Field last April by way of Salt Lake City.

The Sergeant is married and lives with his wife in Hays.

### The Finance Officer Has Your Bond Please Bring Cash

WAVE: "Haven't I always been fair to you?"  
Sailor: "Yes, but I want you to be fair and warmer."

A Kansas gal is furious. Her boy friend, in Australia, has written her about the Aussie gals. "You should see these babies below the equator," was the way he wrote it.

### 'Silenced' Jap Blockhouse Blows Up After Capture



Cautious Marines direct an uninjured Japanese away from his blockhouse on Namur island, Kwajalein atoll, after an explosion rocked the structure 36 hours after it had been believed silenced. Four Japs of the 20 inside escaped the explosion. (AP Wirephoto from Marine Corps)

## Invasion of Kiska And Bob Hope Show Sunday and Monday

The Army-Navy Magazine again dishes up something really worthwhile in "Kiska" and "Command Performance", which comprise the release slated for Sunday and Monday, Feb. 27 and 28, as part of the program in the Base Theater.

In "Kiska", Amphibian Task Force Number 9 approaches the fog-bound island of Kiska, the men's trigger fingers ready for the Japs holed up in the hills. But the Japs turn out to be the little men who weren't there.

First-wave cameras give you a look at the island just as the Japs left it. For the first time here's a Jap installation not demolished by American gunfire—barracks, food, clothing and equipment. And here are the Americans landing and beginning the job which makes Kiska the farthestmost American installation on the Aleutian chain.

Like to go to a broadcast? Well—here's your chance. The most popular G. I. radio program—Command Performance. And it's a pip of a show. Bob Hope, funnier than ever, is master of ceremonies and has the pleasure of introducing such luscious stars as Betty Hutton, Lana Turner and Judy Garland. All of them, in top form, give out in response to requests from American fighting-men everywhere.

## Sergeant's Wife Asks Combat Job for Him

Washington (CNS)—The War Department has received this letter from a sergeant's wife:

"Please have someone transfer my husband into some place where he can do some fighting instead of sitting around in some useless branch of the service such as the one in which he now is.

"My husband is over six feet high and weighs 190 pounds and spent years practicing all kinds of shooting and fighting. But in the Army they always give him desk jobs because he was seven years in college and university. Please fix all that and don't let them make him company clerk."

## The Old Trading Post

WANTED—To buy, a portable radio for soldier in hospital. Call Russell 566 or 298.

LOST—Pair of black leather gloves, on Feb. 22, in or near Service Club. Marked W-8209. Finder please return to Special Services Office.

FOUND—Pair of glasses, in Rec Hall. Owner may obtain same at Special Services Office.

## The Finance Officer Has Your Bond Please Bring Cash



**OUT OF THE MUD** on Thursday afternoon daintily stepped Babette, a babe from the vicinity of Ellis. She breathed deeply of the warm air, so inviting of spring, poised herself for a moment at the Walker Field swimming pool, shivered, and as daintily tripped into warmer Rec Hall, where waited Cpl. Howard Sharpley—with a wrap.

## Speaking of Pigs!

A farmer sold a pig to a neighbor. A few days later he chanced to pass the neighbor's place and saw a little boy sitting on the edge of the pigpen, watching the new occupant.

"Howdy, Johnny," said he. "How's your pig today?" "Oh, pretty well, thank you," replied the boy. "How's all your folks?"

## Plan Flood Holland

London, England — German occupation authorities in the Netherlands are prepared to counter any Allied invasion in that quarter by blasting open the country's famous dikes and flooding vast lowland areas, Dutch sources have disclosed. The plan was said to call for turning the waters of the sea and streams loose over entire towns, leaving the Dutch to shift for themselves.

## Air-Wacs Replace Tactical Unit at Colorado Springs

Colorado Springs, Colo.—An entire tactical unit of enlisted men, now destined for eventual overseas service, has been replaced by Air-Wacs at Headquarters Second Air Force, Colorado Springs.

On duty 24 hours every day, including Sundays and holidays, are 125 members of the WAC detachment, now assigned to handle all incoming and outgoing messages, including radio. Some of the women who now care for an average of 35,000 messages a month are graduates of Army specialists' schools, but most of them were trained on the job.

Supervisory jobs are held by enlisted men acting as section chiefs; the women do all the rest of the work in the Communications-Signal Section. They receive, record, file, deliver and transmit all incoming and outgoing messages.

They represent many states. Among them are Pvt. Zora E. Waddell, Memphis, Tenn., a clerk in the message center. Her son, PFC Charles H. Paseur, is with the Marines.

Cpl. Helen M. Harrington of East Providence, R. I., and Cpl. Hildegard M. Reiderer of Manitowac, Wis., are in the message center, where Pvt. Doris M. Moore of Rosebud, S. D., also is a clerk. Cpl. Melba Newman of Mercedes, Tex., is a teletype operator.

Cpl. Rose E. Harris of Santa Fe, N. M., and Pvt. Dorothy E. Bice of Palatka, Fla., are radio mechanics.

Cpl. Mary Corum of Stockton, Calif., and Cpl. Agnes Zofay of Unino, N. J., are radio operators.

A soldier got a letter from his wife containing a sketch of their car's instrument panel. "This is the exact way the dashboard looks," she wrote. "Do we need a quart of oil?"

## Father of 7 to Army

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 24—(AP)—Eddie Deuel, 35, father of seven sons ranging in age from one month to 12 years, has been ordered to report March 6 for induction into the armed forces.

## LIFE SAVERS



CAREFULLY EXAMINE areas where you suspect traps have been placed for trip and tension wires or disturbed surfaces of the ground.



BEFORE ENTERING a building try and find a window or some opening through which you can get the 'lay of the land' for possible traps.

# Chaplain's Message

## The Christian's Uniform

Class "A" uniform is the order for Chapel services. With reverence toward the house of worship—God's house—we want to present our best appearance outwardly as well as inner preparation when we enter His presence.



Official AAF Photo by S-Sgt. Fist

CHAPLAIN GEO. M. HICKEY

## Hickey Is First Catholic Army Chaplain at Base

The first Catholic Army chaplain to be assigned to Walker Field is Chaplain George M. Hickey, who is on duty in the Base Chapel for all Catholic personnel of the Base.

Up to the present time the Catholic personnel have been cared for through the work of Fr. Richard Bolling of St. Joseph's Monastery, Hays.

Young, vigorous Chaplain Hickey is a native of Erie, Pa., where he was born June 25, 1914. He was ordained from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., for the diocese of Erie, on May 2, 1940. From then until Jan. 1, 1943, he was at St. Leo's Parish at Ridgeway.

Chaplain Hickey attended Chaplain's school at Harvard University in January, 1943, and was assigned to Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash., the following month. Last November he was transferred to Peterson Field, Colorado Springs.

Now assigned to the 500th Bombardment Group, he is on temporary duty with the 462nd.

## \$1,590 for \$2 Is Big Daily Double

Miami, Fla. — (ALNS — The largest daily double pay-off of the Florida season was paid off at Hialeah Park when 33 two-dollar ticket holders were paid \$1,590.30 each after 35-to-1 shot Bygones won the first race and Speed Streak won the second at 7½ to 1, on February 5.

\* The Apostle Paul has outlined for us the spiritual uniform we should wear. Using the uniform of a Roman soldier as an example, he tells us to "put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Also, "having your loins girt about with truth"; "with the breastplate of righteousness"; "our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace"; above all, "taking the shield of faith, where-with we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one." Take the "helmet of salvation," and the "sword of the spirit, which is the word of God"; "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all believers."

The period of Lent is a most suitable one for all Christians to exercise devoutness, prayer, Bible reading, group worship and self-denial. We have entered the service of our country to fight for freedom and justice. The battle for righteousness needs soldiers, too. Obedience to God's commands will achieve victory over all the forces of evil.

BASE CHAPLAIN.

## WAC's Have Same Uniform Rules as GI's

Washington — Regulations for the wearing of the uniform by members of the Women's Army Corps now are the same as those governing the wearing of the Army uniform by men, the War Department announced this week.

The uniform now is worn by all individuals in the WAC at all times, whether on or off duty. Just as in the case of men in the Army, Wacs may wear sports clothing when engaged in games and they may wear civilian dress when dining at home with not more than two guests.

## Flying "Klompen" For Dutch Pilots

Jackson, Miss. — (ALNS) — The B-25 Billy Mitchells and the P-40 Warhawks being flown by pilots of the Royal Netherlands Military Flying School here, are being decorated with an insignia designed by Walt Disney. The insignia consists of a gremlin sitting at the business end of a machine gun, drawn to resemble an airplane in flight.

Since 1930, more than 46,000,000 adult Chinese have taught themselves to read and write by studying basic Chinese, whose 1,000 characters, chosen from the 25,000 in current use, can be learned in 96 hours.



## CHAPEL CORNER

JOHN S. HOLCOMB  
Base Chaplain

GEORGE M. HICKEY  
Catholic Chaplain

HAVEN N. DAVIS  
Service Group Chaplain

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
(Class A uniform at all chapel services)

### Catholic Services

Mass, Sunday morning .....0830  
Mass, Sunday morning .....1130  
Mass, Sunday evening .....1800  
Mass, daily .....1800  
Confessions Saturday .... 1600 to 2100 and before all masses

### Protestant Services

Morning Worship, Sunday ....1000  
Vesper Services, Sunday .....1900  
Bible Study, Wed. evening .....1900

### Jewish Services

Friday evening .....1900  
Sunday afternoon .....1300

### SERVICE GROUP SERVICES Chaplain Haven N. Davis

Service Group personnel are invited to attend Protestant services which will be held in the hutment area.

Sunday Morning Worship .....1000  
Sunday Evening Sing and Discussion Hour .....1900  
Wednesday Evening Sing and Bible Hour .....2000

## 'Zebra' Jeep Guides Planes in Landing

McClellan Field, California—Zebra jeeps, whose broad black and white stripes loom up sharply before an incoming pilots' eyes, are being used at McClellan Field as guides of the airplane parking lots.

The "zebras," regular Army jeeps, are fast and can dart out of the way of taxiing planes as they lead them to their allotted spaces on the parking mat. The broad black and white stripes can be seen readily by day or night.

The new use for the versatile jeep is hailed by Army officials at McClellan Field as a big improvement over the slow-moving and clumsy olive drab tugs, which had to be steered with one hand while the driver held the black and white checkered flag in the other.

Before the war more enameled cast iron sinks were made than all other kinds combined.

## Short Soldier



It's tough to see in a barracks mirror if you're as short as Pvt. John N. Roberts, right, of Thalia, Tex., 4-foot 10-inch soldier stationed at Foster Field, Tex., AAF training command advanced fighter pilot school.

## Medic-O-Scope

The following information is secret, confidential, and restricted. This is but one humble culprit's opinion and does not represent the views or sentiments of the medics. All characters and persons herewith portrayed are not fictitious or imaginary.

It's all in a day's work. Sleep, deep sleep, wondrous sleep: how disturbing it is to hear the shrill, screeching voice of a C. Q. blasting, "All up" at the unholy hour of 0530. Only the ambitious youth will leap to dress—how little ambition! As the last howl fades, we doze off. There is still another signal to wake us and that is the staccato call of the sergeant number one who greets us with, "Let's Go!"

What a frenzy he causes among our stout hearted medics! It's a treat to see how animated soldiers can get in such a short space of time. One reason to account for this, is that failure to answer roll call calls for a restriction, or perhaps it's the eagerness to do the calisthenics that follow, led by the commands of Sgt. Shannon, "The next exercise will done in the following hanna."

Whatever the curses wished upon daily exercises, they're an awakener, or is it the smell of chow that gives us that twinkle in our eye and makes our stomachs do tricks?

By the way...who is chow hound number one of the medics, anyway?

George Washington's birthday—and the Medics' Ball. The mess hall was transformed into a nature lover's paradise; the barren tables and linoleum floors were turned into blossoming shrubs, shady trees and a black marble dance floor lit by a beaming full moon. Can't a fella use his imagination? Anyway, it was elegant. Was it not? We rate the dance as Excellent, Excellent. Our thanks go to the boys of the Band for the fine music and to Miss Forbes, Service Club hostess, for the large attendance of girls.

Never did think that First Sgt. Malloy was a Mars in valor, Apollo in song or a very Eros in love, but unexpected things do happen. Did you by chance see him tuggle with Miss Forbes part of the P. M.?

Deliciously sweet mood, Willy Moore. It couldn't be the beer, could it?

Never thought of Ed Suplee as that sort of G. I. you'll hear whistle at a girl as she strolls down the street, but he's a wolf.

Sure bet: If a medic were stranded on a deserted island and on it floated a woman on a barrel, and the conversation followed this trend, this would be the outcome: Lady: How long have you been stranded here?

Medic: About nine months.

Lady: Gosh! Then I'm going to give you something you haven't had in a long time.

Medic: You don't mean to say you have beer in that barrel?

So sorry. Please, please excuse.

Great wars have been fought and new lands discovered as a result of the spice trade.



## Reunion in 303rd Sergeant Finds He Served With C.O. in World War I

In the military career of Sgt. William G. Furgason, both in this and the last war, probably the most unique event of all was suddenly to find he was serving with the same officer in this war as he was in the last.

With the 81st Division "Wildcats" in World War I, both Col. H. W. Shel mire (then a Captain) and Sgt. Furgason served on many fronts. Today Col. Shel mire and Sgt. Furgason are again in the same outfit. Col Shel mire is Commanding officer of the 303rd Service Group (Sp), and Sgt. Furgason, 43, is a member of the 73rd Materiel Squadron, of the same Group.

William Furgason, between wars, was a mail man in Harlan, Ky., which kept him in good trim for Army routine. Asked why he joined the Army again, Furgason said: "With my son, Sgt. Lewis Furgason, in the Marines in the Solomons invasion, I figured there was no use of me sticking around, so on April 22, 1934, I joined up to get in the thing again." Furgason has three other sons, William, age 15; Thomas, 11; Miles, 9; and a 17-year-old daughter, Martha.

In World War I, Bill was in the Philippines, Shanghai, Vladivostok, Siberia, and Northern Germany, over a period of two years. He was in the Army only a month when he was shipped overseas and he got into a company of old timers. A lot of adjusting followed, according to Furgason.

One scene Sgt. Furgason vividly recalls: the Moro people in the Philippines, eating rotten eggs. "They take duck eggs and bury 'em in the ground for about a month. Then they take 'em out of the ground and boil 'em to eat. I don't think I'll ever forget that."

A lot has happened since the Sergeant saw people eating rotten eggs. Right now, however, the most important thing, Furgason maintains, is sweating out his son's furlough from the Solomons, so

they can get together down there in Camp Taylor, Ky., (their home) and talk the whole thing over.

Bill has been in "hot" outfits four different times since his present enlistment, but each time something has turned up to thwart his chances of going back across. When a member of the Combat M. P's. he hiked 120 miles from Augusta, Ga., to Greenville for POE training, only to break his knee cap. While in the hospital, the outfit left the country, and Bill was out of luck for the fourth time.

Sgt. Furgason is still waiting—to get back in the fight, and to see his son, Sgt. Lewis Furgason.

### Legal Assistance

Legal Assistance Officer located in Base Headquarters will assist military personnel and their dependents in legal problems.

### PICK IT UP!

An Unclean Area  
Is Like  
A Dirty Face

## Best Mess Plaque Won by 32nd Bomb Maintenance Sqd.

The mess hall of the 32nd Bomb Maintenance Squadron last week climbed from fifth place in the previous week's ratings to capture first place and possession of the Best Mess Plaque for a week.

The mess hall of the 31st dropped from first place to third, while the 30th slipped from second place to fifth. The 29th rose from third to second.

The Medics continued in first place in Barracks and Latrine ratings, but the Base Squadron slid from second place into seventh spot.

Ratings follow:

MESS HALLS	
32nd Bomb Maint. ....	92.2
29th Bomb. Maint. ....	88.6
31st Bomb. Maint. ....	88.1
Hospital Mess ....	88.0
30th Bomb. Maint. ....	87.8
500th BHQ and AB Sqd'n mess (Consolidated) ....	87.0
Officer's Mess ....	85.4
Civilian Mess ....	84.1
Post Exchange—Closed.	
Service Club—Closed.	

### BARRACKS & LATRINES

Medical Detachment ....	91.3
769th Bomb. Sqd'n ....	90.5
771st Bomb. Sqd'n ....	89.1
768th Bomb. Sqd'n ....	88.7
770th Bomb. Sqd'n ....	86.8
B. O. Q. ....	86.3
500 BHQ and AB Sqd'n ....	85.8
303rd Service Group ....	80.5

## Lots of Brass Out to Dinner

Washington, D. C.—(ALNS)—With an array of speakers that included Gen. George C. Marshall, Admiral Ernest L. King, Rear Admiral Emory L. Land, Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War Ralph A. Bard and National Commander Warren H. Atherton of The American Legion as speakers, the Mayflower Hotel here bristled with brass and gold braid in Thursday, February 3. There were 16 admirals and 17 generals seated at the the head table, and the addresses went over the air on a national broadcast.

The occasion was a dinner tendered the Army and Navy Departments and members of Congress by National Commander Atherton of the American Legion. All of the speakers made it known that they were in favor of a national service law, which would as definitely place civilians behind the war effort as are those in uniform.

Cellar, basement or attic stairs often are dangerous on account of inability of users to distinguish the steps or railing in dim light. Painting the edges of the treads and the railways of such stairways white will help to prevent accidents which might have serious effects.

President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the national capitol in Washington, D. C., September 18, 1793.

# MEET THE HELLDIVER

**S**WIFT enough to keep up with speedy fighter escort, the Navy's new dive bomber, the Helldiver, made its combat debut with a smashing victory over the Japanese. It carries a greater bomb load faster and farther than any other dive bomber. What can be revealed is charted.

**FOLDING TURTLEBACK FOR GREATER VISIBILITY AND FIELD OF FIRE.**

**FOLDING WING**

**IMPROVED FLAPS**

**3-BLADED PROPELLER**

**HIGH-OUTPUT ENGINE**

**BOMB LOAD IN BELLY**

AP Features

## Eisenhower Lauded By Nazi Publication

Madrid (CNS)—Gen. Eisenhower is the subject of a laudatory article appearing in the current issue of the Munich newspaper, Neueste Nachrichten, a Nazi publication with wide circulation.

In the article, which has been circulated here, the Allied commander is described as a man of athletic appearance, with a well-formed head and jaw showing "great will" and as man "whom his countrymen would call a hero." The article also praises Gen. Eisenhower's personality and ability without a single disparaging comment.

## Yank Patrol of 7 Men Wipes Out 25 Germans

Italy (CNS)—Seven Americans killed 25 Germans behind the enemy lines during the height of the fight around the Anzio beachhead in one of the bloodiest patrol actions seen since the war in Italy began.

Three of the Americans returned to their own lines uninjured after the action, bringing two of their injured companions with them. The other two Yanks were killed.

Cpl. Richard Fisco, of New York, leader of the group, said that of the 25 Nazis killed, eight were in foxholes, 12 were in a ditch, three were manning a machine gun nest hidden in a haystack and two tried to rush the Yanks. The Americans used grenades to wipe them out, said Fisco.

## Some Advice to Soldiers On Writing Letters Home

A mildly humorous syndicated column written by a Christopher Bilopp recently proffered the following advice to servicemen in writing letters home:

In writing a letter to his family a soldier (or, for that matter, a sailor or marine) can save much valuable time and labor by observing a few simple rules as follows:

Do not begin the letter with "Dear Mother and Father," which is unnecessarily long. Address them as "Dear Folks."

Do not date the letter. If your parents wish to know when it was written they can look at the post-office cancellation.

If you are uncertain of the spelling of a word do not waste time trying to find somebody who can spell. Just spell the word the best you know how and after it write—"sp?"

Do not write out the name of, nor the time of, the day. It is sufficient to say "Sat. Nite," "Tue. Morn," or "Fri. A. M.," or "Thur. P. M."

Do not bother about such unnecessary trimmings as dotting "i's," crossing "t's" or putting periods at the end of sentences.

On no account reread the letter in search of careless mistakes. This may result in your having to add letters, and sometimes whole words which you omitted. After all, you are not trying to pass an examination in English.

Do not close the letter with such lengthy phrases as "I remain, affectionately yours." When you have said all you have to say, just add the word "love."

Do not bother to sign your whole Christian name, whether it be "Adolphus" or "James." Just make it "A." or "J." If in addition to the misspelled words, you add a few ink blots, the family is pretty certain to guess whom the letter is from.

Follow these rules and you should have enough time and en-

ergy left to pen a few lines to aunts, uncles or grandparents thanking them for money they have sent you, so that they will be encouraged to send some more.

Christopher Bilopp.

## Taylor Gets Wings

New Orleans, La.—(ALNS)—Lt. (jg) Robert Taylor, of the films, got his wings and an instructor's certificate from the U. S. Navy Air Station here.

## Even the Beer Explodes in London

London (CNS)—GIs in London have encountered a phenomenon here they never ran into back home in Sioux Falls, S. D.—exploding beer glasses. More than one thirsty American has seen a waitress set a big glass of brew before him and then seen the glass blow up in his face.

Experts explain that this strange occurrence is not due to the beer, which isn't explosive, but to defective glasses. Over-toughened, they fly to pieces on contact with a warm table.

It's very disconcerting.



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RESPONSIBLE for the upkeep of Walker Field grounds is this crew of the Post Engineer. Left to right, standing: Alphonse V. Weigel, foreman; Ferdinand Weigel, John R. Brungardt, Alex Schoenberger, Bill P. Dreiling, Mike Copp, Bill P. Reidel, Edmund Pfeifer, Frank J. Dreiling, Anton Kuhn; front row, left to right: Wilmer W. Dinkel, Alvin P. Sander, Alvin R. Sander, Sylvanius Basgall, Alfred Boos and Morris Wade.

## P-47, Former Ugly Duckling, Stands Out as Pursuit Queen

The ugly duckling is quite a war-bird in the skies over Europe now.

The P-47 Thunderbolt—that un-gainly child of American engineering genius once criticized as too fat, too heavy and too much for one man to handle—today challenges the Spitfire for the title of pursuit queen of the skies, accord-

ing to an Associated Press account from London.

Their tails used to come off during test flights, but since going into action in Europe, they've shot the tails off 657 Nazi planes against a loss of 186, to compile one of the most remarkable records of the war.

During the past six weeks, starting with Jan. 1, Thunderbolts have been fighting hundreds of miles from home bases over unfriendly territory, and have shot down 223 German planes for a loss of comparatively few American craft.

Not since the battle of Britain has such a lopsided sky score been compiled.

It is all the more remarkable, because during the battle of Britain, the victories were scored largely against poorly defended bombers, by fighters often within sight of their own bases. The Thunderbolt victories have been scored almost exclusively against German Fighters attacking bomber formations deep in Germany.

Two years ago, American fighter planes were the most controversial weapons of the war. The now-obsolete P-40s and the Airacobras failed to impress as pursuit craft. Then came the American Lightnings and Mustangs. Finally the Thunderbolt arrived, and she has compiled the best fighter record of the group.

The long-range American fighters have changed the entire concept of air war. Previously, pursuit ships were looked upon as primarily a defensive weapon. But the range of the American Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs have carried the war to the enemy and made them offensive weapons.

The Thunderbolts, designed for high altitude work, are equipped with superchargers. It was first believed their performance would fall off so sharply under 20,000 feet that they would be of little use for any other task except to escort bombers or as the top-level escort for other fighters.

However in the Mediterranean theater, playful Thunderbolt pilots returning from escorting missions which had been dull, scooted down and started shooting up trains, trucks and transports in Italy. They found the great firepower and the heavy armament of the Thunderbolts made a formidable strafing weapon. And the tremendous power of the P-47's radial 2,000-horsepower engine enabled them to deal effectively with German fighters at the lower levels.

As a result, Thunderbolts now are being used in close support work both in Italy and across the English channel. Their pilots also started carrying bombs on Adriatic shipping sweeps.

Thus, partly by accident, partly by design and partly by necessity was born an all-round aircraft, a great fighter which can bomb, strafe and fight at low levels. And all of this is wrapped up in a range which can carry the fight to the enemy in the stratosphere over Germany.

## Group Headquarters

**SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED:** A walk into Group operations office these days is like walking into a beehive—so much activity there. What with the Flight Control Section now in operation, it seems that the section is threatening to become the all seeing eye as regards Group airplanes, particularly those in flight and cross country, thanks to Lt. Col. Potter and Major Murrell who are behind it all—finger tip control over planes.

**DANCE:** We had a very nice time at the dance in Ellis Monday evening (Red Cross). Music was furnished by WAAF with Johnnie Chambers of Ellis executing superbly on the ivories. S-Sgt.'s Nossler and R. T. Benson were present—having a wonderful time—right? Also S-Sgt. (M.A.O.) O'Hoy.

**MISC:** Cpl. Bill Moore is a stay at home now; used to be quite the traveler. Pay-day may interrupt all of this, Bill... Sgt. Eddy Mangello is on the sick list. Could be all of that K. P. at the USO. They miss ya, Ed... Sgt. Frank Lawson is now associated with S-3, also Jackie McCrea who is getting along famously;... M-Sgt. Mac A. Randolph recently enjoyed a three-day vacation... M-Sgt. Jimmy Hettrick suggests there should be a clean-up roster for the late afternoon brush-up... T-Sgt. Tony di Meglio, who was known as the "Tivoli Kid" down yonder, is applying his talents now and then to the Personnel section, while Cpl. Neland Longshore and PFC Johnson bravely carry on with big problems in the Message Center.

**TO ALL CONCERNED:** Anyone who happens upon a choice item, please submit material to Group Message Center in care of EHH. With a little aid, perhaps Group Headquarters could par up with the dashing 303rd.

Read  
YANK  
The Army  
Weekly



**LAUGH UPON LAUGH** is piled up by the comedy team of Starke and Dorne, part of the USO Camp Show of the Victory Circuit which will play at Walker Field Friday night, March 3. See story on back page.



Answers to  
**BOB HAWK'S  
YANKWIZ**

1. From the blood on the little key. (The blood wouldn't wash off because the key was a magic one.)
2. Two nickels and five pennies.
3. Grandmother.
4. Eight.
5. Duck.
6. Dog Team.
7. Fifty.
8. Three.
9. b—he could touch his right big toe to his collar bone.
10. Doe.

### Army Has 25 Glove Types

The Army has no fewer than twenty-five different types of gloves. They range from the cotton flannel used in combating malarial mosquitoes to Arctic parka mitts and heavy gauntlets for handling barbed wire.

### Writes To 250 In Services

Greencastle, Pa.—Robert Timmons, aged 14, not only corresponds regularly with 250 service men and women, but also does odd jobs to pay for the stationery and stamps.

### Some Guys Just Don't Give Hoot for Medals

Fame is fleeting. Someone at the San Bernardino (Calif.) Air Field walked out of the ASC Headquarters there, leaving behind him an array of campaign ribbons that represented service in the American theater, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign with one gold star, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with three gold stars.

### Soldiers Can 'Do' London on \$4

Washington—The Army's Special Services Division has joined the Red Cross, the English Speaking Union and other organizations in looking after the entertainment of American service men in London, and one of its offerings is an opportunity to "do the town" for as little as £1, or about \$4, the War Department reveals.

The Special Division's organization, called "Information and Hospitality," will do anything for officers as well as enlisted men from booking theatre or dance tickets to finding dates for them. It also arranges for American men to visit English families in London and elsewhere.

Approximately five billion cans have been thrown into garbage and city dumps during the past year.



# First Victory Circuit Show Billed March 3

## 9 Persons in Cast Of Musicomedy 'All Is Well'

Picture on page 15

First USO-Camp Show of the Victory Circuit to play at Walker Field is scheduled at the base Theater on Friday evening, March 3. It will be the new miniature musicomedy stage hit, ALL IS WELL.

Nine persons compose the cast, as compared to five in most of the shows that have played at Walker Field in the past.

ALL IS WELL is billed as one of the speediest and most colorful revues to be shown this season and is brimful of entertainment and surprise. The accept is upon comedy, dancing and novelty, all done with skillful execution and an ingenious mode of presentation. The comedians are real finds, the eye-filling dancers are showstoppers, the singers swing tunes with plenty of punch and the surprise juggling act is uncanny in dexterity, according to advance notices.

Here are the acts:

- Betty Lee—Acro-dancer.
- Starke & Dorne—Man and woman, singing and comedy dancing.
- Paul Le Paul—Prestidigitator.
- Kayne Sisters—Two jitterbug singers.
- Collins & Peterson—Surprise comedy.
- Edna Mae Kenyon—Xylophonist.
- William Davis—Pianist and musical conductor.

## At The USO's

### Hays

- Every Day**—Snack bar, photo lab, recording machines, all games.
- Friday**—Dancing class at 8.
- Saturday**—Juke box dance, 8 to 11.
- Sunday**—Java hour, 9 to 11 a. m., free coffee, doughnuts; 4 p. m.—Community singing; 6 p. m.—Dancing.
- Wednesday**—Dance with orchestra.

### Russell

- Every Day**—Free coffee and cakes.
- Saturday**—Dance at American Legion Hall; free lodging at night.
- Sunday**—Matinee Party.
- Wednesday**—Dance at American Legion Hall, with band.

Uncle—Well, Johnny, how are you getting on in school?  
 Johnny—Oh, I'm as great as George Washington, now.  
 Uncle—You are, and how is that?  
 Johnny—Well, I went down in history this term.

## The She Wolf



" . . . . and then I resisted—willingly!"

...what's cookin' this week!



- Sunday**—Matinee dance — Russell girls as guests.
- Monday**—Walkerettes meet to "sew" for soldiers, 2:30 p.m.—Please label articles plainly.
- Tuesday**—Dance Class—7:30 (in gym)—Pvt. Hensey.
- Wednesday**—"Sing"—Guitar trio featured.
- Thursday**—Record Club — Commentator—Sgt. Milton Shapiro.
- Friday**—Sweater and fatigue party. Base girls as hostesses,

Fort Hays College Girls as guests.

**Saturday**—Game night.

## At the Library New Books

### Fiction:

- So Little Time by J. P. Marquand
- Equinox by Allan Seager
- Thunder Head by Mary O'Hara
- The Promise by Pearl Buck

### Non-Fiction:

- Myths After Lincoln by Lloyd Lewis
- Four Quartets by T. S. Eliot
- Chicken Every Sunday by Rosemary Taylor
- Spin In, Dumbwhack, by Lt. Richard Ryan

The railroads are carrying 24 per cent more passengers and 55 per cent more freight than they carried in the first World war.

## MOVIES . . .

### Walker Field Theater

- Sat., Feb. 26** — SWINGTIME JOHNNY with Andrews Sisters and Harriet Hilliard. NABONGA with Buster Crabbe, Fifi Dorsey and Barton MacLane.
- Sun.-Mon., Feb. 27-28**—STANDING ROOM ONLY with Fred MacMurray, Paulette Goddard and Roland Young; also RKO Pathe News and Army-Navy Screen Magazine.
- Tues., Feb. 29** — PHANTOM LADY with Franchot Tone, Ella Raines also Terrytoon and Sports Parade.
- Wed., Mar. 1**—FRISCO KID with James Cagney, Margaret Lindsay; also Movietone Adventures, Merrie Melodies and Fitzpatrick Travel talk.
- Thurs.-Fri., Mar. 2-3** — JANE EYRE with Orson Welles and Joan Fontaine also RKO Pathe News and Community Sing.
- Fri., Mar. 3**—ALL IS WELL, USO Camp Show.

## Movies in Town

### Star Theatre

#### HAYS

- Sat., Feb. 26**—OLD MONTEREY with Gene Autry. DOUGHBOYS IN IRELAND with Kenny Baker.
- Sun.-Mon.-Tues., Feb. 27-28-29**—SPOTLIGHT SCANDALS with Bonnie Baker, Billy Gilbert, Frank Fay, and 2 Orchestras. O, MY DARLING CLEMENTINE with Radio's Popular Entertainers.

### Dream Theatre

#### RUSSELL

- Sat., Feb. 26** Arthur Lake and Jane Lawrence in SAILOR'S HOLIDAY — OWL SHOW 11:30 — CALLING DR. DEATH with Lon Chaney and Patricia Morison
- Sun.-Mon.-Tues., Feb. 27-28-29** James Cagney in JOHNNY COME LATELY
- Wed.-Thurs.-Fri., March 1-2-3** GUADALCANAL DIARY with Preston Foster and Lloyd Nolan

### Mecca Theatre

#### RUSSELL

- Sat., Feb. 26** Tex Ritter in ARIZONA TRAIL
- Sun.-Mon.-Tues., Feb. 27-28-29** MY KINGDOM FOR A COOK with Charles Coburn and Isobel Elsom
- Wed.-Thurs., March 1-2** Allen Jones and June Vincent in SING A JINGLE