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Walker Army Air Field

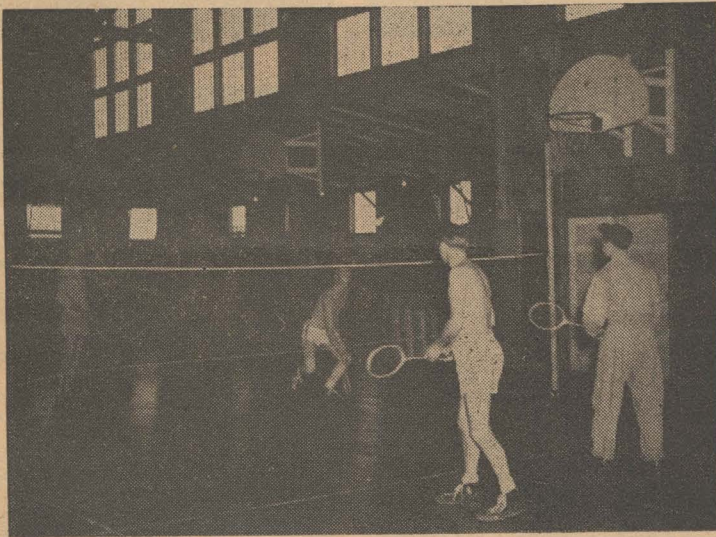
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## Oct. 1 Sees Walker Join ATSC

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**RECREATION PERIOD.** The recreation Hall is one of the most popular spots for athletic minded GIs on the base during off-duty time. Badminton, weightlifting and basketball being the most indulged-in sports.

## Maj. H. C. Smith to Command Walker Under ATSC



Major Harry C. Smith, who will command the field under the ATSC, has a long record of service. As a member of the Eagle Squadron of the Royal Air Forces he fought in the famous battle of Britain. When the U. S. entered the War Major Smith, then a Lieutenant, entered the AAF and saw 16 months of service in the North African Campaign. With his job in the ETO finished he went to the Pacific with the 498th Bomb Sqd., stationed on Saipan.

This long record of service is what Major Smith brings to Walker.

Born in California and attending college in Oregon, Major Smith can well be called a westerner. He thinks there is a bit of difference between the coast and the plains of Kansas.

Major Smith feels that the mission of Walker is of primary importance and that nothing should serve to stop it. He promises all the men a good deal provided that they play ball with him and help him do his job in a proper way.

## Report From Saipan by H. Lasseter

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SERVE IN SILENCE

# Walker Becomes ATSC Base October 1

## Base Will Stay Open Approximately 1 Year; Many Planes To Be Stored

Effective October 1, Walker Army Air Field will become an Air Technical Service Command installation and no longer under the jurisdiction of Second Air Force.

Major Harry C. Smith, who will assume command of the field under ATSC, explained that the primary function of the base from now on will be to process and store B-29 Superfortresses returning to this country from overseas and transferring from other military installations within the Zone of Interior.

He pointed out that the B-29's will be stripped down, combat equipment removed and the planes processed with "pickling" fluid for storage. He added that under the new setup Walker Army Air Field will be recognized along the same lines as a general Army Air Forces' base, but there would necessarily be a number of changes in staff and lower command sections to conform with the ATSC organization.

"With the new mission of the base," Major Smith added, "approximately 600 ATSC personnel will be transferred here plus the 280 some odd enlisted personnel obtained from Second Air Force in the transfer of commands." Together with the officer and enlisted personnel on duty here, Major Smith stressed the fact that approximately 600 civilians would be employed here which is 150 persons more than are employed at Walker Field at the present time. He added that enlisted men stationed at Walker would be allowed to reside of the post which would give an opportunity to many soldiers' wives to work on the post in maintenance and clerical positions.

Major Smith explained that under the new organization the B-29's to be stored here would be flown in from other installations by personnel of the AAF Ferrying Command, who would then return to their home station by rail. He added, however, that there would be a minimum of flying here on the base and that the primary function of the whole organization would be that of maintenance to prepare the airplanes for storage. The B-29's will probably remain in storage at Walker Field at least until next spring. He believed the base would remain open and functioning for at least another year.

In an interview Major Smith explained that he would like to inform the men that he will command that; "I'll promise you a fair and square deal, providing that I get the same thing in return." Continuing his statement, he added, "I expect military courtesy on the base and I want extreme mil-

tary courtesy in the neighboring towns."

He concluded with the message with the regards, "I'll try to give the men of my command all the benefits I can—within reason, but I expect the men to give me everything I ask."

In assuming command of Walker Field the last of this month, Major Smith brings an extensive background of command and Army Air Force experience. A graduate of Oregon University where he was a varsity football letterman, Major Smith was connected with the aircraft engineering division of General Motors Corporation for a number of years. At the outbreak of war in Europe Major Smith joined the Eagle Squadron of the Royal Air Force with which he served 14 months. In April of 1942 he joined the Army Air Force of the United States. Serving 16 months in Africa with the 9th AF, Major Smith returned to the United States and was assigned to the 498th Bomb Group at Great Bend, Kansas.

After extensive training the 498th Group went overseas in 1944 to Saipan as one of the original B-29 Superfortress groups to be based in that Pacific area.

Serving a year in the Pacific Theater of Operations, the Major returned to the United States again and was assigned to duty with the Air Technical Service Command two months ago.

### You Just Must Get One . . .

New York (CNS)—For all you nostalgic fellows who will want something to remember the Army by after discharge, here's just the thing: a sterling silver money clip with a place to snap on one of your dog tags.

The jeweler selling it advertises that the dog tag is "so important a part of (the vet's) life in the service that most men will want to keep it . . . as a lucky pocket piece, as a lifelong memento, as permanent identification, and for its utility value." Only \$6.95, too!

### Interested In An Air Line Job?

The Vocational Guidance Office has a limited number of applications for jobs with various air lines. If interested, visit the I & E Office located in the Special Service Building.

## They Face Trial As War Criminals



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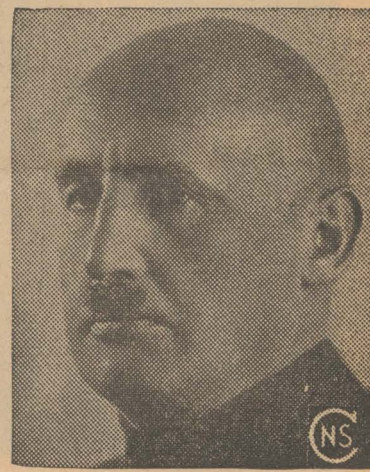
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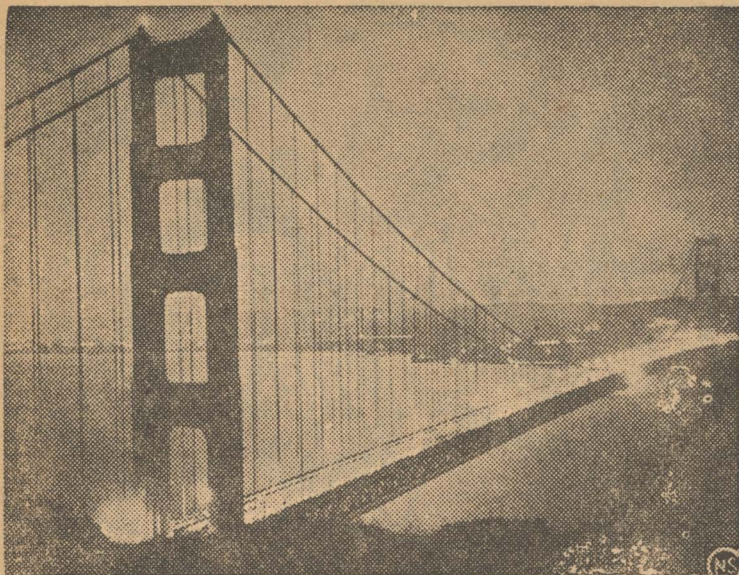
Camp Atterbury, Ind. (ALNS)—After German prisoners of war here had been shown motion pictures of Nazi horror camps, they sent a message to the camp commandant offering to donate \$20,000.25 for relief of persons released from prison camps in the Reich, and declaring their "disgust as to the ideology that was able to produce the conditions existing in concentration camps." The Army is still skeptical about

German prisoners, however, states Maj. Gen. Archer L. Lerch, provost marshal general, in Washington. "We are sure of only one thing—the German knows that he has been licked," he said.

### Wacs At Potsdam Conference

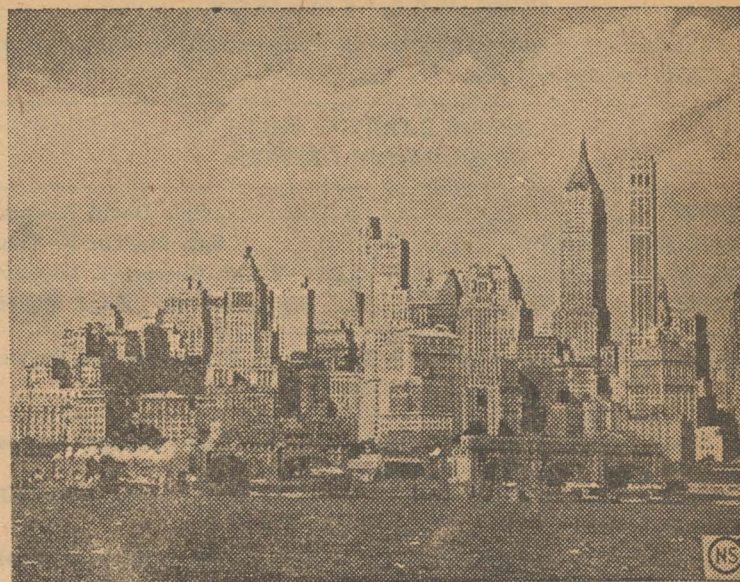
Paris (ACS)—Twenty-seven Wacs of the 3341st Signal Service Battalion operated the switchboard during the historic Big Three conference at Potsdam.

## That Golden Gate



This is the Golden Gate Bridge, the way it will look when you come home from the Pacific at night. This shot was taken from the Marin shore in the Redwood Empire section. In the distance are the lights of San Francisco.

## How Does It Look?



This is how the town of New York will look to you when you come steaming up the Narrows. The shot of lower Manhattan was taken from Governors Island. Those are ferries in the foreground.

## Ernie Pyle Memorial Campaign Still On

(Editor's note—When the Richard Condon publicity firm resigned from the Ernie Pyle Memorial campaign several weeks ago hundreds of papers carried headlines saying that the Pyle Memorial plans had been dropped. Consequently thousands of readers gained the idea that the entire program was out. The revised Pyle Memorial plan has the full approval of Mrs. Ernie Pyle.

Dana, Ind., 13 Oct.—Members of the Ernie Pyle Memorial committee, who are conducting a drive to build a modest memorial library that will perpetuate the memory of the late war correspondent in the town of his birthplace, today issued a definite denial that any plan was being considered to drop the project.

"Our original plan to build an Ernie Pyle memorial library here in Dana is still intact," said President John Bussing of the Memorial board of directors, and added, "Several weeks ago an erroneous impression that the project would be dropped became prevalent over the country after the Richard Condon publicity firm severed connections with the campaign. This was not true. Mrs. Ernie Pyle and other members of the Pyle family have approved the library project at all times. In addition, Mrs. Pyle recently has requested that an Ernie Pyle room be planned in the structure and she has some of her late husband's effects that she would like to place in such a room."

Funds required for the building and maintaining of the Pyle Memor-

## Civilian Personnel Office Moves Into Base Headquarters

After almost two years of sojourning outside the north gate in its own building, the Civilian Personnel Office moved back to Base Headquarters this week and set up shop to handle the work involved in taking care of civilians employed on the field.

The Civilian Personnel Office, under the direction of John C. Peterson and Captain Francis J. Murphy, will be located in the office spaces formerly occupied by Base Classification and Statistical Control. And these are the same offices that housed the Civilian Personnel Section before its transfer outside the base limits in January of 1944.

Peterson explained that under the new setup in headquarters the Civilian Personnel staff would in-

clude himself, Victor Bunker, employee relations counsel, and 13 other employees.

He added that the change in location of the Civilian Personnel Section was necessitated to bring about better coordination between offices in headquarters and in other vital departments and sections on the field as well as to centralize the administrative functions of the base under the Air Technical Service Command system.

Peterson further pointed out that the Civilian Personnel Section has one of its most important jobs ahead; which is to obtain and hire approximately 150 additional civilians for employment on the base and to acquire a large number of laborers to lay steel airstrip matting on the turf between the runways at Walker Field to be used to park B-29 Superfortresses being flown to this station for storage.

He emphasized that the job of the department had been greatly increased since V-J Day since a large number of soldiers have been discharged, others transferred and that their positions will have to be filled by civilian workers from this area and other airfields which have been placed on inactive status.

Peterson said that a large recruiting drive to hire these necessary civilian workers has been started with Miss Gertrude Rohlfing, of Civilian Personnel, touring surrounding towns in an effort to bolster the number of workers at Walker Army Air Field.

## Shirttails Back!

Washington (CNS)—For men only: shirttails chopped off short by an early WPB conservation order, are back again by virtue of a new order. Likewise double pockets, french cuffs, and other frills.

## Washington Monument Steps Are Open Again

Washington, D. C., (ALNS)—Any GI who still thinks that his feet need more exercise, may be interested in learning that the steps of the Washington monument have been reopened to the public for the first time since December 8, 1941—the day after Pearl Harbor. Sightseers have had to ride the elevator since then. But now they can walk if they want to—898 steps to the top of the shaft, and 898 steps back down again. Since the monument was opened in 1888, more than 20,000,000 have gone to the top of the 555-foot shaft—and 3,809,311 of them walked it in the 53 years from '88 to '41.

ial Library are being raised by public subscription and can be sent to the Memorial headquarters in Dana.

## WD Suggestion Program Savings Total Over \$100,000,000

"More than \$100,000,000 and much production time and manpower were saved by the War Department's suggestion system during its two years of wartime operation," the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, said in announcing peacetime continuation of the program.

"War Department employees made 282,000 suggestions during the war emergency, of which 43,500 were adopted. These worthwhile ideas definitely helped hasten the end of the war."

Almost as valuable as the savings in money, time and manpower was the betterment of worker-management relationships resulting from the War Department Suggestion Program, according to the former Secretary.

"We shall carry on the program in order to maintain and still further increase these important intangible gains in employee relations," he said. "Economy and efficiency of operation will be the keynote for peacetime operation of the Suggestion Program. Every effort will be made to encourage employees to submit practical ideas so that the Department and the Army will operate at highest efficiency."

The 43,500 adopted suggestions for which awards were paid came from civilian workers in every War Department establishment throughout the United States and ranged all the way from simple suggestions for the elimination of procedures on the homefront to highly technical improvements which saved untold lives and speeded victory on the battlefronts.

Barber: "Was your tie red when you came in?"

Customer—No. It wasn't

Barber—Gosh!

# WALKER-TALKER

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## Commanding Officer's Message

Approximately two weeks ago, this base was transferred from the Second Air Force to the Technical Service Command. Our mission has changed from training to aircraft storage, a job which is new to us all. Aiding to our difficulties, is the fact that we are short-handed in all our key positions. Therefore, for the present, all of us must give a little more to get the job done.

On the credit side of the ledger, is our greatest asset—cooperation. I have observed your excellent readjustment to this new type of work, and with this spirit of cooperation, we cannot fail to accomplish our job.

## HAWKWIZ

BY

**BOB HAWK**



1. You write everybody as one word. Can everyone be written as one word, separately or either way?
2. What is the last line of the nursery rhyme called "Where are you going?"  
Here are the lines that precede the last line:  
"What is your fortune, my pretty maid?"  
"My face is my fortune, sir," she said.  
"Then I can't marry you, my pretty maid."
3. Suppose water drips from your neighbor's roof on your Victory Garden causing it harm. You complain to your neighbor but he does nothing. Is he liable for damages occurring after you notify him to repair the roof?
4. What is a cotter pin?
5. When the legs of a horse on the same side move in the same direction at the same time, what is the gait called?

Answers on page 10

## Vet Aid Service Set Up In N. York

New York (CNS)—A new, centralized service to aid veterans in their return to civil life has been set up for 900,000 ex-servicemen who will ultimately return to this city. Now in operation are 3 offices, at 500 Park Ave, 10 E 40 St. and 105 Court St, Brooklyn, which render services of every description. Others will be opened if necessary.

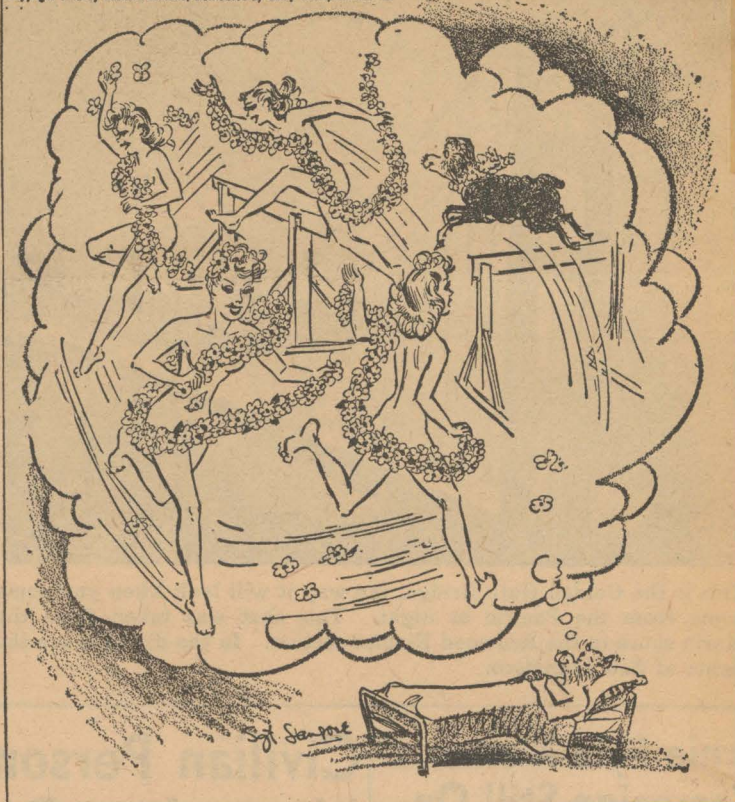
Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, who had held many important governmental administrative positions, is chairman of the combined service. Mrs. Rosenberg stated that her committee sees to it that vets get no "polite runaround" when they are referred to welfare and other agencies for help; all referrals will be followed up to make sure that vets get the aid they require.

Services offered include vocational and educational guidance, employment assistance, medical aid, housing help, and advice on legal rights. Many small but important services, such as providing men with cars so they take road tests for drivers' licenses, are provided.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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# LAUGH-!

if you must!

This is the land of opportunity—that's why so many married men get into trouble.

She was a lovely little miss, something like a Christmas tree—all limbs and very green.

Two middle-aged stout Irish women were having their usual morning chat as they hung out their wash from their third floor New York apartment.

Said one: "Oi heer that the army is sending your boy Patrick to col-litch."

"And that's true," replied the other.

"Weel, what's he stiddyding to be?" countered the first.

"A Schemist," replied the second.

"A schemist, and what's thet, pray tell?"

"A'weel, Oi don't rightly know, but he writes home and tells of taking two gallons of ox-in-o-gin and thin makin water."

"Well, for pity sakes," answered the first, "arfter then, Oi would certainly think he would."

Cutie Cathead is upset by the cablegram she received from her sailor friend the other day which said: "Arrive San Francisco Sept. 1. You'd better be there if you want to be first."

Doing nothing is so tiresome because you can't stop and rest.

When a girl sneezes, it's a sign she's catching cold; when she yawns, she's gotten cold.

History records only one indispensable man—Adam.

Some girls attain their ends by not taking enough exercise.

Hospital visitor: "I just heard those two nurses saying some mean things about you."

Sergeant: "Yeah! They've had me on the pan ever since I've been here!"

The sergeant was explaining to his C. O., "I got in bad company, sir. There were four of us. I had a bottle of whiskey and the other three don't touch the stuff."

Sue: "And then he and I talked about the weather."

Lu: "About the weather?"

Sue: "Yeah. Wheather to, or wheather not to."

## Not Too Serious News of Nation

Springfield, Ill. (CNS)—Thieves are making some curious thefts in Illinois. Recently, a man broke into a Springfield tavern, made a cagy get-away with 7 cases of empty beer bottles. A day later, someone stole a 300-pound stone lion from a library in Evanston.

Frostburg, Md. (CNS)—Irrked by kibitzers in a crowd watching them extinguish a blaze, this town's firemen quelled all remarks from the spectators by turning the hose on them. Result: 40 drenched onlookers, one injured fireman (he was hit by a rock).

Holdredge, Neb. (CNS)—PWs here were served their first watermelon. One of them enthusiastically ate an entire melon—rind and all.

Neon, Ky. (CNS)—F. M. Ferguson, 71, went on a hunger strike "because there's no law and order in this town and I ain't gonna eat until we get it."

New York (CNS)—Cab Callo-way and Claude Hopkins, swing band leaders, swung on each other in the Zanzibar night club. Cab hit the floor and Claude hit the ceiling. He had Cab arrested for assault. Said Cab in court: "He provoked me." Said Claude: "He slugged me first." Sartorial note: Cab wore a green suit and a polka-dot tie. Claude wore an ice cream suit and a pink foulard.

Pittsburg, Kansas (CNS) — "Want some pennies?" Arthur Signor asked the clerk at the First National Bank. "Sure," the clerk replied. Signor gave him 23,121, next day returned with 6,874 more. "Been saving them," he explained.

San Francisco (CNS)—An auto ground to a halt on Golden Gate Bridge. From it stepped a woman who climbed over the guard rail and leaped into the water. Her husband, driver of the car, nonchalantly lit a cigaret. "Let her go," he told witnesses—and drove away.

Washington (CNS) — A one-pound "bomb" containing DDT, the war-developed insect killer, will cost \$4 at retail, the OPA has announced. Small volume production for civilian use will begin immediately.

## Army Drops Bars to Jap Return to Coast

Washington, D. C. (ALNS)—All bars to loyal Japanese returning to their former homes in the Pacific coastal states have been removed by the Army. The eight relocation centers, where 33,000 persons of Japanese antecedents are located, are to be closed, the last one to be shut down not later than December 15. The Tule Lake, California, segregation center, however, will remain in operation, as 6,000 disloyal Japanese are held there.



## PX Moves Into Service Club; Snack Bar To Be Open Mornings

The Walker Army Air Field Post Exchange opened up new shops this week in the Service Club. According to the PX officer the hours under the new setup will be from 9:30 a. m. until 7:30 p. m. However, he explained that at a later date it may be possible to extend the hours.

For the GIs who are interested in having a beer or two after work, the PX Beer Hall has made arrangements to sell the brew from 5 o'clock until 7:30 in the evening, but no beer is to be sold on Friday nights.

With the location of the PX in the Service Club, the Snack Bar is now opened there to sell sandwiches, soup, ice cream, coffee, cake and donuts.

## Heavy Mail From Yarn In Stars and Stripes

Indianapolis Ind. (ALNS)—As the result of a story in the overseas Stars and Stripes which revealed that members of the armed services became eligible to membership in The American Legion as of September 2, national headquarters of the Legion here is beginning to receive a flood of mail from the European theater—and expects a like load from the Asiatic theater—asking, "How do I join?" The answer is for the GI who wants to join up to send his application to the local post in his home town or to the post in which he desires membership.

## Vets in Hospitals Abroad To Get Christmas Gifts

Indianapolis, Ind. (ALNS)—Plans to see that every hospitalized World War II man or woman, in overseas hospitals as well as in the United States, is remembered at Christmas time, are being made in connection with the "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave" campaign to be conducted again this year by the American Legion. Last year there were gifts distributed to 1,179,350 recipients in hospitals in this country.

## 'Military Review' Has Special Rates For The Military

Major General Karl Truesdell, commandant of the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has announced a post war program to enlarge and perpetuate the "Military Review", one of the world's outstanding military magazines which is published by the C. & GS School.

The General explained that with the new plans for the magazine a special subscription rate to military personnel of \$3.00 for 14 monthly issues has been authorized. Persons interested in receiving the "military Review" are urged to address that magazine at the Command & General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

## Jap Admiral Says Foe Lost War at Bismarck Sea

Yokohama (CNS) — Agreeing with Gen. MacArthur, Rear Admiral Takata, deputy chief of staff of the combined Jap fleets, said the Battle of the Bismarck Sea, wherein the enemy lost 30 to 40 ships instead of the 22 we claimed, was the turning point of the war. MacArthur had made the same statement at an interview several weeks ago.

Takata said that 200 to 250 planes operating from 4 carriers 200 miles north of Oahu made the Pearl Harbor attack. His nation, he told correspondents, had no intention of attacking the U. S. mainland.

## NCO Club Open to All NCOs; Lavish Entertainment Planned

In keeping with the change-over in command last week the Walker Army Air Field NCO Club has thrown open its membership to all "NCO's" from corporal to master Sergeant inclusive, it was announced this week by M/Sgt. Garland W. Lawson, president of the club council.

Lawson explained that membership will cost \$5.00 initiation fee

plus, \$1.00 a month dues, but that this will include all the privileges formerly offered under the old setup together with several new facilities.

In opening its fall season of entertainment activities, the NCO Club plans to have a "watermelon slicing party" the first warm night next week and two evening dances with a local orchestra furnishing the sweet swing. For members of the Club who would rather take their entertainment at other places than the dance floor, pin ball machines have been installed with a case of beer to be awarded to the high scorer of the week.

Just in case members can wrangle a steak or other red point valuables, Cpl. Samuel N. Trakas, steward-manager, said they can bring them to the Club for custom cooking.

Under the new rulings Club members can enjoy free meals between 2000 and 2300 hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Guests of members are limited to one male civilian or one couple, as many lady guests as desired and all members of the immediate family.

## New Schedule At Base Theater

Due to the decrease of personnel at Walker the theater schedule has been changed to accommodate everybody.

There will be no matinee showings except on Saturday and Sunday, the matinee shows starting at 1330. On all other days the two evening showings will begin: first showing at 1830 and the second showing starting at 2030.

The box office will open one half hour in advance of show time.



**SAIPAN, M I, Sept. (Special)**—Remember when the B-29s were so secret that we wished we could dehydrate them like cabbage and stuff them into our barracks bags? That was a long time ago but the guys of the 58th Wing (Now on Tinian) will never forget the supreme problem that arose early in 1944 when a plane of the 462nd Group landed at a Latin American base enroute to the CBI.

After politely explaining to a highly-braided official of that nation's government that he could not take a ride in the Superfort, or even go through it, the crew requested that a guard be placed around the bomber. The official granted the request and a cordon of the nations soldiers was strung around the huge craft. The crew then strolled into the nearby village for a little "stuff like that there", satisfied that the B-29 was safe from prying eyes.

Next morning, they returned to the airfield to resume their eastward flight. Just as they had hoped, everything was in order and no one had gotten within 50 feet of their bomber. They were greatly pleased and prepared to board their ship—only they couldn't get within 50 feet of the plane either. The guards had definite orders as well as loaded guns—and the officer in charge of the guard was gone for the day.

Only after the frantic efforts of two American consuls and fifteen radio messages were the guards dismissed. Twenty-four hours later the Superfort was on its way.

The world over, the hit song "Rum and Coca Cola" has become as familiar as the national anthem. It's been sung in every language from Japanese to Texan and Brooklynese. Parodies on the song have been written by hundreds and published in uncounted tongues but no American version is more truthful, more enlightening than the current one from Tinian that was heard recently over WXLD, the Armed Forces Radio Station on Saipan.

Here are the words of the printable verses on the island's most popular ballad!

"Have you ever been to Tinian? It's heaven for the enlisted man. There's whisky, girls and other such, But all are labeled "Mustn't Touch."

This tropic isle's a paradise. Of muddy roads and rainy skies, Outdoor latrines and fungus feet And every day more good to eat.

Enlisted men are on the beam, Officers say "We're one big team."

But do they share their rum and coke—?

"Ha! Ha! Ha! That's one big joke."

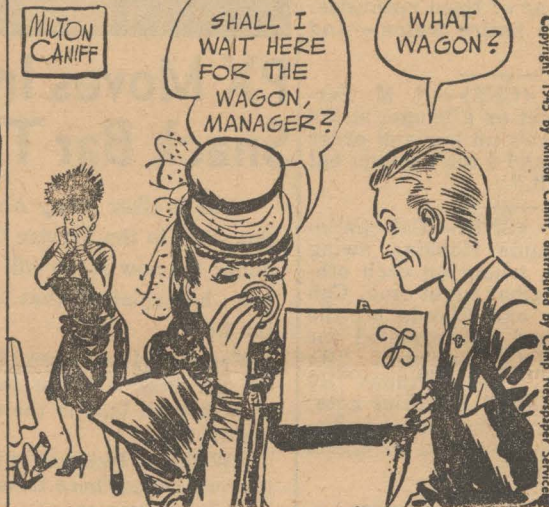
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FOR THE TAXES WE PAY, ONE WOULD THINK THE GOVERNMENT COULD PROVIDE A PLACE FOR THOSE UNHAPPY LOOKING FEMALES AND THEIR CHILDREN ONE SEES IN THE PUBLIC PARKS... OF COURSE THE CREATURES WEAR RINGS, BUT---



**Combat Point** by Milton Caniff.



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**Baruch Urges Reform To Rehabilitate Vets**

Washington (CNS)—A more "human" demobilization process to help put the veteran back on his feet, soothe any bitterness and integrate him into the national picture was recommended by Bernard M. Baruch, presidential advisor with 50 years of experience in vast social problems. His report was addressed to Gen. Bradley, Veterans Administrator.

Specifically he urged: (1) appointment of a vigorous imaginative "work director," to handle employment problems; (2) separation of the medical and non-medical sections of the VA, and creation of a new medical service under an outstanding man; (3) establishment of an independent medical committee to study veterans' requirements and make public recommendations; (4) salary increases for VA doctors, nurses and technicians; improved promotion policy; freeing of doctors from paper work; research facilities and graduate courses for doctors; (5) appointment of a committee to make recommendations for the improvement of non-medical VA services, simplifying, modernizing and reducing delays; (6) a tax reduction for vets starting new businesses; and (7) liberalization of the loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

**Bar Sign Showed How War Was Going On**

With U. S. Forces, Manila—Smoke was still rising from the embers of the devastated business district of northside Manila. An enterprising citizen dragged out

**Keep Bomb a Secret? 'Rot' Says Scientist**

London (CNS)—Prof. M. E. Oliphant, a British scientist who helped develop the atomic bomb, says any industrial nation could have devised the new weapon in 5 years, and any determined industrial country could do it in 2. Talk about keeping the process a secret, is, said he, "just rot."

**Bus Schedule**

Lv. Hays & Russell	Leave Base
0700	0820
1115	1200
1315	1400
1600	1720
1800	1845
2230	2315
2400	0100
0100	0145

hot sheet iron and fashioned a sort of shelter in the ruins of a building on lower Avendia Rizal. He called his place "The Lingayen Successful Landing" and opened for business with a stock retrieved from a hidden cache.

It was one of the very first of Manila's hundreds of groggeries to open. The liquor was fair, prices moderate, and GI pesos showered down on the makeshift bar even though an occasional Jap sniper opened up with his sort of business in the area and the sound of heavy small arms firing was within easy hearing.

The place prospered as more and more American troops flocked into the ruined city. The war passed on and Lingayen meant nothing to a lot of the newcomers—the name was changed to "On to Tokyo Bar." The proprietor kept pace with events—the quality of the liquor went down and down while the prices went up and up. An orchestra rattled out tinny music daytime and night. Still the pesos rolled in.

Came a day in mid-August when the Japs yelled "Uncle!" The next morning a new sign hung up against the sheet iron siding—over-night it became the "Japan Surrender Bar." Chief attraction, other than the wet goods, was the featured "Atomic Bomb Variety Show."

# Sports of All Sorts By "Chet"

Joe Louis, king of the heavyweights, with 74 points for his 44 months service in the army was discharged October 1. Immediately upon discharge, making his first public appearance, Jolting Joseph saw his beloved Tigers take a beating in the World Series opener.

The kids of Augsburg, Germany, are getting their first taste of a Yank pastime while attending the "baseball clinic" sponsored by the 71st Infantry Division. Hundreds of Bavarian lands have expressed the opinion that the clinic was more fun than the former Hitler youth organizations.

When "Money in the Bank" Greenberg hit his pennant winning grand slam homer against the St. Louis Browns, he was merely accentuating his rep as a perennial spotlight king. In his last game in 1942 before donning the Army Khaki old Hankus cracked out a homer. Discharged in July this year, Lanky Hank slammed a round tripper his very first game. The grand slam homer against the Brownies came just in time to save Clark Griffith a taxi bill. His Nationals were in autos awaiting the signal for a quick dash to Union Station and then Detroit for the play-off game. The radio told of the circuit blow and the Nats scattered to their homes.

Most touching scene at the colorful World Series was the appearance of 10 blind army veterans from the Dibble General Hospital at Palo Alto, California. The group, all rabid Cub fans, saw the entire series with the aid of "Orientators." The veterans were

guests of the San Francisco Examiner.

The 2AF Superbombers chalked up their first win of the season at Denver, whitewashing the Fort Warren Broncs 19 to 0. They had previously been beaten by the 4th Air Force and Fleet City, both games played on the West Coast.

**Just a coincidence:** The teams in the Navy World Series in Hawaii were coached by former Tiger Schoolboy Rowe and former Cub stalwart Billy Herman.

Pauline Betz, won the Pacific Coast women's tennis championship by defeating Margaret Osborne, 6-2, 7-5 . . . Ben Hogan won the Portland Open golf tournament with a PGA record 72-hole score of 261; Byron Nelson took second money with a 275 while third with a 277 was Harold Jug McSpaden . . . And incidentally Jug McSpaden asserts he wouldn't walk across the street to see anyone play golf . . .

The "kill the referee" spirit has spread to the crowds attending Rio De Janeiro football games and the police prohibited the sale of bottled drinks fearing they might be used as "instruments of aggression against the players."

**A note of optimism:** Promoter Mike Jacobs predicts the next Louis-Conn tussle will gross \$3,000,000.

Here's one for the record books: Louisiana State's Jim Cason crossed the Rice goal line three times within five minutes of the first quarter.

Winning the pennant was a particularly big event for Detroit's manager Steve O'Neil. In 16 years as a manager and coach, this was his first with a pennant winner . . . Frankie Frisch will not lose his job with the Pirates. He's been signed for his seventh season . . . Mel Ott has just been handed a five year managerial contract by the Giants and it proves that Mel is set for life—or as long as he himself cares to remain as pilot at the Polo Grounds . . . In winning the American League batting crown the Yankee's George (Snuffy) Stirnweiss was only three points better than the all-time low of .306 held by Elmer Flick of Cleveland 40 years ago . . . The National League, too, was a story of disappointment for a player who had led the circuit most of the season, as Tommy Holmes of the Braves, having set a new consecutive game hitting string of 37 faded in the final month and Cavarretta of the Cubs took charge to win, .355 to .352 . . . Frankie-boy Sinatra is organizer and second baseman of a Hollywood softball team called the "Swooners." . . . Rumor has it that Sweet William Terry, the Memphis Gentleman, who used to manage the Giants, may be coming back to baseball next year as boss of the Boston Braves . . . In winning the World Series opener Hank Borowy became the first two-league series winner since Jack Coombs did it for the Athletics in 1910 and '11 and Brooklyn in '16.

Lightweight Bobby Ruffin, confounded the Detroit fight mob the other day when he demanded eye tests and physical examinations for the referee and judges who were to work his fight against Chalky Wright. The fighters, Bobby says, have to submit to tests to show they're in condition, why not the officials. "How do I know they're in shape to go ten rounds and their eyesight is good?"

# Sports

## 2AAF "SUPERBOMBERS"



22 YEAR-OLD, 6FT. 2IN.  
215 POUNDER FROM  
LOS ANGELES, PLAYED  
A YEAR AT SANTA  
CLARA WHERE HE WAS  
RATED ONE OF BEST  
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SUPERBOMBERS IN  
'44 UNTIL AN INJURY  
FORCED HIM OUT  
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FEARS  
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AAF PILOT GOT HIS WINGS  
AT RANDOLPH FIELD AND  
FLIES TEAM TO GAMES  
IN ARMY PLANES

## Our Choice On the Gridiron . . . What's Yours?

In a fairly attractive grid card this week, the Army-Michigan tussle, looms as the outstanding game. Army, with its powerhouse backfield should ride over a stubborn Michigan eleven . . .

Wisconsin journeys over to Ohio State's back yard, but the '44 Big Ten champions will prove too much

for the Badgers . . .

Cecil Isbell's dangerous Purdue club win the nod over Iowa's Hawkeyes . . .

Twice battered Nebraska should go down for the third count when they encounter the Indiana Hoosiers . . .

The Pitt Panther should claw through victorious in a close one with Michigan Stage . . .

The Amblin' Wreckers from Annapolis should sail through Penn State, but don't be surprised to find Navy having a rough time of it . . .

Finishing up in a hurry: Oklahoma over Texas; Rice over Tulane; Southern California over San Diego Naval; Cornell over Princeton; Southern Methodist over Oklahoma A & M; Duke over Wake Forrest; Georgia Tech over Georgia Pre Flight; Georgia over Kentucky; Colgate over Lafayette; Texas A & M over Louisiana State; Columbia over Yale; California over UCLA; Holy Cross over Villanova; Florida over Vanderbilt; Mississippi over La. Tech.

## Cabaret Dance to Be Held Every Tuesday Nite

Starting next Tuesday night, October 16th, a Cabaret Dance will be held each week in the Service Club, with all girls employed on the base especially invited to attend.

According to the latest information from the Service Club hostess, there will be plenty of good music, refreshments, eats and other things to make the evening a success. GI's are urged to bring their gal friends, wives or guests to the dance for a little rug-cuttin'.



# Detroit Topples Cubs to Win Series

## Power At Plate For Detroit Decided Final Game Early

Chicago, Oct. 11—Baseball's takeoff on the nine old men—eight old men and a boy, in this ionship back to Detroit Wednesday for the first time in 10 years, all because the Chicago Cubs ran out of gas and pitchers against the Tiger trigger-men in the clutch.

That, plus some of the fanciest flinging of this fall frolics by Lefty Hal Newhouser, for a new series strikeout record for seven games, meant the ball game and the set in the finale Wednesday. Prince Hal was the boy in the cast—he is 24—and the boy turned out to be quite a man as he racked up his second win of the scramble.

That was the story in Wednesday's 9 to 3 payoff. Jolly Cholly Grimm was so desperate for pitchers, after using most of them Sunday and Monday, he finally had to reach into the barrel and come up with heaving Hank Borowy for his third consecutive game.

Good as Hank was in this series—he won twice and lost twice—the Tigers got to him early. They drove him from the hill after nine pitches which three Tigers converted into singles and one run. Five other Cub pitchers followed him to the mound. That's the way those doddering Detroiters were. They ran, mostly as if they were dragging their anchors, but their bats were loaded with high explosives.

The Tigers' hitting power when it was needed, and tight pitching in the pinches, was what made the Cubs lose their seventh series opportunity in 37 years after beating the Tigers in 1907-08.

It wasn't only one of them, although Hank Greenberg was in

the forefront. The big guy is a slowed-up 35 now, but he was the glamour boy of the series in anybody's book. He hammered one homer that won a game, another that kept his ball club in it; thumped three doubles in one tilt; scored seven runs and knocked in seven. He wound up with a .304 batting mark, which, with his 1934 and 1940 flailing, made him one of 13 men in all Series history to go for .300 or better in three or more series.

Phil Cavarretta, the Cubs first-sacker and probably the most underrated man in the set, went Hank one better in this department. He was the No. 1 ball-buster and came to the wire with a .423 mark, the second time he's run through a series at a snappy .400 or better. Now he's one of only eight hitters ever to turn the trick twice.

Aside from Greenberg's fireworks, it might be anybody in the Tiger lineup to knock the roof in at any moment Wednesday, tall Paul Richards, the 37-year-old catcher, pounded out a pair of two-baggers to zip four runs across. The first of these whacks was a base-cleaner for three tallies in the first inning, in which the Tigers, after clubbing Borowy to the showers, continued to have fun against Paul Deringer until they'd chalked up five markers.

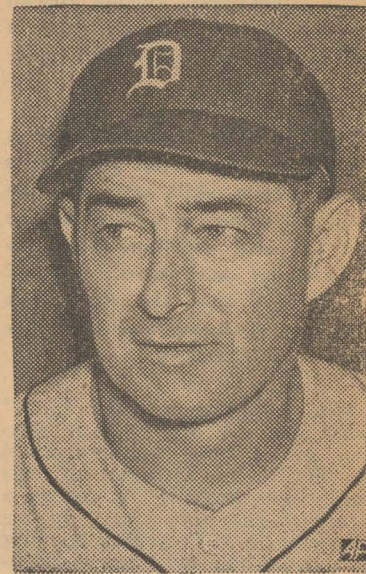
As far as the outcome was concerned, the game might just as well have ended there. Newhouser was hot in the clutches. He was never in real trouble and finished up fanning 10 Cubs to run his total for the series up to 22. This was two more than the record

### World Series Stars

#### Leading Hitters

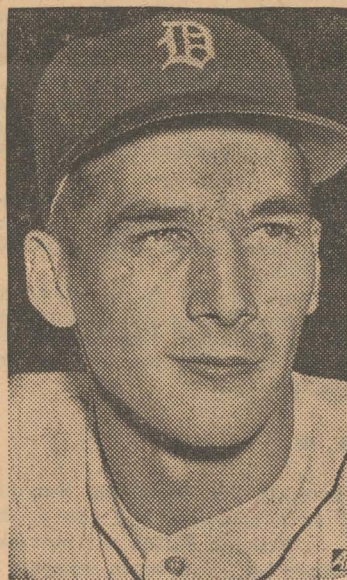


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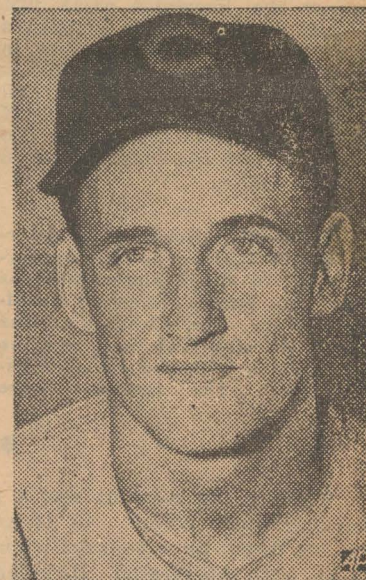


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#### Leading Pitchers

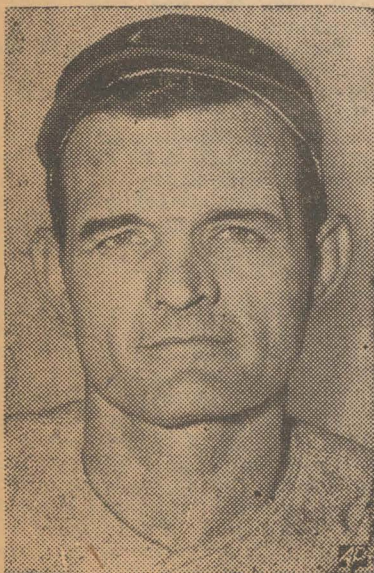


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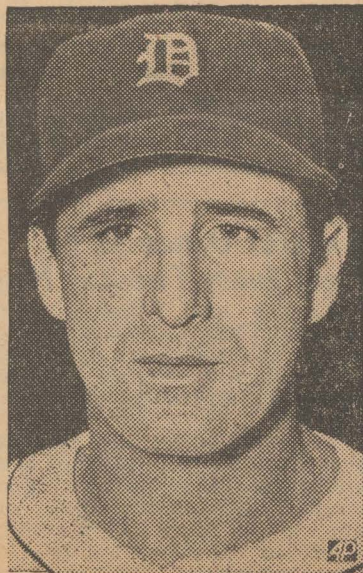
HANK BOROWY

#### Pitches 1-Hitter



CLAUDE PASSEAU

#### "Big Stick"



HANK GREENBERG

for a seven game series shared by George Mullin of the 1909 Tigers, Walter Johnson in '24 and George Earnshaw of the 1931 Athletics. The all-time high is 28 "whiffs" posted by Bill Dineen for the Boston Red Sox in 1903, when the Series ran eight games. Those 10 strikeouts the Cubs were hit with Wednesday left them with 48 for the series, a new seven-game high.

Or besides Richards and Greenberg, it might have been Doc Cramer, the 40-year-old "youngster," who was just about the entire Detroit outfield. He chipped in with three safe blows yesterday to end up with 11 for the series, tying Cavarretta and third baseman Stan Hack of the Cubs, in collecting hits.

In the field it was strictly no contest. The Cub flychasing trio of Handy Andy Pafko, who's now ranked as the National league's best center fielder—possibly the best in baseball pending one Joe DiMaggio's return—Peanuts Lowrey and Bill Nicholson made the Bengal gardeners look slow in contrast. Nicholson, in addition, tied the seven-game Series record by knocking in eight runs.

The Series attracted more attention than in former classics. In spite of cold weather a total of 333,457 fans paid \$1,492,454, which with \$100,000 from broadcasting rights, was a new all time high of \$1,592,454.

The players for the two series

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## Men With 2 Years Service May Be Discharged by Spring

Congressional pressure to return American troops from Europe and to discharge high point men in the USA is going to slash occupation forces in Europe and the Pacific to a measly minimum, Army sources believe.

In the 3rd Army alone, 52,000 men were redeployed within one week in September, making a total of 146,000 who have left since V-E Day. If this trend continues, with few replacements, occupation personnel will be cut to the bone.

On the Home Front, Gen. Marshall has announced that the following Army Discharge plan will go into effect immediately:

1—Effective Nov. 1, EM having a score of 60 points will be discharged.

2. On the same date the point score for WACs will be lowered to 34.

3. By late winter, men with 2 years of service may be discharged without regard to the point system. In addition, all men who cannot usefully be employed in the Army will be discharged.

4. Officers of all grades, including warrant officers and flight officers, but excluding officers of the Medical Department, will be eligible for discharge if they have 75 points. Officers of the Medical Department, including nurses, will be released under a separate plan.

The W. D. has also announced that EM will not be sent overseas if they have 36 points or are 37 years old. Men 34 years old with a year of service also are exempt from overseas duty as are officers with 48 points.

Selective service has amended draft regulations to permit teenagers from 18 to 20 to graduate from high school before they are inducted.

## Desk Chatter . . . by Marge

Welcome to Walker, ATSC boys. Don't worry, I hear you crying "BETRAYED" but can not feel for you. The general consensus of opinion seems to be "Take me back to England, I'm too young to bury"—myself in Kansas. Look fellas—don't you know this is the **great golden west** where no small amount of history was made. Why, not many years ago Buffalo Bill, Custer, Calamity Jane and many others rode past within hearing distance of where you are now standing. Stroll over the rolling prairie and dig up some arrow heads—have FUN! And any suggestions you may have regarding Service Club activities will be more than welcome. Come to the desk and beat your gums.

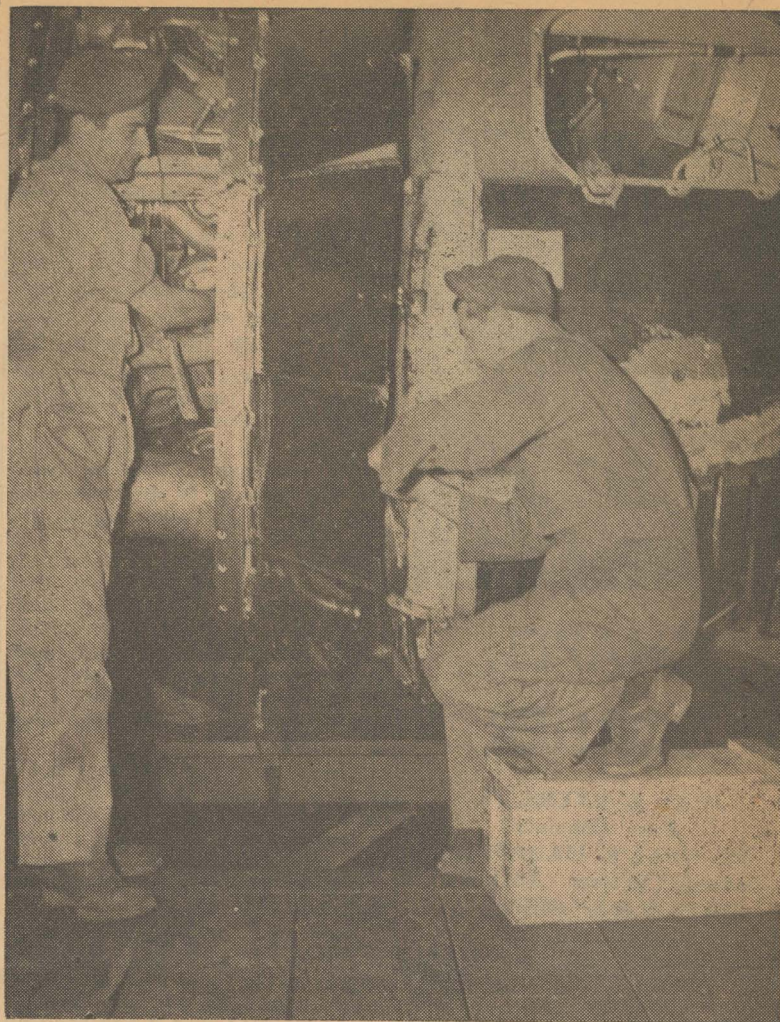
Before I tell any secrets about the people around here I would like to say "Farewell and Happy Living" to all the friends and acquaintances among the Base Unit and the Band who, after many months at Walker have gone home or to different bases. The place will probably be about the same without you but you'll be missed anyway. 'Bye and luck to you.

With all due consideration to enlisted personnel who DO work but who I haven't happened to meet I can say that at last I have found a **working man** on the base. Is that a freckle I see on your nose, Sahgent? Speaking to you S/Sgt. **Billy Brodie** of Indianapolis, Indiana who has fought the battle of the U. S. for 5 years. With the help of one other man ran up the engines on 6 B-29's last Friday, making repairs as he went along—and that sounds like work to even an uninitiated civilian.

Then there's men like PFC **George Moneco** who's been connected with the Guard Squadron here for 22 months but has been living the "life of ease (?)" in town for the past 8 months. He'd like a little help in getting a basketball team together—pitch in, you athletes. George also goes in for weight lifting and can tell you how to gain 15 pounds in one easy lesson—other than "picking it up" on a street corner.

Another member of the "old guard" left on the base is S/Sgt. **Saul Gordon** and if any of you new boys want to know how to pass the winter ask him—this is his THIRD winter at Walker and he should know. Perhaps being a former dealer in the fur coat business helps, but I guess that depends on what's inside the fur coat.

A newcomer, recently returned from England and one of many who is raising his voice in the "Home by Christmas" chant is T/Sgt. **Chet Lowczyk** (pronounced Lovecheck—the "two things necessary for life and the pursuit of happiness—love and a check" he says). He's NCO in charge of Special Services and its usually his voice you hear on the noon news and sports broadcast over the PA system. He's wondering if anyone listens. Do you?



Sgt. Arthur Cardola (left) and PFC John W. Hukin of the 4180th BU work behind the cow-flaps on a B-29 in preparation for "pickling" the engine.

## 'Honorably Discharged' Aptly Fits 'Retired' Superforts

Walker Army Air Field's new mission got underway October 1, with a large retirement program already functioning. Retirement for B-29 Superfortresses which are being relieved from active duty. The planes are returning

to the United States from overseas theaters and from other bases. They've completed their job of helping smash Japan to her knees and are now being put out to pasture.

It was explained that there are now approximately 150 planes on the field that about 350 more are due to be flown here before the job of processing and storing them is completed. The job of storing these planes, which is handled by the Air Technical Service Command, consists of cleaning, engine protection, spraying the ships with aircraft dope and parking them for later disposition or dismantlement.

Under the direction of the Chief of Maintenance, the processing and storing will be accomplished by both military personnel and skilled civilian workers at the rate of five ships per day—or one ship per hangar.

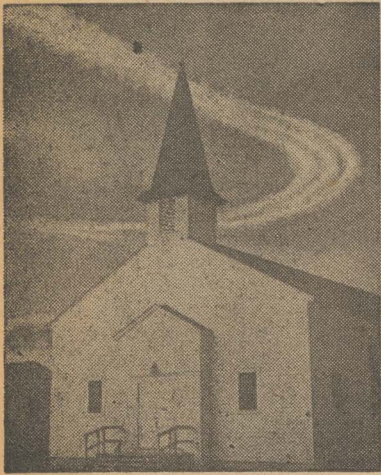
The GI's most favorite term—honorable discharge—could well be applied to the working over these B-29 Superforts are receiving.

## Millionaire Held As Draft Dodger

New York (CNS)—Henry C. Carney, 25, who is said to have piled up a \$1,000,000 fortune in 4 years supplying engineering services to the country's war production establishment, was arrested by the FBI on a charge of draft evasion. He is accused of failing to report for induction after his draft board cancelled his deferment for "essentiality." Carney's lawyer, calling him a "genius," asserted the charge "ridiculous," and said his client had been told he had been deferred indefinitely.

Mike: "Can a man change his nationality?" Ike: "No, why?" Mike: "I read where a guy went up a pole and came down a rushing."

## Chaplain's Message



### CHAPEL CORNER

JOHN E. MYERS, JR.

Base Chaplain

FR. NEAL R. MAHAFFEY  
Catholic Chaplain (Auxiliary)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Catholic Services

Mass, Sunday .....0830  
Mass, Sunday .....1830  
Mass, Tuesday .....0700  
Confessions before each Mass and  
Saturday at .....1700-2000

#### Protestant Services

Morning Worship, Sunday.....1000  
Sunday School Lesson.....1100  
Vesper Service, Sunday.....1930  
Choir Practice, Wednesday.....1700  
Bible Study, Wednesday.....1930

#### Jewish Services

Sabbath Service, Friday.....1930

### Wac Has Baby Girl at Stout Field Hospital

Stout Field, Ind. (ALNS)—The first baby born in the base hospital here is the daughter of Mrs. Virginia Cochrane, former WAC and ambulance driver at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., before her separation from service last April. The father of the little girl is Pvt. Thomas E. Cochrane, a patient at Billings General hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, where he was taken when both legs were broken in a motorcycle accident.

The base hospital at Stout Field is the only military hospital in Indiana designated and equipped to provide maternity service.

### "Dig It Up"

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

Psalm 119:105

Most of us have Bibles or Testaments in our possession. Some of us have them handy enough so that they can be read every day. After all that is what the Holy Scriptures are meant to be: a daily guide for all men whether soldier or civilian.

During the war we have had ample testimony from foxholes and life rafts as to the sustaining power of God's word when the going is rough. Now that the fighting has ceased it does not mean we can forget about God and His Book. There are still problems to be faced; there is still a job for many of us for some months yet before we leave the Army; there are problems of readjustment as we face civilian life again.

The same scriptures that proved a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path of the men in the dangers of battle, can be for you and me the same sure source of help for our every problem and need today.

So if that Testament of yours is buried deep in your barracks bag or at the bottom of your footlocker, dig it up and become better acquainted with it and the God of whom it speaks. Testiments, Catholic, Jewish or Protestant, may be had for the asking at the Chapel for any who have none or who would like another.

John E. Meyers, Jr.,  
Base Chaplain

### Ping Pong Tourney

The first fall ping pong tournament will be run off in the station gym the nights of Oct. 22, 23, and 24. Entries for tournament, both singles and doubles, should be made in the Special Service Office.

Have a go Joe! Who knows, you may emerge King Ping Pong.

### Atom Bomb Destroyed All of Hiroshima

Pacific (CNS)—Hiroshima was entirely destroyed by the one atomic bomb that dropped on it from a B-29 on Aug. 6, according to an eyewitness report of scenes in the city, radioed to the U. S. by Leslie Nakashima, a United Press employee in Tokyo.

There is not a single building left standing in the city, which had a population of 300,000; Nakashima reports, and the death toll is expected to reach 100,000. In the business section, only 3 buildings stand and even the outskirts of the city were leveled.

"I was dumfounded at the destruction before me," Nakashima writes. "The center of the city was razed and there was a sweeping view of the foot of the mountains to the east, south and north. In other words, what had once been a city of 300,000, had vanished completely.



### Capt. W. R. Wilkins Is Base Surgeon

Captain Warren R. Wilkins has been assigned to duty as Base Surgeon at Walker Army Air Field to replace Lt. Col. Joseph Gamet, who has been honorably discharged from the service, it was announced this week by Major Harry C. Smith, commanding officer.

The new surgeon, who has been stationed at Walker Field for the past several months, brings a long career of medical and military service to his new position. Captain Wilkins entered service in 1942 at Miami Beach, Florida, and prior to coming to Walker served at Geiger Field, Washington and Herington, Kansas.

Canadian, Captain Wilkins, graduated from the University of Toronto, served his internship at the Mercy Hospital in Wilkesburg, Pa., and took post graduate work at the Pittsburgh Children's Hospital.

The Doctor, who was practicing at Spring City, Pa., before entering the military service, only recently returned from a three months' course in internal medicines at the world-famous Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota.

He explained that under the special setup now in practice at Walker Field all acutely ill patients will be hospitalized at Great Bend Army Air Field and that minor illnesses and routine medical functions will be carried on in the Base Hospital here. His staff will include Captain Anthony J. Mancuso as Base Dental officer and 1st. Lt. James V. Brown as Medical Administrative officer.

During an interview Captain Wilkins pointed out that due to the limited facilities in the hospital at Walker Field it will be hard to do a proper job of treating those who are ill if men report to sick call for the purpose of only getting out of a detail or to malingering. He added that if men will report to the hospital when they are ill then they'll receive the best possible medical care the Army can provide.

### Ike At Yom Kippur

Munich (CNS)—Gen. Eisenhower participated in Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) services held by Jewish inmates of several displaced persons camps, at the request of President Truman.

## operational quips

Now, that I have finally talked my way into getting a column in this unholy rag, I feel I should justify my long crusade. But, "how," "where," and "when" are a complete mystery to this writer. Instead of loading myself with grief and worry, on the above mentioned, I'll now turn my so-called talents to the art of giving forth with the dope, dope.

The set-up, down at Base Operations, as it now stands is really a "dilly." With all these B-29's coming in for storage, the place seems like a juke-joint on Saturday night (in Hays). After looking over the ramp and taxi strips, I feel that I am in a position to say—"We sure got a d--- good crop out in the fields!"

### NEW FACES:

Miss Irene Major, formerly associated with the Director of Training's Office can now be seen busily working away in Base Operations. Her happy smile can be seen each day from eight to five. Too bad we can't have a few more like her around. Hubba! hubba!

Pete Morales, the big strong boy, formerly of the P. T. Department and Director of Flying Training's Office is now handling a typewriter in his usual efficient fashion. (Too bad it's not a basketball, Pete).

### BY THE WAY:

I wonder if Captain J. A. Young is still taking Marimba lessons? They tell me a Marimba is a beautiful instrument—I wouldn't know.

I wonder if Joe Gregory still has that far-away look in his eyes, facing East? (St. Louis). Don't worry, Joe, the war is almost over.

Can't think of much more dirt to sling right now so I'll curl up in my little corner, take a big swig of "you-know-what" and pass out until next week at this time. Yours for Central Standard Time (Longer Nights).

M. E.

### Style Note

New York (CNS)—Wac "Hobby" hats formerly priced at \$7.50, are on sale at Modell's for \$2.50.



"Oh, corporal—photography is so interesting! Maybe we can print pictures the next time."

### BOB HAWK ANSWERS HAWKWIZ



1. Either way.
2. "Nobody asked you, sir," she said.
3. Yes.
4. A split pin, the ends of which are bent after insertion.
5. Pace.

## 'Mission Accomplished'

Mission accomplished! That's what the personnel of Walker Army Air Field can be credited with when the base is transferred from the command of Second Air Force to the Air Technical Service Command the 30th of this month. For those enlisted men and officers who will remain at Walker Field under the ATSC—there is still another mission to be fulfilled. The job of processing and storing of B-29 Superfortresses which, in some ways, is just as vital as their missions which has already been completed.

For the past three and a half years Walker Army Air Field has grown continually into one of the finest B-29 training stations within Second Air Force. It was originally started as a satellite base for Smoky Hill Army Air Field at Salina, Kansas, but late in 1942 the base was designed to become a B-29 training school.

During the past two years Walker Army Air Field has trained, equipped and sent overseas three complete B-29 Bomb Groups—the 462nd, 500th and 300th. The 383rd Bomb Group, which was in training at this station when the end of the war came in the Pacific, could also be credited to this base. Not only has Walker Army Air Field been an important B-29 school, but it has also been the final training base for a number of Air Service Groups, which are a vital part of the B-29 operational program.

In late 1943 Walker Army Air Field was designated as an Operational Training Unit School, which meant the addition of a large number of highly specialized men. Men who were qualified to teach the combat crews going overseas everything from gunnery to in-flight-feeding.

These instructors, who came from all over the United States as well as back from overseas, had a task that steadily grew tougher as the months progressed. Modifications had to be made in training programs, new tactics taught to keep pace with the aggressiveness of the Japanese, and the speeding up of the training program after V-E Day when the Army Air Forces went all-out to help end the war in the Pacific as quickly as possible.

Lt. Col. William Cahill, WAAF's first full time base commander, was stationed here through the very beginnings of the base and assisted in the organizational changes that had to be made to fit the base for its mission as a full-fledged AAF installation. Colonel Cahill was replaced by Lt. Col. Clarence L. Hewitt in November of 1942, who remained in command until April of 1944 when Colonel Kenneth O. Sanborn became base commander.

Throughout these changes in command, Walker Army Air Field was steadily growing larger and more important in the over-all picture of the B-29 Superfortress project. By the end of the summer of 1944 Walker Army Air Field had more than 5000 enlisted men and officers stationed here besides approximately 600 civilian technicians.

Then, in the middle of August,

1944, Colonel Claude E. Putnam, a former 8th Air Force group commander, took over the helm of Walker Army Air Field and steered the training program through some of its most trying periods—the time when Army Air Forces was putting great stress on the B-29 project.

The end of the war in Europe came and passed at Walker Army Air Field with no slack-up whatsoever in the training and processing of B-29 combat crews. If anything, the base took on even more importance as it was geared to turn out men to defeat the Japanese in the war that was raging on the other side of the world.

Throughout the past summer Walker Army Air Field stepped up its training until the very last minute before the surrender of Japan. At that time Walker Field could consider its primary mission accomplished. It had turned out four B-29 bomb groups, four Air Service Groups besides furnishing a large number of its own permanent party personnel as replacements for overseas shipments.

Shortly after the surrender of Japan, Colonel Putnam was relieved of his command at Walker Army Air Field and assigned to an important mission at Washington, D. C. The base was then commanded by Lt. Col. Alvin J. Mueller, a Pacific veteran who piloted the last plane to leave the Philippines after the fall of Corregidor. Col. Mueller will remain in command at Walker Army Field until the base officially becomes an ATSC installation, at which time Major Harry C. Smith will take over.

Throughout the entire time that Walker Army Air Field has been under the command of Second Air Force it has discharged its mission with great credit and the personnel

## New Mailing Address

AAF B.U. 'Airfield' 4180  
Walker Army Air Field  
Victoria, Kansas

## Vets Get First Call On Civil Service Jobs

Washington (CNS) — Receipts of applications for Federal jobs from persons who are not veterans or have not worked for the government before have been stopped in Washington.

This means that—from now on—ex-service men are going to get first call on all Civil Service jobs. "The Federal Government as an employer," the Civil Service Commission has announced, "must set the example in providing the members of the armed forces with the maximum possible opportunities in employment."

## Anything For Votes

Goshen, N. Y. (CNS) — The Board of Elections has received a request to drop the name of W. Bryan Medina from the list of candidates for coroner. He has been dead 4 years.

who have been assigned here have just reason to be proud of their services.

So as it is often true in the Army, WAAF can say, "mission accomplished for one project, but we've still got another job to do—under the ATSC."

## Industry Predicts Job Boom In U. S. After Fall Slump

Although total employment in the U. S. is expected to fall 12½ per cent after reconversion, it should be 24 per cent higher than it was in 1940.

These estimates are based upon a survey conducted by the Committee for Economic Development from reports filed by 100 cities and counties throughout the country.

Even more encouraging to the jobseeking veteran is the fact that 57 of the communities surveyed actually predicted greater employment after reconversion than they enjoyed during their wartime peaks.

The CED estimates that the reconversion period will be completed by September, 1945. By that time the reemployment of many men laid off when wartime production stopped, plus that of returning servicemen should be in high gear. Unemployment is expected to reach its peak this fall in many industries but after that there should be "a progressive reemployment of workers by companies that have reconverted to peacetime production."

According to Walter D. Fuller, chairman of the CED Field Development Division, the reports indicated that "business men are planning boldly to assure high level productive employment as rapidly as it can be provided after reconversion."

"The reports," he said, "have been checked carefully after the data were received from individual employers. We believe comparable figures will be submitted later by hundreds of other communities which make up the national CED organization."

Two old maid school teachers were out riding in their Model T. In passing down the road they approached a farmhouse. Across the barnyard there came a little brown hen. Her wings were outstretched and she was fairly skimming along the ground in rapid flight from the big rooster just behind her. Heedless of the danger, the little hen plunged headlong in front of the old maids' car and was killed. The two rode along in silence for a moment. Finally one turned to the other and said, as she clicked her tongue, "The sweet little thing, she preferred death."





With the possibility in mind that this may well be the last of the 'Rads' columns, it is befitting that a short resume of Gunnery School activities be included in it. Having been the chronicle for the Gunnery School for more than a year past, has placed the writer in a position to observe the functions of the School in its training program.

Training of crew members in all phases of aerial gunnery was the prime function of the personnel of the School, a job which they carried out well as evidenced by the favorable records attained in combat by Walker-trained crews. Throughout the several bomb groups trained at Walker many crews voiced high approval of methods utilized in the School, many of which methods were originated by the instructors.

Despite the fact that the School personnel carried out the strenuous training program required by 2AF, the instructors were always ardent athletic boosters, and turned out strong competitive groups in all the athletic contests taking place on the Base. Always willing to engage Base and outside teams, the Gunners distinguished themselves in softball and basketball schedules and tournaments.

The Gunnery School was well represented on Base teams here, not neglecting to mention WAC basketball and softball teams. Both this year and last at least one Gunnery School man participated with the Base baseball team, and on the Base basketball team.

All instruction carried on at the School was conducted in the highest manner, under the direction of the most competent available instructors, each of whom was a specialist in his line. Turning a deaf ear to the pleas of many of the instructors to transfer to bomb groups, higher-ups declared the men too essential in their present capacities, retaining their abilities here to train subsequent groups.

All phases of aerial gunnery carried out at Walker were under the direction of the Base Gunnery officer, whose responsibility it was to coordinate the various phases into a smooth working program. It is to the credit of the various officers in charge of the School in the previously-mentioned period of time that such operations were discharged in such an efficient manner.

It is with regret that many of us leave Walker, which has provided

## The She Wolf



"I'm so sorry . . . but I'VE ALSO CHANGED OVER TO THE ATSC!"

## What's Cookin' This Week

### Theater

**Saturday 29 September**—THE FATAL WITNESS with Evelyn Ankers, Richard Fraser. COME OUT FIGHTING with East side Kids and June Carlson.

**Sunday 30 September**—STATE FAIR with Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain and Dick Haymes. Also Cartoon and news.

**Monday 1 October**—STATE FAIR—Dana Andrews, Jeanne Crain and Dick Haymes. Also Cartoon and News.

**Tuesday 2 October**—LOVE, HONOR and GOODBYE with Virginia Bruce, Victor McLagen. Also Melody Master Band and Looney Toon.

**Wednesday 3 October**—TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT with Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Walter Brennan. Also Aquamaids and Cartoon.

**Thursday, Friday 4, 5 October**—SHADY LADY with Charles Coburn, Ginny Simms and Robert Paige. Also Walt Disney Cartoon and News.

us with such a variety of experiences—some of them happy experiences and some of them reverse. Discontinuance of training demands a severing of acquaintances among those leaving, all of whom will remember with mixed emotions their tenure of service on the plains of Kansas.

Sgt. Charles Mayer

### Awful Fake

Washington (CNS) — Secret Service reports a flood of crude counterfeit \$50 notes in Milan. They were marked: "redeemable in awful currency of the United States Treasury."

She said she felt like a young colt, but she looked like an old .45.

## the ghost In the Garrett

By Tong

The first of next week Walker Army Air Field will become an ATSC base. For those who remain under the new reich ATSC will probably mean "And Tough Service Comin'."

M/Sgt. Edgar McKee, of down around the flight line, seems to have a pretty fair case of affection with a little Wac that recently shipped to Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. McKee, who has been in uniform long enough to know his way around, is attempting almost the impossible. That is of sticking around Walker until his little gal can range a furlough out of her new CO.

Last Sunday night our beautiful little rest home here in Kansas was visited-without their consent—by 20 Infantryman just back from Germany. The boys, on their way back to Camp Beale for discharges, decided that maybe Germany wasn't so bad after all following their look-see around.

Among those discharged this past week as a long timer at Walker Field—Pfc Otha A. Palmer. Just plain "Palmer", as he was known around headquarters, will return to his wanderings in Texas. Now there won't be anyone to tell the new officers on the field to "kick the water fountain pedal up."

See where Congress is starting to cut taxes for the first time in more than 16 years. That's all fine and dandy now, but by the time a lot of us GI's are out of uniform the Senators will be around to start raisin' taxes again. Ain't it 't truth'!

M/Sgt. Rufus Porter, long time section chief of Classification, is workin' an sweatin' to get on a shipment to Tuscon. Rufus, a native Alabamian, is trying to get down South again—even if it is a couple of thousand miles west of Yazoo.

Sgt. Loran Borchard, a fixture of A&S, should have bet more money on that Minnesota-Missouri game last Saturday afternoon. Probably the reason he didn't was the feelin' that maybe the Golden Gophers didn't have enough spark. Well, the boys from up north shore made a killing, but Borchard didn't. Better luck next time, Kid.

So with that bit of advice, we lock shop until press time again. It's 30 and Soooooo Long.

### Atomized Heat Near

Schenectady (CNS)—The most probable use of atomic energy, which is presently the basis of the atomic bomb, will be as a source of heat, General Electric scientists state.