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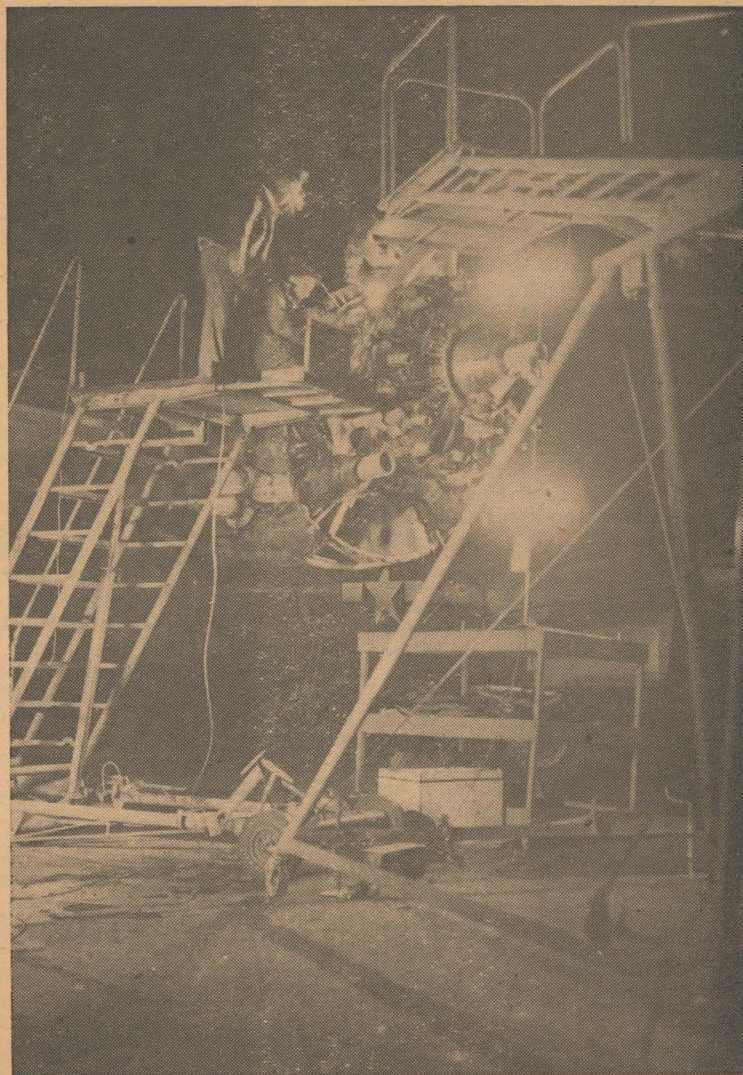
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THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT: When darkness falls and most of us are through for the day, the unsung and unheralded men that work the graveyard shift carry on. Pictured above are a group of men making adjustments on a B-29.

Bombers at Home This Weekend

Sports Page

Cpl. Jack McKenzie of the Guard Squadron is seen with some of the necklaces and bracelets which he makes as a hobby. Beautifully devised, they can be seen on display at the bank where he is on duty. In the days of the silent pictures, Jack played with many of the old stars who today are almost legendary. His stories of the pictures and the action on the sets are numerous. Many of the actors have become successful in modern pictures and also are starring in radio and stage.

SERVE IN SILENCE



So it is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce to all her Walker friends that S/Sgt. Julie Robertson became the bride of S/Sgt. Earl Loss last Monday. Best wishes and congratulations to you both.

The Squadron party was quite a success. Guess you know the third wing was well represented. Kowalski as usual, was having boy friend troubles and this time Pvt. Verna Beck was right along with her.

Now about this Log Cabin deal the other night—it seems the '76th is quite popular with some of the third wingers. How about that?

From the looks of the dayroom one night this week, the WACs seem to be partial to Techs—There was Mary McClelland with hers; Cecilia Bruzenak and her friend, Lottie Jagodka and Bill—and probably others we don't know about.

Catron's "friend boy" has received his discharge. We are used to our friends leaving for overseas or shipping to other bases but it is impossible to believe when talk of home begins. Oh well, we should have enlisted sooner.

Lucky break one in a million: The McCurdys will shortly be Mr. and Mrs. instead of S/Sgt. and PFC. Yes, one of those once in a lifetime breaks—Jackie received her discharge this week and her husband will get his soon—on the point system.

If Ernie can iron Betty's skirts, and Herman can polish Jessie's shoes, Lottie would like to know what Bill intends to do for her. Or should we let Bill answer that?

Wanted: One super snoop. Jo seems to be hiding somewhere because no news about her can be found.

Vee Gee is now involved in another triangle. Wonder who will win this time?

And now that you've read this far and learned of the lighter side of a WAC company, may we refer you to the other WAC news in this issue of the Walker Talker. The Women's Army Corps is just starting on it's fourth year—read a few of their accomplishments in their first three.

NOTICE

Minimum Qualifications for transfer of EM to laboratories of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics:

Aeronautical Engineer—BS Degree in aeronautical engineering plus one year of experience.

Aeronautical Lab. Techn—Must be aircraft modelmaker with two years laboratory experience.

Aircraft Modelmaker — Two years experience in aircraft model-making.

Mathematician—BS degree in mathematics.

Mechanical Engineer—BS degree in mechanical engineering.

Patternmaker (Wood)—Three years experience.

Physicist—BS degree in physics with grades in upper 25 per cent of class and graduated or worked in physics within last two years.

Structural Engineer—BS degree in structural or civil engineering.

All EM who meet the minimum requirements listed will report to the Base Classification office for interview.

Then there was the Red Cross worker on a remote Pacific Island who called the Army command to report a disease peculiar to the tropics.

"We have a case of beri-beri here. What shall we do?"

Came the answer—"Give it to the Seabees. They'll drink anything."

King for a Day



SGT. JACK BLACKMAN

Twenty-six years old, single, and reasonably content, this week's King for a Day is Sgt. Jack Blackman of the Special Service Section in the Bomb Group.

Enlisting in the Air Force in November 1942, Sgt. Blackman received his basic training at Midland AAF at Midland, Texas. After six weeks he was sent to Strother Field, Winfield, Kansas. It was while at Strother Field that he was sent to the Special Services School at Washington-Lee university. Two years at Strother, and then Sgt. Blackman was sent to Walker, arriving the first week in January of this year.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., and was graduated from La Salle High there in 1936. Went to work with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,

Livestock Marketing Division in Washington, D. C., Kansas City and Cincinnati, O. It was while working in Washington that he was loaned to the Soil Conservation Bureau and assisted in making the government documentary film called Agriculture and War.

His hobbies include music, photography, sleight of hand and magic to a small extent. His ambition at present is to go to OCS (old civilian status).

Sgt. Blackman with a buddy will be guests of the Lamer Hotel in Hays over the week-end.

Medal of Honor For FDR Proposed

Washington (CNS)—The House Judiciary Committee has approved a bill to award the nation's highest decoration for valor—the Congressional Medal of Honor—to Franklin D. Roosevelt posthumously. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate. The House bill proposes the award in recognition of the late President's "peerless leadership as Commander in Chief, his heroic courage as a pioneer of new frontiers of freedom, his gallant and unselfish devotion to the service of his country and his everlasting contribution to the cause of world peace."



WANTED—One electric iron in good condition. Call S/Sgt. C. Clark in Maintenance Control or phone 388, Russell.

FOUND: Set of five photographs in Hays. Names of men in pictures on back of each photograph. Owner may have them by calling at the Base Special Service Office and identifying pics. See Sgt. Kleiman or call Ext. 112.

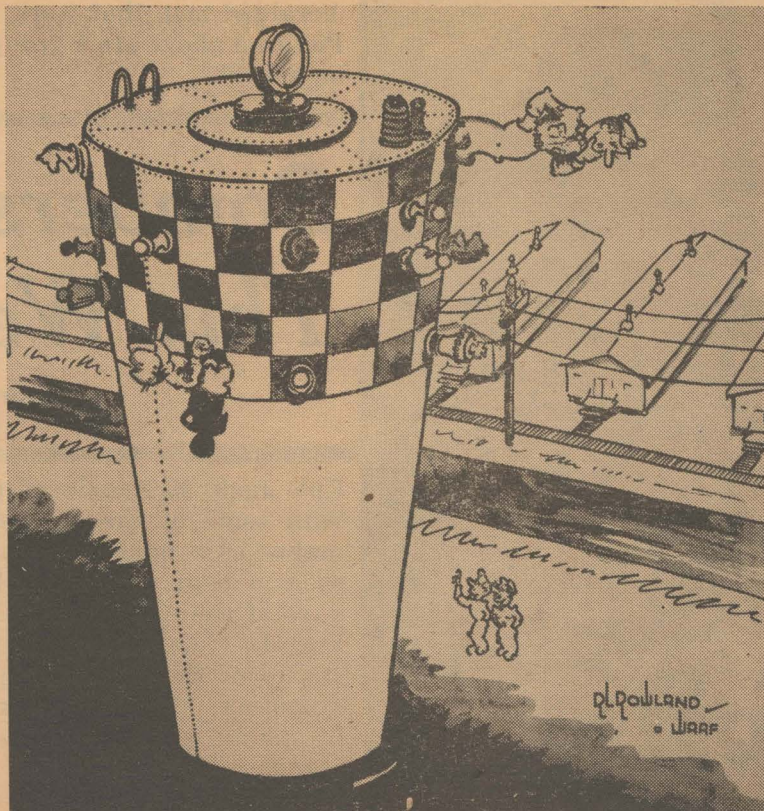
LOST: A light filter has been found in Russell. Owner may have same by stopping in at the the Information-Education Office or call 112.

WILL TRADE: Mantel radio for electric iron. Pvt. Leo W. Shott, Bldg. 911.

HELP WANTED: Wanted at once. Enlisted men who have had experience as Barbers to work in the Post Exchange Barber Shop nights. This is your opportunity to make real money. Apply at the Post Exchange Office.

10 DAY SERVICE: Watches repaired and cleaned and reconditioned by competent jewelers. Inquire Cpl. Pete Polinsky, Barracks 903 or Celestial Navigation Dept.

Walker Willie



"Your move!"

POST EXCHANGE NEWS

THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATED ITEMS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT TIMES SPECIFIED:

0900, 1200 and 1800
Film Monday 21 May
Towels Tuesday 22 May

The Fabulous Medics

"What a splendid fit," said the tailor as he carried the epileptic out of his shop. Which reminds me of Miskins' classic statement that the only time he envies his feet is when they're asleep.

"Check in the blind Molloy" pulled a Casey at the bat last week in the game with the Gunners—he went down swinging in the last of the ninth. He's probably still in the process of getting over that shiner. Our entire softball team is a little slow in getting started as was shown in that defeat by the Gunnery School. Let's not get discouraged though, because if you recall our basketball club lost the first practice game of the season and to the very same team and then went on to win 18 straight.

Sgt. Shannon pulled a beauty with the physical fitness tests we gave recently. He casually mentioned that anyone scoring 85 points might be eligible for a discharge. The results were amazing. The boys sure can move with the right incentive.

Our sincerest regrets and sympathy are offered to several former members of the detachment who were injured on the western front: Smithers, Stone and Grimm are reported recipients of the Purple Heart.

Congratulations are in store for PFC Walters whose wife presented him with a bouncing 12 points recently—a baby girl born at St. Anthony's in Hays.

Back in the outfit after a brief stretch with the group Sgt. Christenson of the infirmary is all smiles again. Could be that he likes his old outfit after all—can't say that we blame him either! !

We have several men in the detachment with over the required number of demobilization points. Anyone interested in purchasing a few should contact Sgt. Rutkowski, PFC Valerio and Lichtle. Sgt. Lindsay is sweating out a discharge on the age angle.

That's all for now fellows and as the professor said when his glass eye rolled down the sink, "There goes another pupil."

PFC Lawrence W. Weinstein

Texas Judge Won't O.K. Sight-Unseen Divorces

Dallas, Texas (ALNS)—Men in service who are having long-distance married life arguments with the wife, aren't so likely to come home and make the surprising discovery that she has divorced him—because of a finding made by Judge W. L. Black of District Court. The judge has ruled that the printing of a notice of a divorce suit in the paper at home is not sufficient notice to permit a legal divorce to be granted. The judge rules that the man in service must be notified through his APO or FPO, and that this must be done so that waivers may be obtained—if the GI wants to say the divorce is OK by him.



Official AAF Photo

LIBRARY'S WEEKLY EXHIBIT. Pfc. Leo Romano is observed studying lend lease routes. The purpose of display is to indicate the enormous volume of lend lease coming from the United States. The books as part of the display illustrate background and significance of the subject: "Lend-Lease, Weapon for Victory," by Stettinius; "Across Burning Frontiers," by Zawisza; "People on Our Side," by Snow. PFC Ruth Van Tress of the library staff is responsible for the exhibit.

People

GI Movie Featured Saturday

Would it be news to you that GI movies are shown every Saturday night in the Service club? Some of you know; others of you don't. GI movies are composed of four 15-minute shorts—interesting, usually a football game or some other sport, a slick chick singing some torrid ballad, often some vivid Signal Corps action shots on a battle front—you will enjoy GI movies—they start as soon as it gets dark enough to show—about 9 on Saturday nights.

We dusted and waxed, we straightened checkers and mowed the lawn, shined light bulbs and arranged music; we scrubbed under the coke machine and shampooed the rug—and sho'nuff Col. Putnam and Lt. Col. Brown inspected the Service Club. Said the colonel, "It's amazing what can be done to the interior of these temporary buildings—this is a fine looking club."

The WAAF EM club belongs to the GIs. You come in and give us your opinions—Do you like it?

Thank your WAC paragraph: those perfectly beautiful and shapely tulips you've been aware of this week were presented to the club by PFC Nicke Vasilake, formerly one of our hostesses. Thanks so very much!

Coming up on Thursday next, we're having a real old fashioned community sing with Cpl. Bob Boyd playing the piano. Bob is a Chicago boy with a lot of time in the service but not enough to

get out. He's a radar man with the '76th.

We wish to end this with a cool note—now that we have SIX big fans in the club, well, it's cooler than a lot of places—and as time goes by you won't need to take our word for it.

We'll count on seeing you soon.
D.L.G.B.

Army and Navy Will Equalize War Sacrifices

By Camp Newspaper Services

The War and Navy Departments have adopted a policy permitting assignment of the remaining members of an immediate family group to non-hazardous duty providing:

Two or more members of the immediate family group, while serving in the armed forces in this war, have been killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, or have been reported as missing in action or as prisoners of war.

The policy will apply, however, only upon request of the serviceman concerned or a member of his immediate family. Non-hazardous duty many mean duty in the rear area of an active theater, duty in an inactive theater or duty in the U. S. However, a remaining member who is the sole surviving child or sole surviving son will in every case be retained in or returned to the U. S. for permanent assignment.

Cases which have been submitted previously and denied under the "sole surviving son," policy should be resubmitted if consideration is desired under the new and broader policy.

Requests under the new policy should contain the name and relationship of all persons in the immediate family. For members of the armed forces, the grade, serial number, organization and station assignment should be included. For those members lost in the present war, the grade, serial number, last organization and station and available information as to death, capture, or missing status is necessary. (WD BPR Release, 24 Apr. 1945.)

Advice is what a man gives when he is too old to set a bad example.



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Letter from Burma

4 May, 1945.
Burma

Walker Talker,
Walker Army Air Field,
Victoria, Kans.

Dear Editors:

Was recently sent some 6 copies of the old Talker by my sister-in-law, who works at Air Corps Supply there. I was extremely interested of course in current events, new faces, jokes, and the general ideas about the war as coming from stateside, and I can call it stateside, now that I am a 3 month veteran overseas, from Walker, ha, but seriously the news did give me a thrill and the old memories. Noticed a decided increase in marriages and program activities in and around Hays and the base. I see that S/Sgt. Schoepf, the Wacs and Special Service and the Service Club are still knocking themselves out in their attempts and very successful ones at that to give the boys all there is to be had in entertainment lines. As my wife and I practically opened the base in Ap-

ril and May of 1943, we are both interested in its activities and happenings. I know that all my old buddies in the Medics will remember the times we had at their parties, and that we both were interested to hear of Lt. Rasmussen in the Pacific, although not under such ideal conditions. Have toured most of India and some of Burma in my assignments and had a chance to see at first hand the work that is being done, by every allied army in this theatre, and the fine showing that all of us know they are turning out.

The climate here reminds me often of Kansas, but it is consistent about nine months of the year here, with the monsoon rainy season of course setting in about now, so plenty of drips. Surely would appreciate highly if a copy could be forwarded to me here, if not too much trouble.

Noticed that the Civilian Personnel outfit is on ball as usual with new instructive classes in many branches. Sounds like Mr. Henning and Lt. Pettygrove are coming through as usual. Of course the change in bus schedule there was routine news, as it always has been that way, but little things like that give you all something to worry about. I had better quit now while my record is still clear, but extend to all the old gang in Base S-1, and the other sections my heartiest wish for success and the best of everything every day.

Sgt. B. M. Stoddard 36443935
319th Air Service Squadron,
52d Air Service Group,
APO 218, % PM,
New York, N. Y.

With Tremolo

Okinawa (CNS)—Services, conducted in the open by Lt. Walter Hobkirk, Marine Corps chaplain, were in progress when a Jap bomber dived out of a cloud and began strafing. Lt. Hobkirk and 48 Leathernecks hit the dirt. When the plane had gone, Lt. Hobkirk arose, brushed dust from his uniform and said: "Let us sing." The 48 marines complied lustily.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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Neighbor: "Your baby certainly is a cute little rascal. Does he take after his father, much?"

Mother: "Well, yes, in a way. His father is not quite so cute, but much more of a rascal."

Figures don't lie but girdles keep a lot of them from revealing the truth.

"I never kiss, I never neck
I never say hell, I never say heck
I'm always good, I'm always nice
I play no poker, I shake no dice;
I never drink, I never flirt
I never gossip or spread the dirt.
I have no line or funny tricks
But what the heck—I'm only six."

"I drank some sulphuric acid by mistake last night."
"Got a hangover?"
"No, but every time I blow my nose it leaves a hole in my handkerchief."

Most accidents happen on Saturday and Sunday. It's a great life if you don't week-end.

Said the first hen to the second hen: "so you give and give and give and give, and what do you get for it? Just chicken feed."

"Sarge, I'm seasick. What can I do."
"Don't worry, son—you'll do it."

"Take hold of this wire."
"This one's okay."
"Feel anything?"
"Nope."
"Then don't touch the other one. It carries 5,000 volts."

"They met on the bridge at midnight;
Never to meet again.
One was a two year old heifer;
The other an eastbound train."

A popular dame is Rhoda Snoot, She plays strip poker in a one-piece suit.

The saddest words of tongue or pen, "Tomorrow, you're on latrine again."

"Where is the head bookkeeper?"

"Gone to the races, boss."
"What? In the middle of our annual audit?"

"Yes, sir. It was our only chance to balance the books."

HAWKWIZ

BY

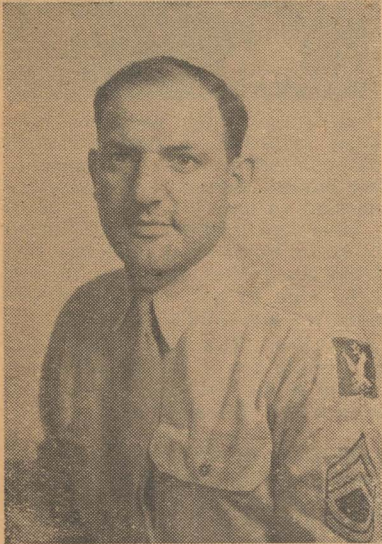
BOB
HAWK



1. In the motion picture "Kismet" what is the meaning of the word Kismet?
2. What is air in an advertisement?
3. What is the difference between the words indigent and indigenous?
4. What is reinsurance?
5. In peacetime, how much gasoline did the average motorist use per month; nearer 22, 42 or 102 gallons?

(Answer on page 10)

Information-Education Program in Full Swing



T/SGT. ABRAHAM COHEN

"Born in Connecticut, raised in Boston and lived in Brooklyn by choice," commented T/Sgt. Abraham Cohen when interviewed to give an idea of his background to the students who are interested in joining his French language class.

The class meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. in the Music Room at the Service Club.

In the Air Corps since January 1943, Sgt. Cohen is at present working in Sec. D Maintenance Control. Prior to his entry in the service, he was translator for military intelligence for 13 months.

His feats in languages are many. Won a scholarship medal while in grammar school and then earned his expenses during high school tutoring Latin, French, English and math. In a city wide French contest in New York in 1936 he also won first prize, competing against the 10 best French students of high schools in New York. And to really do it up fine, he graduated from high school with two scholarships, a French medal, two Latin medals and a scholarship medal.

While at Brooklyn College, he was president of the French class and editor of the French paper. He graduated Summa Cum Laude and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Married four years, Sgt. Cohen has a two-year-old son and in his own words, has "the perfect woman" for a wife.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Monday

French 7:00—Music Room, Service Club.
Biology 7:00—Civilian School building.
Music App. 8:00—Music Room, Service Club.
Spanish 8:00—Court Room, Headquarters.

Tuesday

Mech. of Eng. 7:00—Court Room, Headquarters.
Photography 7:00—Civilian School Building.

Wednesday

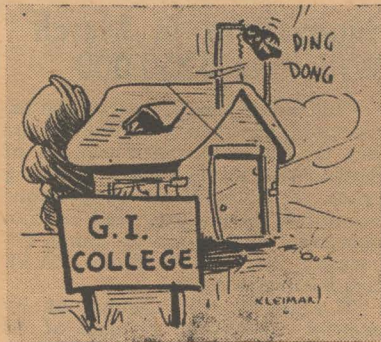
French 7:00—Music Room, Service Club.
Biology 7:00—Civilian School Building.
Spanish 8:00—Music Room, Service Club.
German 9:00—Music Room, Service Club.

Thursday

Photography 7:00—Civilian School Building.
Special Class 7:00—Court Room, Headquarters.
Singing Class 8:00 Main Room, Service Club.

Saturday

G. I. Forum 9:30—Music Room, Service Club.

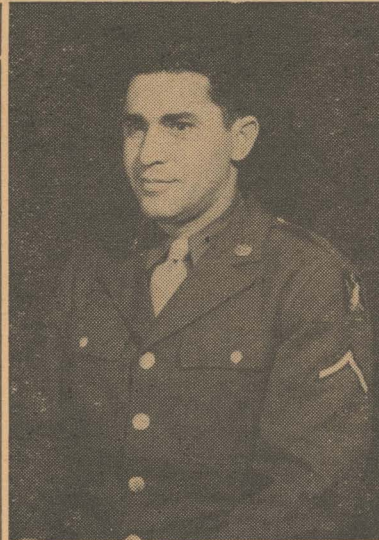


Suggest Shortcut To College Degree

Dallas, Texas (ALNS)—The State Board of Education has adopted a resolution, urging colleges and universities in the Lone Star state to make it easier for those who are serving in the armed forces to get their college degree when they return. The resolution suggests that students who were in their senior year when they went into service be given an intensive three-months' course, and if they complete it satisfactorily, be graduated with the proper degree.

Those who were juniors when they "joined up" would take a six-months' course, take their exams, and get their degree. Sophomores would take a 12-month course, with their degrees to follow if satisfactorily completed. Those who were freshmen when they left would take a 12-months' course, and have a chance to enter their senior year. Those who had not been admitted to college could take a 12-months' course looking to entrance in the junior class.

Colleges are not required to follow the suggestion; but are permitted to do so by action of the State Board.



PFC LOUIS A. DOMINGUEZ

A tutor in Spanish for about five years, and an export manager for a firm that dealt in shipping cordage to South America, the West Indies and the Philippines, PFC Louis A. Dominguez has a fine background for teaching Spanish. His home is in New York but he was born in Puerto Rico.

Entering the armed forces in March 1944, he received his basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Lincoln, Nebraska, was his next stop, then Walker where he was assigned to the Officer's Section in Base Headquarters.

PFC Dominguez has outlined his class in Spanish in the Walker Education Program to include advanced and beginning Spanish. Classes are held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Court Room at Base Headquarters and Wednesday at 8 in the Music Room at the Service Club.

At The USO's Hays

Tuesday—Card games.
Wednesday—Midweek dance with Orchestra.
Thursday—Square Dancing, Bill Philip, caller.
Thursday night—Dancing class, 7 to 8 o'clock, under direction of Gerry Daniels.
Saturday Afternoon—Art Class at state college under direction of Prof. Dobosh. Register at USO.
Saturday Night—Dance, with orchestra.
Everyday—Free cookies, rolls and coffee.
Golf clubs, tennis racquets, horseshoes and other sports equipment are available on request.
Greens fee for golf at the Hays Country Club is 35 cents. Enlisted men pay 15 cents and the Hays USO pays the difference.

Russell

Every Day—Free coffee and cakes.
Saturday—Canteen Party every Saturday night. Coffee, cake and dancing.
Sunday—Informal open house every Sunday evening. Homemade cakes and pies with your coffee.
Wednesday—Dance.

Uncle Sam Offers You An Education

Dovetailing with the post-war education opportunity afforded by the GI Bill of Rights is the chance to start studying now, while in the Army, through the United States Armed Forces Institute which offers hundreds of correspondence courses. Already 900,000 service men and women belong to the student body of the "school with a world-wide campus" which has added nine branches overseas to enable men to continue their studies wherever they go.

Courses may be selected from over 300 listed in the USAFI catalog, and range from radio and aerodynamics to English, mathematics or history. Only \$2 allotment fee makes you eligible for as many as you want to take, assuming your work is satisfactory. Instruction in business, scientific, technical, mechanical, industrial, engineering and liberal arts fields is available. Several hundred additional college correspondence courses are offered by 85 cooperating colleges and universities through USAFI for which the Government will pay half the cost, up to a maximum of \$20 per course.

In selecting courses there are two general classifications: the correspondence course and the self-teaching course. The latter does not require completed written lessons to be sent in, and is accompanied by a work book and material to enable the student to pursue the course through to the end when he may take an examination.

Tying in closely with the educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, under which many GIs will go back to school after leaving the Army, USAFI makes it possible to utilize free time now to return to school later at a higher scholastic level. Credit at the school you select may be obtained for USAFI courses through an accreditation plan worked out with schools and colleges. Under this plan it is also possible to get scholastic credit for Army training whether USAFI courses have been studied or not.

To assist students in selecting the courses most suitable for their needs, USAFI has an advisory service that considers personal problems individually.

Considered the biggest educational opportunity ever offered to men in the service anywhere, USAFI is enabling men to continue their educations and prepare for civilian jobs. Your Information Education officer will give you complete details and explain how to enroll.

LIFE SAVERS



If it becomes a toss-up whether to wash your face or your feet, wash your feet. They're the most important equipment you've got. They take you there and bring you back. Take care of them.

JAPOLOGY



Don't Fence Me In!



... and hereafter Pvt. Jones, empty your pockets before inspection;

Not Too Serious News of Nation

Albuquerque, N. M., (CNS)—“The meanest thief” in Albuquerque—the crum who stole the turkey John Baker, 6, was saving for his soldier brother in Germany—read a story about his theft in a local newspaper. The next day John received an unsigned apology—and \$15.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Mrs. Nellie Lynch is seeking a divorce. Her husband (1) locked their canned food in his bedroom and kept it from her, (2) hid the radio tubes so she could not listen in while he was away, (3) refused to make love to her and (4) threatened to shoot her.

New York (CNS)—Her husband told her it was “undercover” work that kept him out so late every night, but when Mrs. Frances Cohen checked up the only thing she uncovered was a sexy redhead her hubby kept covered up in an apartment on 49th street. Mrs. Cohen sued for divorce.

Sandy Hook, N. J. (CNS) — Sandy Hook residents are fearful that if the government doesn't do something quick, they are going to wake up some morning and

find Sandy Hook floating around in the sea. The residents recently sent a delegation to Washington to seek funds to protect the beaches and thus prevent Sandy Hook from becoming detached from the Jersey mainland.

San Francisco (CNS) — When Herbert Sommer, president of a local shoe firm, parked his car in his garage one night, a stranger stepped out of the shadows and prodded him in the stomach with a gun. He left in a few moments with Mr. Sommer's wallet, his watch, fountain pen and a signed gift certificate for a pair of Mr. Sommer's shoes. The shoe firm executive is waiting for him to drop around and try to cash it.

Saugus, Me. (CNS)—The Board of Selectmen has ruled that any town employee with the odor of liquor on his breath will be discharged immediately. The town will employ undercover “sniffers” to ferret out the drinkers.

Teaneck, N. J. (CNS)—John Daddy watched a suspicious looking man lift a package from a parked car. “Hey,” said Daddy, punching the man's nose, “put that back.” In court Daddy learned to his chagrin that the suspicious looking stranger was the owner of the parked car.

It's Lucky Seven: Buy Bonds Now

The name “Lucky Seven”, which was chosen as the title of our present War Loan Drive, is living up to its expectations, for it was during the Seventh that the Goose Stepping Hitlerites found what the term unconditional surrender meant. We are now moving on to the Pacific where Tojo is already starting to feel the pinch of Allied might. All of us have been counting our points the past few days to see if we are going back to civilian life before the Japs are knocked out. That's all very fine, but how about buying an extra War Bond so you won't have to worry about the “Point System” to realize that golden dream of being a civilian. Besides that folks you can count extra dollars saved when you'll need them most.

The proposed quota from all sources, both civilian and military for Walker Field is \$223,431.50. Our sales so far during the first period from 9 April 1945 to 1 May 1945 has been \$23,099.00. You can see by these figures that it will be necessary for us to put a little more effort behind this drive. Let's really make this the “Lucky Seventh.”

Suggestions in March Will Save \$250,000

Colorado Springs, Colo.—An estimated quarter of a million dollars will be saved in the operation of Second Air Force combat training bases as a result of suggestions submitted by military and civilian personnel during March alone, according to report from 2AAF Headquarters here.

The figure was arrived at by careful evaluation of each of 58 suggestions approved for adoption by AAF Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Two hundred and thirty-nine suggestions were submitted during March. Fifty-eight were worthy of application either at Second Air Force bases or throughout the air forces.

Civilians who initiate such worthwhile ideas are eligible for a range of cash compensation from \$5 to \$250. Military personnel may earn recommendation for the Legion of Merit, promotion or a letter of commendation from the individual's commanding officer.

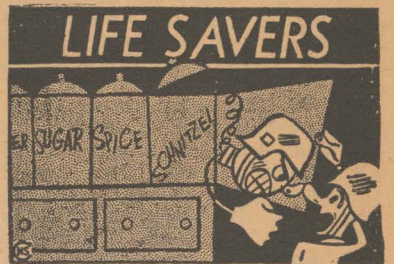


Q. I am under age and have been informed I cannot marry without consent of my parents. My parents refuse to give me permission to marry a girl by whom I have had a child. What I want to know is: If I acknowledge that I am the father of the child, will I be able to get a family allowance for my child's support?

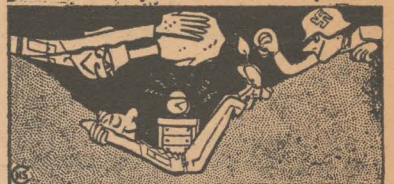
A. Yes. The child of a soldier is eligible for a family allowance if the soldier is willing to submit a certified statement of paternity.

Q. Some of the men in my regiment say that a soldier will get extra credits on a Federal Civil Service exam if he has served overseas. Is that right?

A. No, it is not right. The fact that a soldier has served overseas will have no bearing on his preferences under the Federal Civil Service Regulations. All veterans, whether they have had overseas service or not, will get an extra 5-point credit on Federal Civil Service exams. However, disabled vets—those who have service-connected disabilities, whether received overseas or within the continental U. S.—will get a 10-point credit on the exams. That is the maximum any veteran will get.



PATROLS passing through settlements deserted by the enemy should search all buildings and possible hiding places for snipers and ambush parties.



VALLEYS are natural targets for enemy fire. Stay out of 'em whenever possible.

Bus Schedule

Lv. Hays & Russell	Arrive Base	Leave Base	Arrive Hays & Russell
0700	0745	0820	0850
0945	1015	1030	1100
1115	1145	1200	1230
1315	1345	1400	1430
1445	1515	1530	1600
1600	1630	1720	1750
1800	1830	1845	1915
1930	2000	2015	2045
2100	2130	2145	2215
2230	2300	2315	2345
2400	0030	0100	0130
0100	0130	0145	0215
0200 Sat. only	0230	0245	0315

Bombers Batter Kearney Nine, 17 Runs to 1

Traveling to Kearney AAB in Nebraska last Sunday the Bombers went on a scoring spree to win, 17 to 1.

In the first frame Terrell walked, DeLucia singled, Dyke singled, White tripled, Adams walked, Kelly tripled, Limmer walked, McCurdy walked and then Kearney settled down to get the next three in order.

Bill Hobson took the mound with a six run lead and gave up but one run in five innings. John Matykowski and Stew Mackie each took over for a brief period, both keeping the opponents well checked. Walker gave out three bases on balls to eight by Kearney. Walker collected 14 hits against two for the home team. White, Kelly and DeLucia clubbed three base knocks while Skoko McCurdy hit a 420-foot double.

Bob Adams has taken over the centerfield berth and will bolster the squad.

Two Bombers had a perfect day at the bat. Coach Bill Kelly collected four for four and first baseman Lou Limmer made three hits in three tries.

The Kearney team played well afield, making but two errors to one for Walker.

Bombers	AB	H	R
Terrell, ss	4	0	2
DeLucia, 2b	4	2	3
Dyke, 3b	3	2	3
Ray, rf	1	0	0
White, rf	4	1	1
Adams, cf	3	0	1
Kelly, c	4	4	2
Limmer, 1b	3	3	3
McCurdy, lf	3	1	1
Baker, lf	1	0	0
Hobson, p	2	1	1
Mackie, p	0	0	0
Matykowski, p	0	0	0
Totals	32	14	17

Kearney AAB	AB	H	R
Sokol, 3b	2	1	1
Persons, lf	1	0	0
Korosaki, lf	1	0	0
Allessandro, ss	3	0	0
Allan, cf	2	0	0
Copenhagen, 1b	3	0	0
Check, rf	1	0	0
Bridges, rf	2	0	0
Young, 2b	1	0	0
Innam, 2b	2	0	0
Held, c	2	0	0
Ronco, p	0	0	0
Dorgan, p	0	0	0
Pachmyer, p	2	1	0
Totals	22	2	1

Archery Range Planned

Men interested in archery should check with Captain Baker, physical fitness officer. Equipment has arrived and a range is planned. The project will begin as soon as weather permits.

Baseball Officials Needed

Men qualified to umpire baseball games and interested in working this year should inquire at the base gymnasium. Civilian officials are needed for league games.



Official AAF Photo

W. A. A. F. Bombers—1945: Top row, left to right, Captain Baker (manager and physical training officer), A. Smilowitz, J. Matykowski, W. Hobson, F. Fray, R. Adams, A. McCurdy. Front row, left to right, H. White, J. Terrell, A. DeLucia (with Skippy, club mascot), L. Limmer, P. Dyke and Coach Bill Kelly. Missing are S. Mackie, C. Bowles, S. Grimaldi and H. Katz, scorer.

Sports

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By Sgt. Frank DeBlois
Camp Newspaper Service

Are Ball Players People?

Ted McGrew, the Brooklyn Dodger scout who discovered Pee-wee Reese and Pete Reiser, knows good ball players when he spots them, but his judgment isn't very good in other respects. Once, for instance, he left his 6-year-old son in the care of a couple of umpires. When he returned for the kiddie he learned, not without dismay, that the boys in blue had taken the manly little fellow to a burlesque show.

Best news of the week: Babe Ruth, the well known wrestling referee, has decided to quit. "I'm through refereeing," says he. "And I never want to look at another armpit as long as I live."

10-in-One Ration

Happy Chandler, baseball's new commissioner, has received his first protest. Naturally it was filed by Leo Durocher, the dandy little manager of Branch Rickey's Brooklyn Dodgers. Notified of

Boxers Wanted

Men interested in boxing against other bases should report to Cpl. Endlich, Walker boxing coach, at the base gym at once.

Chandler's appointment, the dandy one sent the following wire: "Dutch Nieman hit 9th inning homer that beat me today. Hereby file protest. What do you intend to do about it?" . . . Lippy Leo, incidentally, has signed a contract to play in a Broadway musical next season . . . More Dodger news: M/Gen. Claire Chennault, who turned in a one-hit shutout for his 14th AAF team to open the China season, wouldn't mind a job with Our Bums when the war is over. Wrote he to Rickey: "I am leading the team in batting with a .667 average and I wonder if the Dodgers are not losing a good bet in not signing me up. I am looking for a place to settle down in my old age." . . . Sgt. Harry Danning, N. Y. Giants catcher, has been discharged from the Army with a CDD, but isn't planning to return to big league ball. Harry has bad knees . . . CPO Bob Feller made his debut as pitcher and coach for the Great Lakes Bluejackets by fanning 7 in 3 innings against Northwestern . . . Named to baseball's hall of fame at Cooperstown, N. Y., were 10 old-timers: Roger Bresnahan, Giants; Dan Brothers, Brooklyn; Fred Clarke, Pittsburgh; Jimmy Collins, Red Sox; Ed Delehanty, Phils; Hugh Duffy, Cubs; Hughie Jennings, Baltimore; King Kelly, Cubs; Jim O'Rourke and Wilbert Robinson, Dodgers. Granddad saw them play.

Two Home Games This Weekend

The Hays ball park will be the scene of two week-end ball games. On Saturday the Smoky Hill AAB team of Salina will try to avenge the defeat suffered earlier this season at the hands of the Bombers by a one-run margin. Both teams are slated to meet later in the season in official Second Air Force league games and neither club wants to be on the short end of these contests.

The Smoky Hill squad is large and talented so the opposition will be stiff.

On Sunday the newly organized Hays towners, coached by the veteran coach, official and sportsman, Anthony Roth, will play the Bombers. On the Hays team will be the pick of the community including several talented soldiers from Walker. Here is a chance to get a line on this year's Bombers.

The Dodge City baseball team which suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the Bombers in late April will play a return game at Hays Friday, May 25. The game with Herington, scheduled for May 16 at Hays was postponed because of inclement weather.



Don't get excited if you become wounded. Try to give yourself first aid and keep calm until the medics arrive.

Sports Gossip

By Sgt. Bill Kelly

Soldiers coming into the gym have been ribbing the P. T. department about scheduling a game with a team like Gorham and then boasting of the power displayed in winning. Right now might be a good time to differentiate between the team representing Walker and another team that exists and borrows part of the Bomber name. A photo on the gym office wall of last year's team is entitled—248th Base Unit team of W. A. A. F. and their nickname is the Bombers.

Every team should be able to pick their own name but why must a new team use the same title as the other club on the field? If the men want to play for the Bombers let them try out. If they want to have their own team, swell, but call it another name.

Catcher Herb White is being troubled with a lame arm and is playing the outfield to keep his hitting power in the lineup. Versatile Paul Dyke has played centerfield, third base and has pitched so far this year. Sandy Grimaldi will be out of the hospital and back into uniform soon. The Medics had all three of their applicants for the team in the lineup at one time at Kearney. Captain Baker batted for Matykowski and looked like Lombardi when his smash to deep short was knocked down and he was thrown out. Paul Dyke is so catlike on the basepaths that he is nicknamed "Pussy Footed."

The Bombers cut loose against Kearney AAB, blasting in 17 runs. Paul Dyke stole just about everything but the umpire's indicator. In the sixth inning Paul walked, stole second, third and then home.

At the Kearney PX the Walker team spent money galore. Candy bars (popular brands) were for sale at 3c each. Mammoth frankfurters cost only 5c. The same hot dog smothered in chili cost 7c. Ice



A SOLDIER'S DREAM COME TRUE: Aaron Rudy, 29, discharged veteran, lays away the groceries in the kitchen of the 6-room brick home he bought with a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights. He is the first New York City veteran of this war to receive government aid toward purchase of a home. Total loan was \$6,400, of which the government guaranteed \$2,000.

cold beer at the P. X. sold for 10c a bottle.

In spite of all previous schooling and the sign outside the rec. bldg. stating that a clean pair of socks in the hand is all that is required to get gym shoes, men still try to bluff through. "The socks I'm wearing are clean," they say. Remember your high school training and the story about the fungus growth causing the condition of athlete's foot. Our "silliness" will keep men off crutches and on the job.

The Post Engineers are busy taking the slope off our athletic area. If you don't know where the athletic area is then look for the only piece of slanting ground in Ellis county and that is it. Now for hot days and a good dose of Vitamin D.

The base radar officers lost to Pete Morale's "Five Blind Men," then cleared the field.

Five More In Third Get Medal of Honor

Nuremberg (CNS)—Five more Congressional Medals of Honor have been awarded to heroes of the crack 3d Infantry Division of the 7th Army—probably the most decorated division in the Army. L/Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of the 7th Army, presented the nation's highest award to: L/Col. Keith L. Ware, Glendale, Cal.; Lt. John J. Tominic, Lincoln, Neb.; T/Sgt. Russell Dunham, Wood River, Ill.; Sgt. Lucian Adams, Port Arthur, Tex. and Pfc. Wilbur N. Ross, Strunk, Ky. At last count, 25 Medals of Honor had been awarded to the 3d Division.

Soldiers Warned Of Farm Chisel

Kansas City (CNS)—The case of a wounded veteran of World War II who paid \$12,000 for a farm he could have bought for \$8,000—putting up his entire life savings of \$4,000 as the initial payment—was revealed by I. W. Duggan, governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

Even worse, Mr. Duggan said, the "normal productive value of the farm, judged on its ability to afford the owner a living and pay taxes and indebtedness, was only \$5,000."

Mr. Duggan issued an urgent appeal to all servicemen and women who plan to become farmers after the war to consult with their county agricultural advisory committees before buying farms with their savings. If the wounded veteran had sought the advice of the county agricultural advisory committee, he said, the chances are he would not have paid a price in excess of the agricultural value of the farm. So far in the present war, he added, the percentage of rise in land prices is about equal to the comparative period of the last war. Most of the 2,000,000 farm foreclosures of the last 25 years stemmed from indebtedness incurred to buy land in and following World War I.

The Farm Credit Administration has published a booklet, "About That Farm You're Going to Buy," which is available on request. The FCA can be addressed at Kansas City, 8, Missouri.

1st Division Captures Same Kraut Twice

Germany (CNS)—One German soldier, unidentified, gave the 1st Infantry Division more than the usual amount of trouble. Captured recently by men of the "Big Red '1'" in their drive across the Reich, he revealed he had been captured by the same division 2 years earlier in North Africa, sent to a PW camp in the U. S. and returned to Germany in a prisoner exchange.

Base Unit Nine Wins at Wichita

Two beautifully executed ninth inning "squeeze" plays enabled the fighting 248th Base Unit team to edge out a 10-9 victory over the top notch Plainview Thunderbirds, Sunday, May 13 at Wichita, Kansas.

The Base Unit nine comprises soldiers from Sqdn. A, E, and D. The team is coached and managed by S/Sgt. "Pop" Harmon.

Sunday, May 20, the team will play the highly touted Beechcraft aggregation from Wichita at El Dorado, Kansas.

Sgt. Bob Curtis.

Badminton Tournament

Just as soon as four trophies can be procured a badminton tournament will be conducted at the base gymnasium. Get in all the practice possible and sign up with the physical fitness officer, Captain Baker. There will be no doubles teams. Awards will go to first and second ranking enlisted men and officers.

Vets Get Good Jobs In Philadelphia

Philadelphia (CNS) — Of 70 World War II veterans placed in jobs with private industry 7 Philadelphia branches of the U. S. Employment Service during a week's period 93% were placed in jobs paying 70 cents an hour or better; 26% were placed in jobs paying 90 cents an hour or better. Highest wage obtained by a veteran during the week was \$1.35 an hour.



A popular fallacy concerning the Japs is that they are an imitative rather than a creative people. The truth is that Japanese inventiveness is considerable. A 1000-pound rocket bomb is one of the Jap inventions in this war.

MATERIELLY SPEAKING

Mark Twain has said, "People talk about the weather, but no one does anything about it." Well, we in Materiel are doing something about it. On hot days such as last Sunday we perspire and on cold days, such as always in Hays we freeze amidst the coal dust of "Little Pittsburgh." It has been rumored that because of the dense cloud of smoke that emanates from the huts of Materiel the planes are being grounded . . . it seems the weather-merchants are mistaking our Pennsylvania atmosphere for fog.

We not only have wondered what PFC Shapiro talks about when he talks, but what makes him talk so much without running down. Is he the reason Pvs. "Junior" Luton and "Skeets" Weber wear cotton in their ears all the time?

Sgt. "Morale Project" Melville's "Melodious Vultures" of F-2 were restrained last Saturday night . . . Cpl. Kuterka had C. Q. so they all sat up with the boy . . . how's that for teamwork? Now if only Melville could get some of that cooperation when it comes to cleaning the stove in the hut . . . he'd appreciate it.

THINGS WE CAN DO WITH-OUT: A reveille formation (too many men running into each other because of the dark) . . . Fields snapping those half dollars together . . . Hartle doing a jack-knife when Rynearson is with him . . . Leith breaking all the mirrors in the latrine . . . "Hearts and Flowers" Jaketic whining over the attitude of the men at mess call . . . Don't worry Sergeant, they are just tired of eating steak all the time . . . also this column.

It's good to see PFC Boylan and Pvt. Dobie back after their stay in the hospital. Now the bridge games can resume.

PFC Holliday: "Who's the best corporal in the outfit?"

Pvt. Gillman: "Eisenberg is."
PFC Holliday: "How do you know?"

Pvt. Gillman: "He told me so."

A royal welcome to two new members of Materiel, M/Sgt. Hartshorn and Pvt. Joseph Kachorowski . . . Kachorowski is the man who seems to have made a name for himself . . . quite a construction job, wasn't it?

'67TH WANDERERS STUMBLE TO VICTORY: Led by their spirited manager, Capt. "Doc" Lewis, the '67th Wanderers "accentuated the positive and eliminated the negative" by defeating the Hays city baseball club at Pioneer park in Hays last Sunday afternoon. Score was 11 to 5. The victory erased a previous loss to the same team the week before. Played before a record-breaking crowd of enthusiastic fans it was reminiscent of Ebbets field, minus the usual overflow of pop bottles . . . The catcalls and jeers were aplenty and all directed towards the umpire in the best American fashion. Everyone enjoyed the game despite the miniature dust storm except engineering First Sgt. Tarrentelli, who volunteered for the hazardous task of arbitrator . . . At the conclusion of the

You Never Know Where the Front Is

by Milton Caniff,

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game he was escorted off the field by Chaplain Winn . . . lucky fellow.

The Wanderers started early when Parker opened the first inning with a single and before the frame was over eight Koelle commandos closed the plate. Scoring again in the second and third innings on hits by Legg and Boscher the score was upped to 11 and that was the game. Excellent pitching of Cehlar and some brilliant support from the outfield staved off any consistent attack the Hays team could muster.

Highlights of the game were . . . Triple by Schanecka . . . "Flash" Tyehinski's circus catch and bullet throw to first doubling the runner . . . "Crafty's fielding . . . the stickwork of Katz . . . Tarrantelli's guessing of balls and strikes . . . "Weakeyes" Murphy asking the umpire if he had two pair of GIs and gas mask inserts . . . "Feets" Schiff suggesting Doc. Wood's APP's (all purpose pills) to Polito . . . Majcherek the Sinatra with vitamins commenting on the game, "Well, three innings are over and so far Tarrantelli's looking good, but how about our team?"

Pvt. Cian, why do you constantly gripe at Dickey's and Eldred's simple requests? It's not too much to ask of you to serve their meals in bed, is it?

Don't stop us if you heard this one: "It seems that a girl and boy were madly in love. So great

was their love that when fate (draft board) separated them and sent the boy to a distant city he telegraphed messages of his undying devotion and affection each morning. Every day for three years, the same Western Union boy knocked on the girl's door bearing the messages of undying love.

At the end of three years they were married—the girl and the Western Union boy.

This week's short story:
A SATURDAY NIGHT IN RUSSELL

(or)
PASS MY CHECKBOOK PLEASE

For the nominal sum of . . . shall we say a month's pay plus, one can enjoy a night of bottle blowing at the local night spots of Russell and in one of the town's best dives, or for the more refined type of drinker: night club.

First of all, the waitress ushers you to a table, and as quick as a flash she bills you for four beans, four dollars to the upper brackets. Half beaten from the shock you automatically reach for the little woman's purse and procure the damage. This isn't enough, for you have invested and no return. Synonymous to the crash of '29 . . . feverishly your mind begins to wander . . . suddenly someone in the crowd speaks of the finer things of life . . . a bottle . . . Immediately you piece things together and for the sum of six to

10 berries you can purchase any brand you wish, providing the labels are available . . . So what's done is done . . . You call the waitress for the "trimmings"—this of course takes care of the minimum and your pocketbook.

All this and heaven too . . . Did I hear music? . . . Oh yes the juke box was decorated for the convenience of all, the only slot available for business was the dime one at one piece per . . . Oh why didn't someone tell me they had oil wells in Kansas? The grand finale came as I planned to leave, unable to consume the entire maximum as I ran out of fire-water. Suddenly realizing the rest was due, we headed for the door. Again the long arm of the waitress tapped me lightly on the shoulder and said, "there is a 20 per cent luxury charge please," Again I reached for the little woman's purse and went about my business.

All was quiet on the way home until the girl in a passing couple was heard to remark, "Gee honey, I wish you knew of a place where I could let my hair down and really have a time." Her escort replied, "The only place where one can let his hair down around here is Chaplain Winn's office from 7 to 9 p. m. on Thursday. Bring your TS card, dear." He too must have visited Russell's night clubs.

S/Sgt. Swibinski and
Cpl. LaMonica.



CHAPEL CORNER

NORMAN B. GIBBS
Base Chaplain

FR. NEAL R. MAHAFFEY
Catholic Chaplain (Auxiliary)

JAMES E. ELLIOTT
Bomb Group Chaplain

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Catholic Services	
Mass, Sunday morning	0880
Mass, Sunday morning	1130
Mass, Sunday Evening	1800
Mass, Tues. Evening	1830
Protestant Services	
Morning Worship, Sunday	1000
Vesper Services, Sunday	1930
"Sip 'n Sing"	2000
Bible Study, Wed. evening	1930
LDS Services Thursdays	1930
Jewish Services	
Friday evening	1930

Hits Foul Ball and Nearly Downs Plane

Dawson, Iowa (ALNS)—George E. Benson, World War I veteran, has received documentary evidence of his ball playing son, George Jr., who is with the Marines in the South Pacific, almost bringing down a plane with a hard hit ball. The Marine was at bat in a pick-up game, and hit a high foul as a "grasshopper" plane was coming in to land on an air strip nearby. The foul ball struck and broke the windshield of the plane, hit the pilot and rendered him unconscious and with a broken jaw. The other occupant of the plane, an enlisted man who had never handled the controls, took the plane back into the air until the pilot recovered consciousness and brought the plane to earth at another and less dangerous airfield nearby.

BOB HAWK ANSWERS HAWKWIZ



1. Fate or Destiny.
2. White space.
3. Indigent—needy, in want; indigenious—native.
4. When the amount of the risk is in excess of the limits usually insured by any one company.
5. 42 gallons per month.

Library On the Book Beam

If we fail to create an adequate peace it's not from want of talk and theorizing. Believe it or not there surely exists some vague souls, wandering the earth's surface suffused in a gloom of puzzlement, else who's to read the many, many books swamping the Nation's libraries on said subject—PEACE. Being a member of a useless parasitic folk, the readers, not the writers, I merely contemplate a few recent digressions on this intensely vital topic.

SO SORRY, NO PEACE by Gunnison attacks the subject with a war correspondent's viewpoint at the scene of action—"huddled in caverns in bomb-blasted Chungking . . . half covered in rice paddies along the Burma Road . . . frustrated sitting in the Philippines while Hirohito struck confidently . . . imprisoned by the Japs . . . watching men slowly deteriorate while others thrived on it . . . the story is one of spiritual victory over overwhelming odds of discouraging filth, lack of food, lack of hospitalization, lack of humane treatment" . . . not so much a plan for peace as of the people for whom it must be created.

Happily, here's another without digested theories—Sumner Welles edits AN INTELLIGENT AMERICAN'S GUIDE TO PEACE, 1945 edition, analyzing statistically resources, leadership and stakes involved at the Peace Conference for all nations of the world.

PLOT AGAINST PEACE by Sayers and Kahn confirms our deepest suspicions of Germany's underground, "the behind-the-scenes clique which really rules Germany, plotting to undermine the peace, split the United Nations and convert military defeat into actual victory.

"Look to the West!" . . . whether in body or spirit, garbed meagerly in helmet and canteen, a pioneering imperialist, a member of the peace planners, or merely the "gal" you left behind you, we need to know more of the Pacific—its lands, the life upon them, and its peoples. The PACIFIC WORLD by Osborn informs you on every subject from Masked Booby (a bird) to the description of a Japanese typewriter "simplified" to 3,000 characters, which a girl can learn to operate in three years.

THE U. S. A. AT WAR—photography judged and selected by Commander Edward Steichen, USN tells the simple facts of war's vast complexities . . . "a dead soldier here . . . a gaunt prisoner there . . . a torpedo track . . . a drowned ship . . . explosion . . . a dead city . . . the darkest hour . . . the dawn begins to break . . ."

VRV

Sabotage In South America

Rio De Janeiro (CNS)—George Friedrich Blass, 38-year-old German engineer, has admitted being the supervisory chief of a German sabotage ring whose activities extended into practically every capital in South America, according to Federal police.



WATERBABY: From national swimming champ to movie star is the story of Esther Williams, the little gal who made good with M-G-M. Her pleasing personality and water stunts will be seen again in that studio's "Thrill of a Romance," with Van Johnson as male lead.

Empire Casualties 1,126,802

London (CNS)—The British Empire has sustained 1,126,802 casualties during 5 years of war, the Parliament has been informed. The casualties include 306,984 killed, 422,476 wounded, 70,872 missing and 326,470 prisoners.

KEYNOTES

The band had their weekly G.I. party Friday. As usual everyone worked like beavers but not eager ones.

Anyone who passes the band rehearsal room around 1645 each afternoon should not be alarmed at the weird sounds. It is only "Hot-Lips" Cauffman warming up to play Retreat.

WANTED: One expert typist to teach Cpl. Gingrich how to type. If one is available phone Penna. 6-5000 and if a man answers, hang up.

Anyone walking into the band's rehearsal room nowadays must be very careful because one doesn't know if it is a cigar testing room or a Boston dog pound.

The band played for the services at the base chapel on Mother's Day which was also designated as a day of prayer for V-E.

The band left on May 14 for Great Bend and Pratt to accompany the USO show which played at the Base Theater on May 13.

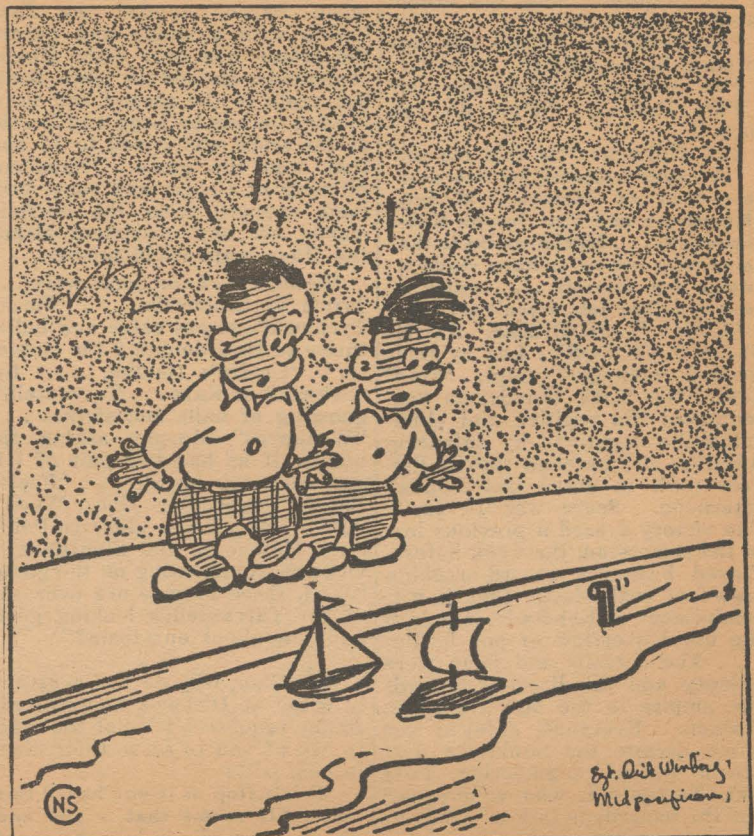
Well, the subject of discussion is furlough time which is only 48 days away. We are wondering if we will still be here to have a furlough. Maybe some of us with those required points will be leaving on a life time furlough.

Well, time has come to let Prince Albert out of the can as he has been in there long enough. See you all next week.

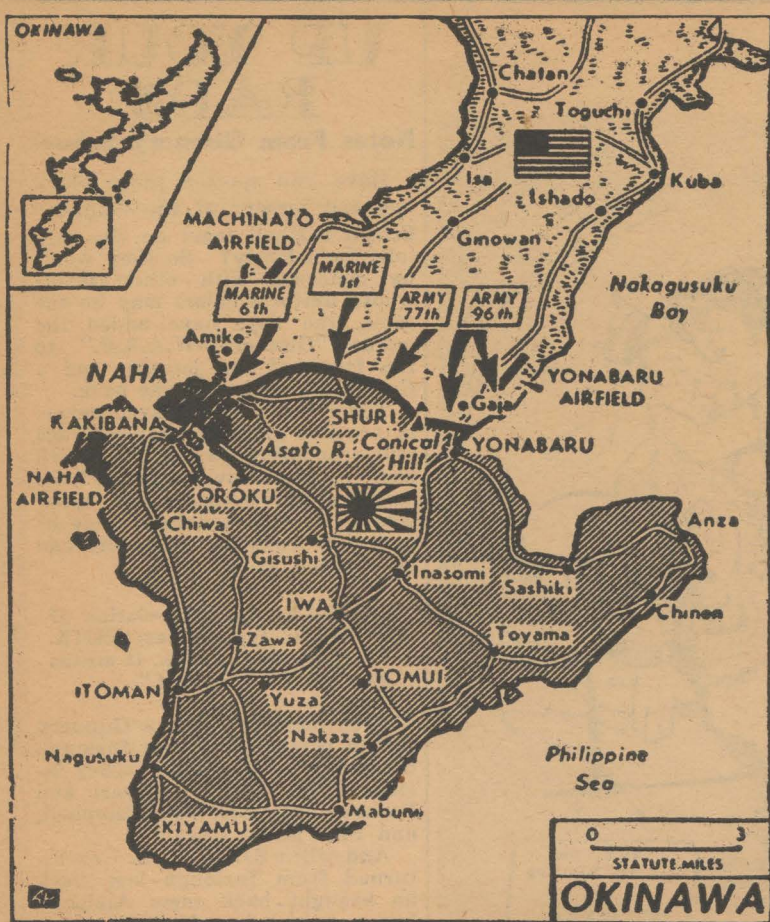
Sgt. Johnnie F. Lee

15,546 WACs Overseas

Washington (CNS)—A total of 15,546 members of the Women's Army Corps are serving their country overseas. More than 7000 are in the ETO alone. About 40 per cent of the overseas Wacs are stenographers and typists.



Sgt. Dick Worling
Mid Pacific



War At a Glance

PACIFIC THEATER: Highlight of the week was the repeated bombing with incendiaries, of Nagoya, Japan's chief aircraft production center. Nagoya, 150 miles west and south of Tokyo is Japan's third largest city.

Nagoya was plastered with over 2,000,000 gasoline jelly fire bombs by more than 1,000 Superforts this past week. It was the most concentrated incendiary raid of the Pacific war. It is a safe assumption to say that the raids on the Japanese homeland in the future will be more frequent.

But while Nipponland was being bombarded, the battle for Okinawa was being fought furiously by the U. S. Marines, after retaking ground lost in the bloodiest counter-attack of the offensive. At the time that the Walker Talker went to press, the battle was raging on the edge and in Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

Japanese shells shrieked overhead as a prelude to the enemy's desperate attempt to drive the Marines out of the Naha Sector, and a night and day battle still rages wildly.

ON OTHER FRONTS: Chinese sources reported that Chiang Kai-Shek's new Sixth Army would probably spearhead a forthcoming major Chinese counter-offensive, aimed at the Hankow area. This is midway between the present battle areas.

WAR MATERIALS TO THE PACIFIC: More than 5,000,000 tons of supplies are on the European continent. The gigantic task of preparing the shipment of this materiel to the Pacific Theatre fell to the U. S. Army. It is a problem of rehabilitation, packing and shipping much of the materiel, which includes 700,000 tons of ammunition and a million or more separate items.

Brig. Gen. Morris W. Gilland, deputy chief of staff for supply in the European Theatre said the transfer of war materiel no longer needed in Europe will be done as quickly as possible, with the major portion going by direct route.

EUROPEAN THEATRE: It was disclosed during the week by Gen. Eisenhower and his staff that the war lasted longer by five months than was expected. In Africa, in Italy, and on the Western Front there were three big gambles, which if successful might have shortened the war by many months.

The task force bid to seize Bizerte, the attempt at Anzio to separate all Italy south of Rome and the Arnhem attempt to flank the German line in the west. None succeeded fully in their attempt or the story might have been different.

HUNT FOR NAZI LEADERS: Allied troops continued their hunt for Nazi members of the inner circle still at large. Captured this week were Dr. Robt. Ley and Lt. Otto Skorzeny. Also picked up were Fritz Sankel and Capt. Bernard Stredede. The principal Nazis still at large are Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler, Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and Dr. Julius Streicher, but only if it is accepted that Hitler, Nazi party Deputy Martin Borman and Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels are dead.

WAC Marks 3rd Anniversary

Squadron B of Walker Army Air Field celebrated on 14 May 1945 with WAC companies throughout the world the third birthday of the Women's Army Corps.

Three years of growth through service is being celebrated on a work as usual basis on all battlefronts as well as on the home front. WACs are in the fight, too, as women never have been before.

There, perhaps, is no "typical" work day life that can be applied to a WAC. Types of duties performed vary from the routine clerk-typist to the spectacular flying radio-operators. Some of the girls live in ordinary GI barracks,



Sgt. Eula Compton, baker for the WACs at Walker, is seen here with the cake that she made for the celebration of the third anniversary.

others stay in convents, castles, mansions and hotels. In Ceylon they sleep on straw mattresses, and in India on rope mattresses with cord springs.

In the WAC, there are 29 warrant officers; two women were commissioned directly in the field. One of the women commissioned in the field helped draft plans for the invasion of France. At that time she was a master sergeant.

Fourteen WACs have received Purple Hearts, five the Soldier's Medal but most of the impressive list of medals and awards given WACs were pinned on in recognition of long and hard and intelligent work which contributed directly to the winning of the war. The highest award a WAC wears is the Distinguished Service Medal worn by Colonel Oveta Culb Hobby, Director of the WAC, for "Outstanding service" in establishing and developing the WAC, "without the guidance of precedents in U. S. military history to assist her."

And on their third birthday, the WACs received among others this message from General Henry H. Arnold, of the Air Forces—"On the occasion of the third birthday of the WAC, we of the Army air forces wish to extend congratulations on the outstanding performance of the Corps in furthering the war effort. WACs now hold key administrative positions at more than 200 air bases throughout the world. With the drawing to a close of the European phase of the war and the stepping up of our operations against Japan, WACs will play an increasingly important role in the job still to be done."

Freed GIs to Run PW Camps in U. S.

New York (CNS) — American soldiers who have been returned to the U. S. after liberation from German prison camps will be assigned to operate enemy prisoner

of war camps in the 2nd Service Command. That was announced recently by M/Gen. Thomas A. Terry, who declared: "American officers and enlisted men who have experienced captivity and detention by the enemy are considered to be eminently qualified for these duties."

The ghost

By Tong
In the Garret

Sgt. Robert Young, of Statistical Control, decided the other morning that maybe a soldier's bonus wouldn't be such a hot idea. He's afraid that the GI's will have to pay it all back in taxes. Not bad reasoning Sarge.

The master baker of Consolidated, Sgt. Hugh Wegan, is going to have a visit shortly from his beloved wife. Maybe she'll give Hugh a rest from mixin' batches of pineapple up-side-down cake. That'll give Hugh a chance to take it easy the first week—or will it? Anyway, here's luck to you, Mrs. Wegan.

Seen in Hays—Along with the old shoes tied on the back of he newlyweds car was a sign which read: "Amateur Night."

PFC Gene Elliott, that East Texas rebel, said in strictest confidence the other day that he was going to see that his new son got to be a colonel in the Confederate Army. Of course that's just in case there's another Civil War.

Women are sure unpredictable. Some gals will scream blue murder at the sight of a mouse—then turn around and climb right into a convertible with a wolf.

This one is about a gambler who died. The funeral was well attended by his professional friends. In the eulogy, the speaker asserted: "Spike is not dead. He only sleeps." From the rear of the chapel came the interrupting words, "I've got 100 bucks says he's dead."

Sgt. Borchard awoke the other morning and was greeted by Cpl. Steiner who made the remark that Borchard's eyes looked like two dewdrops—on a piece of red cardboard.

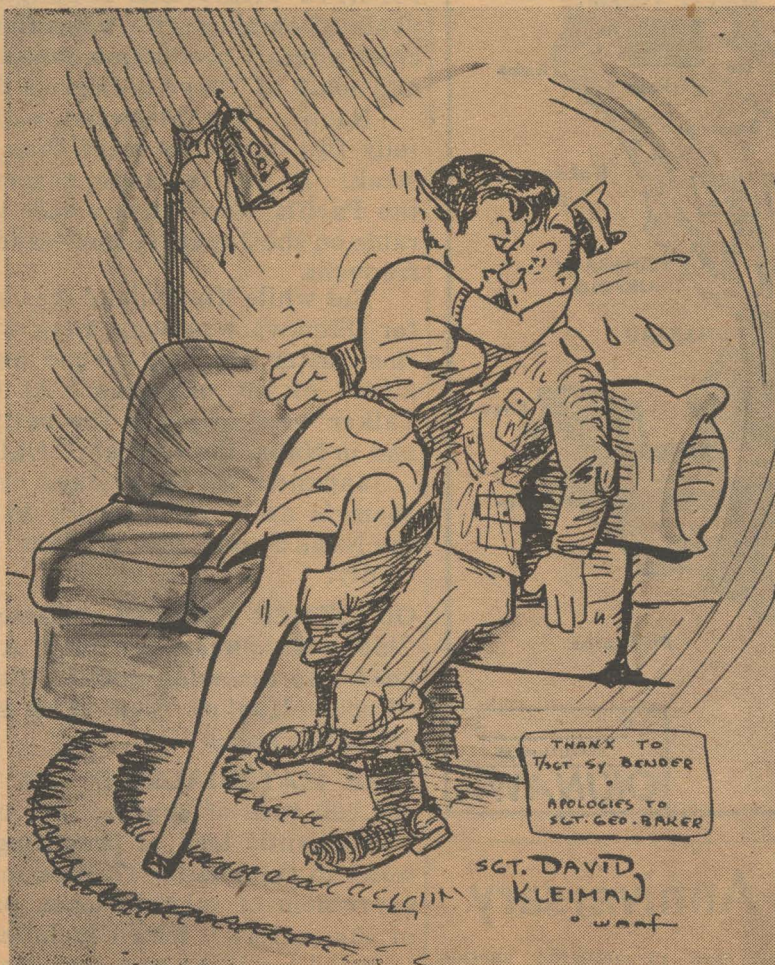
Pvt. Cofield of the Squadron A dayroom, has got himself a pet crow for decoration. Cofield had better watch it close or the crow will turn out to be the raven that was parked on Edgar Allen Poe's door.

Wonder what that thing is that T/Sgt. John Brannen is attempting to grow under his nose? Maybe Brannen, having come from Atlanta, Georgia, is going to return after the war to take up where Rhett Butler left off. Could be.

All GI's who haven't been overseas will soon have an addition to their name, rank and serial number. It's rumored that it'll be "NEP"—that means "Not Enough Points."

And that's thirty until next week. Soooooo Long.

The She Wolf



"Gosh! You men in uniform are so masterful!"

UP YOUR RADS

Notes From Gunnery School

Have you spotted those black and red jerseys of the Gunnery School softball team on the athletic field lately? So they won't be confused with other teams whose uniform colors may be the same, the boys have added the words "Gunnery—W.A.A.F." to the front of the jerseys, and a Coca Cola emblem to the back.

The fellows have played several practice games so far and are still scheduling games, both with base teams and civilian teams from surrounding towns. For those who'd like to schedule a game or two, Lt. Amerine, manager, can be reached at ext. 367.

Added to the abbreviation of the 'Snafu' type comes: NUTS. A Navy designation, it means "Not Up To Standard."

Four members of the Gunnery School personnel left on furlough the middle of this week. They include Sgts. Larry Petraccaro and Bernard Fick, Cpl. Tom Campbell, and PFC Eddie Bova.

And when S/Sgt. T. B. Cox returned from furlough last week he brought back some Alabama humor, which he offered for use in the Rads. Sorry we didn't have a chance to get any of it for this week's effort, but watch for some of it in future issues.

They tell of the pre-war period when Cpl. Stenberg ran a milling machine for Continental Motors back in Muskegon, Mich., when he wore silk sport shirts and sport slacks to work—the dude of the mill in a way.

Yep, they called him mill-dude Stenberg!

Hey, Tierney! What's this old stuff of us having to read about the new addition to the family in the daily paper?

Yes, there was a son born to Cpl. and Mrs. John Tierney at Hadley Memorial hospital early this week. Congratulations from us all!

During that windy period last week Igor Beaver spent a day in Hays. His observation—primarily for the ladies—is: Remember girls, a short skirt makes a man look longer.

Capt. R. F. Vengelen is spending several days at his home on leave, accompanied by his family.

Communique from the 5-W Pacific:

A Jap is somebody who pats you on the back so he'll know where to stick his knife.

Cpl. Charles Mayer.

What couplet used by children in their games describes a much-married lady whose first husband was a millionaire, her second an actor, her third a preacher and her fourth an undertaker?

One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go.

What's Cookin' This Week

SATURDAY 19 MAY

Theater—"Crime, Inc." Tom Neal, Martha Tilton.

Service Club—GI Movies at 9.

SUNDAY 20 MAY

Theater—"The Valley of Decision," Greer Garson, Lionel Barrymore.

Service Club—Musicale at 3.

MONDAY 21 MAY

Theater—"The Valley of Decision."

Service Club—Bridge night; GI College.

TUESDAY 22 MAY

Theater—"Murder, He Says," Fred MacMurray, Helen Walker.

Service Club—Dance, cabaret style.

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

Theater—"Counter-attack," Paul Muni, Marguerite Chapman.

Service Club—Bingo at 7:30; GI College.

THURSDAY 24 MAY

Theater—"The Affairs of Susan," Joan Fontaine, George Brent.

Service Club—Band concert; songfest with Bob Boyd at the piano.

FRIDAY 25 MAY

Theater—"The Affairs of Susan."

Service Club—Dance with USO girls for hostesses.