

72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

M/Sgt. Walter V. Povich, of the ground school and radioman on the C-53 at Strother Field, celebrated his fifth anniversary in the Air Corps Thursday. He is shown at the radio controls of the plane.

M-Sgt. Povich Into 6th Year of Service

If you ever see Mst. Sgt. Walter V. Povich, communications chief, ground training, washing his car on a bright and clear Sunday and notice him glancing skyward, think nothing of it. He will probably be doing it the rest of his life, and for a good reason.

It was on such a day while busily working on his car that he glanced above to see Japanese planes swooping in for their attack on Pearl Harbor. Yes it was Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, and he was stationed at nearby Hickman Field and Bellows Field with the United States Air Corps.

Suddenly realizing he was witnessing an attack by the Nips, Mst. Sgt. Povich jumped in his car and drove to Bellows Field. He watched the Jap torpedo planes as they came in to drop their loads into Pearl Harbor. The planes were so low he could see the Oriental features of the pilots. Then came the Jap strafing planes. He found shelter from the splattering machine gun bullets, while, unknown to him a gasoline truck only 50 feet away was being strafed by a Nip pilot. It was hit but luckily caught fire instead of exploding.

For eight months following Pearl Harbor Mst. Sgt. Povich saw action with a bomber reconnaissance unit in the Central Pacific area. Some of his flights carried him over the Gilbert and Caroline islands. On a number of these missions his plane was fired on by Jap anti-aircraft guns but fortunately it was never hit.

"We saw part of the battle of Midway from the air and while returning to our base saw several

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Strother Hour Radio Program Monday Night

The Strother Field hour, popular radio program presented from the post theater over station KFH, will go on the air at 1930 Monday.

Feature of the program will be the "passing the buck" game in which questions will be asked members of the audience and a dollar bill awarded the person giving the correct answer. Whoever possesses the bill when the question period is completed is allowed to keep it. All other contestants will receive free tickets to the post theater. On the last program a civilian worker on the field, Miss Jerri Barton of the post adjutant's office, won the dollar bill, defeating several enlisted men.

Sgt. Jack Blackman will be master-of-ceremonies on the program Monday evening in the absence of Cpl. Bob Haney, and Sgt. Lou Cunningham, tenor, will sing his own arrangement of the selection, "My Heart Stood Still" accompanied by the Airchords orchestra.

The Airchords will present several special arrangements of popular musical numbers led by Sgt. Pat Oliver during the 25-minute broadcast.

Military personnel interested in taking part in the forthcoming soldier show are requested to attend a meeting Monday night at 1800 in the special service office.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS) — Stan Braswell has filed suit for divorce, claiming that his wife sent a telegram announcing that she was dead. "She just did it to tease me," he complains.

King Cobra Fighter Planes Used In SF Detachment

Organization of Flight 3 of the roving 264th Base Unit of the 72nd Fighter Wing of the Second Air Force, a detachment to be based at Strother Field and from here to fly missions with bombardment aircraft, was announced Thursday by Strother Field Headquarters following the visit of Lt. Col. Kellond, commanding officer of the 264th Base Unit from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. Major Pat DeBerry will be CO of Flight 3 at Strother Field.

Capt. R. N. Cooper Has Presidential Citations

"We flew three hundred miles up the deck," said Capt. Robert N. Cooper, now stationed at this 72nd Fighter Wing base, "so close to the waves of the Adriatic sea that enemy radar couldn't pick us up. We hit our objective with 62 fighters and caught the enemy completely off guard. We shot 37 of them out of the air before they even knew we were around."

Captain Cooper was telling of the raid for which his combat fighter unit received its second presidential citation.

"We timed ourselves to come in just ahead of our bombers," he said. "When the Nazis knew bombers were coming, they would take their planes off the ground and just fly around in the clouds until it was all over. That way they tried to avoid losing planes on the ground. But this time we caught them just as they were getting off and they never had a chance."

Soft-spoken, decisive, a veteran

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The 264th Base Unit is a traveling organization, its detachments spread over four fighter bases of the Second Air Force — Peterson Field, Colo., Bruning, Neb., Army Air Field, Ft. Sumner, N. Mex., Army Air Field and Strother Field. Practically the entire United States is the theater of their operations.

A separate flight is stationed at each of the four fields and except for the fact that they have the same headquarters at Peterson Field, the flights have little contact. Each is assigned separate bomber bases, each has its own separate organization with a commanding officer, adjutant, headquarters personnel and other military personnel.

Flight 3, which is composed of 19 crack pilots, has been assigned a number of bases in the Southwest. All of the pilots have had much combat experience. Flying swift P-63 King Cobra planes,

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Second Air Force Chief of CTP Here

"The convalescent training program at Strother Field, under the direction of Lt. Nevin J. Rodes, compares favorably with any other program in the Second Air Force." Such was the comment made by 1st Lt. Francis M. Curran, Chief of Convalescent Training for the Second Air Force, who was a visitor at SF last Friday and Saturday.

"In the Second Air Force approximately one quarter million hours of convalescent training takes place per month." The primary objective of this training, according to Lt. Curran, "is to return men to active duty as quickly as possible in better mental and physical condition. In accomplish-

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Safety Plaque To Section D

Fighter pilots of Section D, 269th AAF Base Unit and the ground maintenance crews which keep their planes in top condition won the safety and efficiency plaque offered at Strother Field for the two-week period ending September 30.

Major Byron H. Foreman is commanding officer of Section D.

Bi-monthly, the director of training at Strother Field awards the safety and efficiency plaque to the flying training section which has flown the greatest number of hours without an accident and thereby has contributed an efficient and progressive part to the fighter pilot training program. Its presentation is one of the features of the intensive flying safety programs at Strother Field.

M-Sgt. North Gives Chute Demonstration

An interesting ground training demonstration in the handling of parachutes following landings was given Monday of last week by M/Sgt. E. F. North, sergeant-major of the trainee pilots at Strother Field.

M/Sgt. North demonstrated the proper procedure in collapsing a parachute on the ground, position in landing and the pull an inflated chute has on the individual. He also showed how a parachute is packed.

He is a vet of parachute jumping, having made 13 during his army career. In 1933 and '34 he gave exhibitions in the Cleveland and Miami air races.

A dance will be held Saturday evening in the non-com mess for members and guests. The Airchords dance orchestra will play for the affair.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 to 14.

EM Contribute \$143.62 To United War Relief Fund

Strother Field enlisted men, recognizing their obligation to the United Service Organization, the Community Chest, and the war relief in Allied countries, contributed \$143.62 from their October 1 pay to the United War Relief campaign during the opening day of the drive.

Men of Section B, colored troops at Strother Field, led all other sections by voluntarily donating \$53. Contribution boxes, put up Saturday in the day rooms, will remain in place throughout the month of October to receive such gifts of money as the enlisted men care to volunteer.

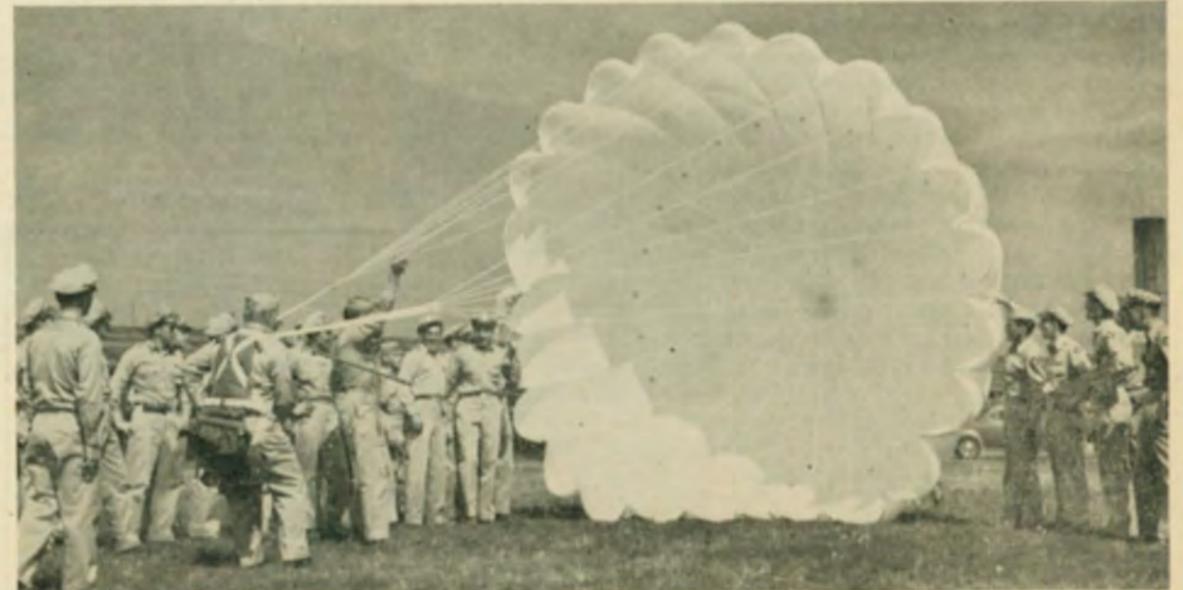
Although local welfare budgets are included in the United War Fund, by far the greater share of the funds collected go into war work, with the U.S.O. receiving 61 per cent of the national quota. From this fund, the Winfield and Arkansas City U.S.O. centers re-

ceive some support, and from it the top-ranking entertainers of stage, concert hall and filmdom are sent to England, Italy, Saipan, and the Aleutians.

Prisoners of war in enemy countries receive aid from the campaign now in progress; food, writing materials and other supplies being provided by one of the agencies now participating in the UWF.

This is the second year that the various welfare campaigns, local and national have been combined with the drive for relief funds for the suffering peoples of the world.

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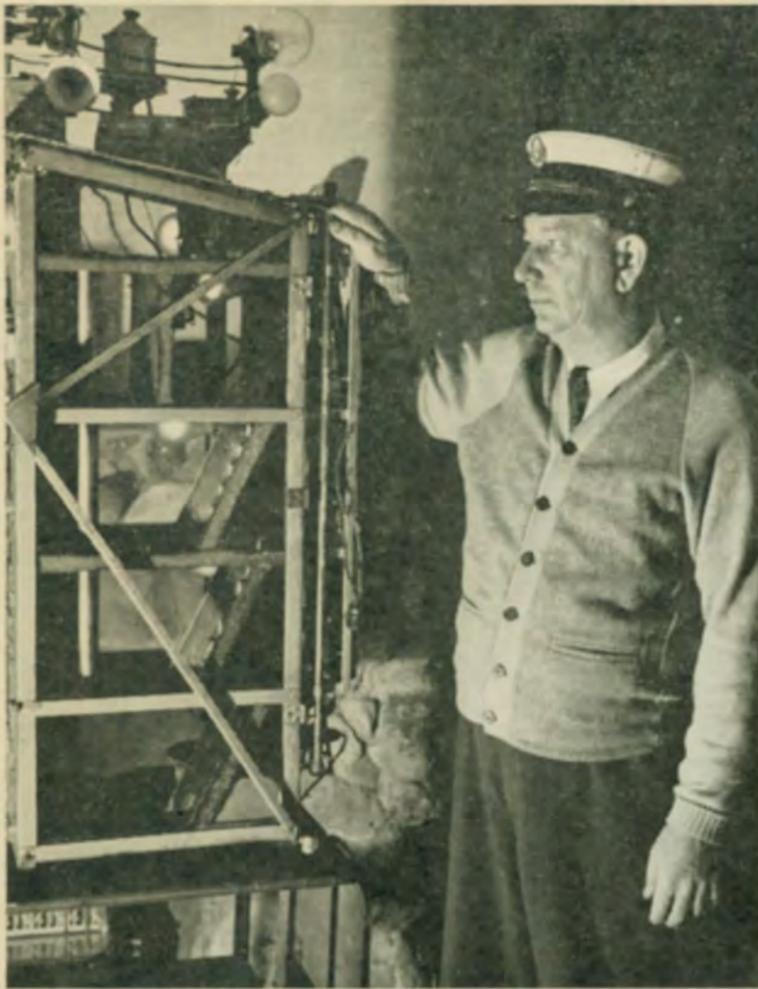


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M/Sgt. E. F. North, sergeant-major of trainee pilots at Strother Field, demonstrates how to handle an open parachute on the ground to pilots in training here. He knows his business, having made 13 parachute jumps in his air corps career.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo by Pvt. Gerald E. Curtis. Joe Hutchinson, assistant fire chief of the Arkansas City department, is shown with a miniature building in which explosions and fires are automatically started and extinguished. The model, built by Mr. Hutchinson, will be exhibited by him during the National Fire Prevention Week program at Strother Field next week.

How Soon Do You Think Germany Will Be Defeated?

The Prairie Flier's roving reporter, Pfc. R. D. Caseldine, confronted eight enlisted men and an Army Nurse with this question and got nine different answers. Three of the group selected November as the month Germany will surrender. Four others figure it will take until 1945 to eliminate the Nazis while the remaining two pick October and December of this year.

2nd. Lt. Conchita S. Bobbitt, Army Nurse: "I'd say the 19th of November. The date hasn't any special meaning to me but I do not think it can happen any sooner and I'm praying that it won't be much longer. I want to get my brother who is fighting in New Guinea with an armored division back home as soon as possible."

Pvt. Vic Carthy, Sec. A-3: "Much longer than the average person thinks. Just when I wouldn't say."

Pvt. Morris Bass, Sec. A-1: "Germany's not licked yet. If they can prolong the war until at least the first of the year, and I think they will, there is a good chance for it to continue through the remaining winter months. If this is so, the Germans will be hoping for more liberal peace terms."

Cpl. Gerald Swords, Sec. A-1: "The 20th of January will see the end of the war with Germany. They are starting to fight a delaying action so they can get better peace terms."

S/Sgt. Rudolph LaBash, Sec. A-1: "Germany will be looking for a more liberal peace and by prolonging the war until Spring it will be able to get one, so I would say April 17, 1945, will see the end of the war with Germany."

Sgt. Frank DePalma, Sec. A-2: "I would say that the war with Germany will end about the fifteenth of November."

Sgt. Bernard E. Perry, Sec. A-1: "Let's see—November 25th. There is really no reason for selecting this date but this is when I think it will end."

Sgt. Albert Anaya, Sec. A-3: "We down here at the south hangar have been talking about it lately and the date we think it will be over is the 27th of October of this year."

Sgt. Walter Golaszewski, Sec. A-1: "Just before Christmas, the 23rd of December. I can't think of a better present than that for Christmas."

movie, "The Negro Soldier," will be shown.

S/Sgt. Berry L. Branch Jr., is the NCO in charge of this program assisted by Sgt. Meredith Knox who operates the motion picture machine. The assistance of all other NCO's has helped make these programs successful.

Pfc. Edward Walter of the special service department has mounted all pictures displayed in the war room while Pfc. Hesketh Mignott keeps the war maps up-to-date.

"What caused the explosion at your house last night?"
"Powder on my sleeve."

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

The program for this hour is made up entirely of requests and with the exception of the two selections from "Balshazars Feast" is of well-known and well-loved favorites.

- Marriage of Figaro—Overture
- Strauss Waltzes
- Tales from Vienna Woods
- Artist's Life
- Voices of Springtime
- Blue Danube
- Air De Lya-L'Enfant Prodiue
- - - - - De Bussey
- Concerto in E Minor - Mendelssohn
- Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso - - - - - Saint Saens
- Balshazar's Feast - - Sibelius
- Oriental Procession
- Khadras Dance
- Rienzes Prayer - - - Wagner
- Barber of Seville - - - Rossini

R C Chapters Give Refreshments

American Red Cross chapters in Winfield, Wellington and Arkansas City are making possible the Sunday morning coffee and doughnut parties for enlisted men in the service club here.

The refreshments this week will be donated by members of the Wellington chapter with the other organizations sponsoring the event on following Sunday mornings.

Demonstration To Be Given in Connection With Fire Prevention

Fire prevention, fire management, and ways of assisting the trained fire fighters in the event of a conflagration will be emphasized at a demonstration to be held in the Post Theater October 10, 11 and 12 as one part of Strother Field's observance of Fire Prevention Week. All military and civilian personnel will be expected to attend one of the meetings.

Featured speaker at the three demonstrations will be Joe Hutchinson, assistant fire chief at Arkansas City. Mr. Hutchinson will bring to Strother Field for this observance a miniature four-story building, so constructed and equipped as to demonstrate some of the better known principles of fire-fighting. With it he will show how a building should be ventilated, what will happen if ventilation is not proper, how to prevent backdraft explosion, and the operation of fire doors and the sprinkler system of fire control. Included will be information as to types of fire hazards, use of fire extinguishers and classification of conflagrations.

All military personnel will attend between 12 and 1 p.m. on one of the three days as follows: Sections A-1 and A-2, Tuesday; Section A-3, Wednesday; Sections M, B and the 683rd AAF Band and all officers Thursday.

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What School Can A GI Attend Under The "Bill of Rights"? Extensive Orientation Program by Sec. B

According to 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, personal affairs officer at Strother Field, this is one of the leading questions asked by military personnel concerning the continuance of their education following their honorable discharge from service. Here is the answer according to the GI Bill of Rights.

You can attend any school approved by the State Agency in your State designed by the Veterans' Administration as the Approving Agency. This means that you can attend virtually any public or private elementary, secondary, or other school furnishing education for adults; business schools and colleges; scientific and technical institutions; colleges; vocational schools; junior colleges; teacher's colleges; normal schools; professional schools; universities, and other educational institutions.

You must be able to meet the entrance requirements of the school you select. The school, not the Veterans' Administration, will determine whether or not you are acceptable as a pupil. The school also will determine whether or not you are qualified to pursue the course of training you select. You don't have to choose a school in the state where you live. You must keep up to the standards of the institution you are attending or your benefits under the Bill may be discontinued.

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS
On the initiative of 1st. Lt. Raffy D. Bagdasarian, CO of Section B, an orientation room has been set up in the section day room. Pictures showing the training received by colored enlisted personnel and how this training has been used in the various theaters of operation are on display. Others show prominent colored officers and also the training of pilots at Tuskegee, Ala. The latter pictures were secured through the public relations office at Strother Field.

Strange as it seems, an orientation program doesn't mean soldiers will be trained and fitted for the China-Burma-India theater — the Orient, in other words — but all theaters of war as the pictures prove.

News maps are displayed each week showing the progress of the war in all theaters. Daily newsclippings, current magazines and posters are also available to men of this section.

On Thursday of each week an orientation program is held from 1800 to 1900 at the messhall, during which time discussions of the latest news, lectures and movies make up the program. The movies are furnished by the ground school. Monday, Oct. 2, the movie, "The Tunisian Campaign," was shown. On Thursday, Oct. 12, the



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn. Blonde hair, blue eyes, and the rare faculty of blushing make this young lady one of Strother Field's most attractive civilian employees. She is Irene Rosencrantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rosencrantz, Arkansas City. Irene is 21 years of age, a graduate of the A.C. high school and has been employed at the field since Jan. 11, 1943. She works in Air Corps Supply.

Male Call

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



Dry Run—But All Under-water Shots

The War and You

This week has seen, especially among the ancient, if not honored, tribe of "Monday morning quarterbacks" a marked pendulum swing away from the pronounced optimism of recent days. Predictions as to the possible length of the European conflict, the extent to which the panicked little beasts of Berlin can hide from the inevitable behind a wall of dead and broken men, have daily increased in length. And to the same extent the really magnificent achievements of the Allied armies on the western front have tended to be minimized if not forgotten.

There is nothing surprising in the fact that military progress which our High Command still names as "satisfactory" has become slow and difficult. The original break through the beach defenses and later annihilation of the Nazi armies in France and Belgium was a task of Herculean proportions, a true Homeric epic of our day. To hope that the troops who fought those battles should still be able to smash without pause through the inner ring of German defense, to break instantly into the very heartland of a formerly invincible Reichswehr, was to stretch the laws of probability too thin.

Inevitably there has been a necessary period of readjustment and preparation for the new task ahead. Almost inconceivably complex supply organizations have had to be brought into being. Great masses of men have had to be regrouped and reorganized. The physical job of mounting such an assault as is now to be made would tax the capacities of any general staff, even had there been no armed opposition and no concurrent battles to be fought.

Nor is there any doubt whatever that the battles now beginning will be desperate and bloody ones. The German army and the German people, from the improbable little monster of Borchtesgaden to the humblest rear rank private at the front must realize that this is their last chance. There are no more walls behind which to stand if the West Wall is broken. There are no more alien territories across which to fight. There will be no chance to try again. For the Nazi people and the Nazi army the hour has struck.

These men will fight, some of them like cornered rats and some like heroes out of their own dark, bloody sagas. Some of them will fight to escape punishment of their guilt and some to protect their homes and some with the blind rage of the professional soldier. But whatever the motive, whatever the result, the men who almost conquered a world will fight today as they have never fought before.

To the Allied armies and to our people there is a secure knowledge that the victory has been won. No matter how horrible the expedients to which Hitler may resort to save himself, no matter what heroic sacrifice his troopers may individually make, the tide has turned against the German Reich. The scales are weighted now by new armies, new weapons, new courage. The battle will be a terrible one but it will end in victory for our Allied cause.

Predictions as to the length of time that the job will take are needless and foolish. It is enough to know that, when the end does come, it will be victory for our side.

Speaking of -- Air Power

More than a million tons of bombs have been dropped by the army air force and 27,000 enemy planes destroyed since Pearl Harbor, according to a report recently issued from air force headquarters at Washington. In addition to the planes destroyed 6,000 more were damaged. No attempt is made in the report issued by Gen. H. H. Arnold to appraise the amount of damage done to enemy armies and to war plants by the bombs dropped by American planes.

This gigantic task has taken its toll in American planes and air force personnel. Battle casualties total 72,000 in dead, wounded and missing or prisoners of war, a high proportion for this branch of service when compared to the full casualties suffered by all branches of the army, 377,000. The air force has lost 27,000 planes as a result of other than combat causes and 14,600 aircraft on combat missions.

The task for the air forces in Europe and in the Pacific is far from finished. There will be a greater sacrifice in men and equipment before victory is finally won, but the terrific price in manpower and installations our enemies will pay in going down to final defeat will be many, many times greater.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

THE BIBLE—THERE IT STANDS

"The Bible—There It Stands!" was written by A. Z. Conrad, pastor of Park Street Congregational Church, Boston. It tells us how that the Bible always "stands," regardless of what happened in this world, for it is God's Word.

- Century follows century—There It stands.
- Dynasty succeeds dynasty—There It stands.
- Kings are crowned and uncrowned—There It stands.
- Despised and torn to pieces—There It stands.
- Storms of hate swell about it—There It stands.
- Atheists rail against it—There It stands.
- Agnostics smile cynically—There It stands.
- Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—There It stands.
- Higher critics deny its claim to inspiration—There It stands.
- An anvil that has broken a million hammers—There It stands.
- The flames are kindled about it—There It stands.
- The arrows of hate are discharged against it—There It stands.
- Radicalism rants and raves against it—There It stands.
- Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily—There It stands.
- The tooth of time gnaws, but makes no dent in it—There It Stands.
- Infidels predict its abandonment—There It stands.
- Modernism tries to explain it away—There It stands.

—Words of Cheer.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Catholic Confession
- 8:00 Catholic Mass
- 9:00 Hospital Service
- 10:00 General Protestant Service
- 11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The Orientation Council, including the Orientation N.C.O.'s from all sections met in a staff meeting with Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, Orientation Officer, last week. The time was spent discussing problems and activities in connection with the orientation program on the field. Emphasis was placed on the need for early completion of sectional Orientation Rooms and advance planning of orientation programs.

Some time was also spent discussing the coming visit of Lt. Colonel R. E. Hegdahl, Chief of Special Services for the Second Air Force. Colonel Hegdahl is keenly interested in orientation and has an excellent background of experience for this field.

An interesting film was shown by Sections "M," "B" and "A"-1 during the orientation hour this week. "Tunisian Victory," an interesting, colorful story of the Battle of Africa was enthusiastically received by the men in those sections. Due to requests from other sections, an attempt is being made to secure this film for additional showings. Another interesting film, "The Negro Soldier," is being shown in some sections this week.

Lt. Daniel D. Weinstein has been appointed Orientation Officer of Section "A"-3 and with the assistance of Pvt. Walter Patterson is planning a broad program of orientation for the men of that section. The basis of the program will be built around discussion groups and will be supplemented by films, exhibits, lectures, guest speakers and other activities. A survey is being made now to determine interests. Section "A"-3 is commanded by Lt. Leo J. Hayes.

Ye Liftings

Doctor: "How's the patient this morning?"

Nurse: "Better! He tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

She: Why does a traffic light turn red?

He: You'd turn red, too, if you had to change in the middle of the street.

He said he was going to kiss me and I said I wouldn't stand for it—so he led me over to the divan.

GI: Is this train on time?
Conductors: Oh, we never worry about time. We're satisfied if it's on the track!

GI: "Did you know that tunnel we just came through is two miles long and cost \$12,000,000?"
Cutie (fixing her hair): "Well, it was worth it."

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USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat. Win. Dancing, Games
Ark. Informal dancing

Sun. Win. Open House, Aft. and Eve.
Ark. Bingo, Free call

Mon. Win. Pop corn, Voice recording
Ark. Bridge and game night

Tues. Win. Bridge night
Ark. Do-as-you-please

Wed. Win. Ping pong, Dance, Cards
Ark. Snack Bar party

Thurs. Win. Do as you-please
Ark. Ping-pong tournament

Fri. Win. Bingo
Ark. Ping Pong

Winfield USO will sponsor National Letter-Writing Weew from Oct. 1 to 7.

Does This Answer Your Question?

Q. I am not a chronic complainer but it does seem to some of my buddies and myself that the run of motion pictures at the post theater is below average. Are we getting the best pictures at Strother Field?

A. Perhaps these excerpts from a recent letter received at Strother Field from the U.S. Army Motion Picture Service will explain the situation to you.

"Statistics reveal that, for the year of 1943-44 Sept. 1 to Sept. 1, only 368 pictures were released by the motion picture industry, and the War Department Theaters actually used 312, eliminating only 56. Of these 56, the majority were straight Westerns of a double feature caliber, or the below average run of the mill released by the lesser distributors. Of the 5 major companies, namely, Loew's, 20th Century Fox, Warner Brothers, Paramount and RKO, their combined efforts produced only 134 pictures which was only one-third of the total pictures produced, which would mean that the other 6 companies, or the smaller independent producers, released 234 pictures, from which the group of 56 were eliminated. In view of the above figures, it can be seen that the bookings made for War Department Theaters consist of the best possible releases available."

What's new in your home town?

Dallas, Tex. (CNS)—When police found Charles Harrell shaving in somebody else's bathroom, they arrested him on a charge of house-breaking. Harrell, righteously indignant at his arrest, said he had just dropped in "to clean up for a date."

Evanston, Ill. (CNS)—A housewife ran to answer the doorbell. Enroute, she tripped and fell through a glass-topped table. Fortunately for her, the doorbell ringer was selling accident insurance. She bought some.

Hays, Kans. (CNS) — A local housewife engaged a maid for the day. At 11 a.m. the maid arrived. She and the wife had lunch. Then the maid helped with the dishes. At 1 p.m., the maid excused herself, explaining that she had an engagement at 1:15, and asked the housewife to please pay her off.

New York (CNS)—Willie Shepard, 7, and his three-year-old brother Ronald killed a bottle of wine between them, then passed out cold behind a stove. At a local hospital they were treated for alcohol poisoning, sent home to bed and a milk toast diet.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM
SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Football games broadcast in the lounge. Club open from 1400 to 1800.
7 OCT.	THEATER—Waterfront—John Carradine, J. Carroll Naish. Short subjects.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Free stationery. Catch up on that letter writing. Also pool, ping pong or a good radio program.
8 OCT.	THEATER—Casanova Brown—Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright. Short subjects.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Weekly Juke Box Dance with the girls on the Base. Your friends are also invited.
9 OCT.	THEATER—"Strother Field Hour." Broadcast direct from the Post Theater. Admission free.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Section "B" Dance.
10 OCT.	THEATER—Maisie Goes to Reno—Ann Southern, John Hodiak, Ava Gardner. Short subjects.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Bridge and game night. Always someone to play with.
11 OCT.	THEATER—Kismet—Ronald Colman, Marlene Dieterich. Short subjects.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Regular GI Dance night with the Airchords. Ponca City and Ark City girls.
12 OCT.	THEATER—Music Appreciation Hour—1830 to 2000.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—GI NIGHT. Dress as you like. Free movies and refreshments.
13 OCT.	THEATER—Sweet and Low Down—Linda Darnell, Jack Oakie, Benny Goodman Orchestra. Short subjects.

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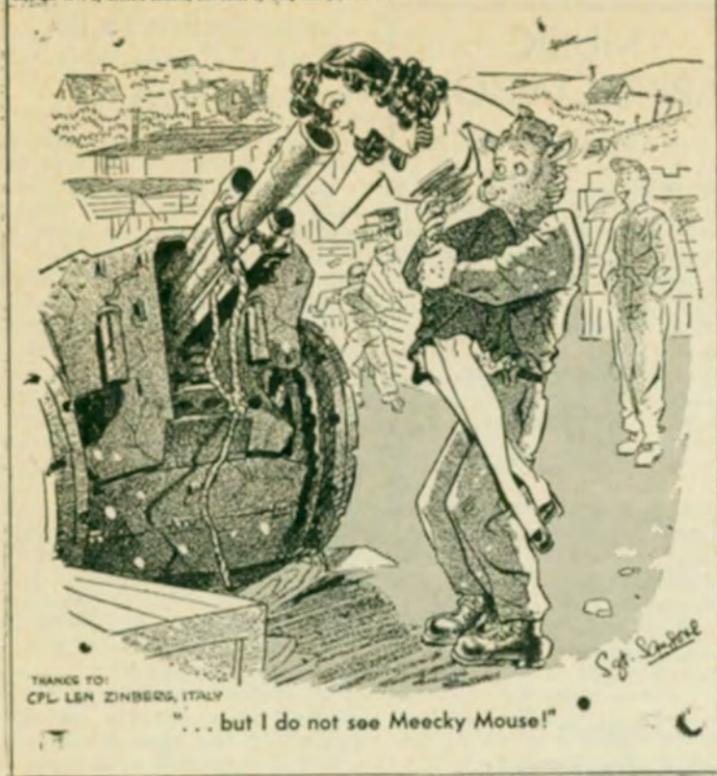
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THANKS TO:
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... but I do not see Meecky Mouse!



SPORTS



COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS				Total
Sloan	117	134	137	388
Schilke	130	120	127	377
Lyons	117	168	113	398
Geery	189	152	184	525
Gnospeilus	153	154	155	462
				2151

SECTION A-1 OFFICERS				Total
Euart	135	98	117	350
Hays	130	115	108	353
Enes	116	128	133	377
Case	163	167	145	475
Weinstein	98	177	107	382
				1937

OFFICERS—DUBBS				Total
Smith	183	179	124	470
Spencer	142	148	153	443
Kain	108	127	135	372
Stone	123	131	166	420
Peterson	153	177	168	498
				2203

MEDICS				Total
Scott	130	164	128	422
Wygodsky	145	111	135	391
Sanborn	116	100	102	318
Kazanecki	159	121	144	424
Phillips	98	120	150	368
				1923

COMMUNICATIONS				Total
Pelletier	175	151	162	488
Flynn	191	126	145	462
Lee	147	158	163	468
Wagener	170	176	155	501
Lillick	189	156	171	516
				2435

HOT ROCKS				Total
Waits	111	126	151	388
Thomas	118	111	174	403
Brueggeman	123	136	165	424
Gansen	185	159	167	511
Ingram	168	165	140	473
				2199

ENGINEERING SEC. 1. A-3				Total
Turner	177	164	168	509
Nowak	216	123	149	498
Lorenze	149	171	320	640
Woodruff	203	103	306	612
Rekstis	117	117	117	351
Gooch	128	185	313	626
Miller	171	156	327	654
				2390

ARMAMENT No. 1				Total
Torchia	167	167	169	503
Volkoff	157	165	111	433
Cunningham	132	131	118	381
Doria	146	127	129	401
Nemes	122	168	197	487
				2205

BASE WEATHER				Total
Spirkaucis	120	142	162	424
Nouse	145	185	130	460
Warren	142	106	130	378
Seidel	150	128	158	436
O'Connell	167	157	122	446
				1744

HEADQUARTERS				Total
Cowling	151	183	175	509
Kuhn	162	129	151	442
Straub	109	108	206	483
Strauss	121	120	146	387
Biederman	158	147	132	437
				2258

Mobile Reclamation Unit Visits Here

Recent visitors to this 72nd Fighter Wing base were 2nd Lt. John W. Dixie and his men of Mobile Reclamation Unit Number 1 from headquarters of the Second Air Force.

The duty of the unit, which consists of Lt. Dixie and twenty-four enlisted men, is to repair and reclaim all serviceable parts from planes which have been damaged or have deteriorated so as to become unusable. The group stays at a base only long enough to complete its work there and then moves on to another post.

Candidates For 2d Air Force Basketball Team Compete

Twenty-one enlisted men of Strother Field have turned out for basketball practice periods in the post gym, all eager to qualify for a place on the post team that will enter the Second Air Force basketball league of Area V.

Communications, Sec. A-2, Set Bowling Pace

Communications, Section A-2 set the pace in the opening round of the Strother Field bowling league Thursday night of last week when members totaled 2435 points to lead all other teams in scoring. 2nd Lt. Eugene C. Geery, fighter control officer, led all officers and enlisted men in the opening round of bowling with a total of 525. He bowled games of 189, 152, 184. Tillick, Communications No. 1 Sec. A-2, was high for enlisted men with games of 189, 156 and 171 for a total of 516.

Communications defeated the Hot Rocks by the score of 2435 to 2199. The Officers team, known as the Dubbs, defeated the Medics 2203 to 1923. Engineering Section 1 of Sec. A-3, won over the Arament No. 1 team 2390 to 2205 while Headquarters defeated Base Weather 2258 to 1744. Communications, No. 2, beat Engineering, No. 2, 2129 to 1911.

COMMUNICATIONS—No. 2				Total
Ball	138	133	132	403
Sobia	157	169	156	482
Kovalak	114	114	114	342
Ricart	147	142	149	436
Hugh	149	126	121	396
Tobias	151	145	296	592
				2129

ENGINEERING No. 2 SEC. A-3				Total
Boglin	117	130	143	390
Matthews	112	138	108	358
Peck	157	145	138	440
Morth	101	96	197	394
Mentz	136	125	261	522
Kirkman	162	103	265	530
				1911

The first practice session held Monday was confined to passing drill. Tuesday night the candidates put on a 20-minute scrimmage. Practice sessions are being held five nights each week beginning at 1730.

"It is much too early to start making predictions as to how Strother Field will show up in league play, but from all indications we will have a pretty strong first team," Lt. J. R. Lounsberry, physical training officer, said today. "There will probably be a weakness in the number of good reserves unless some more men turnout for practice in the near future," he continued.

Outstanding among team candidates are M/Sgt. Peyton Horton, Cpl. "Tiny" Dunning, Pvt. Paul Smith, Pfc. William Painter, Pvt. George Nouse and S/Sgt. Eugene Bennett, according to Lt. Lounsberry.

Other enlisted men who have been practicing this week are Pfc. Robert Morgan, Pfc. Lawrence Miller, Cpl. Don Woodward, Sgt. Al Kazanecki, S/Sgt. Emil Dalak, Pfc. John Yachman, S/Sgt. Charles Woodruff, Cpl. William Weiss, Cpl. Bernard York, Pvt. Richard Ashwill, S/Sgt. Elmer Selvidge, Sgt. James Waits, Pfc. Louis Jaurigui, M/Sgt. George Schuerman and S/Sgt. James Godfrey.

The first league game will be played No. 6th between Strother Field and the Walker AAF team from Victoria, Kans. The game will be played at either Arkansas City or Winfield scenes of all Second Air Force home games.

A young man wandered into a tournament and sat down by a cute little thing. "Whose game?" he asked. "I am," the girl replied.

KING COBRA FIGHTER

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these pilots will range from base to base, flying such missions as the bomber outfits request. At times they will do escort duty, more frequently they will simulate the enemy to make tactical passes at the bombers in order that the bomber crew may "shoot down" the P-63's with gun cameras.

Accompanying the echelon of P-63 planes of the roving detachment will be a C-47 transport plane to be used in carrying crew chiefs, mechanics and airplane parts from one base of operation to another. Also on transient duty will be the first sergeant of the detachment, Sgt. Lawrence Tinker, and possibly one or two other enlisted men who will keep all records, arrange messing and housing facilities at the bomber bases for Flight 3, and maintain liaison with the Headquarters organization of Flight 3 at Strother Field. Most of the enlisted men in the flight likewise are seasoned combat veterans.

M/SGT. POVIS INTO

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Jap planes try to land on an American aircraft carrier. Their own carriers had been destroyed by American ships and planes and they had no place else to land except on our carriers," said Povis. "It was beautiful to see American gunners knock the Zeros out of the sky as they tried to land."

Getting back to Pearl Harbor, remember the two-man Jap sub that was spotted and captured the day after the attack? Mst. Sgt. Povis was one of the first men to enter it and imagine his surprise when he found Hershey candy bars among its supplies!

Thursday, Oct. 5th. was the fifth anniversary of Povis' enlistment in the Air Corps. Completing high school in Wheeling, West Virginia, his home town, he and three of his buddies had the desire to fly but could not get into cadet training without two years college education at that time. They enlisted in the Air Corps with the understanding they could take the cadet examination after serving six months in the service. They volunteered for overseas service and were sent to Wheeler Field, Honolulu. When time came for their cadet examinations all passed except Povis who was rejected due to astigmatism in his left eye. His buddies all hold the rank of major in the air corps today.

July 1, 1943, following 3½ years overseas service, 18 months of it in a combat zone, Povis was returned to the U.S. He served at Key Field, Miss., Northern Field, Tenn., and at Galveston, Tex., before coming to Strother Field last July. His home is now in St. Louis, Mo. A three-day pass to go home and see his mother would be very timely—with the world series going on.

SECOND AIR FORCE

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ing this purpose, approximately 60% of the training program is devoted to educational activities while the remaining 40% is given over to physical training. Orientation is definitely a part of convalescent training in this program which was inaugurated by the Air Forces."

As a civilian, Lt. Curran was an instructor in Science in the School Department at Waltham, Mass. Following his training and commission, Lt. Curran organized the Convalescent Training Program at Bolling Field, Washington, following which he assumed charge of the CTP for the Second Air Force.

"I am highly impressed with the ability and friendliness of the personnel at this base," commented Lt. Curran at the conclusion of his visit here.

CAPT. R. N. COOPER

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of more than a year of aerial combat, the captain wears the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon with one Cluster, the American Defense ribbon, and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater of war ribbon with two battle stars. His combat experience includes 50 missions, of which 37 were flown during the African campaign.

Captain Cooper's first Presidential Citation was awarded to his unit after an aerial dog-fight over Sardinia during which he and 19 other American pilots shot down 21 of 35 Messerschmidt fighters which attacked them.

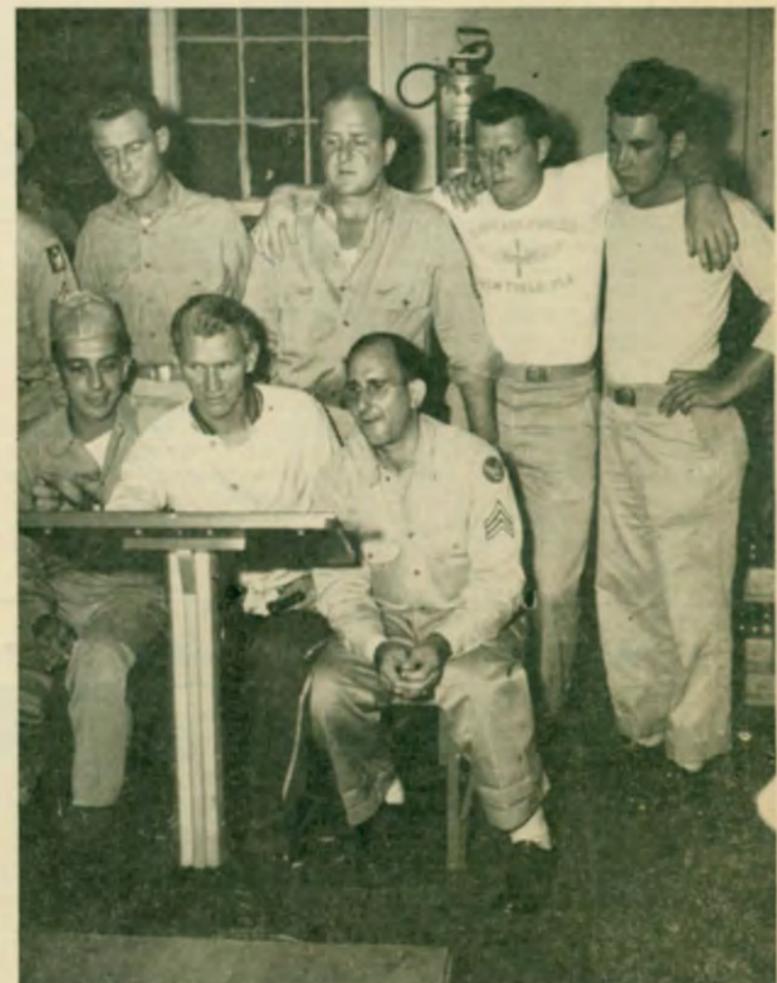
"It was one of the few times they tried to come in and fight us," he said, "and they found out it wouldn't work. Our planes were so much better for close fighting that usually they'd just make a pass at us and then run. This time they were full of fight. They came in and tried to turn with us. We shot them out of the air fast with the loss of only one of our planes."

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Cooper of 112 North Orange, Peoria, Ill., Captain Cooper entered service in November, 1941, after three years in business. He is a graduate of Bradley College in Peoria, Ill.

PRO To Put Out Football Scores

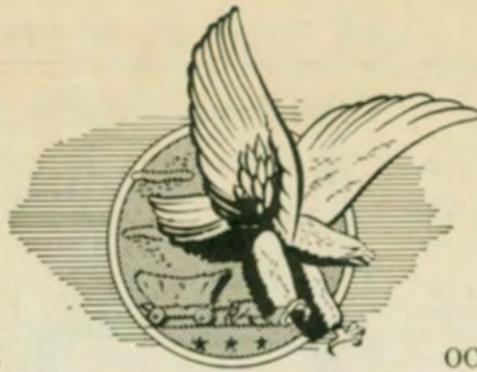
The Public Relations Officer has notified the Flier that football scores on all leading games will be available every Saturday afternoon. Those interested should call the PR office Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, giving the game or games on which scores will be desired. The interested party will then be appraised of the score as the game progresses.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8 to 14.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Members of Communications, Section 2, bowling team look on as league play started on the post bowling alleys last week. Seated, left to right: Sgt. A. J. Lillick, Sgt. A. J. Kazanecki, league co-manager, and Sgt. R. F. Ricart, score-keepers. Standing, left to right: Cpl. L. Pellitiere, S/Sgt. H. Miller, league co-manager, Sgt. T. J. Flynn, and S/Sgt. N. A. Wagner.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

M/Sgt. Charles Koman, aircraft inspector, Section A-3, veteran of 22 months overseas service in Ireland, England, Africa, Sicily and Italy. He possesses the Legion of Merit award for outstanding service as line chief of a P-38 fighter squadron during the Tunisian campaign, invasion of Sicily and during the landings at Salerno, Italy.

M-Sgt. Charles Koman, Sec. A-3, Possesses Legion of Merit Award

Possessor of the Legion of Merit medal, one of the highest-ranking awards given officers and enlisted men for outstanding service, is Master Sergeant Charles Koman of Section A-3 at Strother Field.

Enlisting in the army air forces at Selfridge Field, Mich., in Sept. 1939, M/Sgt. Koman served in the United States until Sept. 1942 when he was sent overseas. After being stationed in Ireland for 1½ months he was sent to England as line chief of a fighter craft unit. In December, 1942, shortly after the Allied invasion of Africa, he was sent to that country. From there he went to Sicily and Italy.

M/Sgt. Koman's modesty is to be admired but it made the interview with him rather difficult. His answer to many questions was just a smile which cannot be put in print, so the citation with his Legion of Merit award will have to speak for itself. It reads: "As line chief of his P-38 fighter squadron, M/Sgt. Koman headed three successive advance echelons to provide vital air support during the most critical period of the Tunisian campaign, the invasion of Sicily and the landings at Salerno, Italy. On each of these advance echelons M/Sgt. Koman was confronted by extreme difficulties in shortage of personnel, limited equipment and unfavorable conditions. Overcoming all handicaps by his own exceptional efforts and outstanding leadership, M/Sgt. Koman put the maximum possible number of vitally needed planes in the air as a result of his extraordinary maintenance record. M/Sgt. Koman's remarkable fidelity to duty and exceptional performance of all assigned tasks have reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America." the

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Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Tech. Sgt. Browning Adopts Chinese Girl While in CBI Theater

His interest in the United War Fund campaign whetted by his concern over the little, bombed-out Chinese orphan girl for whom he cared for two years while serving in the American forces in China, T/Sgt. William E. Browning of Strother Field is watching the local Allied war chest fund with more than ordinary solicitude.

T/Sgt. Browning reported to Strother Field Monday morning, his first station since he left China in late August, and has begun his duties as a sheet metal worker. He and his wife have established residence at 609 East Seventh Avenue, Winfield.

T/Sgt. Browning was one of 20 men in his outfit in China—one of the first American forces to reach that Far East outpost—who, touched by appalling signs of want, adopted Chinese orphans, paid for their food, personally selected their clothing and shared with them in whatever recreational opportunities were possible in that sector.

"If folks could only see some of the people I saw during my 29 months overseas, if they could just see some of the suffering children I've seen, they'd think any relief effort worth while," T/Sgt.

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Strother Field To Have Its Own Musical Revue

Strother Field is to have its own musical revue—a super show packed with songs, gags and surprises—featuring a soldier-civilian gal cast and to be presented on the stage of the post theater the middle of next month. This will be the first all-field show presented on the base.

Pvt. Chas. Winslow Designs P-63 Insignia

Pilots of the 264th AAF BU detachment from Strother Field this week are on the first of their missions to heavy bombardment bases, their P-63 planes bearing the distinguishing King Cobra insignia designed by Pvt. Charles H. Winslow of Niagara Falls, N.Y. Since the plane is the King Cobra, the big, coiled snake dominates the insignia. Atop its puffed head, the cobra wears a golden crown. A victory blue circle rims the sunset yellow background of the drawing. In the snake's wings which have been added to represent the Army Air Forces, two machine guns belch red fire, indicating that Strother Field is a fighter base.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen

Rehearsals for several numbers in the production are now being held under the direction of the show producers, Sgt. Lou Cunningham and Sgt. Jack Blackman of the special service department which is sponsoring the show.

Whether you enjoy the smooth rhythm of numbers from the musical production, "Show Boat," or the bouncing tune of today's hit song, "The Trolley Song," from Judy Garland's forthcoming MGM production, "Meet Me in St. Louis" you will find the Strother Field revue most enjoyable. From "Show Boat" you will hear "Old Man River," "Make Believe," "My Bill" and "Can't Help Loving that Man." A clever novelty act is being built around the "Trolley Song" number. Pvt. Alden Craig of the special service department is designing special scenery for the production.

Another highlight of the show will be a barrack scene featuring GI banter (that which the censors pass) which takes place late at night and early in the morning of an average army day. Two skits

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1st Lt. Bradley Builds Safety Training Model

To further flying safety in training and especially to prevent accidents caused by spinning in on the last turn of landing patterns, 1st Lt. George W. Bradley, Flight Commander of C Flight, Section E, has devised an ingenious display to demonstrate the exact procedure for peeling off and landing.

The display consists of model P-47s held in position by wires and braces and demonstrate each step of the landing procedure. The models and equipment with retractable landing gear show various stages of retraction or extension. Each crucial step in the landing pattern is illustrated by a model of the P-47 and a small tag fastened just below the model gives vital data and operations that should be accomplished by the point in the pattern.

Four Officers Join Medical Staff

The station hospital personnel has been increased with the addition of four new officers, all arriving here this week to assume their duties.

Major Francis C. Dunn, chief of surgical service, came to Strother Field from Kearny, Neb. His home is in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Capt. Alvin L. Sanborn, chief of medical service, reported here from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colo. His home is in Los Angeles, Calif.

1st Lt. Fern V. Baker who came here from Rapid City, South Dakota, will be chief nurse at the station hospital. Her home is Greenfield, Mo. 2nd Lt. Anna M. Murphy reported here from Bowman Field, Ky., where she attended the School of Air Evacuation.



Six weeks ago there appeared in the Prairie Flier a snapshot of Jewel Nye, attractive Hollywoodite, and friend of Pvt. Charles Pollock, Operations, Section D. Jewel looked so attractive in the snapshot that the PF nominated her for Strother Field's pinup girl. Copies of the paper were sent to her and a portrait requested. She replied that it would be several weeks before the special picture for the PF could be taken but that it would be sent to us as soon as possible. Last Saturday this super number arrived—for the men of Strother Field. Who says we don't rate out here in Kansas!



ZAF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Sgt. Charles F. Deane.

Pvt. Charles H. Winslow of Section B, proudly displays the King Cobra insignia he designed for the P-63 planes from Strother Field that are now on a mission to a heavy bombardment base. The insignia shown above is on the plane piloted by the detachment CO, Major Pat DeBerry.

Jobs We Do At Strother Field

Air Operations Specialist MOS 791

Sgt. Lyle E. Church, Section A-1, an air operations specialist at Strother Field, has been in service for 34 months, 22 of them spent at Trinidad in the British West Indies and 5 months in service at Panama. He describes his work at SF as follows:

"I assist in the administration of an Army Air Forces operation office. My job is to supervise or assist in the preparation and maintenance of individual flight records and related reports; prepare operations orders authorizing flight missions, check lists for periodic instrument tests, damage and accident reports."

"Other duties consist of issuing flying clothing and personal equipment to aircrew personnel and passengers. Supervise or assist in the dispatching of airplanes by preparing flight routes and logs of position reports of outgoing or incoming aircraft; obtain clearance and information as to weather conditions and communicate with other stations regarding flights from station and courses of transient airplanes."

Sgt. Church whose home is in Oxford, New York, entered the service following his graduation from high school in his home town.

How Long Can I Go To School?

Many officers and enlisted men of Strother Field have asked the question, "How long can I go to school after being honorably discharged from the army?" 1st Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Personal Affairs officer, quotes the GI Bill of Rights pertaining to the length of schooling available under this bill.

Every veteran who is eligible at all is eligible for at least one year.

In addition to the basic year, a veteran will be eligible for a period of study equal to his or her period of service between September 16, 1940, and the termination of World War II. Time on inactive status and time spent on the Army Specialized Training Program or the Navy College Training Program in courses which were a continuation of civilian courses taken prior to entry in the service will not be counted if the Military Service work was carried to completion.

EXAMPLE: Pvt. John Doakes has served 16 months in the Army and met the eligibility requirements for this educational program. Pvt. Doakes will be entitled to one basic year plus 16 months service time, or a total of 28 months of free education under this program.

The period of education and training may not exceed 4 years.

Section B Has Busy Social Week

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

The weekly Section B dance held Tuesday night in the enlisted men's service club was attended by thirty young ladies from Wichita chaperoned by Miss Jessie McLean. Miss McLean has attended many of the Section B social affairs, always bringing many attractive junior hostesses of the Wichita USO with her.

Music for the dance Tuesday night was provided by the Airchords, Strother Field's own dance band. Guest artist for the occasion was Sgt. Henderson of Camp Rucker, Alabama, who has been visiting in Wichita. There was an adequate supply of liquid refreshment (soft variety of course) and sandwiches made of ham salad and cheese salad.

The winter social season will begin with a Fiesta dance in the service club the night of Oct. 24th. Many enlisted men of the section attended the "Wings Over Jordan" choir programs given in Arkansas City and Winfield. A feature musical treat scheduled to be held in Wichita Oct. 28th is the appearance of the Southernaires, well-known quartet.

Newest candidate for membership in Section B is Ronald Leroy Branch, infant son of S/Sgt. and Mrs. Berry L. Branch. Congratulations, Berry.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

BACH-MENDELSSOHN PROGRAM
Following the policy of having an occasional program devoted to the work of one or two composers next week's Hour will include music of Bach and Mendelssohn.

Air and Bouree - - - - - Bach
"Brandenburg" Concerto No. 2 in F Major - - - - - Bach

A Bach concerto is quite different from the modern day concerto which is primarily a "show-piece" designed to set off the power and quality of a solo instrument against the background of full orchestral color. In this work the solo instrument the piano, is not the only one to carry the melody—but shares this place with the violin and flute though a long and brilliant solo passage for piano sets it apart as approximating the modern version of concerto.

Italian Symphony - Mendelssohn
Midsummer Night's Dream - - - - - Mendelssohn

Overture
Scherzo
Nocturne
Intermezzo
Wedding March

This musical setting for Shakespeare's play of fairies and mortals is imbued with all the mystery of moonlight nights, of colorful processions, of fairy revels, and peasant merrymakings.

Combat Vet Cuts Silhouettes as Hobby

Patients and staff at Strother Field's base hospital are willing to believe that the hand is at least as quick as the eye after watching a recent demonstration of silhouette cutting by T/4 Adolph Bud-Jack, overseas combat veteran now on tour with an exhibition of captured enemy equipment. Using black paper and an ordinary pair of scissors, Bud-Jack cut twenty-five remarkably good likenesses of men at the hospital in scarcely as many minutes.

At present T/4 Bud-Jack, back in this country after service in the African campaign, is on tour with the show of enemy materiel. He uses his talent to promote sales of War Bonds and has been responsible for sales of over one million dollars worth to date.

The demonstration was made all the more interesting by the fact that Bud-Jack was wielding his deadly scissors with a hand that had, only a few moments before, been removed from a plaster cast. Removal of the cast was the errand which originally brought him to Strother Field.

Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Wyckoff are the parents of a daughter born Friday of last week in Winfield. The baby weighed 6 lbs. and 11 oz. Home of the parents is Minneapolis, Minn.

I think it's terrible, sending all those soldiers to South America. What will they do when they get there?

Good heaven's, Inez, ain't you never been out with a soldier?



ZAF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Mavis "Howdy" Pendley, who hails from Lubbock, Tex., is head of the drafting department, Third Echelon Maintenance, at Strother Field, a job she has held since December 18, 1942. Mavis, who has black hair, hazel eyes and an enviable complexion, attended Texas Tech college where she studied drafting and art. She resides in Ark City while working at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

Male Call

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

Plain Identification



The War and You

Last week no flame-trailed comet seared the skies over Tokyo and Berlin, but there were other signs and portents, far more sure and equally terrifying to the warlords of those Axis capitals. With all the slightly ghastly intensity of a red neon sign the handwriting upon the wall burned clear for all to see.

American ships and planes made a familiar task force strike; but this time against the Ryukyu group of islands only some two hundred miles from the mainland of Japan itself. They came, saw and left a flaming ruin behind, and the once arrogant Japanese navy and air force could do nothing to hinder them. Actually it was a feat that, up until a matter of months ago, would have been perfectly impossible. Symbolically it represented a direct nose-thumbing at the sacred face of the Son of Heaven himself.

On the mainland of Asia the battered, ragged, war-weary army of defiant China pulled itself together enough to deliver the Jap two other blows, equally galling to his pride and probably far more dangerous to his war effort.

Jap troops moving on Foochow, last great China port still held by the Chiang forces, were stopped and, for a time at least, turned back. This slightly rickety sally port still remained open for the entrance of possible American aid.

And in the interior the great Jap drive, months old by now, to establish a north-south railway route that will free the communications to their southern territories from the dangerous sea had stalled almost at the gates of Kweilin.

As if in recognition of the turning tide the aged whisp of malignity who for years has captained Japan's brotherhood of political assassins the Black Dragon Society gave up the ghost last week and died.

Nor were things any more cheerful for the other Axis partner. The very desperation with which Hitler's men defended their lines showed how acutely they felt the presence of a crisis. The fact that General Hodges' men of the American 1st Army were able to punch through that line at Aachen showed the futility of that defense.

In the Balkans the shattered wreck of German dominion tottered towards its grave. Greece was invaded by British forces who began, in concert with the local partisans, to occupy the country from end to end. Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, was under siege by Russian columns and their allies. And in Hungary the Russians and Rumanians moved inexorably across the wheat bowl of the Danube.

From the north came German reports of a million Soviet troopers moving out of Lithuania against East Prussia in what might be the start of the long-awaited all-out Russian push.

From all sides then the dark and lowering storm clouds blew up against Germany. It was a week that foretold many bitter weeks to come.

Speaking of--A Timely Suggestion

Major C. F. Breeden, head of the Corps of Engineers at Strother Field, made the following suggestion during the National Fire Week demonstrations in the post theater this week, and it is an excellent one. Split the paper around your cigarette butts, cast the tobacco to the wind and roll the paper into a small ball before throwing it away. In this manner you not only do your part in preventing the start of fires on the base but help to keep the field clean at the same time. Remember this, men.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR THINKING?

"Joe, what's wrong with our thinking?" I read account after account of men overseas who are very much concerned about church in general and the welfare of their souls in particular, but we here at home are blandly indifferent to the religious aspect of our lives.

We know that our buddies over there are facing the stern realities of life. All the glamour, glitter and superficiality of our life here at home is gone. They realize that LIFE is something more than houses, cars, clothes, week-end pleasure trips and a job that pays well. And immediately that they do realize it, their interests center in spiritual things.

Just a little incident from Bougainville will illustrate what I mean. The soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division, which twice beat the Japs at their own type of warfare, were playing hosts to the Bishop of the upper Solomon Islands. The soldiers knew vaguely that Bishop Thomas Wade had fled into the jungles around Bougainville when the Japs came that way in 1942. They knew what happened to Christian establishments. They knew, too, that the Bishop wanted to go back and resume his work.

First Sgt. Thaddeus Tidwell from Grapevine, Texas, said to the members of his company of the 35th Infantry Regiment: "Men, I called you out after drill hours for a very special reason. There's a Bishop by the name of Wade whose church was destroyed by Jap bombs. Now he wants to build another church on the same spot but he doesn't have the money to do it.

"I guess all preachers are like soldiers. They don't receive much money—just enough to get by on.

"This Bishop is down, but the Japs don't have him licked. I suppose you could say he's fighting for the same things we are. We fight with guns and he fights with words."

The sergeant explained that the Bishop could use a little money to restore his church, left his helmet in front of the men and went away.

The helmet was returned to him shortly with \$128 in it from the men in his company. The 35th Infantry Regiment of the 35th Division contributed more than \$1000 for a church they'll probably never see.

In one of my conversations with an overseas veteran, I said, "How long does it take the boys to get the chapel habit after they get overseas?" His reply was, "About one bombing raid will do it!"

Joe, my sincere prayer for all of us is, that it won't take a bombing raid to make us think straight. Let's face this thing squarely, admit that man cannot long exist without taking God into his life, and then rearrange our lives to include a regular religious program.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Catholic Confession
- 8:00 Catholic Mass
- 9:00 Hospital Service
- 10:00 General Protestant Service
- 11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

The provisions of the GI Bill of Rights have been discussed at some length during the orientation sessions at Strother Field. One benefit of this law which seemed to receive the universal approval of GIs was the one providing certain educational opportunities to honorably discharged veterans.

In an attempt to discover if soldiers are giving any thought to plans for the future, your columnist has talked with many of them about this educational program and particularly about their plans. Two facts became obvious; they are interested and they are planning. The essentials of a few of these interviews are repeated for your consideration. These were chosen because they represent differing levels of rank, assignment, background and interest.

Pvt. Arthur Thayer, weather observer, was inducted at New Cumberland, Pa., after a half year of study at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. Thayer has been in the army 16 months and plans to return to the same school to complete his work in chemistry.

M/Sgt. P. A. Horton, First Sergeant of Section A-1, left his work in physical education and psychology at Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., to enlist in Feb. 1942. Horton also plans to return to the same school to complete his work. On the basis of his service to date he is assured a completion of his college training.

Cpl. W. J. Gilbert, supply clerk, Section B, was not attending school at the time of his induction at Fort Custer, Mich., in January, 1942. Gilbert plans to enter a trade school in refrigeration and air conditioning in his home town, Chicago, Ill., after the war.

Several men were also interested in completing high school work in anticipation of college courses after the war. If you are interested in this field you should contact the special service officer.

Ye Liftings

He drew her close to him, kissed her with all the first fire of passion. No one would have guessed they were married.

They weren't.

Many a man has made a monkey of himself by reaching for the wrong limb.

She has an ermine coat and a foreign car,

A ten-room flat with a built-in bar, And she does it all on thirty per. Believe it or not, it's the truth, dear sir,

Yet five years back, some teaching hick,

Flunked this gal in arithmetic.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat. Win. Hay Back Ride—Chili—Meet USO 8 p.m.
- Ark. Informal dancing
- Sun. Win. Read, Relax, Free call
- Ark. Bingo, Free call
- Mon. Win. Pop corn night
- Ark. Bridge and game night
- Tues. Win. Bridge and Rummy
- Ark. Do-as-you-please
- Wed. Win. Dancing, Games
- Ark. Snack Bar party
- Thurs. Win. Field Dance
- Ark. Ping-pong tournament
- Fri. Win. Ping Pong Tournament
- Ark. Ping Pong

Does This Answer Your Question?

Q. Why can't I get a new raincoat to replace my old one which has a couple of torn places on it in addition to rust stains and spots where the weather proofing cracked?

A. The following is quoted from the QM Training Service Journal, Vol. 5, No. 13, dated 29 Sept. 1944: Raincoats are now a critical item. Orders say they'll be repaired regardless of cost and time involved. GIs can keep their raincoats in good condition a lot longer by observing these tips:

Never fold wet raincoats. It causes rotting of the fabric. Don't hang raincoats close to stoves. On some raincoats it will cause the waterproofing to crack. Don't hang raincoats on wire hangers. Hangers rust and stain the fabric.

Turn your raincoat in for repair as soon as small holes or tears are noticed. This will save big repairs later on.

Members of the Strother Field officers wives club have more than had their hands full the past two weeks — with clothing of enlisted men that needed sewing repair.

The group meets each Wednesday afternoon in the service club and does this sewing work free of charge for GIs, a service greatly appreciated by the men. All clothing needing repair should be taken to the club Wednesday morning.

What's new in your home town?

Chicago (CNS)—When a woman patient fainted in his dentist chair, Dr. Cecil Fisher revived her with water. Later he complained to police that she had removed all the change from his pockets while being revived.

Dallas, Tex. (CNS) — A sneak thief snatched the purse of Miss Pauline Griffith, as she was leaving her office. She chased him down the hall, felled him with a flying tackle, recovered her purse and threw him down a flight of stairs.

Halfway, Ohio (CNS) — John Cook, a farmer, brought home a load of 1,500 chickens. That night thieves raided his coop and stole 600 of them. The next night they returned with a truck and swiped the remaining 900.

Indianapolis (CNS)—Guards at the Indiana Women's Prison rubbed their eyes when they spotted someone climbing over the wall into the prison. It was the prison engineer. "Forgot my keys," he muttered.

McCook, Neb. (CNS) — Jitter-bugging Ernie Oliver spun into a hot jive, lost his balance and fell through the second story window of a local dance hall.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY

14 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Football games broadcast in the Service Club. Club closes 1800.
THEATRE—Double Feature—"Moonlight and Cactus"—Andrews Sisters, Elyse Knox. "That's My Baby"—Richard Arlen, Ellen Drew.

SUNDAY

15 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Have your friends out and show them around. Obtain passes at Service Club. Also free stationery, games, radio.
THEATRE—The Merrie Monahans—Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan, Jack Oakie. Short subjects.

MONDAY

16 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance. Girls from the base. Bring out the wife or girl friend.
THEATRE—No showing.

TUESDAY

17 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Section "B" Dance.
THEATRE—Heavenly Days—Fibber McGee and Molly. Short subjects.

WEDNESDAY

18 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night. And why not catch up on that letter writing. Stationery is free.
THEATRE—Our Hearts Were Young and Gay—Diana Lynn, Gail Russell, Chas. Ruggles. Short subjects.

THURSDAY

19 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—GI Dance Night. Girls from Winfield and Wellington.
THEATRE—Music Appreciation Hour—Post theater 1830-2000.

FRIDAY

20 OCT.

SERVICE CLUB—GI Night. Come as you like. Refreshments and free movies.
THEATRE—Till We Meet Again—Ray Milland, Barbara Britton. Short subjects.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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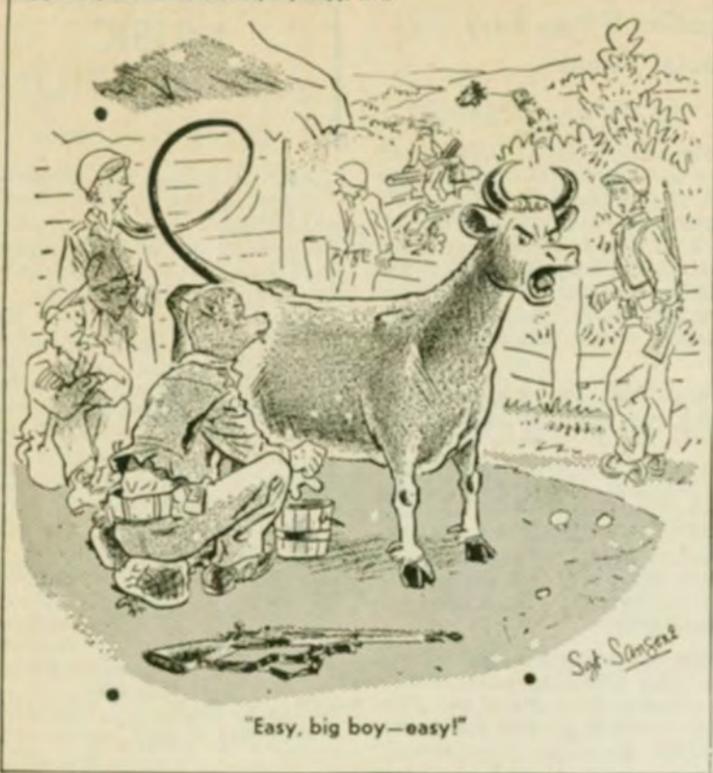
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"Easy, big boy—easy!"

M/SGT. CHARLES KOMAN

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citation concludes.

After 22 months service overseas M/Sgt. Koman was returned to the United States in June of this year. Following a well-earned leave he was sent to the army air field at Lincoln, Neb., and then to Strother Field where his duty at the present time is that of aircraft inspector.

While overseas his unit received two Presidential Citations for outstanding operations against the enemy. This entitles M/Sgt. Koman to wear the unit citation ribbon with oak leaf cluster. His African-Middle Eastern campaign ribbon has three battle stars. His group, commanded by Lt. Col. William P. Litton, Shaw, Miss., was officially credited with 485 aerial victories in Italy. He also has the Good Conduct ribbon.

M/Sgt. Koman, his wife and four-year-old son Charles Wayne, make their home in Winfield. Their peace-time home is in Bedford, Ohio.

STROTHER FIELD TO HAVE

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that show promise of many laughs are "Berlin Lunatic Asylum" and "Had Any Good Dreams Lately?"

The cast for the production is not complete at the present time and all GIs interested in taking part in the revue are urged to contact the special service department.

The show will be presented in two evening performances free of charge to military personnel and guests.

T/SGT. BROWNING ADOPTS

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Browning said.

"Three other fellows and I adopted four little sisters, 8, 9, 12 and 14 years old. I chose Cecilia Wong, the nine-year-old, because she looked the cutest to me. They were the remnants of what had once been a wealthy and influential family living in Burma, but the bombings of Burma forced them to flee on foot, leaving behind some dead members of the family.

"The 14-year-old girl, like a little old woman, sewed for the four and mothered them in the hastily-organized orphanage about three miles from the town at which we were stationed," T/Sgt. Browning went on to say.

"It cost us \$5 a month apiece to feed the girls. We never kept track of how much we spent on their clothes; we just bought them whatever they needed. At first that didn't cost much, but before we left China, prices had advanced so much it was quite expensive, the Santa Rosa, Calif., veteran explained.

"When I found out on short notice that I was going to get to fly home, I went out to tell her and her sisters and friends goodbye. The other fellows promised to look out for her until the chaplain can find someone else to adopt her," T/Sgt. Browning said, his voice reflecting the compassion he feels for the Chinese waif and others like her. "If only a small part of the money from the United War Fund gets to people like the four Wong girls and others I've seen, it will be worth all the effort."

Iowa Seahawks Defeat Superbombers

Colorado Springs, Colo. — The Second Army Air Force's Superbombers, their great two-year football winning streak broken by the Iowa Seahawks, have been making preparations for a two-game invasion of Texas gridirons.

Saturday, the Flyers go against the University of New Mexico in the Sun Bowl at El Paso and the following week they take on North Texas Aggies at Odessa.

El Paso will be a familiar setting for Maj. William B. (Red) Reese of the Superbombers. Two years ago he led the team, then known as the Bombers, to a 13 to 7 victory over Hardin-Simmons in the Sun Bowl in the brightest chapter of Second Air Force football.

New Mexico may give the Superbombers much trouble this Saturday. The Lobos are fast and tricky and they took heart from the 12 to 6 victory of the Seahawks over the 2AAF outfit which had breezed through five victories this season.

The Reese attack sputtered and stalled against the Pre-Flights in

Play in Women's Bowling League Started

The women's bowling league at Strother Field held its first round of play last week on the post bowling alleys with the Air Corps Supply team taking high scoring honors by rolling a total score of 1954.

Miss Marjorie Thompson of Air Corps Supply rolled the best single game for all women bowlers with a total of 177. Mrs. Jeanette Rubin of the Headquarters team rolled the highest three-game total, 451. Her individual games were 172, 137 and 142.

Following are the scores of all team members:

SUB DEPOT NO. 2		Total
Barnes	56 61 61	178
Stocking	75 46 61	182
Weinrich	84 98 62	244
Jenkins	68 65 80	213
Miller	97 125 140	362
		1179

AIR CORPS SUPPLY		Total
Thompson	105 177 149	431
Belt	114 94 159	367
Bartelson	146 144 82	272
McCray	132 144 104	380
Speece	135 131 138	404
		1954

Communications, Sec. A-2, Continues Hot Bowling Pace

Results of the second round of play in the men's bowling league at Strother Field show Communications Section A-2 taking top honors again with a total score of 2530.

Lillick, star of this team, copied top honors with a three-game total of 554 while Turner of Engineering, Section I, rolled the highest single game, 214.

Closest match played last week was between Communications, Section A-1, with a total of 2279 points, and Armament No. 2, which totaled 2270 points.

Following are the scores of round two matches:

ENGINEERING SEC. A-3		Total
Peck	122 140 155	417
Mentz	163 162 144	479
Onisto	127 155 124	406
Kirkman	125 124 129	378
Grives	139 122 134	395
		2074

HEADQUARTERS		Total
Cowling	150 170 134	454
Davin	113 81 90	284
Strous	143 127 134	404
Biederman	150 159 167	476
Jones	139 188 134	461
		2079

ARMAMENT NO. 2		Total
Russell	152 152 145	449
Stettenfeld	169 120 165	454
Skelly	174 162 179	515
Noack	119 140 123	382
Robertson	139 181 150	470
		2270

COMMUNICATIONS SEC. A-1		Total
Boll	148 139 143	430
Sabia	192 179 158	529
Tobias	140 156 135	431
Kavalak	125 151 156	432
Ricart	124 177 156	457
		2279

TECH INSPECTORS		Total
Pierce	90 116	206
MacRossin	91 138 110	339
Fern	115 139 118	372
Jacobsen	145 117	262
Rose	105 111 148	364
Schilke	87 149 236	1879

HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS		Total
Spratt	94 113 120	327
Worthington	72 70	142
Allen	98 71	169
Mueller	125 198 181	504
Jackson	124 124 148	406
Rood	105 137 242	1790

BASE WEATHER		Total
Nouse	158 155 141	454
Ashwill	113 122 151	386
O'Connell	141 115 136	392
Seldel	147 121 128	396
Spirkousis	120 134 142	396
		2004

HOT ROCKS		Total
Wal's	127 176 134	437
Davis	130 144 148	422
Burt's	117 139 129	385
Harper	172 160 124	456
Brueggeman	125 106 129	360
		2060

COMMUNICATIONS SEC. A-2		Total
Pelletier	204 178 165	547
Flynn	137 156 150	443
Lee	190 163 153	506
Wagener	184 151 145	480
Lillick	198 193 163	554
		2530

ENGINEERING SEC. I		Total
Gooch	148 171 137	456
Turner	214 133 140	487
Lorenz	178 181 137	496
Miller	156 167 136	459
Blind	125 125 125	375
		2273



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Cpl. John R. Farrell. 1st. Lt. George W. Bradley, left, Flight Commander of C Flight, Section E, demonstrates the procedure for peeling off and landing P-47 planes with a model display he built. Watching the demonstration are, center, Lt. Lera M. Wesley and right, F/O Glen B. Schew.

Memorial Stadium at Lincoln, Neb., before 29,000 spectators. The Seahawks were lifted to peak strength by the addition of several hard-bitten officer gridmen. Two of these, Tackle Vic Schleich and End Jim Poole, were the outstanding linemen on the field and conspired to check the 2AAF passing ace, Glen Dobbs, who managed to complete only eight of 20 passes for 71 yards.

Dobbs however, owns one of the outstanding passing records in the land, with a season's showing of 32 completions in 50 throws for 451 yards, six of his pitches going for touchdowns. And Texas fans will see in Johnny Strazykalski one of the hardest-running backs in service football. The former Marquette sophomore has carried 31 times for 273 yards, an average of 8.8 yards per try.

The Superbombers expect to be strengthened for the New Mexico game by the return of Guards Bob Perugini, Ed Hiemstra and Visco Grgich, who did not make the trip to Lincoln because of leg injuries.

A mint julip is a depth bomb with a southern drawl.

SUB DEPOT NO. 1		Total
J. Mitchell	67 75 79	121
B. Mitchell	97 100 90	287
Matthews	63 50 62	175
Symes	118 112 109	339
Poster	123 97 82	302
		1219

POST OPERATIONS		Total
Walecky	103 104 80	287
Boyles	38 46 67	151
Mingle	59 99 113	271
Lindberg	61 76 103	240
Schwartz	109 79 122	310
		1279

POST EXCHANGE		Total
Forester	129 57 95	281
Morgan	90 104 110	304
Kent	79 78 85	242
Booker	54 90 71	215
Smith	85 112 136	333
		1375

HEADQUARTERS		Total
Bloomer	107 95 116	318
Lemaster	132 126 122	380
King	80 96 92	268
Buckingham	110 113 95	318
Rubin	172 137 142	451
		1735

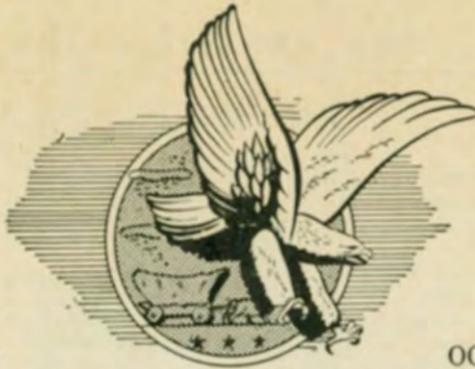
Montpelier, Vt. (CNS)—A Vermont resident recently won an amateur contest in a local theater by playing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" on his wife's head with a spoon.

Gym Floor Gets New Make-up

"Beauty specialists" from the post engineering department assisted by members of the physical training department gave the gymnasium floor a new "facial" last week-end. The sun-tan color of the floor even has an added dash of mascara and lipstick colors—the black and red markings of the basketball, volleyball and badminton courts.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry. S/Sgt. Orvald P. Forbord, unit supply sergeant of the Medics, stands by the silhouette cutting of himself made by T/4 Adolph Bud-Jack, overseas combat vet who was recently at the station hospital to have a plaster cast removed from a hand.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Sgt. Charles F. Deane.

WAC 1st. Lt. Marjorie Anne Stewart, who arrived at Strother Field Tuesday, will be the commanding officer of the WAC detachment to be stationed here. Lt. Stewart reported here from Second Air Force headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo. She entered service at Chicago, her home town, on Dec. 4th, 1942.

Strother Field Has Annual IGD And 72nd Wing Quarterly Inspections

The annual General Inspection by representatives of the Inspector General's Department and the 72nd Fighter Wing has been completed at Strother Field.

Results of the inspection have not been announced officially but it is hoped that the party of inspectors found Strother Field in A-1 condition during the checking of all activities and investigation of each organization, department and office.

The Inspector General's staff included Col. Reuben N. Perley, IGD, Assistant Inspector General, Second Air Force, assisted by CWO Robert F. Harkinson, USA, and M/Sgt. John H. Beam. The results of their findings will go to the commanding general of the Second Air Force.

The 72nd Fighter Wing inspection party included Major William B. Petersen, Major Jack R. Best, Capt. Earl K. Washburn, Capt. Glen Galbreath, 1st. Lt. James J. Flynn, M/Sgt. Forrest L. Kelly, M/Sgt. Reames P. Decker, T/Sgt. Martin D. Fitzgerald, T/Sgt. William J. Heiber and T/Sgt. Peter F. Dalesio.

Little did we ever think this 72nd Fighter Wing base would have SS troops, but the personal inspection of enlisted men and their barracks last Saturday found all GIs in the SS class—spic-and-span. EM living off the post were inspected in their section area.

In each barrack of every section on the field the neatest appearing soldier, soldier with best military bearing, and soldier having the neatest made bed were commended by inspecting officers. Protruding chests during the rest of

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Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Two Packs Per Day Is Cigarette Limit

The problem of keeping the grounds of Strother Field cleared of cigarette butts may be solved in the future by the voluntary efforts of heavy smokers here. If you smoke more than two packages of cigarettes per day you'll have to get the extra smokes some place other than in the post exchange.

The shortage of cigarettes, due to the great demand by the armed forces serving overseas, was reflected at the PX this week when purchases by military personnel were reduced to two packs a day and by dependents of military personnel to one pack a day. Civilian war department employees are not included on the list of those authorized to buy cigarettes at the PX and will have to purchase their supply in town.

The Strother Field policy of reduction was in line with an Army Service Forces regulation sent out from Headquarters of the Seventh Service Command at Omaha.

To supply armed forces on foreign soil, an identical reduction was ordered for all domestic military exchanges, and sale of cigarettes by the carton was ordered discontinued immediately, except in staging areas and aerial ports of embarkation.

Maj. Gen. U.G. Ent Injured

Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent, commanding general of the Second Air Force with headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo., was critically injured last week in a plane accident at Ft. Worth, Tex. He is now in Brooks General Hospital, San Antonio, Tex.

USO Camp Shows Blue Circuit Units To Appear Here

Approved this week by Seventh Service Command Headquarters was a request from Strother Field's Special Service Office for adding this station to the itinerary of the USO Camp Shows, Inc., Blue Circuit Shows. The Blue Circuit Shows are to be presented regularly once each three weeks in the Station Hospital and the Enlisted Men's Service Club.

This entertainment is in addition to the regular monthly appearance of the larger Victory Circuit USO Camp Shows which continue to be presented in the Station Theater. Since the cast of the Blue Circuit Shows is considerably smaller and requires no band accompaniment, it can be used in hospital wards and Service Clubs.

Section B at Work On Show Number

The soldier show scheduled for presentation at the post theater next month will offer a wide variety of entertainment. In the musical numbers there will be everything from Jerome Kern's "Show Boat" selections to the very latest in jumpin' jive.

One of the feature numbers of the show will be Section B's contribution in the form of "An Evening at the Club Cabana." In a tropical setting the music and gaiety of our South American neighbors will be presented.

In Section B's part of the show a quartette, girl singer, a novelty boy and girl dance team and an ensemble in Cuban costume will be presented. This part of the production will be under the direction of S/Sgt. H. W. Ward of Section B.

WAC Detachment For Strother Field; 1st Lt. Marjorie Stewart Will Be CO

Strother Field is soon to have its own WAC detachment, members of which will arrive at this 72nd Fighter Wing base within the next few days from various other Second Air Force stations.

Vet. of So. Pacific Lived on Fiji Islands

New addition to the ranks of men engaged at Strother Field in the technical skills of fighter control is Sgt. Earl Eugene Grubb of Sumner, Wash., who reported a few days ago after 32 months' service in the Southwest Pacific.

Most of the time Sgt. Grubb was stationed in the Fiji Islands. He went out less than a month after Pearl Harbor and for 18 months lived on the Fijis, sometimes in tents, sometimes in grass huts the natives quickly assembled.

Sgt. Grubb came home with a healthy respect for the big fuzzy-wuzzies of the Fiji Islands, a great distrust of the small fuzzy-wuzzies of the Solomons, in whom he feels little dependence can be placed.

"The Fijis have a conscripted defense force which employs both natives weapons, including bowie knives, and the weapons of the Americans. This force fought very successfully in Munda, Vella Lovela and Bougainville. Fijians are much better jungle fighters than the Japs and they are definitely the friends of the American soldier. The natives of the Solomons, small in stature when compared with the fuzzy-wuzzies of the Fijis, are friendly to the American when he is present, but they left the impression with us they were friendly to the Jap when the Japs were around. In other words, they are opportunists."

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First Lieutenant Marjorie Anne Stewart of Chicago will be the commanding officer of the detachment. She arrived at Strother Field Tuesday from Second Air Force headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo.

The WAC officer wears the WAAC Service Ribbon for service in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. She re-enlisted when that organization became a component of the regular army, and later attended officer candidate school at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa. She was commissioned in May, 1943, and received a promotion to the rank of first lieutenant on October 5 of this year.

The assignment of a WAC unit at Strother Field climaxes months of endeavor on the part of field officers. Wacs had been requested for the base even before the Second Air Force took over last June. At one time it appeared so certain the women soldiers would arrive that the barracks area at the northwest corner of the field was prepared for their use, complete with beauty parlor. This area is being hurriedly checked by post engineer personnel for Lt. Stewart's charges.

The arrival of the WAC vanguard at Strother Field coincides with an announcement that the Second Air Force has instituted a vigorous campaign to recruit

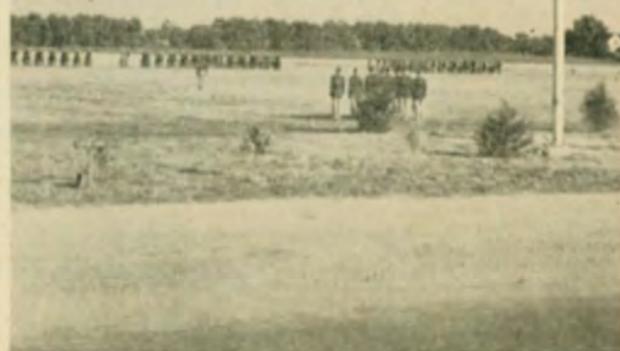
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VOTING
Is the Privilege and
Duty of Every Citizen



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force
Photo by Pvt. Gerald E. Curtis.

"Officers and colors, forward" was the command given during the review of troops last Saturday as Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, standing at left in the foreground, returns the salute of Major Merle W. Allen, commander of troops, center. Back of Col. Meade stands Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer. Capt. George N. Rood, post adjutant, stands to the left of the commanding officer. 1st. Lt. John W. Ondreas, troop adjutant, is shown to the right of Major Allen. Two sections of enlisted men and their officers are in the background.



Old Glory flutters in a southerly breeze as GIs march across the parade ground during last week's review.

The War and You

As the dreary juggernaut of war crunched forward for another seven days across the prostrate bodies of its devotees new pieces were fitted into the picture slowly being built by Allied land, air and sea forces.

In the far Pacific one all important fact stood out. Despite a continuance of swagger, bluster and bombast the Imperial Japanese Fleet is still afraid to come out and fight. Last week an American task force lashed with fire and steel an objective worth defending; the great island of Formosa, long time Jap naval base and training ground for jungle troops off the China coast. To make this raid the Americans had to leave their bases hundreds of miles behind, approach the very center of Jap concentration. In a word the Americans placed their combined head well within the lion's mouth.

It was the chance of a lifetime for the admirals of Nippon. For a brief time it seemed that they would take the opportunity to strike. Their radio back in Tokyo screamed hysterically that the grand fleet had come out, was sinking Yankee ships. Scouting American planes saw smoke on the horizon and our fleet readied for action.

But it was an action which never came. On the very edge of the shock the Jap armada hesitated, then turned tail and ran. In the final moment of decision the gauge of battle was refused.

On the other side of the world the war flamed viciously along some hundreds of miles of front from Holland to the mountains of Switzerland. Along this whole, bitterly contested line the Nazi war machine hung on grimly; fought a stubborn, bitter defensive battle.

Mark it well. The German fought with bitter courage, with infinite resource, with bulldog tenacity. But he fought only on the defensive. Once, outside of Aachen where tanks were reported massing, it seemed that he might take the offensive for a while. It is probable that their concentration was bombed to ineffectiveness. It is certain that the assault which they threatened never really got under way.

Inside Germany the people were still being told to hang on until cold weather brought a pause in the fighting. The party line of the Nazi propaganda machine held out a winter respite as the reward of courage and devotion.

Not broadcast inside the German Army was the announcement by General Eisenhower in Paris that the attack all along the front would continue, if necessary, all through the winter; that there would be no rest and no respite until the Wehrmacht had been smashed to bloody shreds.

It is an old football maxim that you can only score when your side is carrying the ball. Last week neither of our two opponents was in any position to score. The Japs would not, and the Germans could not, carry the ball.

Speaking of--Life Lines

The war is speeding up. Men, machines and equipment are pushing towards the new fighting fronts with astounding rapidity. Supply lines are going forward, too. Supply lines are life lines, the vital link between the home front and the battle front.

And when you talk in terms of war speeding up and supply lines extending, you've got to talk in terms of personnel: the people who are behind it all, who see to it that the supplies, the ammunition, the food and the men get to the right place at the right time. And the personnel, in this case, includes the Women's Army Corps. They, too, are the "behind the lines" fighters. They work in the offices, the supply depots and any other place that concerns itself directly, or indirectly, with supporting the fighting fronts.

The accelerated pace of the war has created an enormous demand for Wacs. A demand that must be met immediately. Accordingly, the Second Air Force is instituting a Wac recruiting campaign. Every Officer and Enlisted Man on this base is urged to do everything in his power to aid this effort, because OUR LIFE LINE MUST BE KEPT GOING.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

TROUBLED HEART, BE COMFORTED

Is it sin that troubles you?
Things you would not, yet must see,
Pictures you would fain remove
From the walls of memory?
And you cry, "What must I do?"—
Is it sin that troubles you?

Is it fear that troubles you?
Doubts that darken all your sky,
Anxious thoughts that will not down,
"Thinking strange" and wond'ring why,
Questioning if God be true—
Are these things that trouble you?

Do your failures trouble you?
Do you try, again, again,
Yet go down in sad defeat;
Feel, at length, the struggle vain—
Vain to strive, the fight renew—
Is it this that troubles you?

Does the future trouble you?
Thoughts of death, the strange unknown,
Where, unless you have a Guide,
You must journey on alone;
Sighing, "If I only knew"—
Is it this that troubles you?

Troubled heart, be comforted!
There is One whose hand can save
From the guilt and power of sin,
Fear of death and gloomy grave;
Saviour mighty to redeem!
Roll your burdens all on Him.
—T. O. CHISHOLM.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Catholic Confession
- 8:00 Catholic Mass
- 9:00 Hospital Service
- 10:00 General Protestant Service
- 11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

During the recent I. G. inspection of Strother Field, Colonel R. N. Perley expressed a keen interest in the Orientation Program. Section "A"-1 was honored by a visit from the colonel and his staff during the Orientation Hour last Friday. The program consisted of the film, "The Negro Soldier," together with a news discussion conducted by Sgt. Breese of the PRO, and a discussion of off-duty classes by your columnist.

A twenty-minute film showing the Invasion of Normandy will be available for orientation activities from 27 October to 1 November, inclusive. Orientation NCO's should arrange for this film as soon as possible through the Special Service Office. This film will make a fine contribution to the orientation hour.

A series of pamphlets were distributed to sectional orientation NCO's through the Special Service Office last week. Included in this series was a "Guide for Discussion Leaders." This pamphlet contains many valuable and timely suggestions for discussion leaders and will be quite helpful to men who are conducting orientation activities.

The off-duty education questionnaires are being analyzed in order to develop the most suitable off-duty classes. As soon as final plans and schedules are available, they will be announced through the "Prairie Flier." If you have not completed your questionnaire and left it in your orderly room, you should do so at once.

Ye Liftings

The automobile motor pounded, finally stopped—"I wonder," mused the sailor, "what that knock is?" "Maybe," said the blonde, "it's opportunity."

She went up the ladder of success—wrong by wrong.

Doctor: "Wait a minute, you are too quick; I didn't tell you to say 'Ah'."

Patient: "I know you didn't. I just caught a glimpse of your nurse."

GI: What say we do something different tonight, baby?

Blond: O.K.—what do you suggest?

GI: You try to kiss me and I'll slap your face.

Chivalry is a man's inclination to defend a woman against every man but himself.

This is a funny world,
Its wonders never cease,
All civilized people are at war,
And all savages are at peace.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.—Win.—Dancing Games
- Ark.—Informal dancing
- Sun.—Win.—Wienie Roast. Meet at USO 5:30 p.m.
- Ark.—Bingo. Free call
- Men.—Win.—Candy Making
- Ark.—Bridge and game night
- Tues.—Win.—Bridge. Pinochle
- Ark.—Do-as-you-please
- Wed.—Win.—Formal Dance—SF Airchords Orch.
- Ark.—Snack Bar party
- Thurs.—Win.—Do-as-you-please
- Ark.—Ping-pong tournament
- Fri.—Win.—Ping Pong. Cards. Games
- Ark.—Ping Pong

Does This Answer Your Question?

Q. Can military insignia be worn by civilians, including wives, other dependents and civilian employees?

A. No. If there is any question in your mind consult AR 600-90, paragraph 12, on use and possession of articles and devices prescribed by the War Department.

It states that the wearing of any decoration, medal, badge or insignia prescribed or authorized by the War Department by any person for whom such decoration, medal, badge or insignia is not authorized or prescribed or their use to misrepresent the identification or status of the person by whom worn, is prohibited. Any person who offends against this provision is subject to punishment by a fine not exceeding \$250 or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both.

In the case of civilians wearing miniature aviation wings AR 600-40, paragraph 70, C1, says, "Wearing of miniature aviation badge by civilians is prohibited."

Memphis, Tenn. (CNS) — One Memphis department store is looking for 1,000 residents with two left feet. The store recently received 1,000 pairs of shoes—all for the left foot.

What's new in your home town?

Minneapolis (CNS)—A clerk in a local war plant knows how to get rich quick. His salary was raised from \$38 a week to \$125 a week when he discovered a new system of bookkeeping.

Ocean City, Md. (CNS)—A good Samaritan who removed his trousers, jumped into the sea and rescued a drowning swimmer, found his wallet stolen when he returned to the beach.

Mobile, Ala. (CNS)—Police are seeking a local thief with strange tastes. Recently he entered a local home, stole a bathtub, and escaped.

Chicago (CNS)—Big Paul Deringer, Chicago Cubs' pitcher, won a divorce from his wife after he complained that she pegged cocktail glasses and plates at him.

Cleveland (CNS) — Big Oscar, pet turtle at the Rocky River Museum, had just laid an egg. "Guess we'll have to rename him," said the curator.

Cleveland (CNS)—An enterprising restaurateur was fined in a Cleveland court for selling chop suey which included "beetles, wood splinters, dirt and wax."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Football games broadcast in the Service Club. Club closes 1800.
21 OCT.	THEATER—Ever Since Venus—Ann Savage, Ross Hunter, Ina Ray Hutton and Band. Short Subjects.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Have your friends out and show them around. Obtain passes at Service Club. Also free stationery, games, radio.
22 OCT.	THEATER—San Diego, I Love You—Jon Hall, Louise Allbritton. Short Subjects.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance. Girls from the base. Bring out the wife or girl friend.
23 OCT.	THEATRE—No showing.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Section "B" Dance.
24 OCT.	THEATER—Double Feature—A Wave, A Wac and a Marine—Sally Eilers, Elyse Knox, Richard Lane. One Mysterious Night—Chester Morris, Janis Carter, George E. Stone.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Bridge Night. And why not catch up on that letter writing. Stationery is free.
25 OCT.	THEATER—Marriage is a Private Affair—Lana Turner, John Hodiak, James Craig. Short Subjects.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—GI Dance Night. Girls from Winfield and Wellington.
26 OCT.	THEATRE—Music Appreciation Hour—Post theater 1830-2000.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—GI Night. Come as you like. Refreshments and free movies.
27 OCT.	THEATER—National Barn Dance—Jean Heather, Robt. Benchley, Lulubelle and Scotty. Short Subjects.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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HEADQUARTERS STROTHER FIELD

269TH BASE UNIT, AAF, FPTS

Office of the Commander of Troops

269BU 201.22 (16 Oct 44)

Winfield, Kansas.
16 October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation for Outstanding Service
TO : All Members of this Command.

1. I wish to personally commend the members of this command who participated in preparing their barracks and Section Areas for inspection Saturday. The condition and appearance of all installations, buildings and grounds within this Field were excellent.

2. It is gratifying to know that personnel of this command did so willingly and without hesitation cleanse and police their respective areas and prepare them in such an immaculate condition.

PIERCE M. ENES,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commander of Troops.

Jobs We Do
At Strother Field

Welder, Combination
MOS (256)

ELECTRIC ARC WELDER
OXYACETYLENE BURNER
OXYACETYLENE WELDER

Cpl. Paul Amato, Section A-3, is a welder in the miscellaneous maintenance hangar at Strother Field. He will have been in service two years on the 12th of November. His home is in Camden, N.J., and he was a welder in a shipyard prior to entering service.

"My job at Strother Field is to fuse metal parts to fabricate metal articles and repair broken or cracked metal objects by means of electric-welding or acetylene-welding apparatus," says Cpl. Amato.

"I place part to be joined or the object to be repaired on a flat surface and wire, clamp, or otherwise hold objects in relative position. Assemble welding apparatus, acetylene or electric, and apply heat against metal until it melts, at the same time applying a metal rod to the molten area to supply excess metal needed to form the weld."

"I must be able to read blueprints, plan and construct jigs for holding parts together during the welding process and must understand properties and identification of various metals."

Gallup, N. M. (CNS) — Hopi Indian dancers had completed plans for their annual supplications for rain at Shungopovi and Shipaulavi, but things started to go wrong right away. First, the Indians had trouble obtaining a snake priest. Then the antelope priest was tossed into jail for refusing to clip his sheep.

Test Pilot a Vet
of Mediterranean
Air Battles

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

First Lieutenant Lester J. Ruegger of Salina, Kansas, has reported to Strother Field from Wendover, Utah, Army Air Field to serve as a test pilot for the 269th AAF Base Unit.

War Department General Orders just released to military installations in the United States carry two citations which are of considerable interest to Lt. Ruegger since they concern the Presidential Citation ribbon and Oak Leaf Cluster he wears along with the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters he earned during 13 months' duty in the Mediterranean theater of war as a fighter pilot with the illustrious 325th Fighter Group. The sensational career of this Group in the aerial war over Sardinia and Italy is the basis for the new film production "Top Cover."

First of the citations of the 325th commended the organization for its action on July 30, 1943, when "through ingenious planning, thorough preparation and daring execution, it forced the enemy into the air by an extraordinary application of diversionary tactics. The boldness and daring with which they split their formation into numerically inferior flights both surprised and confused the enemy. In a gallant and aggressive attack, 20 of the 325th aircraft attacked a force of over 40 enemy fighters and in the course of this fast and intense aerial engagement, 21 of the enemy were shot down

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The Hip-Cat

This is a story with a moral, morals or maybe even morale.

Tommy was a "booty-Jack laced to his hips." He knew the score of the score, and wasn't giving up a thing, so when he got "the call from the Beard," he thought he would "beat the rap."

On the "early bright" of the day he was to report to the Induction Board Tommy went for the "stuff that floats." He wanted the "ticker" to be "fast," and his "corpuscles tall."

Everything was "cool" and they were "tall" and "fast" but Tommy passed his physical test, because as the doctor told a colleague, "This man had every symptom and appearance of having low blood pressure, but when I checked him thoroughly he was perfectly normal."

Now Tommy is a soldier in the Air Corps stilled "hipped," but in a purely G.I. way.

WAC DETACHMENT

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young women to fill the tremendous demand upon army personnel created by the increasing tempo of war on the battlefronts.

In case the WAC detachment arrives on Saturday the members will witness the weekly review of troops on the parade ground, Capt. Pierce M. Enes, commander of troops, announced today.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

130 to 2000—OCT. 26TH

- Perpetual Motion - Paganini
- Capriccio Espagnole - - - -
- - - - - Rimsky Korsakov
- Toreadores Song "Carmen" - Bizet
- Selections from Peer Gent - Grieg
- Arabian Dance
- Ingrid's Lament
- Rhapsody in Blue - - Gershwin
- Nina - - - - - Pergolesi
- Depuis Le Jour "Louise" - - -
- - - - - Charpentier
- Bolero - - - - - Ravel
- Gymnopedie - - - - - Satie

Section E Wins
Safety Plaque

Fighter pilots and ground maintenance crews of Section E, 269th AAF Base Unit won the safety and efficiency plaque offered at Strother Field for the two-week period ending October 15. Capt. Chester A. Dietrich Jr. is the commanding officer of this section.

Section E and Section D, plaque winner for the Sept. 15-30 period, completed the Oct. 1-15 period with 5 points each but Section E had 20 hours more flying time and no accidents to win the award.

Much sought after are girls with blue eyes and greenbacks.

Need Advice
On Problems?

By PFC JEROME MARRUS

Personal Affairs Unit

This is your column. It is written with one purpose in mind—to help you with any current problems or one that may arise after your discharge.

Through this column, each week we will discuss the various Federal and State laws and Army regulations pertaining to your civil and personal affairs.

If you have any definite problems of your own write them out and forward them to Personal Affairs Officer. If you so desire, a personal interview will be granted by the Personal Affairs Officer rather than an answer through this column.

Today we will discuss the functions of the Personal Affairs Unit. The primary purpose of this Unit is to provide information and render assistance to all Army personnel and their dependents, including former members of the Army and dependents of deceased members thereof.

The Personal Affairs Unit establishes and maintains close relationship with all Army, governmental, and private agencies affecting the personal affairs of members and former members of the Army and their dependents and dependents of deceased members.

Irrespective of the nature of your problem, compensation, pension employment, Civil Service preference, hospitalization, allowances, allotments or legal assistance, the Personal Affairs Unit is ready to aid you or guide you to the proper officer or agency to expedite the securing of your needs. We will render further assistance until your matters have been satisfactorily disposed of,

Fire Prevention
Program A Success

The National Fire Prevention Week programs presented in the post theater last week by Joe Hutchinson, assistant fire chief of the Arkansas City department, will be long remembered by military and civilian personnel attending the event.

Using common chemicals, gasoline and hand built scale models of houses, stair wells, and cookstoves Mr. Hutchinson had the spectators jumping in their seats with his miniature explosions and fires. His comments including common sense remarks about eliminating fire hazards and the control of fires were interspersed with bits of humor that brought many a chuckle from the audience.

The equipment used in the demonstration was all made by Mr. Hutchinson, who has devoted many hours to his self-imposed task.

The lectures were sponsored by Major Cyrus F. Breeden of the Post Engineers and by the Strother Field Fire Department as a part of the base observance of National Fire Prevention Week.

and if for any reason the officer or agency to whom we may refer you is unable to render the necessary assistance, you should report that fact to the Personal Affairs Officer.

The Personal Affairs Unit also renders information and secures for you, —G.I. Insurance, War Bond Allotments, and Army Emergency Relief loans.



IAF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Cpl. John R. Farrell.
Anna Ruth Thomas, who works in the memorandum receipt department in the Quartermaster office at Strother Field, "invaded" this 72nd Fighter Wing base on D-Day, June 6th, her first day on the job. She is a graduate of the Arkansas City high school and has dark hair, blue-green eyes and is 5' 6" in height. The diamond ring on her left hand was given her by a fighter pilot who was a trainee here and is now overseas. Someday she'll be Mrs. Thomas instead of Miss Thomas. Her fiancé is 2nd Lt. R. E. Thomas, who incidentally, has the same initials as Anna Ruth's older brother.

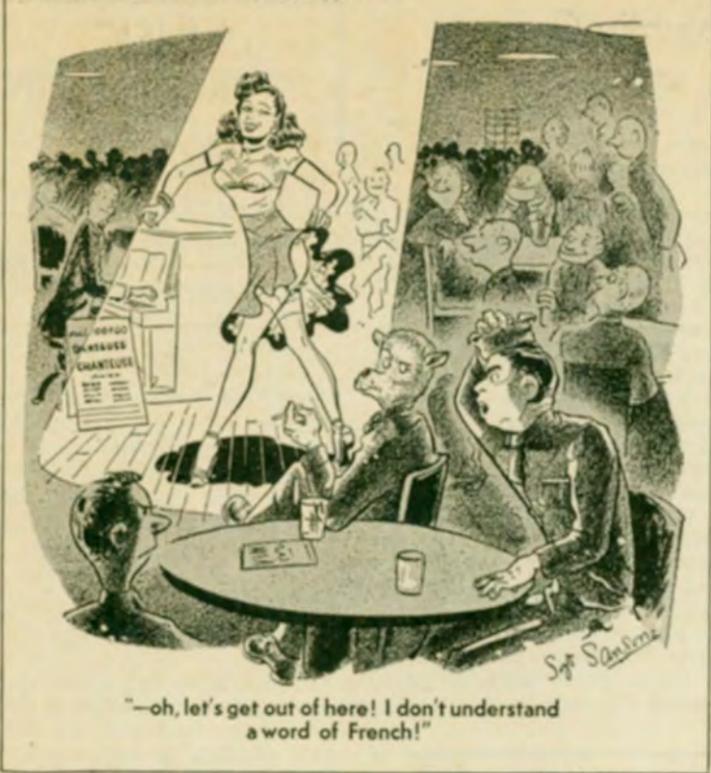
Male Call

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

P/O Joe



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SPORTS



Superbombers Meet North Texas Aggies

Odessa, Tex., Oct. 20 — Turning the halfway mark of their 1944 football schedule with a record of six victories out of seven games, the Second Air Force Superbombers come here Saturday, Oct. 21, to play for the men of nearby Pyote Army Air Field, facing the Navy eleven of North Texas Aggies.

Playing their second game in a row on Texas soil, the Superbombers are scheduled to arrive at Pyote Friday night from Colorado Springs, Colo., headquarters of the Second Air Force.

This will be the second of three consecutive games in the Southwest. The Superbombers' following contest will be with the Norman Naval Air Station at Norman, Okla., Sunday, Oct. 29. After opposing the highly-rated Norman air men, the 2AF will meet, in order, Amarillo Air Field, Fort Warren, University of Washington and the Fourth Air Force (March Field).

The Superbombers romped over the University of New Mexico, 89-6, at El Paso, Tex., Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7, for their sixth triumph. In rolling up their highest score of the season, they also established a new scoring record for Kidd Field, site of the annual Sun Bowl game.

Glenn Dobbs ran back the second-half kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown, the longest run of the season for the Supers. Dobbs completed seven out of nine passes, including two touchdown tosses, and he scored twice himself. Record for the season shows that Dobbs, has averaged 8.9 yards each time he has handled the ball either to pass, run or return kicks. He has 39 pass completions in 62 attempts.

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS	Total
Gnospeilus	212 168 146 526
Simon	91 125 159 375
Gernon	134 121 136 391
Hodel	137 173 152 462
Geery	179 131 170 480
	2234

AIR INSPECTORS	Total
Schilke	120 113 154 387
Pierce	136 107 106 349
Armstrong	120 154 165 439
Peterson	142 170 164 476
Rose	155 168 165 488
	2139

Strother Field to Play Will Rogers Field In First Basketball Game, Oct. 28th

More and more enlisted men of Strother Field are turning out for basketball practice sessions in the post gym and competition is keen among these candidates for places on the first team.

New PT Officer Arrives Here

1st. Lt. Jack G. Williams arrived at Strother Field this week to assume his duties as physical training officer of this 72nd Fighter Wing base. He replaces 1st. Lt. James R. Lounsbury who has been transferred to the Smoky Hill AAF at Salina, Kans.

Lt. Williams reported here from the Dalhart AAF, Dalhart, Tex., where he was PT officer. He previously had been stationed at Rapid City, S. D. His home is in Terre Haute, Ind., and he is a graduate of Indiana State. Before entering the service he taught school in Northern Indiana. Lt. and Mrs. Williams are living in Winfield.

First game of the season for the SF players will be Saturday, Oct. 28th, when team members will journey to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., where they will play the airmen from that field. A return game will be played in either Winfield or Arkansas City on November 4th.

Opening game in the Second Air Force basketball league, Area V, in which Strother Field will participate, is scheduled between SF and the Walker AAF team from Victoria, Kans., on Nov. 6th. This game, as in the case of all home games, will be played in either Winfield or Arkansas City.

1st. Lt. Jack G. Williams, physical training officer at Strother Field, said today that every man on the field who is interested in playing basketball, is urged to turn out for the practice sessions held in the gym on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

The basketball season at this 72nd Fighter Wing base will be a busy one with twelve games scheduled in the Second Air Force league. In addition a number of games with other teams are to be scheduled in a home-and-home series.

- BOWLING -

COMMUNICATIONS SEC. A-2	Total
Pelletier	165 159 153 477
Byrne	115 151 147 413
Lee	128 163 161 452
Wagener	143 159 168 470
Lillick	180 199 214 593
	2405

ENGINEERING SEC. A-3	Total
Lorenz	196 166 167 529
Woodruff	145 130 137 412
Gooch	156 176 184 516
Rekatis	144 157 122 423
Turner	165 170 146 481
	2261

HOT ROCKS	Total
Waits	119 163 161 443
Brueggeman	138 114 142 394
Burts	123 143 150 416
Ingram	154 183 157 494
Dummy	125 125 125 375
	2132

ENGINEERING NO. 2 SEC. A-3	Total
Kirkman	115 — 152 267
Onisto	130 119 — 249
Mentz	147 163 142 452
Matthews	134 130 150 414
Grieves, W. B.	192 172 153 517
Peck	— 157 167 324
	2228

ARMAMENT NO. 1	Total
Torchia	181 151 141 473
Faynor	162 179 149 491
Cunningham	176 162 153 491
Volkoff	106 122 156 384
Nemes	116 164 179 459
	2297

ARMAMENT NO. 2	Total
Russell	152 183 169 504
MacIntyre	143 146 134 423
Stettenfeld	144 161 168 473
Davis	168 173 150 491
Robertson	170 138 146 454
	2345

COMMUNICATIONS NO. 1	Total
Ball	140 127 112 379
Karell	140 151 147 438
Sabia	158 137 113 408
Tobias	124 153 144 421
Koralak	131 149 197 477
	2123

HEADQUARTERS	Total
Kuhn	125 123 122 370
Cowling	148 127 110 385
Straub	162 156 169 487
Biederman	190 142 168 500
Jones	169 129 160 458
	2200

Have Been in Service Together for 4 Years

After serving four years together in the Army Air Forces M/Sgt. Lawrence E. Tinker and S/Sgt. Ralph Bean Jr., have finally been separated—at least temporarily.

M/Sgt. Tinker was recently relieved of his duty as personnel sergeant major and assigned to the P-63 detachment that is based here but flies missions with bombardment aircraft. S/Sgt. Bean is non-commissioned officer in charge of the 1,000-man mess.

Back in November of 1940 Bean and Tinker became acquainted as members of the 3rd Bomber Group at Savannah, Ga. The former was assistant mess sergeant and the latter was first sergeant in the organization. In February, 1943, the two men were transferred to Tampa, Fla. In September, 1943, they went to Galveston, Tex., and came to Strother Field when the Second Air Force took over this station in June. S/Sgt. Bean is from Knoxville, Tenn., and M/Sgt. Tinker is from Bangor, Maine.

Need Officers For Far East Duty

Officers interested in civil affairs in the Far East are being urged to apply for the necessary training. Lt. Rudolf Baum, base classification officer, announced this week. He said that applications received thus far totaled less than the Second Air Force quota. Interested officers should contact Lt. Baum before the 20th of each month so their applications can be processed for the following class.

Qualifications which are desirable but not mandatory include ability to deal with high civil authorities, graduation from a college or recognized professional school, knowledge of a Far Eastern language or at least language aptitude, residence or travel in the Far East, and a strong physique.

BASE HAS ANNUAL

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the day designated the winners. In the review of enlisted men held Saturday afternoon on the parade grounds opposite post headquarters Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, and his staff formed the reviewing party. Major Merle W. Allen was commander of troops and 1st. Lt. John W. Ondreas was adjutant of troops. Members of the IGD and 72nd Fighter Wing inspecting parties were spectators during the review.

Boston (CNS) — After thinking it over for a number of years, Joe Pallotti, a local resident, has become an American citizen at the age of 93.

Detroit (CNS) — One local policeman, an ex-cowboy, has asked permission to carry a lasso while on traffic duty



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry. An office wit suggested titling this picture "Boxer Rebellion." A group of enlisted men are shown taking friendly pokes at their buddies during a physical training class in the post gymnasium. We cannot help adding that this exercise is called "supervise! PLAY."

VET OF SO. PACIFIC

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Six months of the time Sgt. Grubb was in the Fijis, the Americans were fed on New Zealand rations, which he says do not compare with American rations. Principal product of the islands is sugar, with pineapple, coconut, yams and fish supplementing sugar as sources of income for the people. Practically all other food is imported.

The Fiji Islands, most healthful of all islands in the South Pacific, constitute a British Crown colony under the jurisdiction of New Zealand. The colony has an honorary king and queen, but a governor is the chief authority, along with the Parliament which includes British subjects, Fijians and the Indians of Hindustania. Each village has a chief, who is responsible for prosecution of crimes, village welfare and for the settling of controversies. Sgt. Grubb went on to say.

The land, owned and cultivated by the Fijians, is all under lease to the Colonial Sugar Company of Australia. Sugar is produced under the direction of English or Indian overseers, since the Fijians are not commercial minded and leave operation of business houses and industries to the Indians.

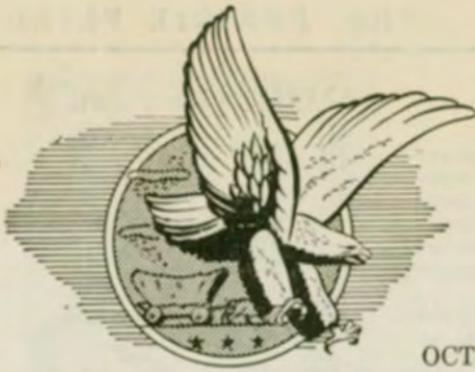
TEST PILOT

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and destroyed, 4 probably destroyed, and many others seriously damaged. In the course of this action, lasting over 35 minutes, only one aircraft was lost. This mission, carried out with the superb professional skill and aggressiveness as shown, so weakened both the enemy's number of operational aircraft and combat morale that it contributed directly and materially to the subsequent surrender of the island. . . .

The Oak Leaf Cluster was added to Lt. Ruegsegger's Presidential Citation for outstanding performance of duty on Jan. 30, 1944, preceding the attack by six heavy bombardment groups on five enemy airdromes in the Villaorba, Italy area. Preceding the bombers, 60 P-47's of the 325th Fighter Group swept over these vital targets attacking over 50 enemy fighters which already had been alerted.

"Displaying extraordinary heroism and superbly coordinated teamwork in the face of intense enemy anti-aircraft fire and ground defense, the 325th Fighter Group pilots destroyed 37 enemy fighters, probably destroyed 6, and damaged many others in the violent air battle that raged for over 35 minutes. So completely neutralized was the enemy's aerial defense of this region that in an unmolested attack our bombers were able to destroy over 70 enemy aircraft on the ground. Through maintenance of exacting flight discipline, the advantage of surprise was exploited to the utmost.



Lt. Col. G. F. Thomas Appointed Air Inspector

Lt. Col. Gordon F. Thomas of Baraboo, Wisconsin, reported at Strother Field Monday and was appointed Air Inspector for the base. He came here from Marianna, Fla.

Colonel Thomas has been in the Army Air Forces since December, 1939. He won his wings at Brooks Field, Texas, in August, 1940, and after that served with the AAF in Africa and Palestine, and on the island of Cyprus. In a year of combat service the colonel earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and received the ribbons of two group citations. His first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal came for destruction of a German fighter plane over the Bay of Tunis on Palm Sunday of 1943. First of the group citations was for air support given the British Eighth Army from El Alamein to Tunis, the second for participation in the Palm Sunday Massacre over the Bay of Tunis.

Colonel Thomas' wife, WAC Lieutenant Doris W. Thomas, is stationed at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

Brig. Gen. Hegenberger Is Temporary Head of Second Air Force

Brigadier General Albert F. Hegenberger has assumed command of the Second Air Force during the temporary absence of Major General Uzal G. Ent. The assumption of command was effective October 11, by direction of President Roosevelt. General Hegenberger has been Chief of Staff of the Second Air Force.

General Ent is in a Brooks Field, Texas, hospital recovering from serious injuries suffered recently in an airplane accident at Fort Worth.

Consult the
Station Voting Officer
1st. Lt. J. N. Margolin
Courts and Boards Officer
Bldg. 713—Phone 204
Trial Judge Advocate Office

Air Medals to Be Presented Children Of Airmen in Ceremony Saturday

Air Medals won by S/Sgt. Guyford Dale Leith of Dexter, who died in action, and by T/Sgt. William F. Vanderpool of Anthony, now a German prisoner of war, will be presented to their children, four-year-old Alex Leith and two-year-old Patricia Ann Vanderpool, in a ceremony at Strother Field Saturday afternoon at 4:30.

Major G. C. Deaton New Director of Training

Major George C. Deaton has reported to Strother Field to assume the duties of director of training succeeding Major Richard T. W. Rivers, who has been transferred to Pocatello, Idaho. The new director of training came here from Pierre, South Dakota, where for the past six and one-half months he has filled a similar position.

Major Deaton is a veteran of more than 17 months' foreign service, most of which was in the North African theater. It was while he was stationed at Thelpe, Tunisia, that he earned the Silver Star decoration he wears along with the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. The specific instances for which he was decorated were missions flown during the fighting at Kasserine Pass and El Guettar in Africa.

The new director of training attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge and Southwest Louisiana Institute at Lafayette, and has a bachelor of science degree.

Major Deaton, who is 29 years old, is married and has two small children, a son, Michael, and little daughter, Mary Carol. The family's peacetime address is 1077 Ninth Avenue, Lake Charles, La. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Deaton, Jr., reside at Kinder, La.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen

USO-Camp Show, "Hats Off," Coming To Post Theater Next Thursday

"HATS OFF," a USO-CAMP SHOWS musical revue, arrives at Strother Field on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, for presentation in the post theater at 8 p.m.

This is an eye-filling array of talent, rated among the year's best "packaged vaudeville" shows, with comedy beginning with the M.C., and carried on by comedians who are masters in the art of nonsensical absurdities. Add pretty girls, singing and dancing, spectacular novelties, and you have "HATS OFF."



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

First sergeant of the newly arrived WAC detachment at Strother Field is Phyllis Elizabeth Ormiston who reported here from Colorado Springs, Colo. Her home is in Eugene, Oregon, and she attended the University of Oregon before entering service in April, 1943.

2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.
T/Sgt. Paul Hudak, Section 3-A, who received the Purple Heart medal while stationed in New Guinea where he served as a crew chief of a fighter outfit.

Tech. Sgt. Paul Hudak Wounded By Jap Bomb While Serving in New Guinea

T/Sgt. Paul Hudak who works in section 2, engineering, at Strother Field is a possessor of the Purple Heart medal on which he should wear a four leaf clover. He was presented the medal as the result of nearly being scalped by a Jap bomb fragment while stationed in New Guinea.

In November, 1943, after seventeen months of service as crew chief of a fighter outfit stationed along the northeast coast of New Guinea, T/Sgt. Hudak glanced up at the Pacific sky to see Jap bombers diving on his base. It was too late for him to reach his foxhole so he hit the ground as the bombs exploded around him. A piece of one bomb, which must have had his initials on it if not

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Concert For GIs By Plainview Band

The high school band from Plainview, Kans., presented a concert in the 1,000-man mess at 1630 this afternoon. The organization came to Winfield this afternoon with the high school football team that will meet Winfield in a football game tonight.



First members of the WAC detachment to arrive at Strother Field are shown above. Front row, left to right: Pvt. Marie V. Buskirk, Pvt. Alice L. DeMatthews, Pvt. Ethel G. Wilfong, S/Sgt. Barbara J. Perreault, Pvt. Dela R. P. Perron, Pvt. Eleanor R. Blake, Pvt. Ilse de Levie, Pvt. Loma L. Lester, Pvt. Reba E. Miller, Pvt. Marie E. Vigliorolo, Pvt. Laura O. Semple, Pvt. Betty L. Bruce. Back row, right to left: Pvt. Rosemary V. Starbuck, Cpl. Barbara S. Wakefield, Pvt. Irene Lipke, Pvt. Anna H. Holm, Pvt. Glynda A. Bumgarner, Pfc. Lois A. Eberhardt, Pfc. Dorothy H. McKugh, Pvt. Ira E. Arnold.

2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Southernaires Here Sunday

The Southernaires, one of America's finest Negro concert and radio attractions, will broadcast their radio program from Strother Field over the facilities of the Blue Network on Sunday morning at 9:30 from the post chapel.

In the past they have originated their broadcasts from Tuskegee Army Air Field and from Camp Lee. The Southernaires have concert engagements at Wichita on the 28th, and will be flown to Oklahoma City following their broadcast here. Since 1929, when they first originated, the beautifully blended voices of these men have thrilled great audiences all over the country. The Southernaires include Ray Yeates, lyric tenor; Lowell Peters, second tenor; Jay Stone Toney, baritone; William Edmonson, bass; and Spencer Odum, accompanist and arranger. The broadcast will be for all personnel of the field and their guests without charge.

The War and You

Honorable hari-kari should be cheap, dirt cheap, around the sacred pagodas of the Rising Sun within the next few days. If the truth seeps out of the face-saving wall of lies which usually enshrouds set-backs to the Jaundiced Jackals, we should hear of the demise of several admirals and vice-admirals. And maybe a few of the propagandists who called their shots in reverse when they proclaimed some time ago a decisive Jap victory in the vicinity of Formosa.

The facts are these: The yapping yokels who had watched their outer bastions fall to American forces one by one without being able to do much about it, without daring to risk a naval engagement, could not bear the encroachment into their stolen Philippines by General MacArthur and his men. Out came the Japanese fleet. Gold teeth flashed in the Pacific sun as the brass hat indulged in the glory of an incipient Japanese victory. One unit would approach from the south, another from the north. They would meet in the waters just off invaded Leyte island, destroy Admiral Kincaid's task force, bottle up American ground forces. MacArthur would taste a second Bataan, only more bitter, more stinging.

But in his typical Oriental assertiveness the Japanese had not taken cognizance of the fact that the Americans had with them around Leyte the most formidable naval force ever assembled. Or maybe the officers had lied so much about blows inflicted on the Americans at Formosa that they themselves believed their stories. At any rate, an engagement developed, lasted for three days, and resulted in mortal wounds on the Nipponese navy.

General MacArthur can now proceed with his systematic conquest of the Philippines, and open the way for landings later on along the China coast. The naval victory off Leyte has insured American domination of Far Eastern waters. And while the sacrosanct imperialists lick their wounds and brood over an irreparable loss, the American fleet, hardly scarred by the battle, will continue to grow, continue to dare the haughty Hirohito to come out and fight.

But he will not come out. He will have to suffer the loss of face which he so abhors, while the American navy celebrates another glorious episode in a glorious history. And while that celebration adds to the insult and injury, hari-kari will continue, until the last militarist has sunk with the Setting Sun that will be the Japanese empire.

Speaking of--Wacs

The first enlisted members of the Women's Army Corps to be stationed at Strother Field arrived at this 72nd Fighter Wing base last weekend.

A common question heard on the base Monday was "Where are the Wacs?" If some of the men were under the impression these service women were here to parade about the station area they had another guess coming.

Nearly half the detachment was here all right, but it was hard at work in the assigned squadron area, non-coms and privates alike, scrubbing and mopping the barracks, getting the mess hall into spic-and-span condition, cutting grass, clearing out weeds and raking the area.

By Monday afternoon the area and buildings were models of cleanliness proving what a woman's touch can do.

These members of the WAC who come from homes in many states over our nation will soon be busy at work in their specialized jobs here, doing their vital part in bringing victory nearer. To them we say welcome—we're glad they have joined us.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

THE BIBLE SUPREME SCIENTIFICALLY

In Science as well as history, the Bible is found to be impeccable. The writing of the Bible covered a period of 1560 years of inspired human authorship. During this time the pagan writers ran the gamut of every conceivable absurdity in their attempt to account for the origin of things. The first book of the Pentateuch, preceding by about nine hundred years the most ancient pagan writings now extant, is entirely free from the monstrosities of natural science that abounded in contemporary and subsequent thought. The ludicrous speculations of the ancient philosophers with regard to the facts of the universe as now demonstrated by scientific discovery, are sharply contrasted with the dignity and accuracy of the inspired writings. The moon was proclaimed to be fifty thousand leagues higher than the sun and the night to be caused by the settling of the sun behind a great mountain in the middle of the earth. Some said the earth was flat; some triangular; and some that it was composed of seven stages each with its own inhabitants and its own sea, the first of honey, another of sugar, another of butter, another of wine, and so on. The whole was declared to rest on the backs of countless huge elephants. Mohamet, in the Koran, asserts that mountains were created "to prevent the earth from moving and to hold it fast as with anchors and cables."

Consider now the wonderful Book written by the breath of the Spirit of God, see if there is any of this sort of nonsense within its pages. The Spirit of God restrained the writers from a single one of the errors with which all ancient books are replete. When Scripture refers to the earth, it is as a sphere, "It is He that sitteth upon the dome (or globe) of the Earth" (Isa. 40:22). Instead of founding the earth on the backs of elephants it "hangs the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7). The majesty and dignity of mosaic cosmogony still stand impregnable to the findings of demonstrable science. "Each after its kind" and NOT organic evolution, remains the cosmic law of procreation. Ancient astronomers counted less than four thousand stars. The great sun, Arcturus, in common parlance a "fixed star," but now shown to be the fastest moving heavenly body that has yet been observed, and known to have many satellites, has both its speed and its satellites indicated in Job 38:32, "Canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" The magnetic influence of the Pleiades, now thought to be the center of gravity of the solar system, is referred to in the preceding verse, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" Earth's trade winds and the cycle whereby the waters of the sea are vaporized and descend upon the land, and the streams into the rivers, and the rivers back into the sea, are set forth in Ecl. 1:6, 7. The Bible is a revelation of the eternal God Himself, and not a textbook on His works and laws, yet the references to any matters impinging (colliding) upon the field of science are found to accord with all known facts and in many cases to have antedated and anticipated by many centuries and millennia the findings of practical scientists.—The Christian Reader's Digest.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Catholic Confession
- 8:00 Catholic Mass
- 9:00 Hospital Service
- 10:00 General Protestant Service
- 11:00 Guardhouse Service



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

Within the next few days several new pamphlets in the "G.I. Roundtable Series" will be issued to the sectional Orientation N.C.O.'s. Among these pamphlets will be the following: "What Has Alaska to Offer Postwar Pioneers?", "What Shall Be Done About Germany After the War?", "Our Chinese Ally," "Our British Ally," and "What Shall Be Done With the War Criminals?"

These pamphlets are made available by the War Department and the content of each is approved by the Historical Service Board of the American Historical Association. Any man who is interested in the above titles should contact his Orientation N.C.O., or the Special Service Office.

An interesting film was shown during the Orientation Hour at Section "C" Monday evening. The film, "For God and Country," depicts the training and assignment duties of Army Chaplains. For other sections who are interested in using the film, it is available through the Training Aids Library, telephone number 360.

The Off-Duty Education Questionnaires which have been returned indicate considerable interest in off-duty classes. However, many questionnaires have not been returned! If you are interested in any of these classes, return that questionnaire before the end of this week. This is of particular importance to those men who are interested in typing classes.

It is with extreme regret that the Orientation Program learned that Lt. Nevin J. Rodes, Hospital Convalescent Officer, is leaving Strother Field. Lt. Rodes was largely responsible for a very successful Orientation Program for Section "M."

Ye Liftings

Soldier: "You never kissed me like that before, Mary. Is it because we're in a blackout?"

Girl: "No, it's because my name isn't Mary."

Bustle: Deceitful seatful.

The GI received an anonymous telegram. But he knew it was from his girl because there were four "stops" in the ten words.

She was a luscious blonde and when the tire went flat she hailed a passing motorist. He stopped.

"Wonder if you would help a girl in trouble?" she inquired.

"Sure, sister," he said. "What kind of trouble do you want to get in?"

Latest wolf song: "I'll be seizing you in all the old familiar places."

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat. Win. Dancing, Cards
- Ark. Informal dancing
- Sun. Win. Supper—Hot Rolls 6:30 p.m.
- Ark. Bingo, Free call
- Mon. Win. Halloween Party
- Ark. Bridge and game night
- Tue. Win. Bridge, Pinochle
- Ark. Do-as-you-please
- Wed. Win. Dancing, Cards, Games
- Ark. Snack Bar party
- Thurs. Win. Field Dance
- Ark. Ping-pong tournament
- Fri. Win. Ping Pong
- Ark. Ping Pong

Have You Read... What's new in your home town?

The Magic Mountain by Thomas Mann, generally considered his greatest work, tells the story of an imaginary group of tubercular patients and their routine of life and treatment in a sanatorium. The scene is laid in an Alpine valley at the foot of the beautiful towering Tinzenhorn; however, the title represents not the mountain but the institution and its spiritual and mental influence over the international characters who collect there.

Though there is a hero, Hans Castrop, and his love story, the plot is more involved than to allow main interest to center there or even to become only a discussion of the effects of disease in an isolated group. In the conversations of the patients on every conceivable subject including history, religion, love, death, and politics, the novel becomes a tremendous philosophical and prophetic treatise on contemporary society.

The sanatorium and its patients from all over the western world stand symbolically of the diseased capitalistic society of pre-war Europe—the world which made war inevitable and the book ends with that actual society plunged into the first World War.

Austin, Tex. (CNS)—Cats know more about beauty make-up than women do, according to a beauty expert. "If you want to learn the basic principles of feminine charm study a cat while she's washing her face," he told a gathering of local ladies. "There's no living thing that knows more about make-up than an ordinary alley cat."

Brooklyn (CNS)—Axel Thorsen, arraigned on a charge of painting his wife's face white, explained that she had disturbed his morning slumbers by painting the kitchen.

Cambridge, Mass. (CNS)—Miss Lorna Slacomb has 3 brothers overseas. So when a waitress, refusing her request for more butter, asked her if she knew there was a war going on, Lorna hit the waitress with a salad bowl. Now Lorna is awaiting trial on a malicious mischief charge.

Germantown, Pa. (CNS) — The Philadelphia Common Pleas Court has restrained Clarence Courtney, 71, from getting a divorce from his wife, Margaret, 72.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>28 OCT.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—Club closes early but you can still write letters or listen in on the football games and see how your bets are coming.</p> <p>THEATER—Mr. Lucky (Revival) — Cary Grant, Laraine Day. Cartoon and Sportscope.</p>
<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>29 OCT.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—All the fine radio programs for your use by a twist of the dial. Write letters and relax. Usually a free movie in the evening.</p> <p>Sunday morning—8:30 until ? or when we run out, free coffee and rolls.</p> <p>THEATER—Tall in the Saddle—John Wayne, Ella Raines. News and added feature.</p>
<p>MONDAY</p> <p>30 OCT.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Dance. Meet the Wacs. Spend the day before payday economically.</p> <p>THEATER—No showing.</p>
<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>31 OCT.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—Section B Dance.</p> <p>THEATER—Double Feature — Pearl of Death — Rathbone and Bruce. Singing Sheriff—Bob Crosby.</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>1 NOV.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—Bridge and Game Night—Do as you please.</p> <p>THEATER—**** American Romance ****—Brian Donlevy, Ann Richards, Walter Abel. News. —One performance only at 1900—</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>2 NOV.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—Winfield and Wellington girls at G.I. Dance. The Airchords and the girls invite you to dance.</p> <p>THEATER—Hats Off—USO Camp Show. Only one performance at 7:00 p.m. It's free!</p>
<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>3 NOV.</p>	<p>SERVICE CLUB—As You Were Party—Come dressed as you will, free coffee and cookies, free G.I. movies. And you can tear up a few shreds of conversation with the boys.</p> <p>THEATER—The Master Race with Osa Massen and George Coulouris. Cartoon and short feature.</p>

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S-Sgt. Seide Is Author of Book

A busy man in the statistical office at Strother Field is the chief clerk, S/Sgt. Meyer Seide, of Brooklyn, N.Y. But the sergeant can always find a few seconds in which to autograph a copy of his book, "The Common Thread," for his many friends around base headquarters.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Cpl. John R. Farrell.

"The Common Thread" is a collection of ten of the best short stories to come from the pen of Sgt. Seide. All previously published, they were released in book form by a leading New York house last February.

"They're just plain stories about plain Brooklyn people," Sgt. Seide says modestly.

His work in the army takes all of his time, but the 33-year old sergeant says he will go back to writing when peace returns. He has been in the Army Air Forces for two years. Incidentally, he writes under the name of Michael Seide. Meyer, he says, is his name only when he goes to school.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 1930 o'clock the formal fall season of social activities in Section C opened with a Fiesta dance in the service club. The club was decorated in a Spanish motif.

Miss Jessie McLean of Wichita was hostess to 30 young women from the Wichita USO. The group was brought to Strother Field in a GI bus. Winfield and Arkansas City were well represented by a number of girls.

There was a lack of stags attending the dance so those men who were fortunate enough to attend the party had an abundance of partners. The music was furnished by the Airchords led by Sgt. Pat Oliver. The "bugs," the waltzers, the "pachucas" and the "trotters" found music to their liking and when a "torch" was needed Miss Noma Carroll appeared and "thrashed" with class. The entertainment was "only on" in all opinions and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

CO of Station Hospital Transferred

Major John W. Erickson, commanding officer of the Strother Field station hospital since its opening two years ago, left Monday for his new assignment at Bruning, Nebraska. Major and Mrs. Erickson and their two children have been living in Winfield.

A graduate of Creighton University, Major Erickson came to the local field from Curtis Field, Brady, Texas, on Jan. 2, 1943. Prior to that he had served as assistant to the flight surgeon at the Randolph Field, Texas, station hospital for 18 months.

Major Francis C. Dunn of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will replace Major Erickson. Major Dunn took his M.D. at the University of Iowa, and came to Strother Field two weeks ago from Kearney, Nebraska.

Another change in officer personnel at the Strother hospital was the transfer yesterday to Pratt, Kansas, of Lieutenant Nevin J. Rodes, convalescent training officer. His duties will be taken over jointly by Lt. William Wishart, hospital supply officer, and Lt. Kenneth L. Winters, hospital adjutant.

Pfc. Lois Eberhardt Meets Former Boss Here

The arrival of Strother Field's first WAC detachment has brought about the reunion of two former workers in the Allison division plant of the General Motors company at Indianapolis, Ind.

Pfc. Lois Ann Eberhardt, a photo technician, whose home is in Indianapolis, Ind., arrived here last weekend to find her former boss, Pvt. D. E. Weaver, now a machinist in 3rd Echelon Maintenance.



Now outranks her old boss.

Back in civilian days "Red" Weaver was head of a department in the Allison plant and one of the first women to be assigned to his group of workers was Pfc. Eberhardt. In December, 1943, she enlisted in the WAC, seven months before her boss entered the AAF. Pfc. Eberhardt had been stationed at Walker Field, Victoria, Kans., before being transferred to Strother Field. Pvt. Weaver came here from Galveston, Tex., when the Second Air Force took over this station in June of this year.

Do You Know?

By Pfc. JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

Are you worried about your inability to meet your civil obligations which you incurred prior to your entry into service? Perhaps the answer to your particular problem is in the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act. This act was passed by Congress to temporarily suspend enforcement of your civil obligations if you are unable to meet such obligations by reason of your military service. Some of the more important provisions are on Court Proceedings, Rent, Contract Obligations, Leases, Insurance and Taxes.

The act states that the Court (Federal or State) may, at its own discretion, postpone or stay court proceedings on contract obligations, judgments, attachments, and garnishments. The maximum postponement is for your length of service plus three months. It also states that where you are a defendant in an action and unable to appear, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. And if judgment is rendered against you, you will be able to reopen the case and present your defense, if meritorious, within ninety days after discharge from active duty.

Congress also made provision in this act for your dependents so far as rent is concerned and for any obligations you may have entered into through a lease covering dwellings, business establishments, or farms. It specifically provides that your dependents may not be evicted from their dwelling if rental is \$80 or less per month, without court authority. The court may stay eviction proceedings for not longer than three months. You may terminate a lease you entered into prior to induction by giving written notice to your landlord.

It will take much more than the space allotted us here to go into full detail about this act. If you feel your problem might be solved through the benefits of the above mentioned, drop in and see the Personal Affairs Officer at anytime to discuss your particular case in greater detail. An appointment is not necessary.

We will discuss the Insurance and Tax benefits of this act in future issues.

Conducts Memorial Services at Otto

Unique memorial services for 27 service men from the Otto community, including one who has been reported killed in action, were conducted at King's Chapel in Otto Sunday by Chaplain Karl B. Smith of Strother Field.

Following the lighting of candles arranged to form a huge V, the favorite spiritual song of each of the 27 men was sung by the choir. That feature of the services showed to what extent the people of Otto had planned for the ceremonies, since favorites had been expressed in letters from the men, who are stationed in all theaters of war.

The Otto services were the second in a series to be conducted by Chaplain Smith.

WAC Detachment News

By PFC. REBA E. MILLER



At last we have arrived, or, I should say, are arriving, for every time I leave the barracks then go back I find a new face. We are coming from practically every base in the Second Air Force.

We want to express our appreciation for the cordial welcome extended us by the personnel of this base; also we want to thank the hospital for feeding us until we could set up our own mess hall. Speaking of mess hall reminds me that our cooks have not arrived. But do you think that little item stopped the Wacs? No, our CO asked for volunteers and got a typist, a truck driver, and a mechanic for cooks. Had not some one told me, I would never have known they were amateurs, neither would have Lt. Baum and Pfc. Davis, who ate dinner with us.

Now that we have finished Gling the barracks, policing the area, and have been classified we are ready to go to work. (As if we haven't already been working.)

If you have an idea that you'd like to see expressed in a cartoon, I advise you to see our cartoonist, Betty Bruce. Betty hails from deep in the heart of Texas, Pyote, to be exact.

SF Has Director Of Food Services

Capt. Morris R. Weir, who reported to Strother Field Friday from Fort Sumner, N.M., is filling a new position at this 72nd Fighter Wing base as director of food service.

Actually, Captain Weir's job is that of coordinating supply with demand, of changing master menus and substituting spinach for roasting ears or strawberries for prunes when certain commodities are not available, and of making military fare as tasty and as tempting as is possible.

Captain Weir will be director of food services at every place on Strother Field where any item of food is served. Included will be the general mess, officers' mess, hospital mess, colored troops' mess, civilian mess, Post Exchange, Service Club and Non-Com Club.

Captain Weir is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and is a resident of Omaha, Nebr., during peace time. His wife and their two sons, David, 4, and Paul, 1, will join him here for residence as soon as he can find suitable housing. At Ft. Sumner, N.M., Capt. Weir was adjutant of the station complement during his two months' stay. Prior to that he was club officer and mess officer at Woodward Army Air Base, Woodward, Oklahoma.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo by Pvt. Gerald E. Curtis.

Not only do you get a physical build-up by attending PT classes in the post gym, but an occasional view of a morale builder — with dimples, Lucille Martindell, secretary to 1st. Lt. Jack G. Williams, PT officer. Lucille has been brightening the post gym since Sept. 7th but is an old-timer at Strother Field having worked in the QM office from May, 1943, until February, 1944. She is a graduate of the high school in her home town, Winfield, and has blonde hair, blue eyes and is 5' 2" in height. Her high school sweetheart and husband, J. W. Martindell is attending OCS at the Ordnance base, Aberdeen, Md. They were married on Dec. 29, 1943.

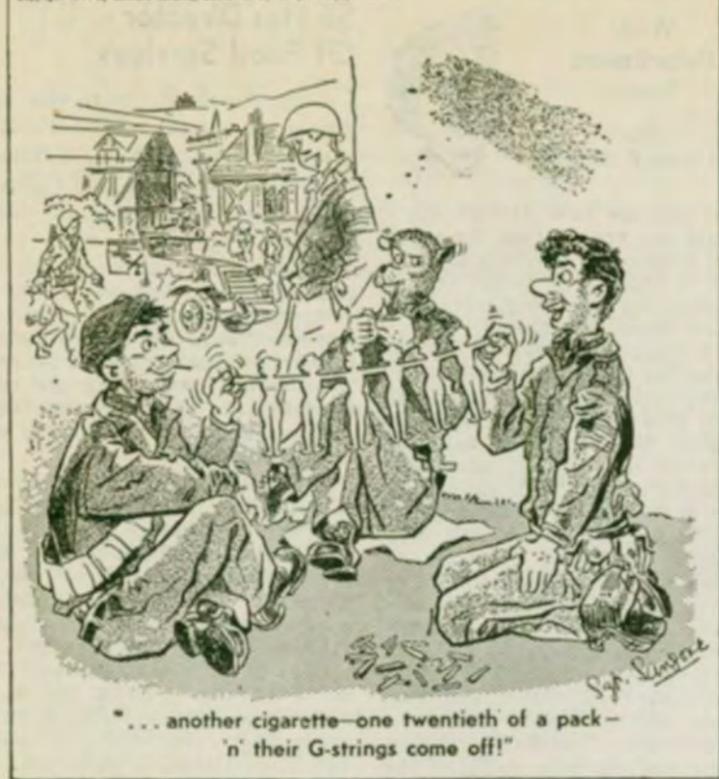
Male Call

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



What A Standing Operating Procedure





"... another cigarette—one twentieth of a pack—
n' their G-strings come off!"



Superbombers Play at Norman, Okla., Sun.

Military personnel of Strother Field will have the opportunity to see the Superbombers, Second Air Force football team, in action Sunday afternoon. Site of the game is Norman, Okla., approximately 150 miles from Strother Field and the Superbombers opponents will be the Norman, Okla., Naval Training Station eleven.

This game replaces a contest previously scheduled with Washburn College at Topeka, Kans., and will be the only game on the heavy schedule taking place so near Strother Field.

Another change in the Second Air Force team schedule will find the Superbombers meeting the Amarillo, Tex., Air Field Giants on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, in Penrose Stadium at Colorado Springs. This game was originally scheduled for Nov. 4th.

Eighty-nine enlisted men accompanied by three officers will represent Strother Field at the Second Air Force Superbomber-Norman Naval Station game Sunday. Three field busses will leave the base at 0600 Sunday morning for Norman, Okla., and will return here that evening. While in Norman the men will be guests of Navy personnel.

Basketball Season Underway Saturday; Play First Home Game On Nov. 4th

The basketball season at Strother Field will get underway Nov. 4th when the Flyers meet the team from Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., in a game scheduled for Stewart gymnasium in Winfield.

- BOWLING - Women's League

POST OPERATIONS			
Lerner	102	100	110
Heffron	70	71	77
Schwartz	82	137	160
Darrrough	71	80	90
Mingle	77	87	106
Handicap	180	180	180
	582	655	723

BASE HEADQUARTERS			
Bloomer	110	122	126
Lemaster	156	124	143
King	105	107	101
Buckingham	83	114	86
Dummy	140	107	111
Handicap	133	133	133
	727	707	700

AIR CORPS SUPPLY			
Thompson	115	162	138
Tolles	76	95	68
Bartleson	107	111	144
McCray	155	110	117
Speece	121	106	112
Handicap	80	80	80
	654	662	659

SUB DEPOT NO. 1			
Foster	83	73	90
Hellman	88	94	98
B. Mitchell	59	56	69
Matthews	71	67	76
J. Mitchell	67	75	90
Handicap	196	196	196
	565	561	619

POST EXCHANGE			
Forrester	162	119	118
Kent	110	88	96
Smith	116	115	122
Booker	70	71	75
Morgan	93	131	117
Handicap	177	177	177
	729	701	705

SUB DEPOT NO. 2			
Smith	99	118	117
Grant	94	82	82
Lazo	74	65	87
Dummy	98	120	113
Miller	143	132	138
Handicap	140	140	140
	648	657	657

Awards this week went to:			
Team Hi 30—Post Exchange			2135
Total score			2135
Team Second Hi 30—Post Headquarters			2034
Total score			2034
Individual High 30—Forrester on Post			547
Exch., Total score			547
Team Standings to date:			
Air Corps Supply	Won 11—Lost 1		
Sub Depot No. 1	Won 10—Lost 2		
Headquarters	Won 7—Lost 5		
Post Exchange	Won 6—Lost 6		
Post Operations	Won 1—Lost 11		
Sub Depot No. 2	Won 1—Lost 11		

Lansing, Mich. (CNS)—A local resident, wed four weeks, asked the judge for a divorce. His complaint: "My eyeglasses were out of focus when I married her."

Brig. Gen. Tourtellot Awarded Legion of Merit

Brigadier General George P. Tourtellot, commanding general of the Second Air Force's 72nd Fighter Wing, of which Strother Field is a unit, was awarded the Legion of Merit by direction of the President recently, according to War Department general orders received here today.

The award was made "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the government from February 4, 1943, to June 5, 1944."

General Tourtellot, a native of Dows, Iowa, assumed command of the 72nd Wing last July upon his return from Iceland, where he had commanded all Air Force activities. He entered the army as an aviation cadet in December, 1917, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in July, 1918. He was a member of the Second Pursuit Squadron of the American Air Service in France during World War I.

The general is a rated command pilot and combat observer. A seasoned veteran of fighter groups, he is in direct command of the ten fields which comprise the 72nd Wing.

Men Being Discharged At Hospitals Should See Red Cross Staff

Soldiers being discharged from the army at station and general hospitals should contact the Red Cross, says Red Cross Field Director Herbert A. Thomson at Strother Field.

"The Red Cross will help with the filing of your claim and can advise you on other government benefits. In many instances the Red Cross can give you and your family financial assistance while your claim is being adjudicated."

The Red Cross field director pointed out that discharged veterans can simplify their step back into civilian life by using the Red Cross chapter in their home towns.

"These chapter people are really trained for the job of helping the serviceman," Thomson said. "They can give you information on re-employment through your selective service board, tell you about hospitalization, compensation, vocational training through the Veterans Administration or the completion of your college education."

Another Red Cross service furnished to the discharged serviceman in his home community is consultation and guidance in personal and family problems including the necessary planning with appropriate agencies, the field director said.

"If granted the power of attorney, a Red Cross representative will handle your claim for you when it is taken before the Veterans Administration," the field director said. "In each Veterans Administration office the Red Cross has a specially trained person to handle these claims."

Jobs We Do At Strother Field

Photographic Laboratory Technician (945)

Sgt. Bernard Perry whose home is in Denison, Tex., and who entered the service in October, 1942, is a photographic laboratory technician at Strother Field. He describes his work as follows:

"My job calls for the performance of a variety of tasks in connection with photographic processing in a military photographic laboratory. To prepare and mix photographic solutions. Develop films, aerial and ground. Make contact and projection prints. May spot or retouch photographic prints and negatives. Assemble uncontrolled mosaic strips. Make reproduction photographs by use of standard copy cameras or other ground cameras and equipment.

"I must be thoroughly familiar with photographic laboratory equipment such as film developers, film driers, and print driers. Must be familiar with various types of sensitized materials, print washes, and other chemicals used in connection with photographic work."

Speakers Branch Calls for Volunteers

According to a War Department memorandum issued September 16, officers in grades from Captain through Colonel who have had experience in combat theatres and can speak effectively in public can volunteer for service in a new Speakers Branch recently established in the Bureau of Public Relations.

The speakers will be asked to address civic, labor and industrial groups on important occasions. Particularly desired are officers who have served in the Pacific and CBI theaters.

Officers who are interested in this kind of assignment can communicate directly with the Chief, Speakers Branch, Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, Washington 25, D.C. The officer making application must describe fully his background and qualifications, and enclose a completed WD AGO Form 0857. The officer's present assignment must also be indicated.

T-Sgt. Gore Picks Football Winners

A man who can really pick his winners is T/Sgt. Meredith Gore of the Provost Marshal's office. Sgt. Gore won his second out of three football guessing contests Saturday by picking nine out of nine. There were twelve games on the PRO's guessing card, but since three ended in ties the contest winner was determined by nine games. Sgt. Gore was the only man to pick all the upsets, such as Georgia Tech's victory over a highly-touted Navy team, Texas Christian's surprise rout of the Texas Aggies and LSU's third straight defeat, this time at the hands of Mississippi State.

Sgt. Gore had previously won the first of the "Building 700" pools, after being coerced into the contest because of his professed ignorance of football conditions this fall.

Halloween Party at AC

The Arkansas City USO is having a Halloween party for enlisted men of Strother Field tomorrow night, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Married GIs are cordially invited to bring their wives and attend the affair which will be complete with fortune tellers and other Halloween features. The party will begin at 8 p.m.



"General Von Schlimiel is tied up at the moment. Would you care to leave a message?"

AIR MEDALS

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awards of the same decoration have been granted him. The three decorations represent "exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in 10 separate bomber combat missions and in heavy bombardment missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe." Latest word received of T/Sgt. Vanderpool came in a letter from him during September. He has been reported a prisoner of the Germans in a camp near Vienna.

Presentation of the Air Medal to Alex Leith will be a posthumous award recognizing Sgt. Guyford Dale Leith's participation in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. Alex lives in Arkansas City with his mother.

T/SGT. HUDAK

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his name, caught the top of his head, neatly scalping an area approximately the size of a small horseshoe. Suffering neither a fracture or concussion, he went to a field hospital where many stitches were taken in his head. Losing quite a lot of blood was the only effect of the wound. He was sent to Australia for a 30-day leave and then returned to his outfit where he underwent other bombing raids without further injury.

T/Sgt. Hudak whose home is in California, Penn., enlisted in the air corps in July of 1940 and served in this country until January, 1942 when he was shipped to Australia. In June of that year he went to Port Moresby, New Guinea, and was stationed on that island until July, 1944, when he was returned to the United States. He came to Strother Field from Lincoln, Neb., Air Base on the 25th of September.

When asked how he felt upon arriving back in the USA T/Sgt. Hudak grinned and said, "When I got on the train in this country I felt like a little kid, looking out the window at the countryside, roads and signs."

A buddy of his, T/Sgt. Dallas Metz, who is from Huntington, Pa., entered service one month after T/Sgt. Hudak. They served together in this country, Australia, New Guinea, and returned to the US together, and now both are stationed at Strother Field.

A story that appeared in the Prairie Flier several months ago about the Strother Field fishermen who caught a large bass in Grouse Creek when the fish jumped into their rowboat has spread far and wide.

Pvt. Edward H. Mertz of the special service department this week received a letter from a friend in service in Hawaii. Enclosed was a clipping from a Honolulu paper. It was an item released by International News Service concerning the bass



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

First sign of the coming winter season at Strother Field was the presentation Monday of wool sweaters to members of the Guard Squadron by Herbert A. Thomson, field director of the American Red Cross at this station. Trying on their sweaters for the first time are, left to right, Pfc. Elton D. Kelley, Pfc. J. D. Mire, Pvt. Robert Gardiner, Pfc. A. G. Woody and Cpl. Joe E. Rogers.

Pfc. Reba Miller Formerly a Teacher at Indian School

From social service on a Navajo Indian reservation on the Painted Desert to the personnel section of an army air base is a transition to write home about. That, in brief, is the recent history of WAC Pfc. Reba Ethelyn Miller of Rogersville, Ala.

Pfc. Miller reported to Strother Field last week from the army air base at Kearney, Neb., and was assigned to the personnel section, where her comprehensive knowledge of the decimal filing system will be put to work for the Army

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\$100 In Prizes Offered Winners In Field Art And Craft Competition

Enlisted men stationed at Strother Field are invited to participate in an arts and crafts competition in which \$100 is to be awarded in cash prizes.

Exhibits to be entered in the local field competition must be brought to the Enlisted Men's Service Club on or before Dec. 15. The exhibits will be judged by Mr. Karl Mattern of the School of Fine Arts, Kansas University, on the 16th and 17th of December.

The prize money has been made available to the Special Service Department at this station through the generosity of the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. The money will go to the enlisted men whose exhibits are judged best in the various categories in which competition is open. A prize of \$5 is being offered for the winning exhibit in each of the ten main categories and a Grand Prize of \$50 will go to the enlisted man entering the best exhibit. Here are the various categories in the contest:

- Drawing and Sketching.
- Painting—Oil
- Painting—Watercolor
- Clay Modeling
- Woodcarving
- Photography
- Leathercraft
- Metalcraft
- Knotting and Braiding
- Fly-tying.

The prize-winning exhibits from the local competition will be sent to Headquarters Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Neb., for judging in the Service Command competition for which awards will be given. The exhibits will be sent there before Jan. 2, 1945.

New Snack Bar To Open Nov. 15th

If you get hungry in the evenings and would like a choice of hot sandwiches, chili, French fried potatoes and small steaks (when available) you'll soon have a place to get just what you want. The new snack bar for enlisted men located in the building west of the service club is scheduled for opening on Nov. 15th, according to 1st Lt. Charles F. Molloy, PX officer.

The snack bar will be open from 0800 until 2130 or 2200 each night and there will be tables and chairs, a bar and fountain to provide you with cold and hot drinks.

Excellent Shows Coming to Wichita

A number of outstanding stage productions are scheduled for appearance in Wichita during the next seven months and arrangements have been made for GI transportation to and from that city for these events providing at least thirty men sign up to attend any one of the performances.

Here is the list of shows coming to Wichita and the admission prices:

- Nov. 6—Zasu Pitts in "Ramshackle Inn"—Arcadia.
- Nov. 15—Lily Pons, Metropolitan Opera Star—Forum.
- Nov. 24—"Kiss and Tell"—Arcadia.
- Nov. 25—"Kiss and Tell"—Arcadia.
- Nov. 29—"The Student Prince"—Arcadia.
- Dec. 11—"Three's a Family"—Arcadia.
- Dec. 25—"Good Night Ladies"—Arcadia.

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Consult the
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Trial Judge Advocate Office

Mail Clerk Meets Army Buddies Here

Assignment to this 72nd Fighter Wing base turned out to be almost a homecoming for army mail clerk Corporal George Rubin of 352 Bristol St., Brooklyn, New York, despite the fact that he had never before seen this section of Kansas. "The clock turned back a year when I walked into the mail room," he said. "The first man I saw was Sgt. Milton Riggs with whom I worked in Tampa, Florida, a year ago, and half the letters we sorted had familiar names on them."

Cpl. Rubin was one of the original mail clerks for the 84th Dive Bomber Group in Savannah, Ga., in 1942 and later accompanied the group to Tampa, Florida, where he worked with Sgt. Riggs. When the units from which many of the men now at Strother were later transferred here were formed at Tampa, Cpl. Rubin was transferred to

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14,000 Second Air Force Enlisted Men To Be Transferred to Ground Forces

Eleven enlisted men have left Strother Field to report to a new station following their transfer from the Army Air Forces to the infantry. This was the first shipment under a recently announced plan by which the Second Air Force will transfer some 14,000 men to the ground forces, at the rate of approximately 1,400 a month, Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, said today.

Woolen Sweaters Given to Guards

Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director at Strother Field, presented fifty woolen sweaters to members of the guard squadron Monday morning of this week. The sweaters were made by various chapters of the American Red Cross and sent here for distribution. The sweaters are to be worn under outer clothing and although very attractive they will not be worn as an outer garment over guardsmen's shirts.

All men transferred to the ground forces must be qualified for overseas service. A number of exceptions, however, will hold down the percentage of physically qualified men who can be transferred. Certain technical skills peculiar to the air forces, for example, will render men ineligible for transfer. Likewise, men who volunteered specifically for service in the air forces, members of combat crews, and men returned from overseas cannot be transferred to the ground forces.

The shift is in line with the armed forces' policy of full utilization of manpower. The ground forces will transfer limited service personnel to the air forces as replacements.

Reassignment of the enlisted men followed by several weeks the transfer to the infantry of two Strother Field officers who had volunteered for service in that branch of the Army. They were 1st Lt. Donald M. Kain and 2nd Lt. Colin J. Bury.

Wac Privates Voted Guests in NCO-Mess

WAC privates stationed at Strother Field are now to be admitted to the Non-Com Mess as guests of non-com club members, either Wac or EM. This new ruling resulted from the special meeting of club members held Monday noon in the ground school building.

The decision was also made to allow WAC non-coms who are members of the organization to bring enlisted men who are ranked as privates to the club as guests.

VOTING

Is the Privilege and Duty of Every Citizen



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Pfc. Reba Miller, personnel section, taught Indian children at the Navajo reservation in northern Arizona for a period of four years before joining the Women's Army Corps in March of this year.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Three Air Medals were presented to the next of kin during an impressive review and ceremony at Strother Field last Saturday. Shown above are the recipients of the medals and several officers taking part in the presentation. Front row, left to right: Mrs. G. D. Leith and son Alexander. The husband and father, S/Sgt. Guyford Dale Leith of Dexter, Kans., died in action in Europe; Mrs. Margaret Vanderpool and daughter, Patricia Ann of Anthony. T/Sgt. William F. Vanderpool is a German prisoner of war; Mrs. Craig W. Barker of Arkansas City received the Air Medal presented her husband, Second Lieutenant Barker, who is also a prisoner of war in Germany; Major Cyrus F. Breeden, Major Merle W. Allen and Major Francis C. Dunn. Shown in the back row are, left to right: 2nd Lt. Harvey E. Steiger, 1st Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Capt. George A. Mueller.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Two years and more ago when the smoke of Pearl Harbor still drifted, dark and menacing, against the sky the Imperial Japanese navy had, and lost, its golden opportunity. At that time unquestionably superior to the remnants of the American fleet, it is today only a remnant of itself, decimated and so badly mauled by our recent Philippine victory as to no longer be a serious factor in the Pacific war.

It is demonstrable that, given Japanese admirals in command of the fleet that won Pearl Harbor, the later defeat of that fleet must take place when opposed to a fleet governed by Occidental naval thought. The Jap acted strictly in accordance with his own tradition and thought, and so was doomed.

The Jap has used a navy from earliest times, and has used it always, not as a fighting fleet, but only for transport or for the cover of transports. In his naval history there are many battles fought for this purpose. There is no record at all of a Trafalgar fought primarily to destroy an enemy fleet. As at the Yalu, he has not pushed a battle to the finish but has broken off action as soon as the enemy was too weakened to further threaten Jap communication.

The Jap designed and built a fleet to fit his limited conception of its function. His ships are fast, lightly armored, firing high explosive rather than armor-piercing shells. They are terriers built to dash in and out quickly and cripple, rather than destroy, his enemy with a minimum damage to himself. The American ships on the contrary are slower, better armored, designed for an all-out action that will win the seas by slugging it out and completely destroying an enemy fleet, as such.

To the high naval command at Tokyo, Pearl Harbor was a completely successful action. By its destruction of the American Pacific fleet it insured safe movement by sea of the armies invading Luzon, Malaya and the Dutch Indies. In Jap naval thinking that was the sole function of their fleet.

That was the fatal mistake, that the basic error in thinking which made possible last week's crushing victory for America. For two years the Jap dispersed his fleet, fought only defensively and in detail, absorbed ever heavier losses from naval aviation. Clinging with Oriental tenacity to a rigid strategic concept he fought, as at Midway and the Coral Sea, only in detail and to cover his transport.

When finally the failure of this strategy when opposed to an ever stronger and primarily offensive American fleet became apparent, the Jap was forced to fight on terms of our choosing against the fleet which his delay had permitted to become the greatest in history. The victory was a foregone conclusion then.

Speaking of--War Memorials

A great many of our young men have given, and will give, their lives while in training in the United States Air Forces. Their lives were, and will be, given not in the skies over Europe and the Southwest Pacific but in many of our 48 states including Kansas.

In the peace following the end of World War II many monuments will be erected in villages, towns and cities honoring the men who sacrificed their lives that free people might remain free.

Why not erect markers amid small roadside parks on the sites of Air Forces training fields in this country, each bearing the names of the young men who made the supreme sacrifice while in training? Such memorials could be financed by the Federal Government, state or county.

Within a few short years the many sites of these training centers will blossom with ripened grain as they again become farm lands. People from over the nation passing these former training sites in their cars will not realize the sacrifice made by our youth on these very grounds unless there are markers and parks to attract their attention.

We should have constant reminders of what this peace cost in human lives—to not forget is to assure the keeping of peace. There should be such a marker on Highway 77 where it borders the south of Strother Field, honoring the cadets who gave their lives while in basic training during the time this field was operated by the Central Flying Training Command and those who died in fighter pilot training at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. The site of Strother Field is hallowed ground to many American families.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
THE BIBLE IN THE HOME

The following article is a condensation of the reply that Dr. Dafoe of quintuplet fame made to the request from an Iowa farm wife, "Won't you please talk to us sometime about the use of the Bible in the Home?"

In my own boyhood home the Bible had a very definite place of honor. I was brought up to read it; I was sent to Church and Sunday school; and I had a very genuine conception of a real God. He was both a stern and a kindly God. It seems to me now—almost half century later—that He was my own father, magnified many times in size. I might at times have been a little afraid of this God of mine, but I deeply and honestly respected Him. Certainly this God helped plant in my heart and mind certain standards of conduct, and certain definite ideas of right and wrong, of justice and humanity.

After all, none of us can quite escape our backgrounds. We may feel that we outgrow them, and that some of us are superior to them; but we never really lose them. And the human race is much the same when it comes to the Bible. It has become more or less the fashion of late to poke good-natured fun at this Book of Books. There are those who even violently denounce it. They call up all sorts of witnesses to prove or disprove its origin and its authenticity.

Yet, here is the book that has helped sustain mankind for thousands of years. It is part of the very background of man.

Here in the north woods I have lived for a full thirty years among a very religious people. They are truly religious. Their religion is not a coat they put on Sunday morning and take off again on Sunday night. It is a garment made out of the very threads of their daily lives. There are hundreds of homes here where the Bible is the only book in the house.

Not long ago, a friend of mine told me that he had been reading the most wonderful book that he had ever picked up in his life. When I asked him what the name of the book was, he smiled and answered, "The Bible." And I think his experience is not an uncommon one. Many men and women find themselves weaned away from the Bible in their youth, only to turn back to it in their adult years and rediscover what a magnificent book it is.

It is fortunate today that many of the beautiful but somewhat difficult stories of the Bible have been simplified and brought down to everyday language. Stories thus simplified later become filled with a beauty and power that bless maturity.



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

In a recent article released by Camp Newspaper Service, Major Edward Millea, Chief of the Veterans' Personnel Division of New York City's Selective Service System, offered some good advice to GIs who want to return to a new job, better than the one they held when they entered the Armed Services: Prepare now — while you're still in uniform.

Major Millea was referring to the various educational opportunities which are available to GIs through the United States Armed Forces Institute. He said, in part, "We, in Selective Service, are determined to fight for the right of every honorably discharged veteran to return to his old job if he wants it and, is entitled to it under the law. . . . But we need the help of the serviceman. He should lose no time in preparing himself."

The United States Armed Forces Institute offers courses in nearly every field of study. In addition, more than eighty leading American colleges and universities are cooperating with U.S.A.F.I. to offer a wide variety of extension courses.

To date, more than 1700 servicemen have won high school diplomas through credits earned while in uniform. Over 200 others have received graduate college degrees from some of the nation's leading institutions.

As we anticipate additional training through the educational provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, it is important to check up on some of these matters at once. If you are interested in pursuing some of these courses or have other problems of an educational nature, contact your Education Officer at the Special Service Office.

Ye Liftings

Did you hear about the rabbit who went into the forest and had a hare-raising experience.

Letter from a GI in the S. Pacific: "They're neither too young nor too old—there just ain't any."

Two old maids, traveling to California were chatting busily as their train slowed down while passing an orange packing plant.

"Did you ever!" exclaimed Brenda, "Look at that big sign, 'Sun-kist Navels!'"

"Dear me," replied Cobina, "this MUST be Hollywood."

The squaw and papoose were on the platform of a railway station in Montana when the train pulled in. A society dame from the east, pointing her finger at the papoose, inquired: "Him Injun?"

"Him part Injun, part engineer!" replied the old squaw.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat. Win. Dancing-Cards
- Ark. Informal dancing
- Sun. Win. Bingo-Games
- Ark. Bingo-Free call
- Mon. Win. Pop corn-Dancing
- Ark. Bridge and game night
- Tues. Win. Bridge-Pinochle
- Ark. Do-as-you-please
- Wed. Win. Dancing-Cards-Games
- Ark. Snack Bar party
- Thurs. Win. Do as you please
- Ark. Ping-pong tournament
- Fri. Win. Ping Pong
- Ark. Ping Pong



Q. Can I keep my dog tags when I'm discharged from the service?

A. No. Even if you want 'em, you can't keep your dog tags. They must be turned in with other government equipment when you're discharged.

Q. Will a GI's service in the armed forces of one of the United Nations count toward point credit in the War Department's Demobilization Plan?

A. Such service in the armed forces of Allied nations AFTER Sept. 16, 1940, will count. However, no credit will be given for foreign decorations.

Q. Is there any special benefit payable by reason of the death of a person in service?

A. Yes. Besides insurance there is the death gratuity equal to six months' pay at the rate the man was receiving at the time of his death.

What's new in your home town?

Ashfield, Mass. (CNS) — Mrs. Mildred Reniff is patriotically heeding the government's advice. She is making her old car last as long as possible. The car is a 1914 Model T Ford.

Bend, Tex. (CNS)—Bill Mulligan, 73, recently bought a pair of shoes — the second pair he has purchased in 15 years. Asked why his shoes lasted so long, Mulligan explained: "I never wear socks."

Chicago (CNS)—One local lady likes her husband okay except when he's stewed. Then he always spills whiskey on her rugs. So she has secured a court order restricting her husband from coming home after he has nibbled the grape.

Denver, Col. (CNS) — Mitchel Sadewitz pedaled his high-wheeled bicycle into Denver recently, enroute to California on a coast-to-coast bicycle bond-selling trip. He is making the trip, he said, to prove that "the bicycle is here to stay."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.
SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Hear your favorite football team slug it out!
4 NOV.	THEATER —In the Meantime, Darling — Jeanne Crain, Frank Latimer. Cartoon and features.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Free morning coffee and rolls 9:30 to ? or we run out. Listen to radio, and remember "if you don't write you're wrong." Free movies at 8:30.
5 NOV.	THEATER —The Conspirators—Hedy Lamarr, Paul Henreid, Sydney Greenstreet. Army-Navy screen magazine. News.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Open evening. Why not bring the wife or girl friend out and dance.
6 NOV.	THEATER —No showing.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Section "C" Dance.
7 NOV.	THEATER —Double Feature — Big Noise — Laurel and Hardy. End of the Road—Ed Norris and June Storey.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Game night — checkers, chess, bridge, bingo, ping pong and pool. Play what you like.
8 NOV.	THEATER —Song of Bernadette—Jennifer Jones, Charles Bickford. One show 1900.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB —GI Hop — Ark City and Ponca City gals. Airchords and "Beat the Band."
9 NOV.	THEATER —Song of Bernadette — One showing 1900.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB —"As You Were Party." Free coffee and cookies and GI Movies. Do what you want—pinochle or bridge, etc. Talk the blues away with the boys.
10 NOV.	THEATER —Carolina Blues — Ann Miller, Kay Kyser. Cartoon and March of Time.

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2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By S/Sgt. Tony Horn.

Even if GIs cannot draw a KP assignment in the WAC mess it is nice to see the environment one would have in doing such a job. At the left is Sgt. Ona Dupuey; center, Pvt. Arna Holm, and right, Cpl. Barbara Wakefield, mess sergeant.

New Safety Campaign In Second Air Force

Attention of Strother Field flying personnel this week is centered on cockpit procedure and reduction of emergencies as one phase of the new safety campaign which opened last week at all installations of the Second Air Force.

In its intensive, continuous drive to reduce emergencies for fighter pilots, the Second Air Force is directing forcible attention this week to such causes of emergencies as failure to recover from spins, stalls and dives, engine failures, tire failures, fuel exhaustion, and poor technique as emergency elements. By direct instruction as well as by posters and other printed material, pilot trainees are being briefed this week in good cockpit procedure.

Last week when safe landings were the phase of flying given special emphasis, accidents caused by the gear not being down or not locked, normal landings followed by materiel failure of gear, wheels up landing due to inoperative extending mechanisms, wheels retracted instead of the flaps, hard landing followed by failure of gear, overshooting and undershooting the runway, the improper use or failure of brakes, tire failure and poor technique resulting in loss of control on approach or during a landing roll were considered.

The present safety campaign is the second of its kind conducted by the Second Air Force. Each is of eight weeks' duration. In order to qualify, each unit must have 500 hours' flying time, and from each field's possible 10 points are deducted points for the accidents that occur on that field that are of the kind being emphasized that specific week.

You've heard of the man who started on a shoestring and worked his way up until he got his face slapped.

Do You Know?

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

Another Congressional Act of importance to you is the Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act. Through this act Congress has provided allowances for certain persons who are dependent for support on you. There are two general types of benefits paid under the act. One is called the initial family allowance and the other, the monthly family allowance. We will briefly discuss the latter only, as the other must be applied for within 15 days after entry into the service. The government pays a family allowance to your dependents or wife in an amount to be determined by the degree of dependency. There is a charge against your pay of \$22 or \$27, as the case may be for your family's allowance, and whatever the amount is above this charge, that your dependents or wife receives, is contributed by the government. It should be remembered that partial dependency is acceptable for benefits under this act. Thus if you have a brother or sister that is also in the service and your dependents are partially dependent upon both of you, you and your brother or sister are both permitted to apply for benefits under this act.

No family allowance will be authorized by the office of Dependency Benefits until they receive the necessary documentary evidence to show proof of dependency, relationship or marriage.

If you desire further information on the benefits of this act, or if you desire to make application for a family allowance call upon the Personal Affairs Officer, he is always ready to discuss your personal problems with you.

WAC Detachment News

By PFC. REBA E. MILLER



Since our number is still increasing there was more barracks cleaning this week. We should especially note the arrival of eight girls from basic training. They are certainly thrilled to be at an air base. Best wishes in your new assignments.

Our outlook in the mess hall is very bright, for one cook did arrive and the amateurs proved so good at their jobs that we persuaded two of them to become permanent cooks. Everyone concerned is happy.

The little blonde who greets you with that big smile when you go to the post office is none other than Eleanor Blake. She tells me, confidentially, that her post-war ambition is to be Postmaster General of the United States. Could it be we will be able to send our letters free?

An important member of our detachment is our mascot, the brown pup that hangs around the area. At present she is nameless, for we can't agree on a name that will do her justice.

We say good-bye to Pvt. Alice DeMatthews, who has left for overseas training. She will be the fifth member of her family to see foreign service, four brothers having already been over. Good luck, Alice.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Eleven proved to be a lucky number again when eleven men of Section C were taken to Norman, Okla., to watch the Second Air Force Superbomber-Norman, Okla., Zoomer football game last Sunday.

Getting up early in order to leave at 0600 were M/Sgt. James Washington, S/Sgt. H. Ward, S/Sgt. Lamar Crawford, Sgt. Alonzo Reed, Cpl. Pete Ellis, Pfc. Melvin Stevenson, Pvt. Lafayette Donnell, Pvt. Jessie Calender, Pvt. Theodore Young, Pvt. Linzy Beal and Pvt. James Turner.

Strother Field was favored by the Southernaires, a well-known quartet that is heard weekly on the Blue Network. The group broadcast from the Strother Field chapel last Sunday morning and gave a fine program of favorite spiritual numbers. The quartet was flown to Oklahoma City, Okla., Sunday noon.

PX To Accommodate Christmas Shoppers

In order to accommodate military personnel in Christmas shopping the post exchange is planning on remaining open until 2100 two nights each week beginning Nov. 15th. The time may be moved up depending on the arrival of Christmas merchandise. Watch the Prairie Flier and Daily Bulletin for further announcements.

Rev. W. W. Shannon To Speak in Chapel

The Rev. W. W. Shannon, a seasoned preacher with more than thirty years' experience, will speak in the post chapel each night, Nov. 8-11 at 7 p.m., 1st. Lt. Karl B. Smith, post chaplain, said today.

Mr. Shannon left a career in politics and business to enter Christian service. At that time he was mayor of Berwick, Pa. As a business man he was manager of a brewery and part owner of a newspaper.

Accompanying Mr. Shannon will be Mr. Yeaton, singer, who will present a musical program each evening.

High School Students Guests of Field

Approximately 150 students of the Planeview high school in Wichita, Kans., visited Strother Field on Friday of last week. The school band, an outstanding musical organization of youngsters, presented a 30-minute program that was greatly enjoyed by the enlisted men in the 1,000-man mess hall.

The group was accompanied by Alan Watrous, recreation department, Boeing Airplane Co., Wichita, Kans. Planeview is a government housing center for the families of Boeing employees at Wichita.

Wacs Have PX Store

A post exchange store for Wacs in their own area is soon to be in operation. There will be cold drinks and items of necessity for welfare and morale on hand at all times, according to 1st. Lt. Charles F. Molloy, PX officer of Strother Field.

Jobs We Do At Strother Field

Radiology Technician (264)

Sgt. Eddie Haungs of the Medics and whose home is in Niagara Falls, N.Y., is a Radiology Technician in the station hospital. He describes his job as follows:—

"I take X-ray photographs of parts of the human body with X-ray machines for use in diagnosing and treating injuries and disease.

"In addition I position patient under X-ray according to part of body exposed and depending upon thickness of bones and tissues, determine proper voltage and amperage required, distance of patient from machine, and length of exposure. Manipulate levers in photographic darkroom, preparing solutions and immersing negative, in succession, in developing tank, rinse water, fixing tank, and in wash solution. Hang X-ray film on drying rack. Make minor repairs to X-ray machine such as replacing fuses, switches, circuit breakers, wires and X-ray tubes."

A 264 must have knowledge of anatomy, X-ray techniques, and darkroom methods.



72nd Fighter Wing Second Air Force Photo By Sgt. Bernard Perry.

Rosemary Tripp is part of a mother-daughter team that is doing its part in the war effort by working at Strother Field. Rosemary, who has been employed at the base since Jan. 3, 1944, is secretary to Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, and Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer. Her mother, Mrs. Edna R. Tripp, is a civilian employe in the parachute department here. Rosemary, an attractive blond, is a graduate of the Arkansas City high school and attended the junior college in that town for 1½ years before coming to work at this station. She is 5' 4" in height and has greenish colored eyes.

Male Call

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



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"Ain't it strange!—I got a feelin' we're bein' followed!"

General Ent Wins Medal

Maj. Gen. Uzal G. Ent has been presented the Legion of Merit for "meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as commanding general of the Second Air Force from January to October, 1944."

The presentation was made by Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Force, Saturday in General Ent's room at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston.

Hospital attendants today reported General Ent's condition remained "good." He was injured in a plane crash at Fort Worth several weeks ago.

MAIL CLERK MEETS

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Harding Field, Louisiana, and lost track of his old friends until the unexpected reunion here two weeks ago.

A veteran of 18 years of civilian and military post office work, Cpl. Rubin now lives in Winfield, Kansas, with his wife, a former registered nurse from New Brunswick, Canada, and their two months old daughter, Judith Evelyn.

To cap the climax, says Cpl. Rubin, his former First Sergeant from Harding Field has also been recently transferred to Strother Field.

EXCELLENT SHOWS

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- Dec. 26—"Good Night Ladies"—Arcadia.
- Jan. 5—Richard Crooks—Arcadia.
- Jan. 9—"Sons o' Fun"—Forum.
- Jan. 24—"Life With Father"—Arcadia.
- Jan. 25—"Life With Father"—Arcadia.
- Feb. 5—Ziegfeld Follies—Forum.
- Feb. 8—Yehudi Menuhin, Violinist—Arcadia.
- Feb. 26—Alec Templeton, Pianist—Arcadia.
- Mar. 6—"Blossom Time"—Arcadia.
- Mar. 15—Helen Hayes in "Harriett"—Forum.
- Apr. 9—Sigmund Romberg and Orchestra—Forum.
- Apr. 25—Jose Iturbi—Forum.
- May 28—"Carmen Jones" Billy Rose's great New York musical hit—Forum.

Admission Prices: Arcadia Theater—main floor, first 12 rows rows \$3.05, next 7 rows \$2.44, next 6 rows \$1.83, last 4 rows \$1.22. Balcony, first 4 rows \$1.83, next 4 rows \$1.22 and last 4 rows 92c. Forum—main floor, first 12 rows \$3.66, next 12 rows \$3.05, next 12 rows \$2.44. Lower balcony, two sections close to stage, \$3.05, third section \$2.44 and two sections in east facing stage, \$1.83. Upper balcony, two first sections \$1.83, next section \$1.22, two sections facing stage 92c. All tax included.

Superbombers Meet Ft. Warren Broncos Nov. 12

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 3—The Second Air Force Superbombers will play the Fort Warren Broncos in Denver University Stadium, Denver, Colo., Sunday, November 12, Major Claude F. McGrath, director of football, announced today.

This moves the game one day from the previously scheduled date. It will make all but one of the remaining Superbomber games a Sunday attraction. The exception is University of Washington, Saturday, Nov. 18, at Spokane, Wash.

Schedule:

- Nov. 5—Amarillo AAF at Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Nov. 12—Fort Warren at Denver, Colo.
- Nov. 18—Washington at Spokane, Wash.
- Nov. 26—Fourth Air Force at Denver, Colo.

The Superbombers lost to the Norman, Okla., Naval Station team, 13 to 7 in a game played last Sunday afternoon in Norman.

PFC. REBA MILLER

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Air Forces.

After teaching at the TVA school at Guntersville, Ala., for two years, Pfc. Miller returned to the University of Alabama, where she took a B.S. degree in 1938. Followed two years of teaching in the public schools of Alabama, and then Reba Miller applied, with a change in gender, Horace Greeley's famous advice to go west. Her urge to accomplish something of value to society landed her at the Navajo Indian reservation in northern Arizona, where for four years she taught the Navajo children, everything from English to personal hygiene combining school teaching and social service.

Pfc. Miller entered the Women's Army Corps in March of this year, hoping to continue her social service work in an overseas assignment. She is still hopeful that she can be used in the rehabilitation of war-torn countries.

The Wac hopes to visit the Indian school at nearby Chilocco while she is stationed at Strother Field. She wants to resume her work among the Indians when peace returns, and radiates continuously the genuine interest in her work which has brought her the feeling that she has accomplished something worthwhile.

Families of men from the local community who have lost their lives in this war today were invited by Chaplain Karl B. Smith to attend memorial services to be held at the Strother Field chapel at ten o'clock Sunday morning.

The services, which will be of a general nature, are for families of all war casualties, irrespective of creed, race or nationality.

Bowling Alleys Are in Top Condition

Due to necessary maintenance and inability to secure pin boys, the price per line of bowling in the post alleys has been set at 15c. The alleys are now in fine condition and ready for fast league play this fall and winter.

The alleys are at the disposal of military and civilian personnel and the post exchange which operates them needs the cooperation of all using the alleys to keep them in good condition, 1st. Lt. Charles F. Molloy, PX officer, said today.

**— BOWLING —
Men's League**

OFFICERS' DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	
Communications	3	0	
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	3	1	
Section A	2	2	
Administration, Dubs	2	2	
Engineers, Scrubs	1	3	
Post Headquarters, Bulldogs	0	4	
ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	
Rogers	4	0	
Wilco	3	1	
Hot Rocks	3	1	
Loose Nuts	3	1	
Photo Flashes	2	2	
Rockets	2	2	
Cloud Pushers	1	3	
Tracers	1	3	
Sad Sacks	1	3	
Monsters	0	4	
HIGH TEAM DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	
High Individual Single Gnoepellus	2	2	
High Individual Total Gnoepellus	5	1	
High Team Single Communications	1	3	
High Team Total Communications	2	4	

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Name	Strings	Pins	Average
Allen	3	356	129
Armstrong	3	427	142
Bagdasarian	3	378	126
Bryan	3	470	157
Ees	3	355	118
Euart	3	415	138
Evans	3	354	118
Geary	3	447	149
Gernon	3	402	134
Gluhm	3	455	152
Gnoepellus	3	551	184
Hays	3	446	149
Hughes	3	432	144
Kase	3	490	163
Lyons	3	449	150
Molloy	3	341	114
Mueller	3	437	146
O'Neill	3	381	127
Peterson, C. W.	3	526	175
Rackin	3	494	165
Rood	3	449	150
Rose	3	393	131
Schraze	3	390	130
Scott	3	368	123
Simon	3	542	181
Sloan	3	415	138
Spencer	3	417	139
Stalk	3	397	132
Weir	3	364	121
Worthington	3	277	92
High Individual Single Gnoepellus	2	212	
High Individual Total Gnoepellus	5	551	
High Team Single Communications	1	3	
High Team Total Communications	2	4	

Skyriders Meet Will Rogers Field In Winfield Tomorrow Night

The Strother Field Skyrider basketball team will play its opening game of the current season tomorrow night in the Southwestern College gymnasium in Winfield. Their opponents will be the Will Rogers Field team from Oklahoma City. All military personnel are urged to attend the game in support of the home team.

**— BOWLING —
Women's League**

AIR CORPS SUPPLY—Won 1, Lost 3				
Thompson	151	167	151	449
Belt	154	126	88	368
Bartleson	105	150	113	368
Brewer	99	84	83	266
Speece	90	107	123	320
Handicap	87	87	87	261
Totals	666	721	645	2032

POST EXCHANGE—Won 3, Lost 1				
Forrester	150	127	96	373
Morgan	101	101	137	339
Kent	101	106	89	296
Bookter	106	113	97	316
Smith	98	93	114	305
Handicap	161	161	161	483
Totals	717	701	694	2112

SUB DEPOT NO. 2—Won 3, Lost 1				
Barnes	83	121	140	344
Grant	91	101	89	272
Billings	85	83	85	253
Lazzo	87	75	80	242
Miller	167	146	102	415
Handicap	194	194	194	582
Totals	707	720	681	2108

POST HEADQUARTERS—Won 1, Lost 3				
Bloomer	114	158	109	381
LeMASTER	143	105	113	361
King	116	106	125	347
Buckingham	99	83	84	266
Solomon	118	109	92	319
Handicap	127	127	127	381
Totals	717	688	650	2055

POST OPERATIONS—Won 0, Lost 4				
Lerner	117	116	123	356
Heffron	63	71	78	212
Darrough	72	76	107	255
Lindberg	90	83	119	292
Schwartz	97	116	114	327
Handicap	179	179	179	537
Totals	618	641	720	1979

SUB DEPOT NO. 1—Won 4, Lost 0				
Foster	118	88	144	350
Heilman	126	110	117	353
Dummy	125	110	116	351
Ortiz	77	81	89	247
Symes	105	105	105	315
Handicap	171	171	171	513
Totals	722	665	742	2129

To Continue Same Working Hours Here

Decision to continue the working hours which have prevailed for Strother Field civilian and military personnel—8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.—was reached by the staff of Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, at a meeting Wednesday.

Several days ago a proposed plan to retard by 30 minutes the start and close of a working day was accepted by the staff, with the hope that during dark, winter days the hours of daylight might be employed to the fullest extent.

However, further consideration of the plan brought out the fact that many problems, which had not presented themselves at the time of the first meeting, outweigh the advantages which were believed possible.

Colonel Meade, in rescinding the order promulgating the hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. as the working day at Strother Field, calls attention to the fact that all military and civilian personnel will continue to report for duty at 8 a.m. as has been the custom.

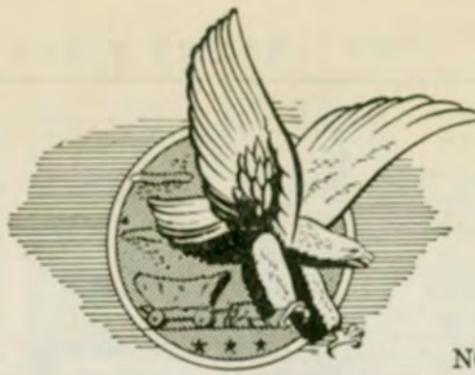
Married enlisted men of Strother Field are invited to bring their wives to the Ark City USO tonight for the married couples party which is to be a weekly feature. Cards and games will be played.



2AF 72nd Fighter Wing Photo By Cpl. John R. Farrell.

Member of the Strother Field basketball team is 1st. Sgt. Peyton A. Horton of Section A-1., who plays a guard position. Horton played three years of basketball during his high school days in Paris, Ky., and two years while attending Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky. He has played on service teams for three years prior to this season.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO THE WAR FUND DRIVE?
Strother Field has not fulfilled its quota!
GIVE TODAY!



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Serving as military guards at Strother Field are three members of the WAC detachment. Shown at the left is Pvt. Marie Vigliorolo; center, Pvt. Virginia Foster, and right, Pvt. Helen Madden.

Fighter Pilot Trainee Served With British And Polish Air Forces

Seasoned by almost two years' training and service with the British air forces and with the Polish air forces before his native United States entered the war, 2nd. Lt. John W. Bezusko, fighter pilot trainee at Strother Field, hopes his next assignment will carry him to the South Pacific theater of occupation. He has a personal score to settle there, for his only brother died during the battle of Bataan.

A youngster of 20, apparently with a grim turn of mind, Bezusko made his decision to get into the war early. Ostensibly to continue his civilian occupation of civil engineer, Bezusko went to Canada during the summer of 1941. The next time his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bezusko of 642 Eighteenth Avenue, Irvington, N. J., heard from him, he was a volunteer member of the Polish squadron of the Royal Air Force at a station in England. Although the squadron included a handful of Americans (Canadians and men from the United States alike were regarded as Americans of one blood) for the most part it was composed of men who had been

"Stat" Control Section Doing Vital Job Here

Applying business methods to the operation of a Fighter Pilot Training Station, the Strother Field Statistical Control Section under the supervision of Lt. R. L. Worthington carries out a highly important assignment. The Statistical Control Section audits, transmits and compiles reports which are designed to provide all echelons of command up to and including Headquarters Army Air Forces with accurate and current figures revealing the status of military and civilian personnel, operations, housing and selected items of equipment. In addition it assembles, analyzes and disseminates to the Base CO and his staff all types of information and data which will enable them to accomplish their mission. In this respect, analysis and presentation perform a vital part, culminating in the Daily Statistical Summary Report which is distributed throughout the Base. Also, at Base Headquarters, a restricted Chart Room reveals by means of charts and graphic presentation the 'inside' facts of the field.

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Special Bus For Lily Pons Concert

Arrangements have been made by the special service office to provide transportation for thirty GIs and Wacs to attend the Lily Pons concert at the Forum in Wichita, Nov. 15th. There will be accommodations only for those who have signed the rosters in their orderly rooms.

A block of average-priced seats (\$1.83) have been reserved and tickets from this block will be purchased by each person from Strother Field at the boxoffice upon arrival in Wichita. The bus will leave the service club on the field at 1800 and will return from Wichita shortly after the concert. All personnel making this trip will return on the bus. If you are interested in attending future concerts be sure to contact your section orderly room.

Maj. Gen. R. B. Williams Heads Second Air Force

Major General Robert B. Williams has assumed command of the Second Air Force, replacing Major General U. G. Ent, according to an announcement received here from headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo. General Ent is at Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, recovering from injuries suffered in an airplane accident several weeks ago.

General Williams, recently returned from 15 months as a Bombardment Division commander in the Eighth Air Force, served in the Second Air Force in 1942 and early 1943 as commanding general of various bomber commands.

Open House For Review Saturday

A military review and flag-raising ceremony will highlight observance of Armistice Day at Strother Field, according to plans announced this morning. Colonel Donald E. Meade has extended an invitation to the civilian population of neighboring communities to attend the ceremonies. Gates will open to the public at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and close at noon.

The Adjutant's Call will be sounded at 10:45, after which the troops will pass in review before Colonel Meade and his staff. Acting commander of troops will be Major Sam S. Wolf, with Lt. Howard Hawley as his adjutant. Orders of the day will be published during the ceremony by Captain George N. Rood, base adjutant.

Chaplain Karl B. Smith will read a short scriptural passage and lead in an appropriate prayer.

The flag will be raised promptly at 11 a. m. in observance of the armistice at that time 26 years ago, and will continue to wave proudly atop the tall flagpole in front of base headquarters for the remainder of the day.

Sixth War Loan Drive Quota For Field Is Set At \$60,000

Quota for Strother Field military and civilian personnel, combined, for the Sixth War Loan drive has been set at \$60,000 by 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, war bond officer. This figure is over and above all regular payroll deductions for bond purchases.

Three Wacs Serve As Military Guards

For the first time in their military lives—and in line with their civilian ambitions—three Wacs at Strother Field have been assigned to the jobs they asked when they first joined the Women's Army Corps. They're military guards!

Military and civilian personnel and visitors to the air base likely will find one or another of the three—Pvt. Marie Irene Vigliorolo of Dracut, Mass., Pvt. Virginia Foster of Evansville, Ind., and Pvt. Helen Madden of Columbus, Kans.—on duty at the main gate. There they check passes, see that military personnel leaving and arriving at the base are properly uniformed and carrying on other duties of the regular guard. WAC regulations do not permit them to wear side arms, but the Wac privates make out with their coppers' clubs and their Military Police brassards. They work the same hours as the male guards—24 hours on duty, 24 hours off. They work fair weather or foul, beginning their day's tasks at the gate at 5:30 in the morning.

Art Club Now Meets on Fridays

The recently organized art club which has been meeting at the service club on Wednesday evenings at 1830 will meet in the future on Friday evening at 1900 in the rear of the special service building.

Anyone desiring further details may obtain information by contacting Pvt. Alden Craig at the service club or by calling 302.

The figure was determined on the basis of the individual quotas assigned by the Seventh Service Command—at least \$45 cash investment by every civilian, \$18.75 by every officer and enlisted man.

The Strother Field drive will open concurrently with the national drive on Armistice day. It will continue until New Year's day, 1945.

Although the quota is somewhat larger than was that of the Fifth War Loan, Lieutenant Shore expects that given full co-operation of all civilians and military personnel, the goal can be achieved with little trouble. During the Fifth War Loan, the Strother Field personnel invested \$71,370.75 in war bonds in addition to the regular payroll deductions which totaled \$48,731.89.

SF Personnel Sets Pace in War Bond Buying

Strother Field military and civilian personnel paced the 72nd Fighter Wing pack in the purchase of war bonds during September, and civilians—both War Department and non-War Department—snatched off first honors in the entire Second Air Force, according to statistics just received by 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, war bond officer.

War Department civilians who participated 100 per cent with 12.3 per cent of payroll and Post Exchange civilians who participated 100 per cent with 13.3 per cent of payroll held top rung of the war bond ladder in the Second Air Force when all reports were in. Together, they invested \$13,842.50 in bonds during the month.

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Second Air Force Official Photo.

released from Russian concentration camps, or those who had escaped from Poland, and fought the invading Nazis in France, and from France had made their way to England to join the RAF.

Of his 480 hours in the air, Lt. Bezusko flew 300 overseas, most of them in an air gunners' school in England, training pilots who flocked in from all over the globe.

"Pilots from the United States, from China, from all the countries allied with Great Britain in the



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Here are members of the Statistical Control office, all of whom do an important job at Strother Field. Seated, left to right, are:—2nd. Lt. Charles A. Detrick, personnel statistical officer; 2nd. Lt. Raymond L. Worthington, chief statistical officer; 2nd. Lt. James D. Spratt, operational statistical officer. Second row, left to right:—Mrs. Omega Hartley, Mrs. Marie Beverino, Pvt. Ilse de Levie, S/Sgt. Meyer Seide. Back row, left to right:—Sgt. Robert D. Sferra, Pfc. James A. Roberts, S/Sgt. Robert L. Hunke, S/Sgt. Robert E. Morris and Pfc. Fred Von Essen. Pvt. Willard F. Stager, also of the department, is not shown.

The War and You

Obscured from day to day and from hour to hour by the resounding clamor of headlines, clangorous announcement of victory and defeat, mouth filling cacophony of far, exotic place names, is the real job being done by GI Joe as an individual.

It is easy to let him vanish in the fog of war, to take a mental short cut and to think in the smooth phrases of headline and commentator. "Stubborn fighting rages today in the little town of Watzitzname," becomes a familiar phrase, quite hiding the picture of a corporal bleeding to death under an apple tree, of a private dining for the twentieth consecutive time on cold K ration, of a sergeant quietly leading his men to almost certain death.

"Bad weather slowed operations today in the mountains of Mxy-plyxzet," is another catch phrase that is easy to read, hard to properly assimilate. The words are poor substitute indeed for the weight of an overcoat soaked through with icy rain, for the interminable agony of lifting feet that have become giant distortions masked in clay and mud, for the dreary disgust engendered by the prospect of a night of sleep in inches of slush and mud, for the effort needed to get up after such a night and go on and fight.

There is no possible way that words can convey the impact on the mind of a boy from Garden City, New York, or Dallas, Texas, of his first sight of a dead man lying quietly in the sun; or the impact upon his flesh of a wound.

These things are part and parcel of "the fog of war," the barrier, at once impalpable and impenetrable, that must always exist between observer and participant.

Similarly obscured from us as individuals and observers are the beliefs and passions, the admirations and the bitter hatreds which motivate the individual peoples of Europe. We read the same smooth phrases of faction and unrest, of old governments toppled and new experiments tried. We hear of causes lost and won and of old, bitter feuds revitalized once more.

Yet which of us can tell exactly what it is which inspires a Serb guerrilla in his mountains to choose between Tito and Michaelovich, or why a Dutch Queen is loved, or what makes a Magyar conscript fight against Communism. These things are beyond our comprehension in the exact ratio that they exceed our experience.

In the future we must deal with these people. The things that they believe and do will affect our post-war world in greater or lesser degree. We must prepare ourselves to be tolerant where we can not understand, to respect an opinion even though it differ from our own. In brief, if we are to lead or even to survive in the world to come, we must recognize that there are two sides to every question and that issues which are immaterial to us will be vital for others. It will call for tolerance, for compromise, and for good old fashioned pragmatic "horse sense." It will take hard work and hard thinking. It will be worth the cost.

Speaking of--Armistice Day

Twenty-six years ago tomorrow the armistice ending World War I was officially announced. Kaiser Wilhelm fled to Holland while an insignificant little corporal by the name of Adolph Schickelgruber returned to civilian life in Germany with thousands of his defeated countrymen. Allied soldiers retraced their steps over bloody battlefields to return to their homelands—the world had supposedly been made safe for democracy.

Tomorrow, November 11, 1944, twenty-six years later, other Allied armies stand on the same hallowed ground. In these armies are many sons of World War I veterans. On and over the ground on which their fathers fought and died they now prepare for the final onslaught against Nazi Germany—against the little corporal of 1918 whom destiny has placed at the head of Germany today—and who is to perish along with his perverted beliefs of world conquest.

From the graves of Germans in France who died in World War I must come a spiritual warning to their Nazi sons on the anniversary of the 1918 defeat. They too are facing the inevitable disaster that befell their fathers on the same soil.

Our Allied troops in thinking of their fathers and countrymen who fought and died in World War I will tomorrow utter a silent promise in tribute to them, and to future generations—"This Peace WILL Last. The surrender of Germany will be unconditional and she never again will rise as a threat to freedom-loving peoples."

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
THE BIBLE AND THESE TIMES

We are living at a time when the minds and hearts of men are baffled and confused. Seldom in the history of mankind has there been more need than now for the precepts contained in the Greatest of Books.

Human ingenuity and inventive genius have expanded enormously mankind's capacity to satisfy the material and cultural wants of man. Yet in the midst of this potential abundance poverty is still rampant, and suffering and misery are still widespread. The evolution of political thought has created forms of democracy and representative government under which human liberty can flourish to ennoble and fructify the lives of individuals. Yet in many parts of the world there is a drift toward a reversion to a system of tyranny of man over man.

These are some of the problems which weigh upon us today. Where shall we look for the answer? One thing is clear. Our problems do not spring from any material causes, nor from an inability to visualize our potentialities and our possibilities. The roots of our tragic shortcomings lie in the realm of the spirit. Time and again we find ourselves defeated in efforts to improve conditions within and among nations solely because of the spirit, which animates human relationships. Our most earnest endeavors often flounder and founder because we fail to find reliable guideposts in the basic sphere of relations of man to man.

Yet such guideposts exist. They are embodied in a book, the Book of the Ages, the Holy Bible. That Book is indeed, as Lincoln once said, "The best gift which God has ever given to man." It is the revelation of God's will as to the relationship of man to God. It is the most complete and ethical principles. Its precepts have emerged triumphant from the test of centuries as the most constructive basis of human relationships. It is the high water mark of literature. The sublime beauty of thought, feeling and expression, enshrined in its simple but sonorous phrases, has shone undimmed through the centuries. It is more widely loved and revered and read than any other book. Even so, our tragedy is that the Bible is not read enough, pondered enough, followed enough. What we need today, above everything else, is a universal and firm conviction that only if the thought and action of every one of us are guided by the spirit of the Bible, can humanity win through to our ardently desired goal of happy and contented life for all; that if that spirit is cast aside or warped, disaster alone is in store for us.

Humanity desperately needs today a moral and spiritual rebirth, a revitalization of religion. There is no sure way to this supreme goal save through adherence to the teachings of the Bible.—Cordell Hull.



By PVT. EDWARD H. MERTZ

As a result of a meeting of non-coms from Sections A-2 and A-3 with the Special Service Officer last week, Orientation Councils have been established in these Sections. It will be the job of these Councils to help plan, arrange, and conduct interesting and worthwhile orientation activities for their sections under the direction of the Orientation Officer and with the assistance of the Special Service Officer.

It was agreed that these two sections would combine for joint "orientation hours," on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1230 to 1330. This arrangement will make it possible for men who are working on one of these days to attend the next program. This week the program consisted of a film depicting the functions and accomplishments of the Army Service Forces together with a news analysis by Sgt. Ed. Breese of the Public Relations Office.

A similar Council has operated successfully in Sec. A-1 for some time. Enlisted men are appointed to this "Board" to serve six-week periods. They are chosen to represent different levels of rank, work and interests.

Sgt. Fred Fink, Orientation NCO for the 683rd AAF Band conducted an interesting "question bee" during the Orientation Hour last week. The band was divided into two groups as in an old fashioned spelling bee. Instead of words — questions related to current events, war news and general information were used to "spell down" the other side.

Ye Liftings

An officer demanded of a chap in a neatly fitting uniform: "What's the eighth general order?" "I don't know," the guy snapped. "Have you ever been on guard duty?" "Nope." "You don't even know enough to say 'sir'. What department are you in, anyhow?" "I'm the Coca-Cola man."

The average GI is just a dame fool!

Lips that touch wine shall never touch mine, declared the co-ed. And after she was graduated she taught school for years and years and years!

Daffynition: A GI haircut is a patch of hair with white sidewalls.

His ma was Irish and proud of it. His pa was Scotch and fond of it.

GI: "Waiter, bring me some tomato juice for a pick-up." Waiter: "Yes, sir. And what will you have for yourself?"

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.	Win. Dancing. Cards
Ark.	Informal dancing
Sun.	Win. Program—Tues. night girls
Ark.	Bingo. Free call
Men.	Win. Married Couples night
Ark.	Bridge and game night
Tues.	Win. Bridge. Pinochle
Ark.	Do-as-you-please
Wed.	Win. Dancing. Cards. Games
Ark.	Snack Bar party
Thurs.	Win. Field Dance
Ark.	Ping-pong tournament
Fri.	Win. Ping Pong
Ark.	Ping Pong



Q. I served in the Navy before Pearl Harbor and was honorably discharged. After Pearl Harbor, I was inducted into the Army. What I want to know is this: Will my service in the Navy count toward point credit in the War Department's Demobilization plan for the Army which will go into effect after the defeat of Germany?

A. Any service in the Navy after September 16, 1940 will count.

Q. What do Oak Leaf Clusters mean? I know a soldier who has three.

A. Three Oak Leaf Clusters on a ribbon means the decoration has been awarded four times. For instance, an Oak Leaf Cluster on a Purple Heart would mean that the bearer had received wounds resulting from enemy action on two separate occasions.

Jefferson City, Mo. (CNS)—Because of the tobacco shortage, Richard Arens passed out matches instead of cigars in announcing the birth of a daughter.

What's new in your home town?

Enid, Okla. (CNS)—Lefty Bentley tumbled merrily until 2 a.m., then wandered homeward. He climbed a flight of stairs, tumbled into bed and went to sleep. The next morning he awoke to discover that he had spent the night in a neighbor's bedroom.

Houston, Tex. (CNS) — When Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mayton came home from church Sunday morning they found local firemen squirting their roast beef with a hose. The precious stuff had caught fire in the oven.

Detroit (CNS) — Women war workers here are now permitted by law to wear red slacks to work if they wish.

Los Angeles (CNS)—Al Meyers spent all his gas coupons to get 10 gallons of high test fuel in his auto tank. Then, when he tried to start his car, it wouldn't run. His 5-year-old son, Jimmy, knew why. "I heard you talking about the gas shortage," Jimmy remarked. "So I filled the tank with water and vitamin pills."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

DAY	PROGRAM
SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Hear your favorite football team slug it out!
11 NOV.	THEATER—Swing Hostess—Martha Tilton. Cartoon. Short subjects.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Free morning coffee and rolls 9:30 to 7 or we run out. Listen to radio, and remember "if you don't write you're wrong." Free movies at 8:30.
12 NOV.	THEATER—Irish Eyes Are Smiling — Monty Wooley, Dick Haynes. News and short subjects.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Open evening. Why not bring the wife or girl friend out and dance.
13 NOV.	THEATER—No showing.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Section "C" Dance.
14 NOV.	THEATER—Double Feature — When Strangers Marry—Kim Hunter, Dean Jagger. Dark Mountain—Robert Lowery, Ellen Drew.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Game night — checkers, chess, bridge, bingo, ping pong and pool. Play what you like.
15 NOV.	THEATER—Mrs. Parkington—Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. News.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—GI Hop — Ark City and Ponca City gals. Airchords and "Beat the Band."
16 NOV.	THEATER—No showing. Music Appreciation Hour 6:30.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—"As You Were Party." Free coffee and cookies and GI Movies. Do what you want—pinochle or bridge, etc. Talk the blues away with the boys.
17 NOV.	THEATER—The Climax—Boris Karloff, Susanna Foster. Bugs Bunny Cartoon and short subjects.

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Major General Robert B. Williams (left), new commanding general of 2nd Air Force, congratulating Brig. Gen. George P. Tourtellot, commanding general of the 72nd Fighter Wing, Peterson Field, after presenting him with the Legion of Merit Thursday of last week at 2nd Air Force Headquarters. (Official Army Air Force Photograph.)

WAC Detachment News

By PFC. REBA E. MILLER



Something is wrong for they say that all good soldiers have to gripe and I don't hear it in the barracks since I came to Strother Field. I have been trying to decide who or what is to blame and at last I have come to the conclusion that Classification is the reason we have no griping.

Some people are lucky and some aren't. Glynda Bumgarner is one of the lucky ones. She is the envy of all of us every Saturday night when she leaves on an overnight pass for her home in Shidler, Oklahoma.

We are glad that more girls are coming in for it means KP less often. No, really we are glad to welcome you and not for the above reason. Believe me, girls.

It is now past "lights out" so I must sign off. It would never do to be late for that order. FALL IN tomorrow morning. Yes, it is PT bright and early every morning.

Typing Class to Begin Next Week

The first class in the Off-Duty Education program will be held next Tuesday evening in the Winfield high school at 1800. Transportation will be provided and will leave the Service Club at 1730. All personnel who are interested in taking part in this class will meet with the Information and Education Officer at the Service Club tonight at 1830 for enrollment.

Through the cooperation of Supt. Evan Evans of the Winfield high school, several additional classes are being organized and will be announced soon. Every Wac or enlisted man who has not had the opportunity to do so, should indicate his interest in such classes to the special service office at once. There must be at least 15 enrollees to initiate a class so let us hear from you.

Hebrew Group Gives \$13.10 to War Fund

The total sum of contributions to the War Fund Drive at Strother Field was increased by \$13.10 last week when this amount was donated by members of the Strother Field Hebrew Congregation. The contribution was made following the regular weekly Jewish services in the post chapel on Friday evening.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

THURSDAY, NOV. 16TH
1830-2000
Post Theater

The program for next Thursday evening will be an all-request session made up of numbers asked for by members of the weekly audiences.

1. Clair de Lune - - - De Bussey
Moonlight in Music as conceived by that master impressionist De-Bussey. A perfect tone picture of a silvery moonlight night.
2. Symphony No. 1 in C Minor - - - Brahms

Considered the greatest first symphony in music literature, this magnificent work expresses the varied deep feelings and moods of the human soul in music that stirs the listeners with poignancy and deep emotions possible only when inspired by sublime music.

3. Concerto in A Minor - - - Grieg
The most perfect amalgam of piano and orchestra ever written. This music ranges from the most sublime utterances of a composer's feelings through technical brilliance to an almost grotesque humor.

4. Prelude to Act III "Lohengrin" - - - Wagner

Do You Know?

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

Is there any special benefit payable by reason of the death of a person in service? This question was asked in last week's "inquiring Line." The answer given was correct in so far as it goes, but I would like to go into greater detail on the subject.

Besides the benefits derived by the Serviceman's G.I. Insurance the following is available to the soldier's next of kin. (The word serviceman as used here applies equally to enlisted women.)

PENSIONS: The widow, children and dependent parents of any deceased soldier whose death resulted from injury or disease received in line of duty while the United States is engaged in war may be entitled to certain pensions. The amount received depends upon the type of dependency (wife, mother, child, etc.). But the total pension payable can not exceed \$100 monthly.

Pensions will stop—for the child, when it becomes 18 years of age. For the widow, if she re-marries. For parents, when the dependency no longer exists.

Certain evidence is required in connection with such claims. For a widow, a certified copy of the marriage certificate. For parents, a certified copy of the deceased serviceman's birth certificate.

BACK PAY: Back pay and allowances due a serviceman at the time of death will be paid only upon submission of claim. These claim forms may be obtained from any disbursing officer or post adjutant.

GRATUITY PAY: Death gratuity pay equal to 6 months pay at the rate received by such serviceman at the time of his death will be paid to a person he previously designated on his form 41, only if death was not the result of misconduct. It is not required to be shown that death occurred in line of duty.

TAXES: If a man dies while on active duty, his income taxes for the year in which he dies are abated, as well as any unpaid income taxes for prior years.

You Can Buy A House And Lot With A U. S.--Guaranteed Loan

By Camp Newspaper Service

Here's the procedure outlined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs for obtaining a government-guaranteed loan for purchase of a home.

First, go ahead as if no GI Bill of Rights existed, by applying in the customary way to any bank, building and loan association or other loan agency or to an individual lender for the amount you will need. Agencies empowered to make loans will have the official application forms and will know all the latest dope about the program.

It's up to you to convince the prospective lender that the property is suitable for a loan, of a reasonable value, and that you can repay it out of income. (You usually will find the lender anxious to accommodate you, since that is the way he makes his money.) When you've sold your proposition to him, you're finished. The lender carries the ball for the rest of the way.

He will communicate with the nearest Veterans' Administration

office and will be informed of the amount that will be guaranteed by the government. The amount that can be guaranteed has been fixed by law at a maximum of \$2000, although you can borrow as much as your credit is good for and an appraisal of the property justifies. The government is authorized to guarantee up to 50% of loans of \$4,000 or less. The government, itself, does not lend any money.

(If a man and wife both served in the armed services and are eligible for the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights, they may combine their rights and may be able to obtain a guaranty of up to \$4000 on a single property.)

On the government-guaranteed portion of the loan, a maximum interest rate of 4% is permitted. B/Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans' Administrator, emphasized that loans will be based on the "reasonable normal value" of a property, and pointed out that market prices in many sections of the country today do not qualify under the formula required by law.

New CO For Station Hospital

Lieutenant Colonel Edward T. Spunt has been named commanding officer of the Strother Field hospital, it was announced today at base headquarters. He replaces Major Francis C. Dunn, who had assumed temporary command of the hospital when Major John Erickson was transferred several days ago. Colonel Spunt reported here Monday.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., Colonel Spunt entered active service with the Medical Corps in August, 1939. He is a graduate of the Medical Field Service School and the School of Aviation Medicine, and served in the China-Burma-India theater from October, 1943, until August, 1944.

Colonel and Mrs. Spunt are living in Arkansas City.

Section C Has Election Dance

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

On Tuesday night, Nov. 7, Section C held a dance in the service club. At intervals during the evening results of the voting were received over the radio in the club.

The USO girls from Ponca City, Okla., were guests for the event. They were chaperoned by Miss Rose Mackey and the group promised to return for another section party in the near future.

Among the group of twenty young women was Miss Hazel Johnson who sang "I'll Get By," in a professional manner. She was quickly signed up to sing in the Section C part of the GI show to be presented on the field within the next few weeks.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Did you know that Miss Polly Streets, clerk-stenographer in the Provost Marshal office at Strother Field, is a former school teacher? She taught physical education in the Winfield high school before resigning to begin work at the base in January, 1943. Polly's home is in Altoona, Kans., and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Streets. She attended Independence, Kans., junior college for one year and Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kans., for three years before becoming a school teacher. She is 5' 3" in height and her weight is 105 pounds. In case you haven't noticed, her hair is blond and her eyes are blue-grey.

Male Call

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

The Flavor Lasted and Lasted



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"Stop staring—n' get me a towel!"

"STAT" CONTROL

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The Statistical Control Office is directly responsible to the Commanding Officer. It is the section to which all pertinent reports come for auditing and transmission. Systems of check control are set up to insure current and accurate reporting and assembling of statistical information. Specific responsibility is delegated to personnel within each sub-section, Administration, Training, and Maintenance and Supply, for reports which pertain to each.

For example, the Operation Section, headed by Lt. J. A. Spratt, goes into action when the trainee pilots end their flying day. A complete picture of the day's training program is presented, showing the hours flown, gains and losses of aircraft, accidents, progress of each trainee class, aircraft in and out of commission, maintenance efficiency, flying efficiency, and a multitude of other facts needed to get an accurate presentation of the day's activities. Working in close cooperation with this section is the Statistical Section in the Sub-Depot which compiles facts from Maintenance and Supply.

Lt. C. A. Detrick is in charge of the Personnel Section where the day begins with the auditing of the morning reports which are prepared by each administrative section on the base. All changes in the status of personnel are care-

FIGHTER PILOT TRAINEE

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war against Germany were trained by our outfit in England," Lt. Bezusko said. Then came the Japs' attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States' entry into the war, and the common urge of Americans in British service to don the uniform of their mother country. So, in May, 1943, young Bezusko left the Polish squadron of the Royal Air Force to transfer to the United States Army Air Forces with the rank of flight officer.

Back at home, the United States took advantage of young Bezusko's flying experience in England and Scotland. He was allowed to skip the first three stages of cadet training and went directly into advanced school to learn to pilot American planes. In June of this year he was graduated from Eagle Pass Army Air Field.

fully checked. A daily TWX sent to Headquarters Second Air Force lists all changes in personnel such as gains and losses, on-the-job training, disqualifications for overseas duty, and men working out of their MOS. A complete inventory of personnel by MOS is submitted twice a month to higher headquarters. From this inventory overages and shortages are determined, and orders issued transferring men to bases where shortages exist. In this way an equal distribution of man power is obtained.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Cpl. "Tiny" Dunning, No. 28, center on the Strother Field Skyriders basketball team, scores a goal in Monday evening's game with the Walker AAF, Victoria, Kans., team in the opening game of the Second Air Force Area V league. No. 20 is Pfc. William Painter, forward, and No. 27 is Sgt. Lawrence Miller, forward, of the Skyriders.



SPORTS



- BOWLING -

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	7	1
Administration, Dubs	6	2
Communications	4	4
Section A	2	6
Engineers, Scrubs	1	3
Post Headquarters, Bulldogs	0	4

Player	Strings	Pins	Average
Allen	3	356	129
Armstrong	6	866	144
Bagdasarian	3	378	126
Bryan	6	863	144
Enes	6	740	123
Evans	3	354	118
Geery	6	844	141
Gernon	3	402	134
Gluhm	3	455	152
Gnospeilus	6	1035	173
Hayes	6	896	149
Hughes	3	432	144
Kase	6	1058	176
Lyons	3	449	150
Molloy	5	597	119
Mueller	3	437	146
O'Neill	3	381	127
Peterson, C. W.	6	1069	178
Phillips, E. D.	3	331	110
Rackin	6	964	161
Rood	3	449	150
Rose	3	435	145
Schilke	3	435	145
Schrage	3	390	130
Scott	3	368	123
Simon	6	976	163
Sloan	6	723	121
Spencer	6	887	148
Stalk	6	815	138
Weir	3	364	121
Worthington	3	277	92

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Rogers	7	1	.875
Loose Nuts	7	1	.875
Hot Rocks	5	3	.625
Wilcox	4	4	.500
Cloud Pushers	4	4	.500
Photo Flashers	3	5	.375
Sad Sacks	3	5	.375
Monsters	3	5	.375
Rockets	2	6	.250
Tracers	2	6	.250

Player	Strings	Pins	Average
Anderson	3	454	151
Ashwill	6	839	140
Biederman	6	928	155
Boll	6	825	139
Burtis	6	978	163
Brueggman	6	851	142
Byrne	6	912	152
Chow	3	492	164
Church	3	501	167
Cowling	6	880	147
Cunningham	6	811	135
Davin	3	230	77
Davis	6	859	143
Dorrance	3	501	167
Faynor	6	855	143
Gibson	5	729	146
Gooch	6	946	158
Grieves, A. E.	4	636	159
Grieves, W. B.	6	924	154
Harper	3	493	164
Hellreigal	3	529	176
Ingram	3	471	157
Irish	2	323	162
Jones, S. B.	3	501	167
Jones, T. V.	3	447	149
Karell	3	442	147
Kirkman	5	739	148
Kovalak	6	1041	174
Kuhn	6	804	124
Lee	3	487	162
Lillick	6	1057	176
Lorenz	5	840	168
Mattel	6	894	149
Matthews	5	720	144
McIntyre	6	794	132
Ments	4	590	148
Miller	5	763	153
Nemes	3	416	139
O'Connell	7	1056	151
Onisto	4	500	125
Peck	6	917	153
Pelletier	6	959	160
Rekatis	5	677	135
Rescoe	6	816	136
Ricart	3	496	162
Russell	6	949	158
Sabia	6	1076	179
Sedel	6	805	134
Skier	3	384	128
Straub	6	998	166
Stettenfeld	3	509	170
Stevens	6	926	154
Tobias	3	439	146
Torchia	3	476	159
Turner	6	885	148
Volkoff	3	450	150
Wagner	6	955	159
Watts	6	783	131
Warren	6	815	136
Williams	6	905	151
White	3	392	131
Woodruff	3	343	114
Zimmerman	3	355	118

SF PERSONNEL SETS

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Strother Field officers were ninth in participation and third in payroll deductions in the Second Air Force standings, and Strother Field enlisted men who were eighth in participation were ranked eleventh in payroll deduction. However, their investments were sufficiently high to place them first in the 72nd Fighter Wing when the Second Air Force standings were broken down into the separate wing ratings.

Walker AAF Defeats Skyriders In Opening Game of League Play

A fast and hard-driving basketball team from Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kans., opened the Second Air Force Area V basketball league against Strother Field Monday night with a 71-37 win over the Skyriders.

Skyriders Meet Beechcraft In Winfield Saturday

The Strother Field Skyrider basketball team will meet the Beech Aircraft team from Wichita in a non-league game at Winfield tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

Heavy practice sessions have been held in the post gym this week in preparation for the game with Beech. The Skyriders are determined to enter the win column having lost their game Monday night with the Walker AAF team from Victoria, Kans.

The game tomorrow night will be the first one played in the Southwestern College gym in Winfield by the local airmen. A game scheduled last Saturday with the Will Rogers team from Oklahoma City, Okla., was called off when the visitors did not arrive until 10 p.m., having been grounded at Oklahoma City. A good sized crowd of civilian and military personnel was on hand for the game. Admission money was refunded and they left the gym, a disappointed crowd.

Strother Field's next Second Air Force Area V league game will be played away from home. The Great Bend AAF, Great Bend, Kans., will be host to the Skyriders on November 17th.

To Give Armistice Program at Douglass

Details of the program arranged by the Strother Field special service office and to be presented at Douglass Sunday afternoon in connection with the American Legion's observance of Armistice Day, have been announced by 1st. Lt. Floyd Gilbert, Special Services officer.

A choral group of about twenty-five voices, composed of young men and women of the Winfield high school under the direction of Mrs. Leoti Newland, will be featured on the program. Sgt. Louis Cunningham of Strother Field will be among the vocalists who will supplement the choral group.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be 1st. Lt. Adras P. LaBorde Strother Field public relations officer.

You Can Help Prevent Accidents

The full cooperation of all personnel at Strother Field and the bombing and gunnery range, Jet, Okla., is desired in order to prevent disabling injuries.

To be able to meet directives from higher headquarters we must not have more than two military disabling injuries per month and no civilian disabling injuries per month.

Careful observance of the following simple principles will help us climb towards the top in the Second Air Force Ground Safety Program:

- Think what you are doing at all times.
- Walk, never run, unless absolutely necessary.
- When driving vehicles obey speed and traffic regulations.
- Be good housekeepers.
- Take every scratch or injury to the hospital infirmary or civilian dispensary at once.
- Never mix liquor with vehicle driving.

Strother Field scored the first goal in the game played in the auditorium-gymnasium in Arkansas City, the only time the locals were ahead. Excellent teamwork and fast-breaking play of the Walker quintet which is made up of several former collegiate stars was too much for the Skyriders. If Walker Field continues playing the hot brand of ball exhibited Monday night it will easily win the league championship.

Kruger, Walker center, scored 22 points to lead in points scored. He was closely followed by his teammate, Thompson, forward, who made 21 points. "Tiny" Dunning, Skyrider center, scored 12 points to pace the Strother Field team. Miller, forward, was second high with 10 points.

Walker Field built up a lead of 20 points at the halfway mark when the score read 42 to 22. By the middle of the last half Strother Field had cut this lead to 15 points only to have Walker Field begin hitting the basket from all angles and increasing its lead to 34 points by the end of game time.

The game was a tough one for the Skyriders to lose. The one-sided score does not indicate the spirit displayed by the locals who never stopped trying to win the game from beginning to end. It just was not Strother Field's night for a victory.

Strother AAF—37			Walker AAF—71		
Player	fg	ft	Player	fg	ft
Smith, f	1	1	Thompson, f	10	11
Miller, f	5	0	Maus, f	5	2
Dunning, c	5	2	Kruger, c	10	2
Dalak, g	0	3	Engstr'm, g	2	0
Williams, g	1	1	Kelly, g	2	1
Painter, f	0	0	Morales, f	0	0
Nicholas, f	0	0	Rollatin, f	2	1
Bennett, g	2	2	Loman, c	0	2
Hudak, g	0	0	Katz, g	0	0
			Barry, g	0	0
Totals	14	9	Totals	31	9



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Pvt. Paul H. Smith, forward on the Strother Field basketball team, had a lot of experience on the court before entering the service. He played on the high school team in his home town, Sioux City, Iowa, and later was a member of the Morningside College team. He also played basketball at Minnesota University and later was a member of a semi-pro team in Sioux City.



Thanksgiving Day Feast For SF Military Personnel

Approximately one-half ton of tastily prepared turkey along with all the trimmings will be served enlisted men and their guests in the 1,000-man mess hall next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, beginning at 1100.

The mess hall tables are to be covered with gleaming white tablecloths and decorated in a holiday motif. Desserts, which are to be many for this special occasion, will be placed on the tables while the diners will go down the serving line for the many other delicacies on the menu. A charge of 75c



per person will be made for guests of enlisted men. In the case of EM who are on separate rations the charge will be only the customary 25c.

In charge of preparations are Capt. M. R. Weir, director of food services, 2nd. Lt. Brevard M. McLendon, asst. director of food services, S/Sgt. Ralph A. Bean, non-com in charge of the mess hall, Sgt. Frank De Palma and Sgt. O. J. Satterlund, heads of the cook shifts.

The same delicious meal will also be served in the Wac, hospital, Sec. C, mess halls.

Snack Bar Opening Delayed Until 20th

Due to unforeseen delay in arrival of equipment the special service snack bar located west of the service club will not be open until Monday, Nov. 20th.

At that time the snack bar will begin a regular schedule of opening at 0800 until 1100. It will be closed from 1100 until 1300 and then reopened until 2245.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Members of the 269th AAF Base Supply Unit take time out for a group picture during a busy day at Strother Field. In the front row, left to right, are: Sgt. R. J. Rainwater, 1st. Lt. William R. Kase, supply officer; S/Sgt. William A. Sarovec, Pvt. Lillian Nozumi and WO F. L. Hall, assistant supply officer. In the back row, left to right, are: T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, supply sergeant; Pvt. G. D. Barlow and S/Sgt. V. O'Quinn.

THANKSGIVING DAY MENU

Roast Turkey	
Giblet Gravy	
Cranberry Sauce	Nut Dressing
Snowflake Potatoes	Candied Sweets
Fresh Corn	Buttered Asparagus
Sweet Mixed Pickles	
Stuffed Celery	Sliced Tomatoes
Pumpkin Pie	Mince Meat Pie
White Cake	
Ice Cream	Mixed Nuts
Assorted Fruits	Mixed Candy
Hot Rolls with Butter	
Coffee	Lemonade
Cigars	Cigarettes

PX Featuring Xmas Merchandise

This year everyone is being urged to do his or her Christmas shopping early and the way to get in the groove is to take a look around the post exchange. We don't mean the lovelies behind the counters—most of them are taken anyway—but once you get a glimpse of the fascinators, cologne, compacts, costume jewelry, dresser sets, etc., you begin to feel in the Christmas mood.

If you are shopping for dad or a brother you'll find billfolds, pipes, lighters, etc., that will do the trick. The clever stuffed animals will widen the eyes of the youngsters in your family, too.

In fact the many attractive articles now on display and the many more that will be seen in the show cases between now and December 25th will make your shopping problem an easy and enjoyable task. The PX will remain open until 2100 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until Christmas.

Second Air Force Search Unit Team Visits Here

The Second Air Force Search and Rescue program was introduced at this station by Captain F. M. Kackstetter, AC, and Captain R. J. Morgan, MC, of the Second Air Force last Friday in the post theater to all flying personnel. Captain Kackstetter is pilot of the C-64 airplane which is used by the organization for its search and rescue missions throughout the Air Force. Captain Morgan is the paradorctor, who parachutes from the plane to a distressed crew or individual parachutist who is lost or injured too much to be able to help himself, as a result of accident.



Second Air Force Official Photo. Capt. R. J. Morgan explains parachute control.

These men explained their organization and it was brought out that there are four such units now in operation throughout the Second Air Force, operating mostly in (Continued on page 4, column 1)



Second Air Force Official Photo.

1st. Lt. Karl B. Smith, post chaplain, offers a prayer as he stands before the flag flying at half-mast during the Armistice Day ceremonies at Strother Field. To the right, front row, stand Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, and Capt. George N. Rood, adjutant. Back row, left to right, are Lt. Col. Thomas F. Gordon, air inspector, Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer, Lt. Col. Edward T. Spunt, post surgeon and Major Merle W. Allen, administration and services director.

269th AAF Base Supply Unit Does Big Job

Veterans of a deal of hard work, custodians of the more than 70 items of clothing and equipment that go to make the well-dressed soldier in this year of 1944, guardians of bedding issue, shoe salvage, fatigue repair, of pencils, brooms, overcoats and a hundred more items, are Lt. William R. Kase and his staff in Base Unit Supply.

Make no mistake about it, T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, S/Sgt. Varnie O'Quinn and the rest of the boys are one of the hardest working crews on Strother Field. They have to listen to the GI whose shoes, just re-issued for the fourth time to his own specifications, still don't fit, and take the full impact of the weeping and moaning that goes with a statement of charge, and send men out equipped right (with a capital R) for overseas shipment, and work all night where necessary to do the job.

Supply is the repository of more hard luck stories than the chaplain and the income tax department. (Continued on page 4, column 2)

Wacs Lead In Bond Buying

Members of the WAC detachment at Strother Field are leading all other enlisted personnel in the percentage of personnel participating in buying war bonds through allotment, according to figures released today by 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Personal Affairs officer. 52% of the section are buying bonds monthly on this basis.

Following are the other organizations and their percentage figure as of Nov. 1st:

683rd Army Band	40%
Section M	31%
Section A-1	30%
Section A-3	28%
Section A-2	24%
Section C	13%

Seventh Service Command Food Team Gives Lecture Here

A series of lectures and demonstrations at Strother Field by a food services team from Seventh Service Command Headquarters, Omaha, Neb., last week was climaxed by a two-hour talk on vegetable cookery by M/Sgt. William J. Kunec, a Wilkes-Barre, Pa., restaurant manager in civilian life.

The odor and appearance of vegetables, according to Kunec, go a long way towards determining whether they will be palatable. Accordingly, he stressed preparation and cooking of vegetables in ways to make them retain natural color and pleasant odor. Of course, nutritive value should not be forgotten, he added.

"The KP keeps his eyes on the door, looking for the mess sergeant," Kunec explained as he pushed a sharp knife carelessly (Continued on page 4, column 4)

Wac Sees That Males Get Mail

Blonde, smiling, efficient, is WAC Private Eleanor Rosemary Blake, recently assigned to the Strother Field enlisted men's mail room. Originally from the mountains of east coast Pennsylvania, she came to this base via the western mountains of Second Air Force headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo., where she was in charge of the mail room for the WAC detachment.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Lutka of 326 Hiller Ave., Scranton, Pa., Pvt. Blake is a veteran of 14 months in the WAC. During most of that time, and decidedly by her own choice, she has worked as a mail clerk. "I like this job," she says. "When the war is over I want to go on with this work as a civilian; that is, of course, unless I should get married."

The War and You

Woven in and out of the great mass of rumor, lies and stylized propaganda that comes out of Nazi Germany today are recurrent speculations as to the whereabouts, sanity, or death of chief-demon Adolph Hitler himself.

There is of course the story that he is dead and secretly buried and that his fate is concealed because of its possible effect upon the morale of the fighting armies of the Reich. Then there is another tale, more likely to win grim approval from a Goethe and sure to draw sardonic chuckles from the shoddy ghost of Voltaire, that the Aryan superman has gone to earth in his Bavarian lair and spends his days in hysterically inspecting its defenses and his nights hiding in insane fear from the restless and awful ghosts of a murdered generation.

And, too, there are the cynical speculations of so-called "realists" in the game of world politics that the whole eclipse of the master is only a gigantic hoax, decorated and complicated perhaps by plastic surgery and hidden hoards of looted gold, and designed to effect escape from the vengeance of a continent.

These are all guesses, each one plausible in some degree, and should not be weighed too seriously. Apparent absence of the Fuehrer will not win battles. It should not be allowed to obscure consideration of the heir apparent.

Rising greater and more clearly out of the clouds of war is the man who this year delivered Hitler's annual beer-hall speech, the Nazi who, from all indications, is trying on the vacant shoes of his Fuehrer.

Heinrich Himmler is, physically, a little, pudgy fellow with a bland, myopic face, a veritable Madame Toussaud's model for le petit bourgeois. He neither drinks nor smokes nor pursues actresses, but rejoices in a quiet evening at home with pipe and slippers, hausfrau and children by his side. He has, indeed, none of the usual vices, many of the small, everyday virtues.

There is nothing whatever to be said against Himmler except that he is not even remotely human. The brain is the calculated and cruel brain of a spider, fired by the inhuman blood-lust of a wolverine, spurred by ambitions so dark and twisted as to make a Faust seem naive and even childish by comparison.

Here is one of those legendary monsters, so awful to contemplate that his existence will be half disbelieved by his own generation, so monstrous that the superstition of the future will bedeck his legend with moonflower and skull necklace and all the trappings of werewolf and vampire.

That this man can be considered for leader by an embattled nation is proof-pluperfect of the degradation into which the heirs of Siegfried and of "Old Fritz" have sunk. In the elevation of this warped little monster is the final seal upon the doom of Germany, the ultimate sign to an allied world of the true nature of the people against whom we fight. Whoso will follow Himmler now can claim no later mercy, no right of humanity at all.

Speaking of--Thanksgiving

When it comes to turkey and chestnut dressing, our GI buddies overseas are putting on a full-scale carving and nut-cracking act of their own.

Leyte, the fat drumstick of the Philippine Islands, is being expertly cut from the grasp of the Japanese vultures, and the white meat, Luzon, will be next for the returning Americans and their Filipino brothers.

Hitler, if he is still head chef in the Hell's Kitchen of Fortress Europe, or if it is Himmler, has on his hands a hot chestnut in the form of Germany itself. Nut crushers, the Allied armies and air forces, are putting on pressure from the west, east and south. The shell is cracking and soon will reveal the decadent "meat," the heart of Nazism.

May this Thanksgiving Day be the last on which nations suffer the carving of their soil and the souls of their people by aggressors.

Have You Bought An Extra War Bond?

The Sixth War Loan Drive is underway over the nation and at Strother Field. There can be no letup in the purchase of war bonds both in cash and through monthly allotments.

Military and civilian personnel of this 72nd Fighter Wing base paced all other installations in the Wing during September. Officers and enlisted men were first in the Wing in investments while War Department and non-War Department civilian workers took first place honors in the Second Air Force.

These are enviable records and such fine standings are the goal of all personnel at Strother Field during the Sixth War Loan Drive.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
NATION-WIDE BIBLE READING

Thursday is Thanksgiving! On that day Christians all over the world will meet together to praise God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon our nation during the past months. Let not a single Christian of this Field pass the day by without pausing in due recognition and reverence for God and His bountiful care.

On Thanksgiving morning at 1000 there will be a service of worship and praise at the Post Chapel. All men, regardless of faith, are invited to attend. Your wives, families and relatives are welcome. If you have anything at all to praise God for, we shall expect you there. Your parents, wives and sweethearts at home will be in similar services. Why not join together with them?

This Thanksgiving Day will be a special one, for Christians, including service men and women will begin a Nation-wide Bible Reading program on that day. Thirty-three of the most helpful passages for times like these have been selected by our nation's ministers and chaplains. These passages will be read in the 33 days from Thanksgiving to Christmas inclusive.

These are days in which our nation needs to be girded with new moral and spiritual convictions to guide it through the difficult months ahead. If you have never read your Bible regularly over an extended period of time, do it now. You will be amazed at the comfort and strength to be found there.

Join with us in this nation-wide program. The reading for Thanksgiving Day is Psalm 103.

SUNDAY CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Catholic Confession
- 8:00 Catholic Mass
- 9:00 Hospital Service
- 10:00 General Protestant Service
- 11:00 Guardhouse Service

Jobs We Do At Strother Field Athletic Instructor MOS 283

S/Sgt. Chad Y. Vallance of the PT department is a native of Greenwood, Miss., and was scheduled to play guard on the Super-bomber football team until a knee injury in a practice scrimmage knocked him out of season play. He played guard and tackle on the University of Oklahoma team in 1940-41, and entered military service in 1942. He came to Strother Field last September. In describing his work here he says:—

"My job is to organize competitions, and instruct military personnel in the rules and playing of sports. Direct groups in health building exercises and calisthenics. Supervise the conditioning of men in such athletic activities as baseball, basketball, volley ball, and all other sports. Act as coach or referee in athletic meets."

Civilian experience in high school, college, university, or professional athletics as a player, trainer, director, umpire, or referee is required to receive this MOS.

Ye Liftings

The sergeant strode into the barracks. "All right you !*\$((lazy apes—fall out!" he roared.

The soldiers grabbed their helmets and swarmed out—all but one who continued to lie on his back blowing smoke rings.

"Well," roared the sarge. "Well," remarked the rookie, "there were a lot of them, weren't there?"

Roses are blue
Violets are pink,
Immediately after
The thirteenth drink.

A soldier on maneuvers dropped into a general store in a rural community. He saw a dog seated in a chair, pushing checkers on a board with his paws.

"You mean to tell me that dog can actually play checkers?" the GI asked the storekeeper.

"Sure," said the proprietor. "I taught him."

"Why man," exclaimed the soldier, "you could go on the stage and clean up a fortune with a dog that smart."

"He ain't so smart," scoffed the merchant. "I just beat him the last three games straight."

A cute little lass approached the floorwalker: "Sir," she asked, "have you any notions on this floor?"

Floorwalker: "Yes, madam, but we suppress them during working hours."

A cute young thing walked into a dress shop and asked to see some silk dresses. The saleslady tried to convince her she should buy a woolen dress, but to no avail. Finally she asked:

"But why do you insist on a silk dress?"

"I'm tired of having the wool pulled over my eyes!"

Muncie, Ind. (CNS)—Indignant when a cop threatened to arrest her as a jaywalker, a local lady flattened the officer with a blow from her umbrella. She's in the pokey now.

USO ACTIVITIES

- (Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)
- Sat. Win. Dancing Cards
- Ark. Square dance
- Sun. Win. Song Fest. Wed. nite girls
- Ark. Bingo. Free call
- Mon. Win. Married Couples night
- Ark. Bridge and game night
- Tues. Win. Bridge. Pinochle
- Ark. Do-as-you-please
- Wed. Win. Dancing Cards. Games
- Ark. Snack Bar party
- Thurs. Win. Thanksgiving supper given by Elks 6:00
- Ark. Open House. Program
- Fri. Win. Ping Pong
- Ark. Ping Pong



Q. I joined the Canadian Army in 1940. Two years later I joined the U. S. Army and am serving in France now. Will the time I spent in the Canadian Army count toward point credits under the U. S. Army's demobilization plan?

A. It will. The rule is that point credit will be given for service in the armed forces of any of the Allied nations as long as that service was performed at any time after Sept. 16, 1940.

Q. My brother and I are both second lieutenants. We were both commissioned the same day in the AAF. But when we are hanging around together he insists that I walk on his left and take orders from him because he is my senior by a year. How about that?

A. Technically, your brother is on firm ground. AR 600-15, Par. 4, states that officers of the same date of rank and same length of service shall rank according to age.

What's new in your home town?

Chicago (CNS)—Pearl Feld, an employee of the public library here for 35 years, recently quit her job. "I want to catch up on my reading," she said.

Cincinnati (CNS) — The front door (locked) of a downtown tobacco store bore this sign: "Out of cigars. Out of cigarettes. Out of gum. Out of town."

Dearborn, Mich. (CNS) — After the war the Ford Motor Company will market a new low-priced car which will be 20 to 24% cheaper than the pre-war Ford, according to Henry Ford II, president of the company.

Detroit (CNS)—Suing for divorce, Mrs. Donna Willett claimed her husband gave her 48 black eyes in 2 years.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS) — Bill Duncan, proprietor of a restaurant, was jailed on the charge of a customer who complained that Duncan forced him—at gunpoint—to eat a steak.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Hear your favorite football team slug it out!
18 NOV.	THEATER—Desperados (Revival)—Glenn Ford, Randolph Scott, Evelyn Keyes. Cartoons and short subjects.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Free morning coffee and rolls 9:30 to ? or we run out. Listen to radio, and remember "if you don't write you're wrong." Free movies at 8:30.
19 NOV.	THEATER—And Now Tomorrow—Alan Ladd, Loretta Young. Army-Navy Screen Mag.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Juke Box Hop—Post Girls, Wacs and GIs. C'mon over and jump to the jive.
20 NOV.	THEATER—No feature shown.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Section "C" Dance.
21 NOV.	THEATER—Strange Affair—Allen Joslyn, Evelyn Keyes. Short subjects.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Game night — checkers, chess, bridge, bingo, ping pong and pool. Play what you like.
22 NOV.	THEATER—****For Whom the Bell Tolls—Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman****. News. One feature 1900.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB—Open night. No dance this week, but remember you can always roll the rug back and use the juke box.
23 NOV.	THEATER—For Whom the Bell Tolls—One performance, Matinee 1400.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB—"As You Were Party." Free coffee and cookies and GI Movies. Do what you want—pinochle or bridge, etc. Talk the blues away with the boys.
24 NOV.	THEATER—Babes on Swing Street—Peggy Ryan, Ann Blythe, Leon Errol. Cartoon and short subjects.

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M/Sgt. William J. Kunec of the Seventh Service Command Headquarters food service team, is shown with a vegetable display used in connection with food demonstrations and lectures for mess personnel of Strother Field last week.

Do You Know?

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

"I am not eligible for education benefits the G. I. Bill of Rights give us soldiers. But I have a wife and children waiting for me back home. How will I be able to support them? Who is going to help me get a job?"

Your government will do all within its power to aid you in re-establishing yourself in civilian life.

First, it has made provisions for you to be able to obtain your old job. You may get your old job back if you are still qualified to perform the duties of the position and apply for re-employment within 40 days after your discharge. If you have trouble in obtaining re-employment you should immediately contact your local Draft Board and they will help you. The same holds true if you held a civil service position prior to entry into military service. If your former position is not available you are entitled to one "of like seniority, status, and pay."

Secondly, if you desire to establish yourself in another job the government is again ready to help. Should you apply for a civil service position you will get special consideration. Certain civil service jobs will be open only to veterans, while other examinations will give veterans an extra 5 or 10 points. If you would rather have employment with a private concern, your government is ready to help you find a position through the U. S. Employment Service and the Veterans' Administration.

To better fit you for another job, a program of Apprenticeship and Vocational Training is being set up under the supervision of the Veterans' Administration. To take advantage of this program you need only apply to your local Veterans' Administration office.

"Showdown at Sawtooth," a modern mystery-comedy, will be presented in the post theater Monday, Nov. 27, by the St. John's College players of Winfield. Dr. E. A. Wolfram of the college faculty is director of the production. Curtain call is set for 1915.

WAC Detachment News

By
PVT. BETTY BARATH



Irene Lipke and Arna Holm are two happy Wacs headed home for their furloughs to Chicago and Massachusetts respectively.

A GI party is in full swing at the dayroom with volunteers setting up furniture and making additional changes to improve the general appearance of the place.

Soon the whole detachment will be going out wholeheartedly for sports in one way or another. Bowling is only the beginning. Pfc. Eberhart, captain of our team, made the high score of the week with 169.

Our enlisted women are intellectuals to say the least. Several attending the new typing classes have put in a request for a course in psychology.

A. C. USO Plans Parties

An open house for enlisted men and their wives or dates will be held in the Arkansas City USO next Thursday evening, Nov. 23rd. There will be a program by Chilocco Indian school students presenting tribal dances, and games for the entertainment of guests. On the 25th there will be a "corny" party featuring a square dance. An orchestra from the Chilocco Indian school will provide the old-time music for the occasion.

Writing Room In Club Open Mornings

The writing room of the enlisted men's service club will be open each morning at 1000 beginning Monday, Nov. 20th. The room which has writing desks, easy chairs, books and magazines, will offer a place for men working nights to relax and write those letters home.

The outside entrance to the room, on the west side of the building will be used instead of the entrance leading from the interior of the club.

Safety On and Off The Base

We are requested by Second Air Force Headquarters to reduce the disabling injuries to military personnel at Strother Field to two cases for November and one for December. We already have five disabling injuries for November. What can we do in December? If everyone will carefully observe the following preventions we can meet the request from higher headquarters:

Think what you are doing at all times.

Is this the safe way to do this particular act?

Will my action possibly injure myself or some other person?

Obey traffic rules when driving motor vehicles.

Never drink liquor and then drive.

Be cautious at all times and especially so in unlighted or poorly lighted buildings or premises.

Start early, drive carefully, arrive safely.

The sincere and wholehearted cooperation of all military personnel of this station is urgently solicited in our program for decreasing accidents and disabling injuries.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

WAC Private Eleanor Rosemary Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Lutka of 326 Hiller Ave., Scranton, Pa., smiles at her work as mail clerk at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. Veteran of 14 months in the WAC, she enjoys her work, wants to continue it later as a civilian.

Thanksgiving Day Dance Winfield USO

An informal dance in the Winfield USO will be held Thanksgiving night, Nov. 23, with music provided by a local orchestra. The Elks lodge members are to provide refreshments for enlisted men and their wives or girl-friends attending the holiday party.

Writers in Service To Get Fellowships

New York (CNS)—Annual fellowships for service personnel, both men and women, officers and EM, who demonstrate potentialities for creative writing, are available from the 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation. The Fellowships are worth \$1500, and are payable both to personnel on active service and to honorably discharged veterans.

Here's how you qualify:

Submit a book or play, either in full draft, part of draft, or in outline form, together with at least 1 completed chapter (to indicate your approach to your material), to Bertram Bloch, eastern story editor for 20th Century-Fox, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. A committee of judges will pass on the literary, originality of the idea material and the possibilities for full-length development by the author. If your contribution is considered to have sufficient merit, a fellowship award will be made and you will then have one year to complete a full-length book or play.

At present, 20th Century-Fox contemplates award of approximately 25 fellowships, but the number may vary, depending on the quality of the submissions. The awards will be made on the basis of individual merit and not in competition with other entries.

Chicago (CNS) — Lee Cooper, 39, was arrested for strolling down the street in the nude. In court he explained to the judge that he "hadn't noticed" he was undressed.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Here in Sec. C, we have an organization within an organization, a wheel within a wheel as it were, as an A. M. Club has been organized. Composed of six trainee-mechanics, Pvts. Winslow, Hogan, Groynn, Allen, Sampson and Parkins, all who have art as a hobby. Their meeting-room has the walls decorated with drawings, pictures and murals, most of this work being done by Pvts. Winslow and Hogan.

There was no dance given by Section C at the Service Club this Tuesday night.

The Orientation program on Monday evening featured the picture "Court Martials." As an added attraction News-Digest and R. A. F. Magazine were shown. Sgt. Meredith Knox operated the projector.

Thanksgiving Day Matinee at Theater

"For Whom the Bell Tolls," the motion picture version of Ernest Hemingway's famous book, will be shown in the post theater Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon of next week. Due to the length of the production there will be only one show each day. The picture is scheduled for 1900 Wednesday evening and 1400 Thursday afternoon. There will not be a show in the theater Thursday evening.

No Music Appreciation Hour is scheduled for Thursday evening



Second Air Force Official Photo.

This week's pin-up is Miss Marian Garrick of the commissary office. The picture could appropriately be titled "Something for the Boys" as she is in charge of field rations. Marian is the daughter of Mrs. Frances Garrick and her home is in Winfield where she attended high school before coming to work at Strother Field in February of this year. The exotic type, she has dark hair, olive complexion and gray eyes. Her height is 5' 4 1/2" and she weighs 114 1/2 pounds.

Male Call

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



How Vargan One Go With These Things?



SECOND AIR FORCE

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the mountainous sections of the States. When any Base Commander reports one or more of his aircraft one hour overdue and unreported, to Headquarters Second Air Force, the Search and Rescue Unit begins operation. The pilot and paratrooper ready their plane with the most advanced types of emergency equipment including medical supplies. Also, a specially trained group of ground searchers including military and civilian personnel in the area of search, initiate a hunt for the lost plane or crew or both. Radio contact is maintained between the ground searchers and the searching plane.

Captain Morgan explained that he is an Aviation Medical Examiner and received his parachutist training with the U. S. Forest Service in the northern section of the country. In addition, he was sent to Fort Benning and completed the same training which is given to all paratroopers.

After their talks and demonstration of some of the supplies and equipment which is used in their work, Captain Morgan proved that what they say is what they do. He proceeded out to the plane and after a short flight, he jumped and landed in the middle of Strother Field. All who saw the performance wished the paratrooper plenty of luck. No one was anxious to change jobs.

The talks and demonstration were arranged by 1st. Lt. J. A. Eisenhart, personal equipment officer of Strother Field.

269TH AAF BASE SUPPLY

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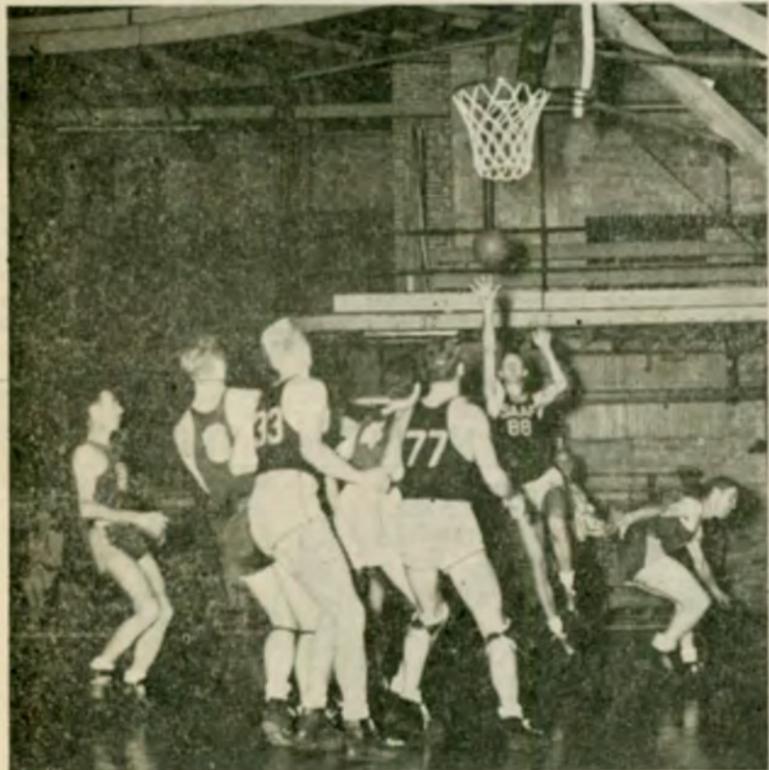
ment combined. A good supply man gets to know a "snow job" from afar before the weather even turns cool and to extract the paragraph of truth from the chapter of woe, weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth that accompanies every request for a new pair of fatigues.

In spite of all that they, somehow, manage to keep their faith in humanity at the Supply Room here at Strother. Polled by the Flier, the staff as one man stood up for GI Joe. He not only gets the best clothing and equipment in the world, they said, (speaking over the wails of an embattled staff sergeant plaintively demanding new fatigues) but he takes the best care of them as well. Naturally the Class A uniforms get the best care, but all clothing and equipment is well looked after by the men.

The interview was terminated abruptly at this point by the unmusical entrance of a private waving a pair of almost new shoes in one hand and vociferating with the energy and volume of a pack of good sized beagles hot on the trail.

The Prairie Flier fled back to the comparative peace and quite of its own lair.

Madison, Wis. (CNS) — Quentie Oliver, 9, fell into a well while trying to rescue his puppy, which had fallen in earlier. Attempting to rescue Quentie, a fireman fell in. All were rescued finally.



Pfc. Lawrence Miller, No. 88, forward on the Skyriders basketball team, shoots a one-handed shot at the basket during the game last Saturday with Beech Aircraft of Wichita. The game was played in the Southwestern College gym at Winfield. No. 77 is Sgt. Don Nicholas, forward, and No. 33 is Pvt. Paul Smith, guard on the Strother Field quintet.



SPORTS



- BOWLING -

OFFICER'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	11	1	.917
Administration, Dubs	10	2	.833
Section A	6	6	.500
Communications, Candles	4	8	.333
Engineers, Scrubs	1	7	.125
Headquarters, Bulldogs	0	8	.000

Records

High Individual Single—Kase	224
High Individual Total—Rose	609
High Team Single—Inspectors	867
High Team Total—Inspectors	2445

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Name	Strings	Pins	Average
Allen	6	796	133
Armstrong	9	1303	145
Bagdasarian	3	378	126
Bryan	9	1361	151
Chick	3	444	148
Covington	3	440	147
Di Carlo	3	391	130
DiGiglia	3	444	148
Drothard	3	437	146
Enes	9	1057	117
Euart	9	1307	145
Evans	3	354	118
Geery	6	844	141
Gernon	6	790	132
Gluhm	6	894	149
Gnospeilus	9	1589	177
Hayes	9	1310	146
Hughes	6	784	131
Kase	9	1556	173
Lyons	3	449	150
Molloy	3	597	119
Mueller	6	944	157
O'Neill	6	798	133
Peterson, C. W.	6	1069	178
Phillips, E. D.	3	331	110
Rackin	9	1452	161
Rood	3	449	150
Rose	8	1345	168
Schilke	6	884	147
Schrage	3	390	130
Scott	6	724	121
Simon	6	976	163
Sloan	6	723	121
Spencer	9	1409	157
Spratt	3	313	104
Stalk	9	1257	140
Weir	3	364	121
Worthington	6	589	98

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Rogers	7	1	.875
Loose Nuts	7	1	.875
Hot Rocks	5	7	.416
Wilcox	5	7	.416
Cloud Pushers	8	4	.666
Photo Flashers	4	8	.333
Sad Sacks	6	6	.500
Monsters	6	6	.500
Rockets	2	6	.250
Tracers	2	6	.250

Records

High Individual Single—Sabia	230
High Individual Total—Sabia	583
High Team Single—Rogers	902
High Team Total—Rogers	2519

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Name	Strings	Pins	Average
Anderson	6	955	159
Ashwell	9	1306	145
Biederman	9	1364	152
Boll	6	825	139
Burts	6	978	163
Bruggeman	9	1287	143
Byrne	6	912	152
Chow	6	888	148
Church	6	963	161
Clark	3	371	124
Cowling	9	1347	150
Cunningham	6	811	135
Davin	3	230	77
Davis	9	1334	148
Dorrance	6	1027	171
Drost	5	813	163
Faynor	9	1315	146
Flynn	3	451	150
Gibson	8	1165	146
Gooch	6	946	158
Grieves, A. E.	4	636	159
Grieves, W. B.	9	1408	156
Harper	6	945	158
Hellreigal	3	529	176
Ingram	6	956	159
Irish	5	830	166
Jones, S. B.	3	501	167
Jones, T. V.	6	943	157
Karell	3	442	147
Kirkman	5	739	148
Kovalak	6	1041	174
Kuhn	9	1263	140
Lee	6	917	153
Lillick	6	1057	176
Link	3	397	129
Lorenz	8	1318	165
Mattel	9	1263	140
Mattheus	8	1135	142
McIntyre	9	1200	133
Mentz	7	1112	159
Miller	8	1244	156
Morgan	3	443	148
Nemes	6	883	147
O'Connell	10	1581	158
Onisto	7	995	142
Peck	9	1311	146
Pelletier	9	1459	162
Rekatis	5	677	135
Rescoe	6	816	136
Ricart	6	1094	167
Russell	9	1386	154
Sabia	9	1544	172
Seidel	9	1191	132
Skier	3	384	128
Straub	9	1472	164
Stettenfeld	3	509	170
Stevens	9	1497	166
Tobias	6	834	139
Torchia	3	476	159
Turner	9	1325	147
Volkoff	6	878	146
Wagner	9	1385	154
Waits	9	1236	137
Warren	9	1263	140
Williams	9	1326	147
White	6	892	149
Woodruff	6	685	114
Zimmerman	3	355	118

Skyriders Play Great Bend AAF In Second Air Force League Game

The Strother Field Skyrider basketball team plays its first Second Air Force Area V league game on a foreign court tonight. Scene of the contest is Great Bend, Kans., where the GB Army Air Field quintet will be host. This is the second league game for the Skyriders, the first played in Ark City last week resulted in a win for the Walker AAF, Victoria, Kans., by a score of 71 to 37.

A tentative starting lineup for the Strother Skyriders in tonight's game was announced by Lt. Jack G. Williams, base physical training director.

M/Sgt. Peyton Horton, Transylvania College star is a sure starter at one of the guard positions.

The center post will be taken by either Cpl. "Tiny" Dunning, 230-pound defensive pillar, or Pfc. William Painter, three-year letterman at Southern Methodist University.

Pvt. Paul Smith and Pfc. Lawrence Miller, six-foot-two basketballers who have seen plenty of action in all of Strother's games to date, are slated to open at the forward positions, although S/Sgt. Eugene Bennett and Sgt. Donald Nicholas are strong contenders.

Two home games for the Skyriders will be played in the Southwestern gymnasium, Winfield, next week. Monday evening at 2000 the local team will meet the Topeka Army Air Field quintet in a league game. Topeka lost a thriller to Herington AAF last week by the score of 48 to 47. The Dalhart, Tex., AAF team will play the Skyriders in Winfield on Wednesday evening.

The Skyriders lost to the powerful Beech Aircraft team from Wichita last Saturday night in Southwestern gym by the score of 44 to 69. The Beech quintet composed of several former college stars used its advantage in height to take many rebounds off the backboard and fire them for tallies. The Skyriders played a smoother game than against the Walker AAF but were unable to overcome the first-half lead built up by the Beech team. The locals scored four more points in the last half than the visitors. Lawrence Miller, SF forward, led his teammates in scoring with 14 points while Heutter, Beech guard, hit for six goals and six free throws to tally 18 points.

SPORT SHORTS

By S/SGT. ROBERT L. HUNKE

Next week the Skyriders have two important dates on the calendar; meeting Topeka on Monday night and the Dalhart V H's Wednesday, both games to be played in Winfield. Sapan, Long Island university player for three years, Williams of Duquesne, and Joe Moussiaux, ex-college player (formerly of SF) are traveling with the V H squad. . . . Lt. Williams coach of the Skyriders, helped to develop the Dalhart team before coming to Strother. . . . The Wacs are starting basketball practice soon; whether or not they will play men's rules is still undecided. . . . By the way, intersection basketball starts soon, sections should line-up potential material. . . . The fans like "Tiny" Dunning on the court. . . . Emil Dalak, playing great ball at the guard position is transferring to Salina — the Skyriders will miss him. . . . Right now, Coach Williams is looking for a man to fill his shoes. . . . An impromptu officers team is secretly practicing to meet the Skyriders. . . . The cage fans will miss Major Boxley on the court this season. . . . Salina AAF dropped out of the Area V league play, lack of personnel being the reason. . . . Strother is playing in Great Bend tonight.

SEVENTH SERVICE

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through the middle of a large carrot, "and here's what you get. All the food value is gone. Might as well cook a batch of shoes to feed the men."

The food services team stressed conservation in all of their discussions, and according to Sgt. Kunec a cut in waste of up to 75% is possible if their policies are adopted. Simple things, such as cutting bread slices diagonally in two, he pointed out, can be important conservation factors.

"That way," said the sergeant, "a man can take one and a half pieces when one is not enough and two are too many."

T/Sgt. Merle Jones, a veteran of 22 years in the infantry as a mess sergeant, discussed field cooking and field mess management while S/Sgt. Glen Duerre passed on to the local bakers some of the things he learned in twelve years of civilian pastry experience. Sgt. Edwin Batton gave a demonstration on the cutting and cooking of meats.

M/Sgt. Kunec expressed appreciation for the co-operation he received from Captain Morris Weir, food services director, 2nd. Lt. Lt. Brevard McLendon, asst. food services director, and all mess personnel on the field during his team's stay here. He also had a good word for the food, saying the methods of preparation, quality, and so on, were superior. The sergeant rated the general mess here one of the best he had visited.

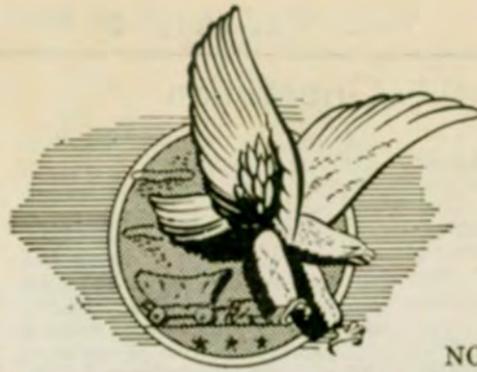
(No, Sgt. Kunec said in answer to a query, he was sorry, but he did not have any suggestions for easing the KP's lot.)

Newtown, Conn. (CNS) — The police have uncovered a new black market here—in bathtubs.



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Pfc. Lawrence Miller, forward on the Skyrider team, was high-point man for the local team in the game last Saturday with Beechcraft, scoring 14 points. Miller attended high school in his home town of Buffalo, N.Y., where he participated in all sports. He is a mechanic at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.



St. John's Players To Present Mystery-Comedy Monday Night

"Showdown at Sawtooth," a three-act mystery-comedy, will be presented in the post theater Monday evening, Nov. 27, at 1915 by the St. John's College players. The production is being brought to the base for the free entertainment of military personnel through the special service department.

Dr. E. A. Wolfram, social science teacher and debate coach of the school, will direct the play, a modern mystery touched by the current war.

The scene is a small, antiquated hotel out in a lonely desert valley below two mountains, fifty miles from nowhere. On the highest peak, Old Sawtooth mountain, is an air beacon which makes its solemn rounds at regular intervals. Slim, desert proprietor of the hotel and tender of the beacon, is played by Willis Ude. "Frosty" White, as Martha Ward, acts as the pretty, young, restaurant owner across the road. Ben Lawrence, a ne'er do-well prospector who seldom has any money and less ambition, is portrayed by Jim Hennig. Other members of the cast

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Chapel Wedding A 'Drab' Affair

Strother Field's first wedding ceremony in which both bride and bridegroom are in service was held in the post chapel last Friday evening.

WAC Pvt. Dorothy Marie Robertson of Corsica, Tex., became the bride of Cpl. John R. Ferrell formerly of the base photo lab and whose home is in Ft. Worth, Tex. The word "formerly" is used with a note of sympathy. John was



Second Air Force Official Photo. Rice and a transfer.

transferred to the Fairmont, Neb., army air field Tuesday of this week and had received the news of his leaving Strother Field the day before his wedding.

The bride is a file clerk in the commissary office at the Fort Worth, Tex., army air field and came to Strother Field on a 3-day pass for the wedding. She has been in service seven months and first met John four months prior to her enlistment.

Sgt. Charles Deane, also of the photo lab, was best man and Mrs. Deane was matron-of-honor



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Mrs. Betty Howard and S/Sgt. W. E. Biederman of message center, put the heat to the mercury in the Sixth War Bond Drive thermometers registering percentages in the cash purchase of bonds. Military personnel have an edge with 10% of the goal already in, but the latest figures for civilian purchases will zoom the mercury up when they are reported to 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, Personal Affairs and War Bond officer.

It Is Now Lt. Col. M. W. Allen

Merle W. Allen, director of station services at Strother Field, has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel. The promotion was effective November 14.

Lieutenant Colonel Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Allen of Fort Scott, Kansas, came to Strother Field two years ago to head the ground training department. Previously, he had held similar positions at the army air bases at Coffeyville, Kansas, and Lubbock, Texas. He became director of station services last February.

A graduate of Manhattan high school and Kansas State college, the colonel's last position before entering active duty with the Army Air Forces was that of teacher and coach at the Coffeyville junior college.

Good Conduct Medal To Fifty-Six EM

Fifty-six Strother Field enlisted men last week received the Good Conduct medal. A Good Conduct medal signifies that the enlisted man who wears it has completed one year of active federal service during wartime during which he has achieved a character and efficiency of "excellent" or better, that he has had no convictions by any courts martial, and that his organization commander has authorized him by certificate to wear the medal. It is an award for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.

THE ENEMY IS STILL THERE!
Keep Buying  Extra Bonds!

Time-Saving Device Now in Use At Classification

There are no "forgotten men" at Strother Field. If you ever have the feeling you're just another GI Joe at this 72nd Fighter Wing base and unknown in base headquarters, you are sadly mistaken.

The Classification office not only has your number but all other important information concerning you and your job neatly tabulated on a newly installed chart board. The idea of the time-saving device was originally that of S/Sgt. Fritz Ruebesam, formerly of the department, who was recently transferred from Strother Field.

The chart, approximately 5' by 4' in size, is covered with a leatherette facing. Slits in the facing contain small cards bearing the names of enlisted men, their rank, MOS, whether or not qualified for overseas duty, date of overseas service, whether now in the post hospital, on DS, AWOL, furlough, etc.

If the card bearing a soldier's name is white it indicates he has not served overseas and is not permanently disqualified. A yellow card indicates he has served overseas and bears the month and year he returned to the United States. A blue card indicates the soldier is permanently disqualified for overseas service due to medical reasons. A pink card superimposed

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New Hostess For Service Club

The Strother Field enlisted men's service club is to have a new hostess within the next few days according to word received by the special service department this week.

The new hostess is Eula L. Flagler who has been stationed at the Pratt army air field, Pratt, Kans.

Military and Civilian Personnel Enjoy Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday schedules prevailed yesterday, Thanksgiving Day, at Strother Field, thus giving a holiday to all but skeleton crews in each department, and permitting civilian employees to join their families for the occasion.

Wellington Visitors Entertain Patients

Strother Field soldiers were entertained by and entertained a sizeable group of visitors from Wellington, representing the Camp and Hospital Council of the Red Cross chapter in that city Tuesday evening, when a Thanksgiving season party was held in the convalescents' day room in the station hospital.

The program, given by Wellington high school students, included a variety of musical and dancing talent, and was highlighted by the appearance of a group of Wellington Crusader football players dressed as chorus girls, who put on a singing act.

The visitors' program was supplemented by performances by two Strother Field soldiers, T/Sgt. Geo. Rozwick, accordionist, and Staff Sergeant Jack T. Smersh, imitator. Staff Sergeant Smersh put on a side-splitting pantomime representing Major Francis Dunn, surgeon, performing a major operation.

To climax a program which found high favor with the hospital patients, members of the Wellington Camp and Hospital Council served punch and cake.

Observance of the day at Strother began with services of worship at ten o'clock in the post chapel. Military personnel and their guests participated in an hour of devotion, climaxed by a Thanksgiving message by Chaplain Karl B. Smith based on the Scriptural passage, "Bless the Lord, O My Soul."

Trimnings to satisfy the most fastidious epicurean fancy greeted military personnel when they entered the various mess halls yesterday.

Roast turkey and giblet gravy headed an attractive menu, which was uniform wherever American servicemen and women are stationed. Some idea of the magnitude of the task involved may be gained from the fact that half a ton of turkey was prepared in just one of the five mess halls here.

Bakers and their helpers in the field bakery turned out close to 250 mince-meat and pumpkin pies, 30 sheets of white cake 26 by 18 inches in size, and in the neighborhood of 4,000 rolls. The bakery does not handle pastries for the officers' club or the colored mess. The cakes and pies for the other mess halls were made during the afternoon and night Wednesday, and from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day attention was devoted to the rolls.

USO-Camp Show, 'Who Goes There?' Scheduled For Post Theater Dec. 1st

WHO GOES THERE is a title as well as a challenge. It is the name of USO-CAMP SHOWS' new pageant of comedy and specialties which will be shown in the post theater on Friday, December 1. Servicemen are invited to enjoy another big evening of fun and excitement, and the admission is free.

Sec. E Wins Safety Plaque Third Time

Section E, commanded by Capt. Chester A. Detrich, Jr., Saturday was awarded the safety plaque for the third consecutive time. The plaque is awarded twice each month to the section showing the highest score in maintenance efficiency and flying safety. Five consecutive awards entitle the recipient to permanent possession of the trophy.

A-1 entertainment is the password for this slick revue, featuring musicians who really know their stuff, dancers ditto, and singers who can rock a tune in style.

Following is the cast:—
JACK LEONARD, Master of Ceremonies.
ELAINE SEIDLER GIRLS — (6) Dancers.
MARY LEE CARRELL, Singer.
FERRARI & DE COSTA, Musical.
ANNETTE AMES, Singer and Dancer.



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S/Sgt. T. V. Jones, left, explains the features of the new chart board which has been installed in the classification office to Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, center, director of station services. Enlisted men are listed according to MOS and the card system contains vital information on each person, shortening the time usually necessary in "pulling" men for shipment. S/Sgt. D. H. Straus, right, files one of the cards in its proper location on the board.

The War and You

Amidst the veritable logorrhoea of speculation as to the possible date when the war with Japan may be brought to a close there has been almost no suggestion that the industrial home front will force peace in order to escape destruction of Nipponese industry by bombing or other attack. There is nothing out of the ordinary in this attitude, for, with the exception of a few years between 1925 and 1931, the Japanese industrialist, indeed the Japanese civilian, has been politically subordinated to the dominant military clique.

In Japan neither the professional officer caste nor the noctule Black Dragon Society are recruited from elements likely to be solicitous of the fate of industry except as far as industry serves them as a source of munitions and supply. The tradition of the Samurai, or Japanese knightly chivalry, still receives much lip service in both army and navy, but, especially in the army, the officers are chiefly sons of peasants or small shopkeepers. As such their sympathies lie with the little man rather than with the banker or industrial magnate. The rather curious picture is thus presented of the army, which in most countries is a conservative force, being directed from within by elements naturally radical and opposed to the monied interests.

Moreover in any clash of wills the military elements has the power to impose its authority upon the civilian. The ministers of war and the navy, both officers on the active list, have the right of direct access to the Emperor. No civilian minister can come so close to the source of power. In addition no minister not approved by the military can, in practice, enter the cabinet at all.

Back of this legal power too is the shadow of the Black Dragon, secret brotherhood of assassins, which for half a century has cracked the whip of terror over the heads of all who oppose the insensate ambitions of the military clique.

For ten years before Pearl Harbor the officers therefore controlled, directed and moulded the industrial framework of Japan. Every factory, every ounce of raw material, every man hour of labor was geared to war. The whole industrial and commercial system was turned into a vast adjunct to the military services of supply. There was opposition from the civilian monied elements, but it was ruthlessly overborne or drowned in the blood of murdered victims.

The men who have thus subordinated industry will not surrender to save that industry from bombing and destruction. They will regret such destruction only to the extent that it will reduce their means of making war. So long as there are any munitions left in the stockpile the will of the military will be to fight on. And, so far at least, they have the power to enforce that will. Fanatical and desperate, they will fight on as long as there is a plane to fly or a bullet to fire.

Speaking of--Thanks

Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day. For men in service in this country and for many others in distant lands the day meant a delicious dinner of traditional turkey with all the trimmings.

What about GI Joe wallowing in his foxhole on Leyte? The men who struggled through the snow, rain and muck of France, Germany and Italy? Chances are many were not near enough to a chow line to even smell the traditional bird.

Here at home thanks were given for the blessings bestowed upon us but what about the men in the combat zones? What did they have to give thanks for except the fact they were still alive—miserable, but still alive?

The youngster on Leyte gave thanks for the warning sound of a snapping twig beneath the soft-soled shoes of a sneaking Jap's feet. The man in Germany gave thanks that the Nazi sniper's bullet chose his shoulder instead of his chest to rip its fleshy path. The Joe in France gave thanks for the sun that broke through the clouds and meant air support in the drive toward Berlin. These are the things our men overseas gave thanks for yesterday.

We at home, in service or in civilian occupations, have a great deal more for which to be thankful. Warm shelter, good food, entertainment and sound sleep at night. In return for these things it is our duty to put the Sixth War Loan Drive over the top. An extra bond may mean an extra cartridge clip for a brother or son. It may provide that extra hand grenade needed by GI Joe to stop a Banzai charge of fanatical Japs. It may mean a bomb that opens the way for an additional gain in Germany.

Remember the appeal to "buy until it hurts?" You CAN'T buy that much! When you fail to buy your quota of war bonds it is your buddy that gets hurt—with the cold steel of an enemy bayonet or the hot steel of an enemy shell.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Captain Paul Helander landed in England in November, 1943. As pilot of a new Liberator, four-engined bomber, Paul and his crew of nine others were sent on missions over enemy territory almost immediately. "I remember on that first mission," says the captain, "we taxied out where we had to wait about 15 minutes for the other bombers. I felt we should pray so I told the fellows, and led in prayer over the plane's phone. None of the boys were Christians, but they all respected me. God helped us and brought us back on that first mission, so upon returning we gathered around in a circle, and with bowed heads gave thanks to the Lord for His keeping."

"We had not yet named our ship and I was thinking of a name. After that safe journey, I felt the name should be The Good Shepherd. So my crew members painted the name on the bomber's nose with the opening lines of the 23rd Psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd . . . He leadeth me.'"

"After that, we always joined hands in prayer before and after each mission. Sometimes other flyers kidded about the name of our ship and our prayers. After many missions, when we had never been hit, some of the boys asked to be assigned to my ship because they knew that the Lord was with us. Other fellows would ask me to pray for them."

"Our toughest experience was our 21st and last mission. Only by the grace of God did we come through that flight and others almost as bad. Often the skies were darkened with enemy flak and the ship was tossed like a cork on the ocean. But the Lord was very real—He was near and always brought us through."

Helander was afterwards injured by a direct hit over Berlin. The next day, his crew came to the hospital, joined hands, and thanked God for deliverance. Weeks later, he watched his patched-up ship take off for a mission over Munich. The crew just piled into the plane without prayer. The Good Shepherd was shot down and no information concerning the crew's safety has ever been received.

Orientation

A class of 25 GIs completed their third session in typing at Winfield high school on Tuesday. This is the first evening class organized in the new off-duty education program. Beginning on 28 November 1944, this class will meet regularly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Additional evening classes are in process of organization with Basic English and Algebra most likely to start soon. Those interested in one of these should contact the Special Service Office now. GI transportation is used and the Winfield high school furnishes the teachers at no cost to the student.

NCOs in charge of orientation in the various sections of Strother Field met Monday in the Special Service Office to discuss plans for improving the Army Orientation Program. War Department Circular No. 360 dated 5 September 1944, requires one undivided hour per week be devoted to this training during duty hours. Strother Field Regulation 34-1 dated 20 June 1944, sets up the Army Orientation Program for this station.

Pictures of orientation displays in the Station Library, Service Club, Hospital, and Section "C" Day-room were on display at the meeting of Special Service and Information-Education Officers at Topeka recently. A set of these same pictures was also sent to Army Air Forces, Washington, by the Special Service Section of Second Air Force.

All enlisted men are reminded of their chance to compete for prizes totaling \$100.00 offered in the Arts and Crafts Competitions recently announced. Entries may be made on or before 15 December 1944, at the Service Club in ten main categories. If you missed the first announcement regarding this activity, inquire at your orderly-room or at the Special Service Office for complete details.

Ye Liftings

"Wilt thou, John, have this woman as thy wedded wife, to live together insofar as the War Department or Army personnel will allow?"

"Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, take her to the movies and come home promptly when on pass?"

"I will."
"Wilt thou, Mary, take this soldier as thy wedded husband, bearing in mind leave hours, training hours, sudden orders, uncertain mail connections, furlough cancellations and large batches of laundry?"

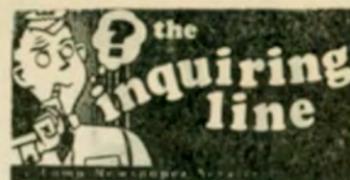
"Wilt thou obey him, serve him, love, honor, and wait for him; learn to wash, fold, and press his summer uniform; keep the smoking lamp lighted at his home; and have plenty of patches to sew on his shirts?"

"I will."
"I, John, take thee, Mary, as my wedded wife from 5 p.m. until 7:30 a.m., or at such time as permitted by my company commander, passes subject to change without notice, for better or worse, for earlier or later, and I promise to write home at least once a week."

"I, Mary, take thee, John, as my wedded husband, subject to the orders of the officer of the day, changing my residence whenever the division moves out, to have and to hold as long as my regular allotment comes through and the gas board is generous; thereto I give my troth."

"You are now man and wife."

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.	Win. Dancing Cards Ark. Square dance
Sun.	Win. Song Fest. Wed. nite girls Ark. Bingo. Free call
Mon.	Win. Married Couples night Ark. Bridge and game night
Tue.	Win. Bridge. Pinochle Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed.	Win. Dancing Cards Games Ark. Snack Bar party
Thurs.	Win. Field Dance Ark. Open House Program
Fri.	Win. Ping Pong Ark. Ping Pong



Q. I was in Hawaii at the time of the Battle of Midway. Am I entitled to wear a battle star on my Asiatic-Pacific ribbon because I was held in reserve for that battle?

A. No. However, if you were in a plane based at Hawaii and actually flew to the battle scene you would be entitled to display a battle star.

Q. My wife and I were divorced after I entered the Army. She gets no alimony, but the court ordered me to pay \$20 a month for the support of our child. Why does the Office of Dependency Benefits deduct \$22 per month from my pay?

A. Under the Serviceman's Dependents Allowance Act, the minimum amount a child can receive in circumstances such as you describe is \$42 per month. For that reason, the Office of Dependency Benefits deducts \$22 from your pay and adds \$20 of government funds. For the extra \$2, your child receives \$20 more.

What's new in your home town?

Butte, Mont. (CNS)—Arrested for pelting fellow customers in a restaurant with green peas, a local resident explained that he was "unstrung" by the war.

Chicago (CNS) — The cigaret shortage has become so acute here that Virginia Thatcher, who runs the tobacco counter in a hotel here is smoking cigars. "Keeps them from asking for cigars," she explains.

Evanston, Ill. (CNS) — A local lady has asked a court to judge her husband insane because he dared to talk back to her.

Houston, Tex. (CNS)—An out-of-state resident rented a home here and was both surprised and dismayed to find a corpse in the cellar. Police learned it had been left there by departing tenants.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Johnny Ryan, a professional bondsman fell asleep and started snoring in court. He was awakened by the judge, who then fined him \$16 for contempt.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT.

SERVICE CLUB • LIBRARY • BOWLING • SWIMMING • GYM • THEATRE.

SATURDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Hear your favorite football team slug it out! 25 NOV. THEATER —Thousands Cheer (Revival)—Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly. Cartoon.
SUNDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Listen to the radio, and remember "if you don't write, you're wrong." Free movie at 8:30. 26 NOV. THEATER —Bowery to Broadway—Maria Montez, Jack Oakie. News and Cartoon.
MONDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Wac-GI Hop—Your favorite recorded music—21:30 to ? 27 NOV. THEATER —"Showdown at Sawtooth"—Modern comedy-mystery by St. John's College Players—1915—Free.
TUESDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Section "C" Dance. 28 NOV. THEATER —My Pal Wolf—Sharyn Moffett, Jill Esmond, Una O'Connor. Cartoon and short subjects.
WEDNESDAY	SERVICE CLUB —Game Night—Checkers, Chess, Bridge, Bingo, Ping Pong and Pool. Play what you like. 29 NOV. THEATER —The Princess and the Pirate—Bob Hope, Victor McLaughlan, Virginia Mayo. Cartoon. News.
THURSDAY	SERVICE CLUB —GI Hop—Winfield and Ark City gals. Your favorite recorded music. 30 NOV. THEATER —Music Appreciation Night—1830 to 2000.
FRIDAY	SERVICE CLUB —"As You Were Party"—Free coffee and cookies and GI Movies. Do what you want—pinochle or bridge, etc. 1 DEC. THEATER —Who Goes There?—USO-Camp Show. 1900—One performance—It's Free.

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RECONNOITERING RACCOON READY FOR REPAST

Seemingly insoluble problems at an Army post are usually laid before the Officer of the Day. When a post engineer employe, Ray Woodard of Arkansas City, accidentally ran over a 25-pound raccoon on the runway this week, he could not quite decide what to do. Then someone suggested calling the Officer of the Day. An insoluble problem? Not this time. It happened that the OD on that particular day, Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, base public relations officer, had trapped and hunted the wily ringtails back in Louisiana years ago. He quickly rolled up his sleeves, skinned the coon neatly, and in ten minutes had presented the fat carcass to the post engineer, Major Cyrus F. Breeden, for freezing in preparation for an early feast in his department.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



Fresh from basic and still conscientious observes of regulations, six new Wacs wandered into our midst this week-end. With much to offer in the way of competition these charming lassies are out to win the war.

The pride and joy of our detachment is the brown eyed, blonde haired warbler, Pvt. Brubaker. As a professional singer in her civilian days she made many public appearances in her home state, Michigan. Pvt. Brubaker's specialty lies in popular songs although she sings classical pieces and opera as well. We are very proud to have her here.

The Wac's rate again. This time the feminine touch was wrought upon our kitchen. We are now sporting dishes.

Lt. Stewart and 1/Sgt. Ormiston are two happy owners of two brand new Cocker spaniels. If the need should arise we hope that our commanding officer does not hesitate to ask us for some of our cleaning equipment.

Rhumb Lines

Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, who was promoted from major last week, is one of the more permanent personalities around SF. He came here in November, 1942, as a captain. For over a year he guided the destinies of Ground School, supervised the ground training of 16 classes of aviation cadets. He became a major in January of 1943 and moved to Headquarters in January of this year to become personnel staff officer. He assumed the duties of director of station services on June 1. . . . Sudden changes in weather indigenous to Kansas will not bother T/Sgt. Clifton R. Bailey of Armament this winter. The sergeant went from Greenland and Iceland to North Africa in the fall of 1942 to win the distinction of the most thoroughly acclimated soldier on Strother Field. . . . When the books were closed on Strother Field's participation in the 1944 United War Relief campaign Tuesday it was revealed that base personnel had contributed \$3470.44. The amount was divided equally between Winfield and Arkansas City for credit towards their individual quotas. . . . The "forgotten men" on DS at Jet, Oklahoma, may be in an enviable spot after all. It seems the Great Salt Plains bird refuge is so near the bombing range there that conservation authorities have sought co-operation of the military in safeguarding the lives of ducks and geese.

Do You Know?

By Pfc. JEROME MARRUS Personal Affairs Unit

If I am unable to find suitable work after discharge from service, how can I obtain help?

Under certain conditions, determined by individual state laws, you are entitled to unemployment compensation benefits based on your work prior to entry into military service. If your state does not provide you with at least \$20 weekly unemployment benefits or if there are no state provisions at all, your Federal government will take care of you.

The GI Bill of Rights provides four weeks of unemployment compensation for each month of active service you put in since September 16, 1940 and before the end of this war. Maximum benefits are a total of 52 weeks.

If you are totally unemployed you will receive an allowance of \$20 a week—if you are partially unemployed you will receive the difference between your wage and the weekly allowance of \$20 plus \$3.

Should you have your own business you are still eligible for benefits if your net earnings in the previous month were less than \$100. The government will make up the difference so that your income will total at least \$100 a month.

Certain conditions are required to be met prior to receiving such unemployment allowances.

More detailed information concerning these benefits may be obtained at your nearest U. S. Employment Service office.

The growing scarcity of men is making a lot of the girls good and lonely.



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Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

In our section is a Golden Glove boxing champion, Charles Gwynn. Fighting out of Columbus, Ohio, and under the colors of Wilberforce U. of Zenia, Ohio, he competed at Boston, Chicago, and Columbus. He won the Ohio state featherweight and light weight championships three times. In 1941 Gwynn put across fifteen straight one-round knockouts thereby rating a plug in Ring magazine.

On the 15th of November Sgt. Meredith D. Knox sang at the Father and Son banquet in the United Brethren church of Arkansas City. Sgt. Knox, a baritone, has traveled from coast to coast with a well-known quartet while in civilian life and also played in a motion picture featuring an all-colored cast.

Charles Winslow, who has drawn many murals at Strother Field, studied art under a Mrs. Landis, an instructor of Harvard U., and a Mrs. Stimpson of Niagara Falls, N.Y. He also attended the Buffalo, N.Y., art school under the sponsorship of a Mrs. Franchot, aunt of Franchot Tone, movie star.

Pfc. Dorothy McKugh, of Metamora, Mich., is an assistant dispatcher at the base motor pool. A member of the WAC since Dec. 20, 1943, she was stationed at Casper, Wyoming, before coming to Strother Field.

Orchids to You

To Cpl. David Frazee of reproduction, who single-handedly turned out all mimeograph work for the field for several weeks . . . to S/Sgt. David Schwalb of Station Hospital and Miss Wilma Jean Cook of Post Engineers for turning in the best departmental histories for October . . . to Lt. Charles Molloy for keeping the PX open until 9 o'clock two nights a week, Monday and Wednesday this week, Tuesday and Thursday every week after this until Christmas . . . to S/Sgt. William Mosteller of Photo Lab for designing a camera tester now being adopted for use at all 72nd Wing bases . . . to the officers who forgot their ages Monday night to play a full game of basketball against younger enlisted men and defeat them 34-32 to avenge last week's 39-30 loss to the same enlisted men.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Another attractive graduate of Winfield high school who is now working at Strother Field is Marilyn McAlister of the Civil Service Board. She came to work at this 72nd Fighter Wing base at the same time the Second Air Force took over the installation from the Central Flying Training Command, on June 1 of this year. Marilyn has blond hair, blue eyes and is 5' 4" in height.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

Nov. 30, '44

1830-2000

Post Theater

All Beethoven-Schubert Program
Egmont Overture - Beethoven
Concert No. 5 in E-flat Major for Piano and Orchestra - Beethoven
Symphony No. 5 - B flat - Schubert
Entre acli "Rosamunde" - Schubert

Two Officers Receive Promotions

Promotion of Jewell Matthews, operations officer at Strother Field, and William R. Hanna, director of ground training, from the rank of captain to that of major was announced November 20. The promotions became effective on November 16.

Both Major Hanna and Major Matthews came to Strother Field when the air base was taken over by the Second Air Force from the Central Flying Training Command last June 1.

Male Call

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



Truth and Consequences



- BOWLING -

OFFICER'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	14	2	.875
Administration, Dubs	11	5	.688
Communications, Candles	7	9	.437
Section A	6	10	.375
Headquarters, Bulldogs	4	8	.333
Engineers, Scrubs	2	10	.167

Records

High Individual Single—Kase	224
High Individual Total—Rose	600
High Team Single—Inspectors	867
High Team Total—Inspectors	2445

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Name	Strings	Pins	Average
Allen	9	1187	132
Armstrong	12	1741	145
Bagdasarian	3	378	126
Bryan	12	1761	147
Chick	3	444	148
Collinsworth	3	436	145
Covington	3	440	147
Di Carlo	6	783	131
Difiglia	3	444	148
Drolhard	3	437	146
Enes	12	1427	129
Euart	12	1708	142
Evans	3	354	118
Geery	6	844	141
Gernon	6	790	132
Gluhm	6	894	149
Gnospeilus	12	2120	177
Hall	3	392	131
Hayes	12	1664	139
Hughes	9	1171	130
Jackson	3	509	170
Kase	12	1657	138
Lyons	3	449	150
Molloy	8	954	119
Mueller	9	1447	161
O'Neill	9	1164	129
Payne	3	374	125
Peterson, C. W.	9	1551	173
Phillips, E. D.	3	331	110
Rackin	12	1906	159
Rood	6	818	136
Rose	11	1836	167
Schilke	9	1344	149
Schrage	3	390	130
Scott	9	1145	127
Sloan	6	723	121
Spencer	12	1834	153
Spratt	6	693	115
Stalk	12	1704	142
Weir	6	737	123
Worthington	9	924	103

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Rogers	11	5	.687
Loose Nuts	11	5	.687
Rockets	10	6	.625
Monsters	9	7	.563
Cloud Pushers	8	8	.500
Photo Flashers	7	9	.437
Sad Sacks	7	9	.437
Hot Rocks	6	10	.375
Wilcos	6	10	.375
Tracers	5	11	.313

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Name	Strings	Pins	Average
Anderson	6	955	159
Ashwill	12	1770	147
Biederman	12	1865	155
Boll	6	825	139
Burts	9	1416	157
Brueggeman	12	1656	137
Byrne	9	1324	147
Chow	6	888	148
Church	9	1449	161
Clark	6	796	133
Cowling	12	1798	150
Cunningham	6	811	135
Davin	3	230	77
Davis	12	1766	147
Dorrance	9	1488	165
Drost	8	1297	162
Detsek	3	379	126
Faynor	12	1733	145
Flynn	6	858	143
Gibson	8	1168	146
Gooch	6	946	158
Grieves, A. E.	7	1054	151
Grieves, W. B.	12	1872	156
Harper	6	945	158
Hellreigal	6	994	166
Ingram	9	1478	164
Irish	8	1294	162
Jones, S. B.	6	868	145
Jones, T. V.	9	1447	161
Kazell	3	442	147
Kirkman	8	1164	146
Kovalak	6	1041	174
Kuhn	9	1263	140
Labash	3	444	148
Lee	9	1384	154
Lillick	9	1503	167
Link	5	698	140
Lorenz	11	1791	163
Mattel	12	1731	144
Matthews	11	1511	137
McIntyre	9	1200	133
Mentz	10	1562	156
Miller	10	1551	155
Morgan	3	443	148
Moring	3	371	124
Nemes	9	1293	144
O'Connell	13	2024	156
Onisto	10	1439	144
Peck	9	1311	146
Pelletier	9	1459	162
Rekstis	7	955	137
Rescoe	6	816	136
Ricart	6	1004	167
Russell	12	1909	159
Ryan	3	336	112
Sabia	12	2069	173
Seldel	9	1191	132
Skler	3	384	128
Straub	12	2016	167
Stettenfeld	3	509	170
Stevens	9	1497	166
Tobias	9	1305	145
Torehia	3	476	159
Turner	11	1612	147
Volkoff	6	878	146
Wagner	12	1828	152
Waits	12	1650	137
Warren	12	1670	139
Williams	12	1734	144
White	6	892	149
Woodruff	9	1053	117
Zimmerman	6	783	131

Skyriders Defeat Topeka 43 to 40; Lose In Overtime to Dalhart 67 to 62

The Strother Field basketball team scored its first victory of the season Monday night when it defeated a strong Topeka Army Air Field quintet 43 to 40 in the Southwestern gym at Winfield. The Skyriders had lost two league games before Monday night's encounter, to the army air base teams from Victoria and Great Bend, Kans.

SPORT SHORTS

By S/SGT. ROBERT L. HUNKE

The Skyriders finally hit their stride in the defeat of a good Topeka five Monday night, they played the heads-up, fast breaking, fast passing ball they are capable of. . . . Although losing in three overtime periods the following night to a tall rangy Dalhart aggregation, the boys again played a superior type of basketball. . . . The fans thought they saw the line-up for the Rose Bowl game when Dalhart took the floor Tuesday night, the "Shorty" of the Dalhart team was six foot two inches. . . . Lt. Knight is the Skyriders new coach. . . . In the minor league basketball the officers and EM's team each have a victory to their credit. . . . WOW! Walker AAF have averaged 88.6 points per game to date. . . . Strother journeys to Pratt Tuesday for their next league game. . . . Preliminary inter-section basketball will be played before each Strother home game commencing in December. . . . Lt. Williams made a brilliant comeback against Dalhart after being knocked out in a fast break attempt for a field goal. . . . Cpl. Milfelt of the Skyriider squad left yesterday for Scott Field. . . . The league bowling schedule has been revised. Next week the EM Division will bowl on Monday and Tuesday evening and the officer division will be moved back one week. . . . Personnel being transferred have left vacancies for you bowlers not already in a league, all league play is on a handicap basis, so anyone interested can see Captain Gnospeilus about being placed on a team.

Popular PT Instructor Transferred to Salina

S/Sgt. Emil J. Dalak, physical training instructor at Strother field for the past 18 months and a prominent figure on most of the sports teams representing Strother Field, reported last Saturday to Salina to join his old boss, Lt. Jame R. Lounsberry, at Smoky Hill Army Air Field. Lieutenant Lounsberry went to Smoky Hill a few weeks ago from Strother Field. Though he'll be missed by the officers and enlisted men whom he has put through gruelling calisthenics for many months and by the sports crowds before which he appeared on Strother Field teams, Lady will suffer the most by his transfer. Lady was Sergeant Dalak's dog, his inseparable companion and at least half owner of the field gymnasium. Lt. Col. M. W. Allen will care for Lady now.

Pfc. William Painter, Strother center, led the scoring against Topeka with five field goals and two free throws for a total of 12 points. High scorer for the game was Fritts of Topeka, who registered 7 field goals and 8 free throws for twenty-two points.

It took a scrappy quintet from the Dalhart army air field, Dalhart, Tex., three overtime periods to defeat the Skyriders, 67 to 62, in a game played in Winfield Tuesday night. Fresh from their victory over Topeka the Strother team refused to give up to their tall opponents. At the end of the regular game time the score was tied at 53-all. Each club scored four more points in the first overtime period and three more points in the second period. In the final overtime session the visitors clicked for 7 points while the Skyriders could only account for two.

The audience got a chuckle and the PT department representatives red faces during the final overtime period when the Pomperanian puppy belonging to Sgt. Ray Muchwick ran onto the court to express its excitement by the numbers, in typical puppy manner.

The Skyriders travel to Pratt army air field, Pratt, Kans., next Tuesday for another Second Air Force Area V league game. A win there will give them a .500 standing in league play.

The next home league game will be played in Winfield against the Herington, Kans., army air field on Dec. 4.



Second Air Force Official Photo. S/Sgt. Eugene Bennet, guard on the Skyriders basketball team, is a veteran of four years in service, having spent nearly two years in Panama before coming here. He is a native of Noblesville, Indiana.

SF SKYRIDERS INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS

PLAYER	FG	FT	PTS.
1. Miller	19	8	46
2. Painter*	15	12	42
3. Horton†	18	5	41
4. Williams	15	6	36
5. Smith	13	7	33
6. Dunning	8	7	23
7. Nicholas	5	3	13
8. Bennett‡	2	5	9
9. Milfelt†	0	0	0
10. Hudak§	0	0	0
x. Dalak§	2	6	10

‡ Out 1 game.
* Out 2 games.
§ Out 3 games.
† Out 5 games.
x Transferred.



"How do you know she's not your type?"

ST. JOHN'S PLAYERS

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are Duane Mohling, as the secretive Captain Lowell Cartwright; Mary Sargent, as Annie Little Pony, a mysterious little squaw; Mary Soeken, as Elmira Mabee, the timid, furtive, little maiden lady who is always too curious; Wanda Schroeder as Lulu Hugger, the woman Slim suspects is from the matrimonial bureau; Ed Goehner as Captain Leroy Cartwright, who, though unknown and unrelated, has the same name and initials as Captain Lowell Cartwright; and Walter Pinnt as Josiah Tuttle, who is a professorish type of little man conveniently absent-minded.

The production staff includes Vern Albrecht, Kenneth Dezity, Ernest Lehmann and Charles Seevers.

TIME-SAVING DEVICE

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on the white indicates that he is on temporary duty, DS, AWOL, or confined in the guardhouse. A red card superimposed on white indicates the man is on furlough. A green card on the white one indicates the man is "frozen" for various reasons. The information on the board is compiled from WD AGO Form 20, AAF Form 127 and from the morning and hospital reports received daily by the classification office.

The chart saves a great amount of time in fulfilling calls for shipments of enlisted men. Such calls formerly necessitated going through all Form 20s. Every MOS on the field is listed on the chart and the names of men in each are plainly visible. Now a shipment can be "pulled" in a matter of minutes.

Do not feel neglected in the future—you're in the Who's Who of Strother Field which is a colorful affair, to say the least.

B-B League To Begin Soon

Intramural basketball is about to get underway at Strother Field with all departments and sections urged to form their teams and submit the rosters to the physical training department by this week-end.

The league last winter was a great success with many outstanding teams resulting from the large turnout of enlisted men and officers. Indications for the 1944-45 season are that competition will be keen among the various groups on the field now lining up their teams. A playing schedule will be worked out by the PT department as soon as possible and play will commence in the league at that time.

Hyannis, Mass. (CNS)—A porter groaned under the weight of a suitcase he was carrying for a lady in the local railroad station. "What's in it?" he inquired. "Nothing but beach sand for my children," the lady replied.

Red Cross Channels Can Be Used By Servicemen To Get Funds From Home

"Although the Red Cross cannot lend expense money for regular furloughs, we can relay through our channels a loan to you from some relative or friend at home," Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director here at Strother Field declares, explaining an ingenious use of his organization's facilities.

"Red Cross funds are for use only in emergencies, but when a man gets unexpected time off and lacks cash for a trip, he may have the money at home or know a relative or friend who will be glad to lend him funds to take advantage of his furlough.

"In these cases we can help. Through cooperation between Red Cross chapters scattered all over the United States, and our office here, funds may be sent from a civilian to a serviceman. This money comes to the station Red Cross office as quickly as the telegram carrying the message. Unlike a money order, it comes directly to this station and not to the nearest town. The Red Cross field director then issues the soldier a check, which is negotiable at any local railroad or bus station."

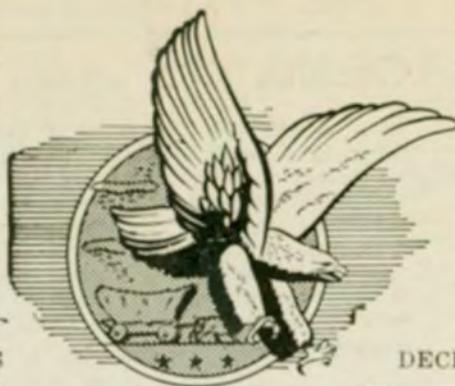
Mr. Thomson explains that this process of getting money from home is initiated by the serviceman. He calls or wires his friend or relative and tells him to deposit the money with the nearest American Red Cross chapter, giving instructions for the chapter to wire the field director at Strother Field, authorizing him to advance the money to the soldier.

Prevention Of Injuries

AAF Manual No. 30, Ground Safety Rules is now being distributed to the various sections and departments of Strother Field. The manual contains the latest word in ground safety practices and is issued by authority of General H. H. Arnold and is ordered put in force immediately, according to Capt. H. C. Bryan, ground safety officer here.

"Check and see how many safety rules you are now violating and resolve to never have an injury because you will act safely at all times," says Capt. Bryan who also suggests this slogan, "An injury to my body means more work for me, a longer duration of the war, a longer period ahead of me before I can go home. My safety is the other fellow's safety because to the other fellow I am the 'other fellow.'"

Our walls are graced by sundry pix, Of shapely jills and lassies, Who show de luxe accessories Upon the female chassis.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Just a reminder of the super Thanksgiving dinner served last week at Strother Field is this picture showing some of the enlisted men and their guests enjoying their turkey with all the trimmings.

Mail Clerk Begins 3rd Year of Service Here

The Strother Field post office is hardly home for Sergeant John Zatorsky of Dallas, Texas, but it's getting to be. Today, December 1, Sergeant Zatorsky begins his third year in the assignment of mail clerk at the local air base.

The sergeant began handing out letters, cards and packages to the military personnel of Strother Field almost as soon as there was a Strother Field post office. He came with the second sizeable cadre of men to arrive at Strother Field, arriving Nov. 18, 1942; the first cadre came on November 17.

Handling mail for Uncle Sam was not a new assignment for Sergeant Zatorsky when he was given that job on Dec. 1, 1942. As a civilian he'd been doing the same thing for 18 months in the post office at Dallas, Texas, a job he left to join another branch of Uncle Sam's service in October of 1942.

USO-Camp Show Post Theater Tonight

"Who Goes There?," the new USO-Camp Show, will be presented on the stage of the post theater tonight at 9:00. Musicians, singers and dancers make up the unit and their presentations are reported to be excellent entertainment. Featured in the show are six dancers, the Elaine Seidler Girls, who add a lot of zip to the production.

One man alone can't stop accidents.

GI's Baby Wins War Bond In Contest

A proud GI-husband and father is Pvt. Harrison Hopkins of section A-3, whose daughter, Scharlene Lenore, recently received a \$50 War Bond as an award in a nation-wide Ivory Soap "war bonds for babies" contest.

The contest provided that some person write a short article on "Why Every Wartime Baby Should Have War Bonds" with the contestant's favorite baby as the winner. Mrs. Hopkins, who resides in Arkansas City with her family, entered the contest and has received a certificate of merit for herself and the bond for the baby.

New Chemical Warfare Program Started Here

The new setup in chemical warfare training in the Second Air Force was begun at Strother Field this week. The new policy features one hour of training each month instead of the former 8-hour course each 6 months.

The initial session held in the post theater by 1st Lt. Quentin W. Osburn, chemical warfare officer, featured a discussion of chemical agents followed by a demonstration of smoke grenades north of the theater.

Call the ground safety officer 323 if you see a condition which is dangerous. It is better to have your suggestion now than an accident report later.

Blue Circuit Unit USO Camp Show Here Next Week

First in a series of USO-Camp Shows, Inc., Blue Circuit Shows, to appear at Strother Field will be presented in the post hospital and enlisted men's service club Friday night of next week, Dec. 8th.

The Blue Circuit Shows are to be presented regularly once each three weeks and will be in addition to the regular monthly appearance of the larger Victory Circuit USO Camp Shows which will continue to be presented in the post theater.

The unit scheduled to make its appearance here next week is comprised of Lou Lockett, master of ceremonies and comedian; Virginia Craig, singer; Dave Marco, shadowgraph act; Leona White, dancer, and Win Wilkins, accompanist.

The troupe will present its show in the station hospital at 1700 and in the service club at 2030. Admission is free.

War Bond Party For All EM Dec. 9

Enlisted men of Strother Field, represented by the Non-Com mess board of governors in conference Tuesday afternoon with Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, issued a challenge to officer personnel to boost lagging war bond sales through a series of parties to be initiated on December 9. The challenge was quickly accepted.

Following quickly the lead of the military, civilians of the Post Engineers' staff announced Wednesday the opening of a war bond contest within that department and ground work was laid for similar drives among civilians of headquarters and maintenance and supply.

The Non-Coms will throw open the doors of their club to all enlisted personnel for the war bond party, December 9. Admission will be cash war bond purchases, at least one GI \$7.50 bond for each couple. Bonds of all denominations will be available at the door. However, enlisted men who already have made cash investments during the Sixth War Loan will be issued certificates entitling them to admission. Likewise, a new pay-

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THE ENEMY IS STILL THERE!

Keep Buying 6 Extra Bonds!



This is the initial setting for the second battle of the Philippines, to which Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces have returned in fulfillment of a promise made 2 1/2 years ago when the Japs drove us out. Arrow points to tiny Sulu Island, on which 1st American landings were made. Main landings followed later on Leyte Island. Today the Yanks are less than 20 miles north of Ormoc, Leyte's principal west coast port. The Jap attempts to reinforce their troops now trapped in the Ormoc corridor have proven costly in men and vessels destroyed.

The War and You

Sandwiched in among the headlines of major battles and army action sthis week are certain items which prove to be extremely provocative of thought.

On the western front Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower has found it necessary to release from front line service some twenty-seven typical combat enlisted men in order that they may return to this country and testify personally at war plant rallies and other public meetings as to the critical shortage of ammunition which threatens to hamper the drive against Germany. Exact figures as to the shortage are not, for obvious reasons, revealed, and it is probable that the move is in part designed to prepare the home front for new, and greater efforts. However the fact that any shortage exists at all at this period is worthy of a good deal of thought by both GI's and war production workers.

From Europe meanwhile come fragmentary reports of unrest and even riot in both France and Belgium. So few details are available to the newspaper reader that the cause of these upheavals is not entirely clear as yet. Indeed the reports come as a rather decided surprise to the American public. In both countries the established government is reported to have the situation well in hand, in best Marine tradition, but the very existence of such troubles following so close upon the heels of liberation from the Nazi yoke is worth consideration. As further details become available they will be well worth study by anyone watching the development of the post war world in which we all must live.

Not Until V-J Day!

Not until V-J Day (Victory over Japan). What has V-J day got to do with your buying War Bonds? There can be no victorious homecomings until the final Jap has been defeated. And there must be no end to the buying of War Bonds until the great cost of war is at an end.

Our fighting forces have still got a long way to go. Not until the Japs are blown sky high—not until V-J Day, the day of complete victory over Japan—can we stop buying War Bonds. Uncle Sam has a quota of 14 billion dollars that must be raised during the 6th War Loan Drive. *Your country is still at war—are you? Buy at least one extra bond—do it now.*

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

It is a deplorable fact that many times manliness is judged in terms of a man's ability to use vulgar language, consume liquor and handle women. At the same time those men who are trying to practice the Christian virtues of decency, temperance and chastity are classified as misfits, subnormal, weaklings, and "sissies."

Man is the only living creature that has a spiritual aspect to his being. He is more than mere animal. Therefore the man who would be a REAL man is the one who is controlled and directed by the spiritual. Consequently, the man who continually does obeisance to his passions falls far short of being a real man.

When a man uses drink as an avenue of escape from the problems of life, he is being a coward, not a man. When he drinks himself into a silly, senseless, or stupid state he certainly is using liquor for anything but a human purpose.

Language is clearly an instrument designed for carrying on the necessary relations of life, and for the beautifying and enriching of life via literature and music. The man who uses it to insult his mates, to debase life's sanctities, or to profane the name of God is doing that which is far less than manly.

This may not be the popular way of looking at the problem, but it is the TRUTH. God will bear witness.

Orchids

To S/Sgt. Will J. Riddick of Finance for being the SF enlisted man showing the greatest interest in current events . . . to Major J. D. Collinsworth, who shed the railroad in favor of the maple leaf last week . . . to Cpl. S. G. Kalbfleisch for a good job on the SF pictures he painted for the general mess . . . to the board of governors of the NCO Club who have challenged the Officers' Club in staging competitive war bond dances.

Rhumb Lines

If you don't think the French underground was on the job before their country was liberated, you should talk to Captain James Smith. Captain Smith, a new arrival here from Harding Field, was shot down over enemy-occupied France, and he should know. . . . The bond drive picture featured on the front page of the Flier last week is being distributed by the PRO to the news services for national publication. . . . Talking of pictures the one of the P-63 insignia designed by Pvt. Charles Winslow of Section C was featured in the November 15 issue of Bell Aircraft News. . . . Two familiar faces disappeared from the Headquarters scene this week. Lt. Rudolf Baum, classification officer since June 1, left for an assignment leading to overseas duty. S/Sgt. Bill Busch, message center chief since November, 1942, was transferred to the newly acquired Second Air Force gunnery station at Palacios, Texas. . . . The deafening drone of BT-13's, such as Strother Field experienced for more than a year as a basic school, will soon fade away. The Training Command has announced that twin-engine AT-6's, formerly used in advance schools, will replace the BT's in all of its basic schools. . . . Twenty-three more men left Strother this week for the infantry, and a chance to get in a few punches at the enemy. They were taken from all sections except B and C, and five were taken from the 683rd AAF Band. . . . Major, the German Shepherd dog belonging to Major W. R. Hanna director of ground training, refuses to accept a "promotion" in name to that of colonel. Guess the dog does not understand the state of confusion that exists every time someone calls the director of training since his promotion from the rank of captain. . . . No, it did not snow at Strother Field Monday. The piles of white, snow-like substance that filled the ditch in front of the fire department and gave rise to considerable comment and some neck-stretching by passing motorists was foamite, a frothy substance used by the fire department in extinguishing gasoline fires.

Prairie Flier Reduced In Size

The Prairie Flier comes to you this week in the j.g. size, fewer columns and smaller pages. Since December of last year the PF has appeared in the five-column-per-page size you've been accustomed to receiving but now it's back in the original size of the first issue which made its appearance in April, 1943.

This change is not made by choice—of either the special service and public relations departments or of post headquarters. The change is due to the lack of sufficient funds available to pay for the cost of publishing the larger size edition and also to take care of many other necessary expenditures. For example, the percentage of PX profits available for these expenditures is of a smaller amount than a year ago. There is no longer a Welfare and Recreation Fund collected from enlisted men and officers. AR 210-50 will answer any questions as to why funds are not available to carry on the PF in the larger size.

YE LIFTINGS

Girls are creatures who are fond of pretty clothes but are not necessarily wrapped up in them.

Some girls take you for what you are, others for what you have.

Then there was the Scotchman who was punmeled nearly to death because he thought the sign on the door said "Laddies."

Winter fashion note: Young ladies will be wearing the same things in sweaters again this season.

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM	
SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT	
Service Club—Hear the Army-Navy football game.	SAT.
Theater—The Man in Half Moon Street—Nils Asther, Helen Walker. Short subjects.	DEC. 2
Service Club—Write that letter home. Free Movie 8:30 p.m.	SUN.
Theater—The Doughgirls—Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith, Jack Carson. Short subjects.	DEC. 3
Service Club—Dance for GIs and Field Girls.	MON.
Theater—No feature shown.	DEC. 4
Service Club—Section "C" Dance.	TUES.
Theater—Lights of Old Santa Fe—With Roy Rogers. Mark of the Whistler—Richard Dix.	DEC. 5
Service Club—GI Dance. Ponca City girls, Airchords Orchestra.	WED.
Theater—Frenchmen's Creek—Joan Fontaine, Arthur De Cordova. Short subjects.	DEC. 6
Service Club—Open night. Basketball—Skyriders vs. Boeing. Winfield 8 p.m.	THURS.
Theater—Music Appreciation Night, 1830 to 2000.	DEC. 7
Service Club—"As You Were Party." Free coffee, cookies, GI movies.	FRI.
Theater—Laura—Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews.	DEC. 8

Male Call



Arts and Crafts Contest Dec. 15

Are you preparing your exhibits for the arts and crafts competition in which \$100 will be awarded in cash prizes?

The exhibits to be entered in the contest must be submitted by Dec. 15 which is only two weeks away. Karl Mattern of the School of Fine Arts, Kansas University, will judge the exhibits on Dec. 16 and 17.

The prize money has been made available to the special service department by the Winfield Chamber of Commerce. There are ten categories in which competition is open and a prize of \$5 will be given the winner in each. A grand prize of \$50 will go to the enlisted man entering the best exhibit. Here are the categories in the contest:

- a. Drawing and Sketching.
- b. Painting—Oil
- c. Painting—Watercolor
- d. Clay Modeling
- e. Woodcarving
- f. Photography
- g. Leathercraft
- h. Metalcraft
- i. Knotting and Braiding
- j. Fly-tying.

Do You Know?

By PFC JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

"I had a small business of my own which I was forced to close when I entered the service. Will I be able to obtain any financial assistance in re-establishing this business?"

Yes. The Administrator of Veterans Affairs will guarantee up to 50% of a loan that you make to again get started in your business, provided the amount guaranteed is not more than \$2,000.00. These loans bear interest of not more than 4% per year and must be paid up within 20 years. The administrator will also pay the interest on the guaranteed amount for the first year.

To be eligible for such a loan you must show prior business experience and have some capital to put into the business yourself. There must also be a sound economic need for the business.

Safety can't grow unless we weed out the hazards.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



Thanksgiving is passed now leaving everyone in the best frame of mind. Even our Commanding Officer, 1/Sgt. and Mess Sergeant have recuperated from KP. Everyone agrees that our KP's did a grand job. Lt. Stewart spent a lovely part of the morning catering to a grease trap. You had all our sympathy Lt. Stewart. It seems that the male species found our kitchen police especially attractive. It wasn't long before several volunteered to help.

Three more Waacs joined our section last week. All three are going to work in the hospital. Wishing you the best of patients girls.

Sisterly love has kept two of our new Waacs together. Pvt. Sutton and Pvt. Shinner, sisters are hoping to spend the duration and six months near one another.



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Pvt. Luella Raasch, whose home is in Butternut, Wis., enlisted in the WAC at Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 23 of this year. She completed her basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa and came to Strother Field last month. She is a file clerk in general supply at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

New Service Club Hostess Native Kansan

The new hostess of the enlisted men's service club, Eula L. Flagler, arrived at Strother Field from the Pratt AAF, Pratt, Kans., last week-end and assumed her new duties here Monday.

Miss Flagler served in the capacity of hostess at Pratt for 18 months and prior to that time taught art in the Des Moines, Iowa, junior high school. She received her BS degree at Kansas State Teachers College Pittsburg, Kans., then attended the University of Southern California, the University of Los Angeles, Calif., and received her master's degree in art education at Columbia University, New York City, N.Y. Her home is in Severy, Kansas.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

- By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG
- All Russian Program
- Hymn to the Sun "Sadko" - - -
 - - - - - Rimsky-Korsakov
 - Selections from "Lake of Swans"
 - - - - - Tchaikowsky
 - Scene
 - Dance of Little Swans
 - Waltz
 - Scheherezade - Rimsky-Korsakov
 - Prelude to "Kovantchina" - - -
 - - - - - Moussourgsky
 - Polka "Age of Gold Ballet" - - -
 - - - - - Tschostakovitch
 - Capriccio Espagnole - - - - -
 - - - - - Rimsky-Gorsakov

- ### USO ACTIVITIES
- (Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)
- Sat. Win. Dancing Cards
 - Ark. Square dance
 - Sun. Win. Supper 6:30 p.m. Sat.
 - Nite Girls
 - Ark. Bingo. Free call
 - Mon. Win. Married Couples night
 - Ark. Bridge and game night
 - Tues. Win. Bridge. Pinochle
 - Ark. Do-as-you-please
 - Wed. Win. Sadie Hawkins Dance
 - Ark. Snack Bar party
 - Thurs. Win. Do-As-You-Please
 - Ark. Open House. Program
 - Fri. Win. Ping Pong
 - Ark. Ping Pong

Pratt & Whitney Mock-up Engine On Display Here

Opportunity for close-up study of the 2,000 horsepower Pratt and Whitney engine used in the fast P-47 Thunderbolt planes was provided Strother Field military and civilian personnel this week in the arrival of a mock-up engine from Second Air Force headquarters.

A mock-up is a cut-away model of an engine, so prepared that the inside parts may be observed in operation. The mock-up of the aircraft engine received this week shows the huge Thunderbolt engine exactly as it functions when the swift P-47 is coursing its ways over the Kansas prairies and over the battlegrounds of Europe and the Far Pacific. Power for the movement of the various parts is electric current.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Mrs. John Bingaman of supply branch No. 4 is our pin-up of the week. She is the wife of Lt. John Bingaman, head of fighter control at Strother Field, and does typing and posting work in supply. The Bingaman peace time residence is Neoga, Ill. They are living in Ark City while stationed at SF.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Advance information this year on the annual "struggle" between GI Joe and Tommy Turkey indicated the battle was to be a hard one, especially in the Section mess hall.

Old Tom wasn't supposed to be in the shape he had been in during previous years. He was reportedly underweight and henpecked, but GI Joe wasn't himself either.

At the weighing-in Old Tom appeared overweight and looked like he'd gobbled everything in sight. GI Joe entered the "ring" first accompanied by his trainers, "Cavy" Knife and "Sharpy" Fork. Tom Turkey entered with "Utah" Celery and "Gibby" Gravy as his seconds.

The fight itself was rather anticlimax. Tom feigned with his left wing, almost slipping to the floor. GI Joe stabbed him in the "pantry," crossed with his right and it was all over.

Oh yes, there was one bout after the main event. A young kid, "Punkie" Pie was eliminated in the first round by the veteran, "Wright" Handy.

Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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Miscue At Staging Area

Skyriders To Play Three Games In Winfield During Next Week

The Sky rider basketball team will meet three strong teams in Winfield next week leading off against the Herington army air field in a Second Air Force League game Monday evening, December 4.

The Herington team is leading the Second Air Force Area V basketball league and the Skyriders will be out to topple it from the throne.

A double-feature event will be played Thursday night, Dec. 7, in the Southwestern gymnasium, scene of all home games, when the A. I. B. girls of Des Moines, Iowa, runnerup in the national basketball tournament for girls, play the Boeing Bombshells and Strother Field plays the strong Boeing Bombers team. The first game will commence at 2000 and admission for the twin affair is only 25c for military personnel and 50c plus tax for civilians.

The Skyriders will meet the Coffeyville army air field team in the final game of the week scheduled for Friday night, Dec. 8.

The Winfield chamber of commerce is sponsoring a ticket sale for all Sky rider home games and from all indications the sale is going over big among civilians there. The Strother Field team is playing a hot brand of ball and deserves the complete support of military personnel of this station. Remember, the admission price for men in uniform is only 25c for double headers, 15 cents for a single card.

Memorial Services In Chapel Dec. 3

Religious services in memory of American service men who have died in training or in combat will be held in the Strother Field chapel at 10 a.m. Sunday, December 3, Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, announced today.

Intramural Basketball To Start Dec. 5th

Intramural basketball will get underway Dec. 5 in the post-gymnasium when the six teams entered in the league meet in first round games beginning at 1800.

Following are the teams that have been organized and will take the court next Tuesday, Headquarters, "B" Flight, Medics, Base Operations, Supply and Section C. In first round play Unit Supply meets Section C, Headquarters plays the Medics, Base Operations takes on "B" Flight.

Games will be played twice each week, on Tuesday and Friday evenings. However the games scheduled for Dec. 8th and Dec. 26th will be postponed. Time of games will be 1800, 1900, 2000.

Here are the games scheduled through Dec. 22:

Dec. 12: Section C vs. Medics; Headquarters vs. Base Operations; Unit Supply vs. "B" Flight.

Dec. 15: Medics vs. Base Operations; Unit Supply vs. Headquarters; Section C vs. "B" Flight.

Dec. 19: Base Operations vs. Section C; Medics vs. Unit Supply; "B" Flight vs. Headquarters.

Dec. 22: Headquarters vs. Section C; Base Operations vs. Unit Supply; "B" Flight vs. Medics.

Referees for intramural games are needed and anyone interested in serving in this capacity is urged to contact Lt. Williams, PT officer or S/Sgt. Chad Vallance immediately.

"Did Charlie propose to you?"
"Everything except marriage."

- BOWLING -

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Loose Nuts	15	5	.750
Rockets	13	7	.650
Cloud Pushers	12	8	.600
Rogers	11	9	.550
Monsters	10	10	.500
Sad Sacks	10	10	.500
Wilcos	9	11	.450
Photo Flashes	8	12	.400
Hot Rocks	7	13	.350
Tracers	5	15	.250

Records	
High Individual Single—Sabia	230
High Individual Total—Sabia	583
High Team Single—Rogers	902
High Team Total—Rogers	2519

LADIES' DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sub Depot No. 1	22	6	.785
Air Corps Supply	16	12	.571
Post Headquarters	15	13	.535
Post Exchange	15	13	.535
Sub Depot No. 2	13	15	.465
WAC	3	25	.107

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 4, 1944
ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION
 Monday, December 4, 1944
 Tracers vs. Monsters 1-2
 Cloud Pushers vs. Rockets 3-4
 Hot Rocks vs. Loose Nuts 5-6
 Tuesday, December 5, 1944
 Roger vs. Sad Sacks 1-2
 Wilco vs. Photo Flashes 5-6

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday, December 6, 1944
 Air Corps Supply vs. Sub Depot No. 2 1-2
 Sub Depot No. 1 vs. WAC 3-4
 Headquarters vs. Post Exchange 5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Thursday, December 7, 1944
 Dubs vs. Communications 1-2
 Section "A" vs. Super-Snoopers 3-4
 Bulldogs vs. Scrubs 5-6

Lose To Pratt AAF 36 to 35 In Overtime

In a thrill packed overtime period, the Pratt Army Air Field 29'ers basketball team squeezed out a one-point overtime victory over the Strother Field Skyriders in a Second Air Force league game played at Pratt, Kans., Tuesday night.

Trailing by a score of 25 to 6 at the end of the first half, the Strother Field quintet took to the floor with a cyclone offensive at the beginning of the third quarter, led by high-scoring 1st Sergeant Peyton Horton, splattered the back-board with a barrage of field goals to even up the ledger at 31 to 31 as the final whistle blew.

The five-minute overtime period kept the large crowd of service men and civilians on their feet in a frenzy of excitement as both teams tried frantically for the advantage. Each of the teams chalked up two field goals during the final stanza with 1st Lt. Ochsenreiter of Pratt being awarded a free-throw on a personal foul. His throw was good for the winning point, though a second after the whistle blew. Horton fielded a goal from center court that would have reversed the margin and score had the game lasted one second longer.

High scoring man of the evening was Horton of Strother Field with 13 points. Block of Pratt was second high man with 9 points.

Score by quarters:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT
Strother	3	6	18	31	35
Pratt	15	25	29	31	36

WAR BOND PARTY

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roll deduction, taken out since opening of the current drive, will serve as a ticket to the party. Two members of the board of governors flew to Kansas City Wednesday to sign up floor show talent. The Strother Field Airchords will play. Not to be outdone by the enlisted men, the officers today announced a big party for New Year's Eve in the post gym. The officers expect the receipts of their big New Year's Eve formal party to put Strother Field over the top in a big way. A floor show will be imported from Kansas City. In the meantime with only 26.8 per cent of the military Sixth Loan quota raised, the officers will stress bond sales at every party in the club between now and New Year's.

Civilian personnel of Strother Field, while signed up 100 per cent for payroll deductions, is lagging in cash purchase of bonds in the current drive. At present the civilian quota is 25.6 per cent raised. Post Engineers, always a big factor in Strother Field war bond success, today opened a concerted drive to go over the top in the Sixth. Ten girls will contact all personnel, military and civilian, to sell bonds. As a reward the girls will receive tickets of admission for themselves and their dates to the Blue Moon in Wichita.

The Strother Field quota in the Sixth is \$60,000. Of this amount, only \$15,857.25 has been raised, \$8,435.25 by the military, \$7,425 by the civilians. Quotas are based on \$18.75 for each soldier, \$45 cash for each civilian.

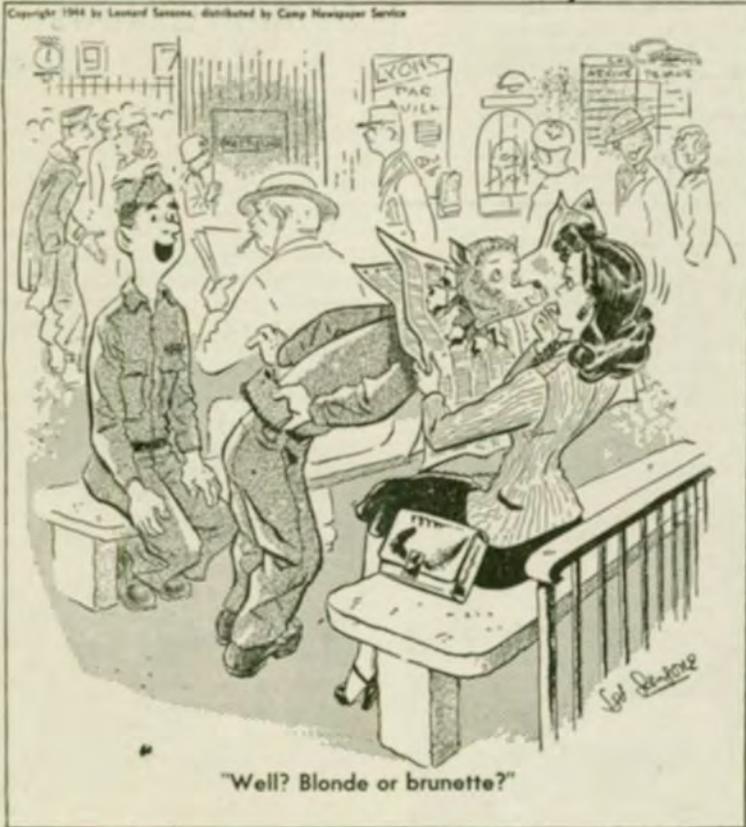


Second Air Force Official Photo.
 Pfc. William Painter, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., forward on the Skyriders basketball team, and second high man in scoring for the season, attended Southern Methodist University and the University of Colorado before entering the service. He was captain of the SMU basketball team his senior year there.

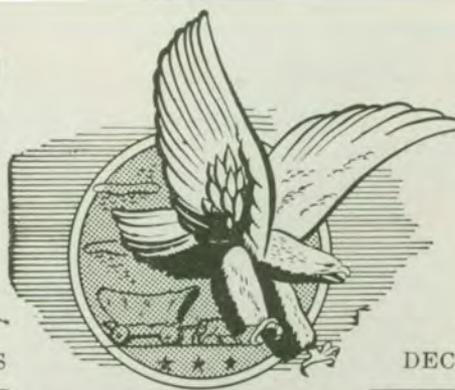
1st Lt. and Mrs. Morton L. Levy are the parents of a 6 lb. 4 oz. boy born in Newton Memorial Hospital, Winfield, Nov. 19. The baby has been named Howard Allan Levy. The family resides in Arkansas City.

The man who is interested in safety is interested in his job.

The Wolf by Sansone



"Well? Blonde or brunette?"



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Members of the base message center, headquarters supply and file departments, gather for a group picture with their boss, M/Sgt. A. B. Cates, Sergeant Major, front row center. To his left is Pvt. Ernest Davin, message center clerk, and at the right is Sgt. A. M. Shook, NCO in charge of files. In the back row, left to right, are S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman, NCO in charge of headquarters supply; Pvt. Mary M. Hooser, message center clerk; Mrs. Betty Howard, message center clerk; Pvt. Marie Buskirk, file department clerk; Mrs. "Myrt" Crane, message center clerk; and Sgt. R. C. Ballou, chief clerk in message center.

Message Center Is SF 'Clearing House'

When you stop by message center to pick up material for your department or to leave material for distribution to other offices do you give any thought to the work involved in this vitally important part of Strother Field? The material definitely does not reach its destination by carrier pigeon.

A capable staff headed by the Sgt. Major, M/Sgt. A. B. Cates, is on the job handling all official communications and classified material. Here is the way the group works:

All official communications, excluding classified material, are opened in the message center, time

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Plan Yule Party For Children

Santa Claus will visit Strother Field again this Christmas season with gifts for the children of officers and enlisted men.

The second annual holiday party for children of military personnel will be held either in the post theater or the enlisted men's service club. Tentative plans call for the party to be held on December 21. Officers whose children will attend the party are requested to sign their names on a list now on the bulletin board in headquarters. Enlisted men will sign similar lists in their orderly rooms.

Be a life saver—teach others to be careful.

Enlisted Men's War Bond Party Set For Tomorrow Night In NCO Mess

The war bond party for enlisted personnel of Strother Field, sponsored by the Non-Com Mess, will take place tomorrow evening in the clubrooms. An outstanding floor show featuring excellent talent from Kansas City, Mo., will present a fine evening of entertainment to be followed by a dance with music provided by a 9-piece orchestra.

The gala affair is the result of the recent challenge issued to officer personnel in order to boost the Sixth War Bond Drive over the goal here at Strother Field. Admission will be the purchase of at least one GI \$7.50 war bond for each couple although war bonds of all denominations will be on sale at the door Saturday night. Enlisted men who have already made cash investments during the drive will be issued certificates entitling them to admission. A new payroll deduction taken out since opening of the current drive will serve as a ticket to the party.

Featured in the stage show will be a master of ceremonies, a magician, a novelty act, a roller skat-

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683rd Army Band Is Inactivated

The thrilling notes of the Army Air Forces song as played by the 683rd Army Band during reviews at Strother Field—the swing versions of popular tunes as presented by the Airchords, SF dance band, will be heard no more. The band has been inactivated, effective as of November 30.

Members of the organization, headed by CWO William F. Baker, arrived at Strother Field on March 4, 1943, and in their twenty-one month stay at this 72nd Fighter Wing base set an enviable record in popularity not only on the post but in the surrounding towns. Their playing of military selections gave the reviews and parades

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Blue Circuit Show Appears Tonight

First in a series of USO-Camp Shows, Inc., Blue Circuit Shows to come to Strother Field will make its appearance tonight in the station hospital and the enlisted men's service club. The performance in the station hospital is scheduled for 1700 and at the service club at 2030. Admission is free.

The Blue Circuit Shows will be presented every three weeks in addition to the regular monthly Victory Circuit USO Camp Shows appearing in the post theater.

Cash Purchases of Bonds Reaches 74% Of Quota Here

Up and up goes the mercury in the Sixth War Bond Drive thermometers at the entrance to Strother Field as the total cash purchases by military and civilian personnel increases daily. \$44,553, 74% of the field quota has now been reached. The standings are practically a tie according to the latest figures released by 1st. Lt. Edwin J. Shore, personal affairs officer. Military personnel have purchased \$22,484.25 in bonds for cash to reach 72% of the quota. Civilian personnel have purchased \$22,068.75 for 76% of their quota.



Shown above are members of the 683rd Army Band, Strother Field's musical organization that was inactivated Nov. 30 after twenty-one months of service at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force. CWO William F. Baker, commanding officer of the band, remains at Strother Field as assistant special service officer.

Second Air Force Official Photo.

The War and You

As significant in point of fact as any pronouncement in the field of international relations during the whole of World War II is the first official action of the American State Department under the leadership of newly appointed Secretary Stettinius. Briefly the announcement set forth that America believes in the right of the newly constituted Italian state to select for its foreign minister Count Sforza, or anyone else acceptable to the Italians themselves, without aid, criticism or censorship by America, or, by inference, any other power.

Here, for once in the mental and moral abyss of a world at war, is practical application of that democratic principle about which everyone habitually talks as justification for our efforts. This statement tells the people of the world that the American government as well as the individual American believes in democracy and in the right of nations to self government and self-determination.

By contrast to the dreary and hopeless spectacle of power politics, benevolent (?) exploitation and "spheres of influence" being played out to the nadir of futility elsewhere today this is a shining beacon in a dark and murky night.

To the peoples of Europe and Asia it must seem the promise of a true dawn to come. More than a thousand volumes of empty speeches and specious promises it should reveal to them the true worth of democracy compared to all other systems. Here is proof that there exists a democracy which means what it says.

To the American citizen, whether in uniform or out, it is proof that we do not fight and sacrifice in vain. Our thanks as individuals and as a nation are due to the men who framed this declaration and the policy for which it stands. The voice of government here speaks from the heart of the people.

A "Shot" of Americanism

Several wounded German prisoners are reported to have complained about receiving blood transfusions in Allied army hospitals. A good squirt of American blood in all Himmler's hyenas should result in a better crop of next generation "krauts."

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

SELF MASTERY

The wisest man of Greece sought to aid confused man and give him an initial step in the secret of mastering life, when he admonished, "Know thyself." Though Socrates uttered these words more than 2,000 years ago, how few people in this day and age have learned the lesson! Much of our confusion today is caused by lack of ability to understand our place in the universe.

It was the wisest man of Rome who stated a second step in the process of self mastery. Marcus Aurelius said, "Control thyself." Understanding means little without control, and control is essential to one who would master life.

But while these two great men have thus laid down the first two laws that govern the integrated and matured personality through the knowing and controlling of one's self, it awaited the wisest Man, the Man of Galilee, to give to the world the third and greatest law for the mastery of life. Jesus said, "Deny thyself." The moment our part in the war becomes self centered, and we struggle only for ourselves, or from force, we become defeated by the circumstances of it.

For stability of life today, resulting in complete self mastery, endeavor to understand your particular place in the world's events. Furthermore, be in control of everything that tends to sway your life. Most important of all, let your life's efforts be sacrificial, loving, and godly in their aims. Thus, self mastery will be yours!

—Chaplain Richard B. Clayborne.

Orchids

To Sgt. Frank DiPalma, S/Sgt. Mike Horyne, Sgt. Harry Giavis and Pvt. Edwin Wilson, general mess cooks, who worked for 27 hours without stopping in order that Thanksgiving dinner could be served completely and on time; and to the KP's who carried on over-time towards the same end . . . to Pvt. H. Tadlock, KP pusher, who worked until 1 a.m. Thanksgiving morning, took time out for a little sleep and returned to the mess hall (his day off) to lend his assistance . . . to Cpl. S. G. Kalbfleisch, mural artist, who volunteered his services as a cook's helper and worked all night before Thanksgiving Day . . . to Miss Ruby Buckingham, secretary to Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, who has been with him since February 1, 1943, when he was director of ground training . . . to Lt. Harold O'Neill, assistant provost marshal, who this week instituted an orientation program for prisoners . . . to CWO William F. Baker, veteran army band leader, whose colorful career culminated in the successful direction of the 683rd AAF band, which was inactivated last week.

YE LIFTINGS

Prosecuting Attorney: "You say that when you visited the nudist colony on the night of the murder, you didn't do a thing there. Do you realize you are under oath?"

"Yes, and do you realize I'm over eighty?"

By chance, Miss Mathilda DeWitt
At a party became quite a hit
She loosened a stay
In her decolette
And displayed a beautiful presence
of mind and a complete mastery
of the situation.

Have You Read . . .

Plain Words About Venereal Disease by Thomas Parran, M.D., and R. A. Vonderlehr, M.D. The book is exactly what its title indicates—a plain, factual, revealing report to the American people on the greatest saboteurs of soldier and citizen.

Issue of Dr. Parran's earlier book *Shadow on the Land* opened the greatest national syphilis campaign, which was amazingly successful until the nation again mobilized its industry and its manpower for defense. *Plain Words* tells of the startling change that resulted.

In frank and factual manner, the questions of why, who is responsible, and what should be done are answered, and descriptions of the circumstances of defeat and success given.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800.	SAT.
Theater—Broadway Rhythm (Revival) — Geo. Murphy, Ginny Simms, Lena Horne. Short subjects.	DEC. 9
Service Club—Write that letter home. Free Movie 8:30 p.m.	SUN.
Theater—Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo—Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson. First show at 1730. Short subjects.	DEC. 10
Service Club—Dance for GIs and Field Girls. Christmas packages wrapped.	MON.
Theater—No feature shown.	DEC. 11
Service Club—Section "C" Dance.	TUES.
Theater—Brazil—Virginia Bruce, Tito Guizar. Short subjects.	DEC. 12
Service Club—Game night — checkers — bridge—chess.	WED.
Theater—Meet Me In St. Louis—Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor. Short subjects.	DEC. 13
Service Club—GI Dance—Wellington girls.	THURS.
Theater—Music Appreciation Night, 1830 to 2000.	DEC. 14
Service Club—"As You Were Party." Free coffee, cookies, GI movies. Christmas gifts wrapped.	FRI.
Theater—None but the Lonely Heart—Cary Grant, Ethel Barrymore. Short subjects.	DEC. 15

Rhumb Lines

Not only did Strother Field lose its band last week, but it also lost T/Sgt George Rozwick, accordionist and one-man show from Section M. Rozwick leaves hundreds of friends among the civilians of the neighboring towns. . . . Further emphasis on the importance of a sound orientation program can be seen in the appointment this week of Lt. Floyd Gilbert as Orientation Officer, primary duty. High authority recognizes more than ever that comprehensive orientation makes a better soldier of a man, by making him better informed. Beyond that, proper orientation of a man in uniform will give him a broader perspective of the world in which he will have to live when he returns to mufti. . . . Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, long-time CO of Strother Field, has at last been separated from the Training Command's basic program. He was transferred last week from Independence, Kansas, to Pampa, Texas, where he will command the TC's advanced flying school. . . . The story of gigantic salvage efforts which followed the accident at Jet, Oklahoma, last August will be featured in an early issue of Aviation Maintenance Magazine, according to an announcement from Washington. . . . Among the hundreds of Christmas gifts coming to SF personnel, our pick for the most unusual is a bracelet received this week by Pvt. Eleanor Blake from her former first sergeant, now stationed in England. The bracelet is made of English coins forged together and fastened with silver links. . . . It was taps Tuesday for Pudgy, the sportive little dog owned by Sgt. Ray Muchowich. Despite three days of care by Captain Frank Gluhm, post veterinarian Pudgy died of a brain disease. The little fellow listed among his admirers every man who had ever gone to the gym for physical training.

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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Male Call

by Milton



COURTESIES

Extended to GIs

by EULA FLAGLER
Service Club Hostess

- Wire flowers.
- Give train and bus schedules.
- Stamps for emergencies.
- Check your alterations for Wed. sewing by officers wives club.
- Do your Christmas shopping.
- Wrap your Christmas gifts.
- Mail Christmas packages.
- Do your errands in town.
- Sign your guest passes.
- Help find living quarters for your family.
- Find bridge partners for you.
- The service club has an electric iron, ironing board, music records, games and writing paper which may be checked from the office.

Do You Know?

Personal Affairs Unit

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS

"What happens to my National Service Life Insurance after my discharge from active duty?"

After your discharge you have a right to continue your N. S. L. I. To do this it is necessary for you to forward a remittance, in the amount of the premium formerly paid by allotment from your service pay, direct to the Collections Subdivision of the Veterans' Administration at Washington, D.C. It should be remembered that the first premium after discharge is payable during the month following your discharge. It is advisable to continue to make your premium payments as they become due, whether or not premium notices are received from the Veterans' Administration, in order to insure against possible lapse of your insurance.

Your present plan of insurance gives you various options as to the mode of premium payment and conversion to other plans of insurance. These options and an explanation of the conversion plans will be forthcoming in succeeding issues.

Woe unto him who heedeth not the practices of safety, for his anguish shall be great and his regret past understanding.

Have a place for everything—Keep everything in its place.

**Pvt. Judy Brubaker
A 'Triple-Threat' Wac**

An attractive and talented member of the WAC detachment at Strother Field is Pvt. Judy Brubaker of Detroit, Mich. Runner up two years ago for the title of "Miss Michigan," Judy had in the meantime won second prize in a national songstress contest sponsored by Johnny Long and his orchestra.



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Pvt. Brubaker enlisted in service Aug. 26 of this year and after completing basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, came to Strother Field. In addition to her talent as a singer she displays ability as an artist, making safety and training posters for use in instructing fighter pilots who are in training here. She is assigned to the training aids office at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

**CWO W. F. Baker Asst.
Special Service Officer**

Chief Warrant Officer William F. Baker, commanding officer of the 683rd Army Band which was inactivated at Strother Field on Nov. 30, will remain at this 72nd Fighter Wing base. He has been assigned as assistant special service officer.

CWO Baker was born in England and has been in the US Army for 30 years. He has been a Warrant Officer for 23 years and the leader of several fine military bands, some of which he developed himself. He has seen 20 years of foreign service.

**WAC
Detachment
News**

By

PVT. BETTY BARATH



It seems that more Wacs are spending evenings in the barracks. The late risers find it wise to stand guard over their bunks before parts of them disappear.

Last Friday was pay-day for our enlisted women. For the first time on this field our girls were paid the same day as the servicemen. It will be interesting to know who pays the bill by the end of the month.

Three more Wacs waded into our jolly group Saturday. The drippy state of atmosphere did not keep us from being happy at the sight of three more members.

Colonel Meade recently ate at the WAC mess as Lt. Stewart's guest.

Pvt. Semple and Pvt. Lipke's names are on the duty roster again. We are glad to have our girls back.

**MUSIC
APPRECIATION**

By PVT. ALDEN CRAIG

All-Tchaikowski Program

- Humoresque
- March Slav
- Concerto for Piano in B flat minor
- Selections from Nutcracker Suite
- Overture
- March Miniature
- Arabian Dance
- Romeo and Juliet Overture
- Overture 1812

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Dancing..Cards
- Ark.....Square dance
- Sun.....Win.....Bingo..Prizes..Free Call
- Ark.....Bingo..Free call
- Mon.....Win.....Married Couples night
- Ark.....Bridge and game night
- Tues.....Win.....Bridge..Pinochle
- Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Wed.....Win.....Sadie Hawkins Dance
- Ark.....Snack Bar party
- Thurs.....Win.....Do-As-You-Please
- Ark.....Open House..Program
- Fri.....Win.....Ping Pong
- Ark.....Ping Pong

Muchowich Is Schmitt(en)

Miss Evelyn Schmitt of Arkansas City, became the bride of Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, popular PT instructor at Strother Field, in a military wedding at the post chapel last Saturday evening. Chaplain Karl B. Smith, post chaplain, performed the ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Schmitt, Spokane, Wash., is a member of the civilian personnel department where she has been employed since March, 1943. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Muchowich of Freeport, Tex.

Mrs. Louise Hopkins, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and T/Sgt. W. C. Harris best man. Miss Bonnie Jean Smith was vocalist accompanied on the organ by Miss Winifred Dewey. Eight members of the guard squadron formed an honor escort for the wedding.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Miss Roma Adams, head nurse at the civilian (darn it!) dispensary, is our pin-up for this week. She came to Strother Field in April 1943 and resides in Winfield. Her home residence is Greeley, Colo. Miss Adams is an employee of the Industrial Hygiene Service for Civil Service Employees.

**Promotion Catches Up
With Captain Colwell**

The promotion from first lieutenant to captain of Robert J. Colwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Colwell of Park River, North Dakota, has at last caught up with him.

The promotion was effective August 25, one day after Captain Colwell left his Ninth Air Force station in England to return to the United States. Notification of his promotion has been following the captain to various temporary stations ever since.

Captain Colwell won his wings at Moore Field, Texas, Sept. 5, 1942, and went overseas in April of this year. He earned the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters while flying fighter planes for the Ninth Air Force.

St. John's Play Monday

"Showdown at Sawtooth," a three-act mystery-comedy, will be presented in the post theater Monday evening, Dec. 11, at 1915 by the St. John's college players

Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Cooked By A Hash Mark



Skyriders Play Coffeyville AAF Tonight; Lose to Herington, League Leaders

The Strother Field Skyriider basketball team will wind up a busy week on the Southwestern College court tonight when it meets the Coffeyville army air field team from Coffeyville, Kans. This will be the third game in five nights for the local quintet.

Thursday evening, after press time for the Prairie Flier, the Skyriders met the Boeing Bombers in one game of a double-header bill. In the other game the Boeing Bombshells met the AIB team from Des Moines, Iowa, bringing together two of the best girls' teams in the country.

In a thrilling game played Monday night in Southwestern gym the Skyriders gave the Second Air Force Area V league leaders, Herington army air field, a scare before losing the contest to the visitors by a score of 58 to 44.

On the opening play of the game Painter, Skyriider forward, scored a field goal. This goal was quickly followed by two more baskets scored by 1st. Sgt. Horton, forward, making the score 6 to 0 in the favor of Strother Field. At the end of the first quarter the Skyriders led 18 to 15. At the half-way mark Herington took a slim lead of 32 to 29.

Herington, showing the style that has placed it at the top in league play, nearly doubled the scoring of the Skyriders in the second half, making 26 points while the locals could tally only 15 points. This was the fifth victory for Herington in five games of league play and the fourth loss for the Skyriders in league standings. Strother defeated Topeka army air field in its only victory in the league. Topeka later pulled an upset in league play by defeating the powerful Walker army air field team.

In the game Monday night Miller, Skyriider forward, scored 13 points to lead the locals in scoring. Horton, forward, was second high in scoring with 12 points.

Start Intra-mural Basketball Play

First round of play in the Strother Field intra-mural basketball league took place Tuesday evening in the post gym and Unit Supply, Headquarters and Operations emerged victors.

The only close game was between Headquarters and the Medics. Headquarters won by a score of 28 to 21 with the winners making all their points on field goals. Selvidge, forward, and Waits, guard, tied for scoring honors with four goals each. Childers led the Medics with 6 points.

Unit Supply defeated Section C 29 to 13. Richie, Unit Supply guard, sank four baskets to lead his team in scoring. Johnson, Section C forward, made 8 of his team's 13 points to lead in scoring.

Operations doubled the score over "B" Flight, 36 to 18. Sellers, forward, made 13 points to lead his team and Vranish, forward, and Klimas, guard, on the "B" Flight team, shared scoring honors with 8 points each. The next round of play will take place next Tuesday night in the gymnasium.

Sign Band for NCO Dances

Services of an 8-piece dance orchestra comprising musicians from surrounding towns has been signed up for the weekly Saturday night dances in the non-commissioned officers mess, according to T/Sgt. W. C. Harris, secretary-treasurer of the club.

- BOWLING -

OFFICERS' DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	15	5	.750
Administration, Dubs	12	8	.600
Section A	9	11	.450
Communications, Candles	8	12	.400
Headquarters, Bulldogs	7	9	.350
Engineers, Scrubs	5	11	.250

Records			
High Individual Single—Kase	224		
High Individual Total—Rose	600		
High Team Single—Inspectors	867		
High Team Total—Inspectors	2445		

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Loose Nuts	18	6	.750
Rockets	15	9	.625
Sad Sacks	14	10	.584
Cloud Pushers	13	11	.541
Wilco	13	11	.541
Rogers	12	12	.500
Monsters	12	12	.500
Photo Flashers	11	13	.450
Hot Rocks	7	17	.292
Tracers	5	19	.208

Records			
High Individual Single—Sabia	230		
High Individual Total—Sabia	583		
High Team Single—Rogers	902		
High Team Total—Rogers	2519		

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 11, 1944

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Monday, December 11, 1944

- Sad Sacks vs. Rockets 1-2
 - Loose Nuts vs. Photo Flashers 3-4
 - Monsters vs. Cloud Pushers 5-6
- Tuesday, December 12, 1944
- Wilco vs. Hot Rocks 1-2
 - Tracers vs. Roger 5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Thursday, December 14, 1944

- Super Snoopers vs. Scrubs 1-2
- Bulldogs vs. Communications 3-4
- Dubs vs. Section A 5-6

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday, December 13, 1944

- WAC vs. Post Exchange 1-2
- Sub Depot No. 2 vs. Headquarters 3-4
- Sub Depot No. 1 vs. Air Corps Supply 5-6

683RD ARMY BAND

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a lot of snap and the appearance of the Airchords on the dance bandstands in the officers club and enlisted men's service club made the dance sessions great successes. The Airchords became well known over the entire state for their outstanding musical presentations on the Strother Field Hour radio program given biweekly last summer and fall over station KFJH in Wichita.

All but a few members of the organization have been transferred to other Second Air Force installations where larger groups of military personnel will be entertained by their splendid music. This is the one consolation we have in losing the 683rd Army Band.

EM WAR BOND PARTY

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ing trio and a dance team that has just completed successful engagements in New York City and Kansas City, Mo., and will appear here before continuing its tour on the West coast. T/Sgt. W. C. Harris and T/Sgt. Eugene C. Miller went to Kansas City last week where they secured the entertainers for the party tomorrow evening. 1st. Lt. Roy W. Sillings, officers' club officer, also made the trip and completed arrangements for entertainment to be presented at the officers war bond party in the post gym New Year's Eve. This party will be the officers' answer to the challenge made by the EM to see who will purchase the greater amount of bonds.

Unit Supply—29		Section C—13	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Harris, g	1 0	Tillman, g	0 1
O'Quinn, g	3 1	Reed, g	0 0
Mac Rossin, g	1 1	Montooth, g	0 0
Richie, g	4 0	Stoney, g	0 0
Sorrells, c	2 1	Stanley, c	0 0
Yachwan, f	1 0	Johnson, f	4 0
Chow, f	0 0	Neal, f	2 0
Beck, f	1 0		
	13 3		6 1

Headquarters—28		Medics—21	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Myers, f	2 0	Haungs, g	2 0
Selvidge, f	4 0	Childers, g	3 0
Hall, f	1 0	Landers, g	2 0
Wykoff, c	1 0	Dicks, f	1 2
Biederman, g	1 0	Smith, f	0 0
Waits, g	4 0	Sidley, f	1 0
Hunke, g	1 0	Hundl, f	0 1
Richardson, g	0 0		
Loughan, g	0 0		
	14 0		9 3

Operations—36		B Flight—18	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Waterman, g	2 0	Petrick, g	0 0
Curtis, g	3 0	Burnett, f	1 0
Attaway, g	0 0	Vranish, f	4 0
Halverson, c	2 3	Sutokiva, g	0 0
Thomas, f	3 0	Buvus, g	0 0
Sellers, f	6 1	Klimas, g	4 0
Church, f	0 0		
	16 4		9 0

MESSAGE CENTER

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stamped, entered on the incoming correspondence journal and relayed immediately for dissemination by the Sgt. Major. Likewise, all outgoing correspondence is recorded on a special journal as to subject, indorsement, inclosures, and to whom sent and is mailed directly from the message center. After approved distribution is appointed by the Base Adjutant all correspondence is disseminated through the department boxes in the message center by the clerks, who post the correspondence on individual department ledgers which are signed by the person collecting the material and which indicate number of copies of correspondence, date and subject. Chief message center clerk is Sgt. R. C. Ballou and the clerks in the department are Pvt. Mary M. Hooser, Pvt. Ernest Davin, Mrs. "Myrt" Crane and Mrs. Betty Howard.

The central file system, also in message center, contains a copy of all correspondence, both incoming and outgoing. It is the only complete file of correspondence within the station and is open at all times for reference by staff members and department heads. Sgt. A. M. Shook is the non-com in charge of this file system and he is assisted by Pvt. Marie Buskirk. All 201 files of all military personnel are retained and kept up to date by this filing section in message center which also keeps close tab on all action concerning all military personnel.

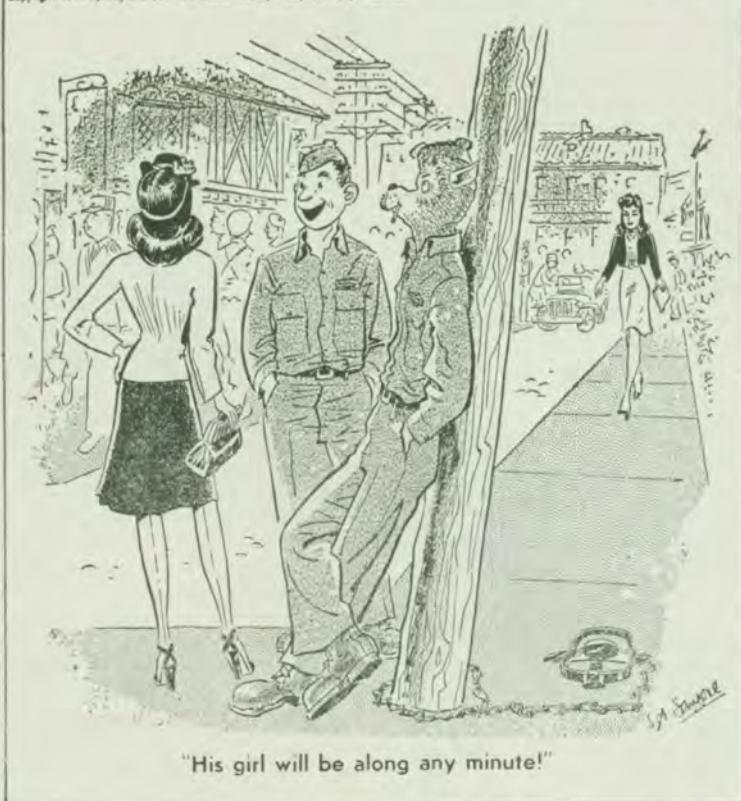
Headquarters supply, another vital section of message center, is headed by S/Sgt. W. F. Biederman. All publications received on the field are handled by him. He records distribution of all publications by means of a distribution sheet which in turn is sent to the office of the publications control officer for future reference. Copies of publications or directives designed for distribution are then sent to the front desk of message center and placed in individual boxes of activities concerned.

Their jobs may be a comin' and goin' proposition, but the personnel working in message center know the right answers—they are really "on the ball."

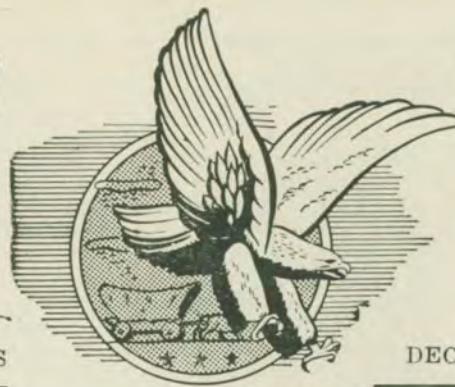
The Wolf

by Sansone

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"His girl will be along any minute!"



GI's Party Boosts Bond Quota by \$2,723.75

Enlisted men of Strother Field set a fast pace for officer personnel of the air base to follow Saturday evening when they invested \$2,723.75 cash in war bonds at a big party at the Non-Coms' club.

Admission to the party was by purchase of war bonds only, each purchase entitling its owner and his date to an evening's good entertainment as guests of the Non-Com club. Purchases ran the gamut from the new GI \$7.50 bond to cash investments by a number of enlisted men in the amount of \$150 each.

An Arkansas City nine-piece orchestra substituted for the recently inactivated Airchords for the evening's dancing, and snack bars did a land office business.

At 11:30 p.m., a troupe of entertainers came from Kansas City, their arrival delayed several hours by hazardous travel over glassy roads. However, despite the late-

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Plan Big Xmas For Hospital Patients

Big plans to provide a cheery Christmas for Strother Field soldiers who are confined to the station hospital are under way, with the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Councils of Winfield, Arkansas City, Wellington and El Dorado heading up the activities. Supplementing the efforts of the Red Cross will be the American Legion posts of Arkansas City and Winfield, and the Strother Field Army Wives organization. The latter will decorate the convalescent ward and the private rooms of soldiers confined to their beds at Yuletide.

Crowning festivity at the hospital will be a Christmas party at the hospital the evening of December 23, with the Winfield and Arkansas City Camp and Hospital Councils providing the entertainment, refreshments and hostesses. Carol singers will bring the patients the beautiful Christmas songs, and other entertainment in keeping with the season will be offered.

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Sixth War Loan Drive Over The Top; Total of \$75,902.50 Is 125.2% Of Quota

In a spurt of bond buying by both military and civilian personnel, Strother Field went roaring over the top of the Sixth War Loan drive Tuesday to reach \$75,902.50, or 125.2 per cent of quota. Indications were that before returns from all departments were in the field would have set a new high for bond buying.

Military personnel far exceeded the established quota. With only partial reports in, the quota for officers, trainees and enlisted men had been subscribed 144.65 per cent. The civilian personnel quota had been oversubscribed by 2.34 per cent.

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3-DAY CHRISTMAS PASSES

10% of military personnel at Strother Field will be allowed 3-day Christmas passes effective from 1700 Friday, Dec. 22 to Tuesday morning, Dec. 26. This percentage is in addition to the number of men on furlough at that time. For further details see your orderly room bulletin board.

Christmas Holiday Parties At Strother Field To Commence Next Week

Children of officers and enlisted men at Strother Field will have nothing on enlisted personnel at Christmas time when it comes to receiving gifts from Santa Claus. Camp and hospital service committees from adjacent towns are to provide 500 gifts to be presented EM during the formal dance in the service club scheduled for Thursday night, December 21st.

Starting next Thursday the first in a series of Yuletide affairs will get underway. The opening event will be the party for children of officers and enlisted men to be held in the post theater from 1400 until 1600. There will be movies, singing and Santa Claus will pass out gifts to the children. That evening the EM dance in the service club will be held.

On Dec. 22 members of Section A-1, 2 and 3, and their wives or dates will gather in the 1,000-man mess hall for a fine steak dinner to be followed by a dance in the south wing of the building. A 9-piece orchestra will play for the occasion. Beer and a special lunch will be served later in the evening. Members of the WAC detachment will decorate the wing for the dance. The party is to be paid for from the unit fund.

Members of Section C will hold a Christmas dinner dance on Saturday, Dec. 23rd in the section mess hall. A New Year's dance in the service club is also scheduled for members of Section C on Saturday night, December 30th.

Holiday parties are scheduled by the USOs in both Winfield and Arkansas City. A party and formal dinner dance will be held in the Winfield USO on Christmas day while Ark City is planning a party on Christmas Eve.



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Mrs. Christine Kelley, PX employee, passes out coffee and rolls to Cpl. Melvin Harper, Pfc. Charles Sarafian and Cpl. Norbert Hoefs in the new service club snack bar.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Hazel Smith, post exchange employee, fills the orders of a representative group of Strother Field personnel in the newly opened service club snack bar. Left to right are: 2nd. Lt. C. W. Peterson, Sgt. W. G. Golaszenski, Pvt. Irene Lepke and Frankie Eatmon.

Officers and Civilians Have Own Snack Bar

A snack bar for officers and civilian personnel of Strother Field will be opened this week-end in the post exchange building. It will be in the same location as the former snack bar used by all personnel. The newly opened snack bar located west of the enlisted men's service club will cater to EM.

Have a place for everything—Keep everything in its place.

Service Club Snack Bar Opens

A popular spot at Strother Field is the enlisted men's service club snack bar which was officially opened for business last week. The snack bar is located in the building west of the service club.

Hot coffee, rolls, doughnuts and food that GIs enjoy are served along with fountain drinks. The bar is open from 0800 until 1100 and again from 1300 until 2145 on Sunday and all week days except Saturday. On Saturday the bar closes at 1715.

Hazel Smith, Helen Matoy, Christine Kelley, Betty Forester, Lila Morgan, Ruth Yokeley, Helen Warren, Imogene Coffey, Madeline Bender and Era Wood comprise the staff of young women employed in the snack bar which is operated by the post exchange.

"Old Man Accident" like the gremlin, is always around—Let's not have him find us asleep.

The War and You

As Americans today our eyes are fixed upon those battlefronts where American men are fighting. We watch primarily the rubble-filled streets of German towns, the blasted, shattered palms of far Pacific islands. It is only natural that we should.

But, in looking at a war as at anything else, it is absolutely necessary to remember that the other fellow has a point of view too, and it is very likely not the same as ours. We should try to see things through the eyes of ally, neutral, and even enemy, and to understand these other views and preoccupations if we are to make anything but a hopeless muddle of our post-war world.

Today the eyes of almost all of Europe and of much of Asia are fixed upon Greece, Italy, Poland, Belgium and France. The people of the world are watching to see what we and our allies have in store for the liberated and the conquered nations alike. There have been declarations of policy from time to time in World War II. Now for the first time the people of the world have a chance to see how seriously those declarations are to be taken.

The watchers have been under terrible strain for a long time. The decisions that are made and the actions that are taken will be of primary importance to them. Their future cooperation is of primary importance to us, as a nation and as individuals, now and in the future.

This is a time when the world moves on a narrow and difficult path, at the verge of an abyss. A misstep could easily be fatal. What is done now cannot be undone.

From Little Acorns Chestnut Trees Grow

The Sixth War Loan Drive has gone over the top at Strother Field—to the extent of 125.2% of quota. Officers, trainees and enlisted men have gone "all out" in purchasing bonds for cash. With only partial reports in, the quota for them has been subscribed 144.65%.

The total cash purchases on the field for military and civilian personnel is now \$75,902.50 with more purchases being made daily. This total amount represents the purchase of many, many War Bonds. No half-dozen well-to-do individuals did all the buying. It was GI Joe and Jane and Civilian Charlie and Charlotte who gladly exchanged a great proportion of their well-earned pay for bonds to build more planes, ships and buy ammunition.

Many buck privates had to dig deep to buy a single GI \$7.50 War Bond. When you end up with less than \$20 on pay day and invest one-third of it in a bond you're really doing your share. With living costs what they are today civilian workers at Strother Field do not have too much money left over after each pay day, yet, these individuals have invested large percentages of their pay in bonds bought for cash. Most of the military and civilian personnel purchase bonds by allotment each month in addition to cash investments. The Sixth War Loan Drive is a success. Congratulations.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

These are the days when we are given numerous opportunities for rendering service. We may not be capable of great things, but we can all do the little things that do not require extraordinary skill and energy, but which may mean much when done in the right spirit.

It is our privilege as well as our duty to speak the cheering word, to do the kindly deed each day, as we journey along. It is not a trivial matter to give encouragement and help to those who need it. It may have a more far-reaching effect than some achievement that receives the praise of men.

"You will find, as you look upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others." —Drummond.

Orchids

To Sgt. Eugene Mendini of the Guard Squadron for his efforts in behalf of quiet so the men can sleep in the alert room of the guardhouse. The sergeant's exhortations are embodied in a touching poem he penned and tacked on the door to the alert room. . . . to Miss Gerry Tuttle, librarian, who not only attended to the library but also served as her own janitor when her enlisted helper was on furlough. . . . to personnel of the Post Engineers Department who contributed \$60 to assist an enlisted man of the department who was in distress last week.

. . . To Pvt. Alden Craig of the enlisted men's service club who will long remember Thanksgiving Day, 1944. He worked from 0800 Tuesday, Nov. 21 until 1430 on Thanksgiving Day, 54½ hours of labor without any sleep. In addition to his regular duties in the service club he made all the decorations for the 52 tables in the 1,000-man mess hall, returned to the club and decorated it for a holiday dance.

Rhumb Lines

. . . Basketball fans in Winfield were treated to a half-time ceremony they had not expected during the SF-Coffeyville game Friday night. A small boy trotted across the gym floor and made for the Skyriders dressing room, carrying a large ribbon-tied bouquet of sweet peas in one hand and a placard in the other. The placard was the pay-off; it said: "To Glamor Boy Horton." Horton, an able cager if ever there was one, was good natured throughout the ceremony, agreed to pose for a picture in which a young lady presented him anew with the flowers. . . . Twelve performers from Chilocco, representing 8 Indian tribes, put on a show for convalescents at the Station Hospital Monday night. Star attraction was a three-year-old girl whose dancing was nothing short of amazing. The beat of a real tomtom provided the background for a variety of Indian dances peculiar to various tribes represented.

. . . Latest Strother Field alumnus to receive the DFC is 2nd Lieut. Richard J. Hruby of Washington, D.C. Lt. Hruby took basic training here with class 43-F. He is among 375 officers of the Eighth Air Force listed as DFC recipients in a release issued in Washington recently. . . . The PRO has found out that some people read the News This Morning bulletins. An American advance of 1000 yards along the Roer River was reported in the bulletin recently as a 1000-mile advance. Among the many who called the PR office was one gentleman who wanted to know whether we had suddenly invaded Russia from the east.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800.	
Theater—The Sign of the Cross (Reissue) —Claudette Colbert, Fredric March, Charles Laughton, Elissa Landi. Color cartoon.	SAT. DEC. 16
Service Club—Write that letter home. Free Movie 8:30 p.m.	SUN.
Theater—Together Again — Irene Dunn, Charles Boyer, Charles Coburn.	DEC. 17
Service Club—Dance for GIs and Field Girls. Christmas packages wrapped.	MON.
Theater—No feature shown.	DEC. 18
Service Club—Open House.	
Theater—Double Feature—Reckless Age—Gloria Jean, Henry Stephenson. The Unwritten Code—Tom Neal, Ann Savage.	TUES. DEC. 19
Service Club—Game night — checkers — bridge—chess.	WED.
Theater—Wilson—Alexander Knox, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Thomas Mitchell (one show only) 7 p.m.	DEC. 20
Service Club—Christmas Dance—Ark City, Ponca City, Winfield USO Girls.	THURS.
Theater—Children's Party 1400. Wilson—One showing 6 p.m.	DEC. 21
Service Club—"As You Were Party." Free coffee, cookies, GI movies. Christmas gifts wrapped.	FRI.
Theater—Lost in a Harem—Abbott and Costello. Short subjects.	DEC. 22

YE LIFTINGS

A man was sitting beside the deathbed of his partner. The partner knew he was doomed and said with a sigh of repentance:

"I've a confession to make, partner. I robbed the firm of \$50,000 and sold the blueprints of the secret formula for \$250,000. I stole the letters from your desk that got your wife a divorce, and um—"

Partner: "Oh, don't worry, old chap. I poisoned you."

Girls are like newspapers — they have forms; they always have the last word; back numbers are not in demand; they have great influence; you can't believe everything they say; they're thinner than they used to be; they get along by advertising; every man should have his own and not try to borrow his neighbor's.

Pappy: "You have been seeing Nelly for nigh onto a year. What are your intentions?"
Sappy: "You mean I got a choice?"

Temperance Lecturer: "And in conclusion, I will now give you a practical demonstration of the evils of Demon Rum. I have two glasses here on the table. One is filled with whiskey, one with water. I will now place a worm in the glass of whiskey. Witness how it curls up, writhes in agony, then dies. Now then, what moral do you get from this demonstration?"

GI: "If you don't want worms, drink whiskey!"

Typographical error in newspaper story of dedication of new bridge: "The bride is approximately 18 feet wide from buttress to buttress."

PRAIRIE FLIER

COL. D. E. MEADE, Post Commander

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Male Call

THE NAVY'S SHIP AND AIRCRAFT NOMENCLATURE IS OFTEN CONFUSING TO LANDSMEN... SINCE SAILORS THINK OF THEIR SHIPS AS FEMALES, THIS CHART WILL MAKE IT SIMPLER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE GROUPS OF LETTERS...

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Salvation Army To Give Fruit Gifts

Yuletide gifts of apples and oranges to the soldiers of Strother Field—sick and well, male and female—are on the Christmas list for the Salvation Army of Winfield, Adjutant George L. Williams of the citadel, has announced.

Adjutant Williams has placed orders for the finest quality of oranges and apples available and two days preceding Christmas will have baskets of them delivered to each day room at Strother Field for the holiday consumption of the men who use each day room. The quantity will be ample to supply all soldiers.

On Sunday before Christmas, Adjutant and Mrs. Williams will visit each of the hospital patients able to receive them and will personally present to each convalescent a basket of fruit from the Winfield Salvation Army.

"Our plan to remember the soldiers of Strother Field at Christmas time is only a small part of the Salvation Army's plan to remember every man and woman in service wherever it is possible to reach them with some evidence of the Salvation Army's deep interest in their welfare and their safety. It is a pleasure and a service we especially enjoy," Adjutant Williams said.

Hackney U. B. Church Members Invite GIs to Their Homes

Would you enjoy a home-cooked meal in a farm home of the Hackney district? That opportunity has been extended to enlisted personnel of Strother Field by the Rev. J. R. Allison, pastor of the United Brethren church of Hackney from members of his congregation.

Anyone interested in visiting in one of these homes is requested to contact the service club hostess, Eula Flagler, one week in advance. You will be called for at the post chapel at 1100 or if you would care to attend services at the United Brethren church of Hackney, which is south of the overpass on highway 77, you will be contacted there. Services at Hackney are at 1000 and all service men are welcome to attend.

Service Flag in Pfc. Hoesser's Home Has Seven Stars

Pfc. Mary Hoesser, mailing clerk in the Message Center, left Wednesday night for her home at Houston, Texas, for a happy reunion with her twin brother, David, from whom she had not heard since he entered the service of the United States navy a good many months ago.

The Hoesser family is definitely war-minded. Five of the 12 children are in the armed forces and represent the navy, Army Air Forces, marines. Besides these five, two sons-in-law are in military service, the eldest son is foreman in the Houston shipyards.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

There are four young members of the Hoesser family, a boy 14 and little sisters 8, 11 and 12. Like other American boys and girls they're much concerned these days with salvage drives of one kind and another, and with war bond sales in their rooms at school. Only thing is, they have considerable more incentive, in a numerical way, at least, than most families, for few service flags in America bear seven stars, four of the seven for men now in the hot spots on foreign soil or in foreign waters.

A Yuletide dance in the Winfield USO for colored soldiers will be held for Section C members Saturday evening. USO girls from Wichita will be guests and Don Wynn's orchestra will provide the music.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

There will be a Yuletide dance at the Winfield extension U.S.O., Saturday, the 16th of December at 2030 o'clock. There is sure to be a great number of young ladies from Wichita, Winfield, Arkansas City, Ponca City, Newton and other nearby points as hostesses. The dance is given under the joint sponsorship of Sec. C and the Winfield U.S.O.

Section C's basketeers have disbanded due mostly to lack of practice. It is regretted that Sgt. Green, the man who was counted on to hold the team together, has been transferred.

Working on the theory that the high morale of a squadron is best maintained by preventing trouble, Sgt. W. C. Richardson and Cpl. Elliot Miles are doing a fine job as military police. They patrol Arkansas City each night or wherever needed.

Sgt. Richardson was inducted at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, and hails from New York City. Cpl. Miles was inducted at Ft. Custer, Michigan. They took their training in the 1st M.P.T.G.A. A minimum of trouble in the squadron shows the result of that training.

Lt. Col. J. M. Thacker New Air Inspector

Lieutenant Colonel John M. Thacker of 1275 Southwest Second Street, Miami, Florida, has reported to this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force, and has been appointed base air inspector.

Colonel Thacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Thacker of Miami, left the University of Florida to enlist in the Army Air Forces in March, 1940, and won his wings and commission at Brooks Field, Texas, November 14, 1940. He went overseas in 1941 and returned to this country in January of this year. His combat activities as a fighter pilot won him the Silver Star and the Air Medal.

Colonel Thacker reported here from Harding Field, La., where he had been stationed for the past two months. He replaces Lt. Col. Gordon F. Thomas, who was transferred last week to the newly acquired Second Air Force fighter base at Greenville, Texas.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Our pin-up of the week is the attractive wife of Pfc. Ed Pflipsen of the Medical Detachment at Strother Field. Mrs. Pflipsen is the cashier in the civilian mess hall (who cares if the coffee is hot or cold?) She and her husband are from Sauk Centre, Minn., and have been living in Ark City for the last year. What we want to know is how does the snow stay on the ground so long up there?

Do You Know?

Personal Affairs Unit

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS

After your discharge from active duty you have an option as to how you make premium payments on your G.I. Insurance.

Premiums will be due monthly in advance. You are given a grace period of 31 days from the due date to make your payment. A grace period is merely a credit period through which the Veterans Administration carries your insurance in full force and effect. If the assured dies while the policy is carried on a grace period the Veterans Administration will pay the assured's beneficiary in accordance to the terms of the policy, but will deduct the premium payment that was extended as a credit to the assured on a grace period.

If you so desire you may pay your premiums on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. If you pay on other than a monthly basis a saving at the rate of 3% per year is allowed on the monthly premiums paid in advance.

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

PT (PARTY TYPE) SHE LIKES TO GO PLACES AND DO THINGS... SHE STAYS UP TILL THE SUN GOES DOWN!

AO (ALL OUT) SHE'LL GET DIRTY WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T FEND HER OFF

BB (BROAD BEAM) SHE'S BIG AND TOUGH - AND A GOOD GAL TO BE WITH IN BANDIT COUNTRY...

CV (CHARMING VIXEN) SHE LIKES TO TOSS OFF A FEW NOW AND THEN... NO MATTER HOW OFTEN YOU RUN OUT ON HER, SHE'S ALWAYS WILLING TO TAKE YOU BACK...

AR (ALWAYS RELIABLE) SHE'S THE MOTHERLY SORT - NOT GLAMOROUS, BUT NICE TO TURN TO WHEN YOU NEED SYMPATHY

FOR LUBBERS ONLY

DD - DESTROYER
PT - PATROL TORPEDO BOAT
SS - SUBMARINE
BB - BATTLESHIP
AO - OILER
CV - AIRCRAFT CARRIER
AR - REPAIR SHIP

Leg Log

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.....	Win..... Dancing, Cards
Ark.....	Carol singing on a truck
Sun.....	Win..... Chili supper 6:30 p.m.
Ark.....	Tues. Nite Girls
Ark.....	Bingo. Free call
Mon.....	Win..... Married Couples night
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Tues.....	Win..... Bridge, Pinochle
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Wed.....	Win..... Games, Dancing
Ark.....	Formal dance
Thurs.....	Win..... Formal Xmas Dance at SF
Ark.....	Formal Xmas Dance at SF
Fri.....	Win..... Ping Pong
Ark.....	Ping Pong

Skyriders to Play Warrensburg Monday; Lose In Last Seconds to Dalhart AAF

Playing four games in a week will be the record for the SF Skyriders when they meet State Teachers' College of Warrensburg, Mo., this coming Monday in the S. C. gym in Winfield. Both teams have reputations for fast play, and the match promises top-flight basketball.

Thursday evening last, the Skyriders dropped a close, rough tussle with the Boeing Bombers veteran cage team by the score of 53-42. Boeing took the lead early in the first quarter, and altho the Strothermen swiftly adjusted their game to the fast seasoned play, and gave the Bombers a mean battle in the last half, they were not quite able to score fast enough to beat the watch and win. (24) Smith occupied the limelight with spectacular play thruout the game, but tough luck benched him for five personals in the last minutes of play. The SF cagers also missed key ball-handler (44) Bennett who was sweating out a twisted ankle on the sidelines.

On Friday following, the Skyriders, though fatigued from the fast Boeing competition, came back to make an easy win over the Coffeyville AAB five, 48-42. At first, the score was tossed back and forth between the teams, but solid, precision ball work continually gave the Ryders the edge. In the final period, using their last reserve of energy, the SF men pushed a fast rally, led by (20) Painter, (21) Horton and (25) Williams, and gained a quick ten-point lead, which they rested upon until the final whistle.

And on Monday, after a brief rest, the Skyriders buzzed down to Dalhart AAF (Texas) to drop a heart-breaker in the last minute of play. Although the final tally was 57-49, the scorer's record showed SF ahead by a small margin in the second and third periods. But in spite of the hot-rock shooting of (25) Williams, who came thru with 18 points, (21) Horton and (20) Painter and the smooth play on both offensive and defen-

Two Teams Tied For Intra-mural Lead

Operations and Unit Supply intra-mural basketball teams are tied for first place in league standings following the second round of play Tuesday night in the post gym. Operations defeated Headquarters, 39 to 24 and Supply won over "B" Flight, 37 to 25. Sellers, Operations forward, made 8 goals for 16 points to lead his team in scoring for the second consecutive week. Waits, Headquarters center and Selvidge, Headquarters guard, led in scoring for their team with 6 points each.

O'Quinn, guard and Sorrells, center on the Unit Supply team, each made 5 baskets to cop scoring honors for their team. Raymond, forward on the "B" Flight quintet, scored 9 points to head his teammates in total points.

A misunderstanding in the time their game with the Medics was scheduled for on Tuesday evening led to a forfeiture on the part of the Section C quintet.

sive, of (26) Hudak, (29) Nickolas, (28) Dunning and (27) Miller, the Dalhart team sneaked ahead with a series of lucky long-shots to take the lead and the game.

This coming Monday, when the Riders play the Warrensburg Mules, bad luck, which has lost so many overtime and last minute scrambles to the SF team should stand neutral and superior ball play will bring the pumpkin home to the lads in black. Both teams having the reputation for fast play, a thrilling game should result.

- BOWLING -

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Loose Nuts	18	6	.750
Sad Sacks	17	11	.607
Cloud Pushers	17	11	.607
Wilcos	17	11	.607
Monsters	16	12	.572
Rockets	15	13	.535
Rogers	13	15	.464
Photo Flashes	11	17	.393
Hot Rocks	7	17	.292
Tracers	5	23	.179

RECORDS			
High Individual Single—Sabia	230		
High Individual Total—Sabia	583		
High Team Single—Rogers	902		
High Team Total—Rogers	2519		

OFFICERS' DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	16	7*	.695
Administration, Dubs	16	8	.667
Section A	11	12*	.478
Engineers, Scrubs	9	11	.450
Headquarters, Bulldogs	7	13	.350
Communications, Candles	8	16	.333

* One point tied. To be awarded on results of team total on 14 December.

RECORDS			
High Individual Single—Kase	224		
High Individual Total—Rose	600		
High Team Single—Inspectors	867		
High Team Total—Inspectors	2445		

LADIES' DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sub Depot No. 1	26	10	.722
Headquarters	22	14	.610
Air Corps Supply	21	15	.583
Sub Depot No. 2	21	15	.583
Post Exchange	16	20	.444
WAC's	6	30	.167

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 18, 1944
ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION
 Monday, December 18, 1944
 Roger vs. Hot Rocks 1-2
 Rockets vs. Wilco 3-4
 Photo Flashes vs. Tracers 5-6
 Tuesday, December 19, 1944
 Monsters vs. Loose Nuts 1-2
 Sad Sacks vs. Cloud Pushers 5-6

LADIES' DIVISION
 Wednesday, December 20, 1944
 Headquarters vs. A. C. Supply 1-2
 Subdept No. 1 vs. Post Exchange 3-4
 WAC vs. Sub Depot No. 2 5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION
 Thursday, December 21, 1944
 Bulldogs vs. Section A 1-2
 Super Snoopers vs. Dubs 3-4
 Scrubs vs. Communications 5-6

PLAN BIG XMAS

(Continued from page 1, column 1)

A huge Christmas pack of gifts now being collected by the American Legion posts of Arkansas City and Winfield will be presented during the evening to the enlisted men and women and officers who are patients at the hospital. Representatives from the two posts will be on hand to distribute the gifts.

Although a big shimmering Christmas tree already will be shedding its glory in the day room since it is due to be put up December 15, the Army Wives will supply other Christmas decorations for the party the evening of December 23.

Climaxing the party, the canteen corps from Winfield will serve holiday refreshments.

Besides looking out for the Strother Field hospital patients, the Camp and Hospital Councils from Winfield and Arkansas City will join those from Wellington and El Dorado in providing a Christmas tree for each of the day rooms at Strother Field. These trees will be distributed early this week, and from tree decorations provided by the four Red Cross Councils, the men or women who use the separate day rooms will trim their own trees. The allotment also includes two trees for use in the Service Men's Club.

Strother Field—49		Dalhart AAF—57	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Smith, f	0 5	Sapan, f	5 4
Hudak, f	3 0	Oppenlander, f	6 1
Miller, f	0 1	Berges, c	3 1
Dunning, f	0 0	Burns, c	0 0
Painter, c	4 2	Jordon, g	5 1
Williams, g	9 0	Hatala, g	2 2
Nicholas, g	0 0	Daub, g	3 0
Horton, g	4 1		
	20 9		24 9

Headquarters—24		Operations—39	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Meyers, g	2 1	Waterman, f	0 1
Richardson, g	0 0	Crawford, f	2 0
Hall, f	1 0	Charlton, f	3 0
Selvidge, f	3 0	Halverson, c	1 0
Waits, c	3 0	Ataway, g	0 0
Biederman, g	2 1	Sellers, g	8 0
Cowling, g	0 0	Church, g	0 0
		Thomas, g	5 0
		Dodson, g	0 0
		Curtiss, g	0 0
	11 2		19 1

B Flight—25		Supply—37	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Matthews, f	1 0	Mac Rossin	0 0
Burns, f	3 0	O'Quinn	5 0
Raymond, f	4 1	Sorrells	5 0
Vranish, c	0 0	Chow	3 0
Petric, c	1 0	Ritchie	4 1
Burtnett, g	0 0	Heathington	1 0
Colburn, g	1 0		
Klimas, g	2 0		
	12 1		18 1

INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Unit Supply	2	0	1.000
Operations	2	0	1.000
Headquarters	1	1	.500
Medics	1	1	.500
Section C	0	2	.000
"B" Flight	0	2	.000

SIXTH WAR LOAN

(Continued from page 1, column 1)

Cash investments of more than \$14,350 by the training section, most of it by the flying officers and pilot trainees, gave the Strother Field drive a sudden boost toward the quota.

Another large contributor was the Post Engineer department, where a total of \$4,407 cash has been invested in war bonds since an aggressive campaign among military and civilian personnel opened a few days ago.

Though the field quota has been reached and those for the two principal sections—military and civilian—have been reached, the Strother Field Sixth War Loan drive will be pressed vigorously with the hope that every section, department and unit will meet its individual quota.

GIs BOOST BOND QUOTA

(Continued from page 1, column 1)

ness of the hour, the performers presented a highly entertaining floor show which included: a novelty act by a man and woman and six Chihuahua dogs; numbers by a talented dance team; a variety of tricks by a magician who wound up his act with a bucketful of money he'd gathered from GI's pockets and neckties; several songs by the feminine emcee who found high favor with the crowd which jammed the Non-Com club.

The party was the Non-Com Club's challenge to officer personnel of Strother Field to hike figures in the Sixth War Loan. The challenge, issued in the name of all enlisted personnel at the field, was made through Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, about ten days ago. The officers will answer the challenge on New Year's Eve when they will buy war bonds to attend a formal party in the big field gym.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"Friend of yours?"



Merry Christmas to All of You!

6th War Bond Drive Now 140.71 % of Quota

Cash investment in bonds during the Sixth War Loan Drive at Strother Field reached \$84,431.75 the first of this week—140.71% of the quota for civilian and military personnel.

In setting this outstanding record before the completion of the drive civilian personnel have already purchased \$35,936.25 in bonds to total 122.8% of this quota and military personnel invested \$48,468.50 for 154.2% of quota.

SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE OVER THE TOP!

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL	MILITARY PERSONNEL
TOTAL \$35,936.25	TOTAL \$48,468.50
122.8%	154.2%
QUOTA \$29,250.00	QUOTA \$31,425.00
90%	90%
80%	80%
70%	70%
60%	60%
50%	50%
40%	40%
30%	30%
20%	20%
10%	10%

PAY DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Pay day, the last day of each month, comes on Sunday this December. Regulations forbid pay being distributed in advance, but with Sun. nite Dec. 31 being New Year's Eve it was decided to pay off on that morning so you'll have your "moola" for holiday expenditures.

Christmas Holiday Begins Sunday Noon For Military and Civilian Personnel Here

A day and one-half holiday is in store for military and civilian personnel of Strother Field beginning at noontime Sunday. At that time all flying, maintenance work, ground training and routine office work will cease until Tuesday morning, Dec. 26.

Those Unsung Heroes, the guard squadron members, the cooks and KPs, and some skeleton crews, will be on the job, but with 15% of military personnel on furlough and another 10% on three-day pass, and most of the remaining GIs enjoying themselves in the surrounding towns, the UHs should have an easy day of it.

In issuing holiday furloughs to military personnel preference has been given to men returned from overseas service who have not had a Christmas at home in recent years.



Former Circus Star An SF Student Officer

Not content with the regular combat pilot flying training schedule to keep him in the air there is one student officer at this Second Air Force base who gets off the ground as much as possible in his spare time as well. He is Second Lieutenant Searle S. Simmons, former circus acrobat and star of an aerial bars and flying act, who has installed his own equipment in the post gymnasium here and daily practices feats of skill which have his fellow pilots rubbing their eyes in amazement.

Son of Mrs. Hortense Simmons and husband of Mrs. Lena B. Simmons of 446 W. 19th St., New York, N.Y., the lieutenant has been a circus performer since he was 12 years old and has toured the country with nationally known shows. Before entering service in September, 1942, he was an aerial acrobat with the Wallace Circus for 10 years and was well known as one of three performers in the Creta Brothers Act.

Lt. Simmons has also toured with acts showing in well known night clubs and vaudeville theaters throughout the country. One of his narrowest escapes, though he did not know it at the time, was when he played at the Coconut Grove in Boston only a few nights before the terrible fire there. He is also one of the comparatively few pilots who have "flown through the air" under the eyes of the Commander in Chief as his act showed before President Roosevelt at a Shrine Circus in 1941.

Select Winners in Arts-Crafts Contests; Pvt. Alden Craig Wins \$50 Grand Prize

Santa Claus, in the person of Karl Mattern, School of Fine Arts, Kansas University, visited Strother Field Monday. As the result of his trip here seven GIs collected a total of \$80 in prize money for their winning entries in the arts and crafts competition, which are now on display in the enlisted men's service club.

Mr. Mattern judged the entries Monday morning and following his selection of the winners in five categories announced that Pvt. Alden Craig of the special service department was the \$50 grand prize winner, two of his winter rural scenes in watercolor tying for top honor.

Another first prize winner in the watercolor exhibit, "Mountain Road," was submitted by S/Sgt.

Will Mosteller of Section A-1. He received \$5 in prize money.

In the oil painting classification Sgt. Don Nicholas of the Medics received first prize honor and \$5 for his Kansas landscape.

M/Sgt. Willard Dorr, Section A-1, was awarded first prize and \$5 for a pastel painting of his wife.

A cartoon titled "Benefit of" (Continued on page 4, column 3)

Junior GIs and Janes Have a Big Time

Children of Strother Field officers and enlisted men who didn't sleep much last night had a couple of good reasons—too much candy and gifts from Santa Claus himself.

The annual Christmas party for children was held Thursday afternoon in the post theater. Gifts were distributed to them all by Santa (Sgt. Jack Blackman who served in this capacity for the second year) and there were movies and singing to add to the pleasure of the youngsters. The party was sponsored by the special service department.

The War and You

The massive German counter blow which struck against our American First Army some days ago still lies behind the fog of war. Details of action and counter-action on a constantly fluid front of some 70 miles are necessarily still obscured, perhaps to a large extent even to both opponents on the ground.

The battle itself was probably not, except perhaps for its timing, a surprise to the Allied high command. Counter-attack is an accepted military gambit. It was almost certain that it would be attempted by the Reichswehr, just as counter measures of our own are now equally inevitable.

The great question remaining is the strength which the Nazi can bring to his effort and upon his morale and capacity to resist of the aftermath of his effort.

It is possible that the men and munitions the Nazi generals are spending from a dwindling stock pile will so weaken the Reich as to bring on an earlier collapse. That is the A-1 solution from our point of view. From that of the enemy the aim must be to so weaken and disrupt the American armies as to destroy our plans for further winter offensives and obtain a further breathing spell for the Nazi states. It is doubtful if anyone in Germany with an IQ above .0005 seriously believes the propaganda claims that the panzers will celebrate Christmas in Paris. Anything is possible in war, but some things are considerably less probable than others.

One thing, however, is certain. The attack means beyond doubt that American advances on the road to Cologne had begun to hurt the Nazi. Progress made here must have so worried him as to make even the gamble of an attack at a time when every man and every cartridge was worth hoarding preferable to the purely defensive war which the Nazi had been fighting—and losing.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally extend to you my very best wishes at this Christmas season. The officers, enlisted men and civilians of Strother Field are finishing another highly successful year in the training of pilots for our Army Air Forces which are playing so great a part in the victories of today. It is my fervent hope that on next Christmas Day the Allied forces may have won the final victories for which we are striving.

I extend to you and yours my sincere wish for a very Merry Christmas and a victorious New Year.

COLONEL DONALD E. MEADE,
Commanding.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

There will be little children on the hills of Bethlehem looking for the Star on Christmas night. There will be men and women all over the world, thinking of how God one night hung a star from the floor of heaven to guide the humble and the wise. That Star will reflect "the hopes and fears of all the years," and man will take courage again and somehow go on.

Only God could have thought of a Star. And only God can blot it out. Men cannot reach that high. Men have tried. Many have mocked Christmas. Yet in spite of man's unbelief, here it is again, over all the world—The Star. You cannot do one thing to halt the nightly, majestic marching of God's stars down the skies; you can never do anything to dim the shining of His Star.

Only God could make and keep the Christmas Star.—The Secret Place.

Orchids

To personnel of the Air Inspector's office and Co-ordination and Compliance who this week are rolling up their sleeves in preparation for the forthcoming quarterly inspection, with the ink hardly dry on paper work resulting from the recent annual general inspection . . . to Miss Laverne Scott of Red Cross for her efforts in securing a giant Christmas tree for the general mess. The tree was given by C. H. Kitzelman of Winfield. The huge tree is one of fourteen made available to Strother Field through the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Councils of Arkansas City, Winfield, El Dorado and Wellington . . . To the townspeople of the same four towns who contributed gifts to jam GI Joe's socks to overflowing. Enlisted men at the Service Club Thursday night each received a remembrance.

Rhumb Lines

Fifteenth Air Force veterans at Strother Field will be interested in the fact that their old outfit has flown 150,000,000 miles since its activation on November 1, 1943. Major General Nathan F. Twining's charges amassed the impressive mileage in more than 150,000 sorties against the enemy in 12 different countries. . . . The first soldier to transfer from the Army Ground Forces to Strother Field arrived Tuesday. He is Pfc. Lenard C. Witbeck of Wayne, Michigan, who reported from Camp Howze, Texas. The AGF is scheduled to transfer large numbers of limited service men to the AAF in exchange for personnel qualified for combat duty. . . . Twenty-five more SF enlisted men went the other way—to the Ground Forces—last week.

Greetings to Soldiers of 1944

From Kansas Legionnaires

*God, make it up to them, somehow, somewhere,
To all our lads who, young and debonaire,
Went out to war and paid its fullest wage,
Denied of rightful long-life heritage;
When in the dark of night wept homesick tears
And at the battle's call hid secret fears
Behind the stern-set lip, the steady eye,
Then found themselves quite unafraid to die.*

*In newborn fortitude that did not fail
Some fell to earth beneath a metal hail
Of bombs, and some went down into the sea
From flaming ships, with utmost gallantry;
For, heroes all, they learned to look at death
As did the martyred One of Nazareth
Who faced it with such dignity; He too,
Upon an ancient hill, kept rendezvous.*

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800. Theater—The Heavenly Body (Revival)— Wm. Powell, Hedy Lamarr. Short sub- jects.	SAT. DEC. 23
Service Club—Write that letter home. Free Movie 8:30 p.m. USO party at Ark City. Theater—To Have and Have Not—Humph- rey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Walter Bren- nan. Short subjects.	SUN. DEC. 24
Service Club—Open House, USO party and dinner in Winfield. Theater—No feature shown.	MON. DEC. 25
Service Club—Open House. Theater—The Missing Juror—Louie Carter, Jim Bannon. The Great Mike—Stuart Irwin, Robert Henry.	TUES. DEC. 26
Service Club—Game Night — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—Hollywood Canteen — All Star cast. Short subjects.	WED. DEC. 27
Service Club—Dance—USO girls from Wel- lington. Theater—No feature shown.	THURS. DEC. 28
Service Club—"As You Were Party." Free coffee, cookies, GI movies. Theater—Dark Waters — Merle Oberon, Franchot Tone, Thomas Mitchell. Short subjects.	FRI. DEC. 29

YE LIFTINGS

"Marriage," says GI Joe, "is like boxing. The preliminaries are often better than the main event."

Wolf: A member of the male species who devoted the best leers of his life to women.

The old sarge doesn't have room on his Good Conduct Ribbon for all his wild oat leaf clusters.

Anyone can play bridge, but it takes a cannibal to throw up a hand.

Gently he took his wife's dainty little hand in his—and twisted it until she dropped her knife.

When is a good girl not a good girl?—About nine times out of ten.

A soldier likes to look over silk stockings . . . just a little over.

Some gals like to be kept in suspense—others prefer apartments.

PRAIRIE FLIER

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**Xmas
Fun**

Tonight—

Party for Sections A-1, 2 and 3, and wives or dates in 1,000-man mess hall. Free steak dinner and dance with music by 9-piece orchestra. Beer and late lunch also on menu.

Saturday—

Dance in NCO Club. 8 p.m. Section C Xmas dinner dance in section mess hall.

Xmas Eve—

Party in Ark City USO for GIs.

Xmas Night—

Dance in NCO Club. 8 p.m. Party and formal dinner dance at Winfield USO.

Dec. 30th—

Dance in NCO Club. 8 p.m. Section C dance in service club.

New Year's Eve—

Officers' party and dance in the post gym.

New Year's Night—

Dance in NCO Club. 8 p.m.

Four EM Return

Four fellows who are really buddies returned to SF Monday after six weeks at Kearns ORD, Utah. They have been together four and a half years, and saw service in the Aleutians together from February, 1941, to October, 1943. These men are T/Sgt. Moreen Thoreson, S/Sgt. Eugene Nowak, S/Sgt. Jay Mortensen and S/Sgt. Lester Norderud.



**Four of Family
Are In Service**

Even though you don't get letters every day it still is fun to go to the mail room—reason? Pvt. Mary Ognocevich, mail clerk, and her big smile for everyone. Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ognocevich, Sheboygan, Wis., en-



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tered service at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 13, 1944, and after completing basic training there came to Strother Field. She has three brothers in service. One is in France with the ground forces and the other two are in the navy. One is in Hawaii and the other is stationed at Bremerton, Wash.

Fighter-bombers and bombers of the army air forces Pacific ocean area have made use of captured Japanese bombs in attacking islands in the Mariannas and Marshall groups still in enemy hands, according to information reaching Strother field from the war department today.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

The dance given last Saturday under the sponsorship of Sec. C and the Winfield USO extension was a tremendous success. The guests and enlisted men had a good time.

Don't forget the dinner-dance to be given on Saturday evening at the Section C mess hall. Due to the efforts of Sgt. Lamar Crawford, and his assistants, as well as our own entertainment committee the affair promises to be a success.

All of Section C extends its sympathy to Sgt. Meredith Knox whose sister recently passed away.

This column extends in behalf of Section C a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**Many Gifts Given
To Enlisted Men**

If you do not think that most GIs are just kids at heart you should have attended the enlisted men's party in the service club last night. Every EM received a fancy-wrapped Christmas gift and there was no waiting for Dec. 25 to open them. The party was a great success with Merle Johnson's 9-piece orchestra furnishing dance music for the GIs and GSO gals from Ponca City, Ark City and Winfield. The club was attractively decorated, thanks to Eula Flagler, hostess, and Pvt. Alden Craig. The large Xmas tree had been decorated by field girls who attended the juke box dance in the club Monday evening.

Red Cross camp and hospital committees of the chapters in surrounding towns provided the gifts not only for the party Thursday night but for the hospital patients, Wacs, members of the 264th Base Unit, and Section C. Additional gifts will be presented to lucky ticket holders at the post theater Christmas Eve.



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Another Minnesotan appears in the Strother Field pin-up corner this week. She is Joyce Lindberg, clerk in time section of Operations and the attractive wife of Sgt. L. I. Lindberg of the 264th Base Unit. Duluth, Minn., is their peace-time home. They have been living in Arkansas City since the Second Air Force took over Strother Field.

Do You Know?

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

Your original G.I. Insurance policy is issued on the 5-year level premium term plan. Such plan gives you temporary protection for a 5-year period at the lowest cost possible. Term Insurance is a plan of protection issued for a limited period of time and has no values other than insurance protection during the exact period of time the policy is in force. If, after the 5-year period the conversion option is not elected the assured is no longer protected as the policy becomes null and void and no refund value exists, but you may renew your 5-year term plan at 5-year intervals at a slightly higher premium rate.

Your 5-year term policy may be converted to a permanent policy on the Ordinary Life, 20 Payment Life, or 30 Payment Life Plan anytime after your insurance has been in force for 1 year and within the 5-year period.

These permanent plans will be explained in our next issue.

"Old Man Accident" like the gremlin, is always around—Let's not have him find us asleep.

USO ACTIVITIES

- (Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)
- Sat.....Win.....Dancing..Cards
Ark.....Bingo..Games..Caroling
 - Sun.....Win.....Xmas Eve Party..Gifts
Refreshments
Ark.....Xmas Party..Fortune tell-
ing..Treats..Caroling
 - Mon.....Win.....Formal Supper Dance—
6:30 p.m. American Legion
in charge.
Ark.....Xmas Entertainment
 - Tues.....Win.....Bridge..Pinochle
Ark.....Do-as-you-please
 - Wed.....Win.....Games..Dancing
Ark.....Open House
 - Thurs.....Win.....Do-As-You-Please
Ark.....Record Making
 - Fri.....Win.....Ping Pong
Ark.....Married Cuples Night



WITH A WREATH TO SGT. SANSONE,
CHIEF WOLF

Skyriders Lose To Warrensburg 84 to 43

Starting like a cyclone, the Strother Field cagers slapped two baskets at the Warrensburg AAF Monday night in Southwestern College gym and it looked like the locals were off on a scoring spree—and they were. They totaled 43 points before the game ended but their opponents amassed 84 points to take the high-scoring game.

Warrensburg had height and deceptive ball-handling that was just too much for the Skyriders. Beard, visitor's center, scored 23 points while his teammate McConnell, guard, made 19. Horton, Sky-rider guard, led his team in scoring with 12 points followed by Williams, guard, who made eight.

The first quarter ended 26 to 10 in favor of the visitors. They boosted their score to 42-21 at the halfway mark. At the end of the third quarter they led 66 to 27 and the game ended 84 to 43.

The Warrensburg roster includes the names of several former college stars and their passing and shooting was outstanding. The Skyriders were off form on their goal shooting and had difficulty taking rebounds against their taller opponents.

Warrensburg—84		Strother Field—43	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Bresin, f	4 1	Painter, f	0 1
Houk, f	6 0	Miller, f	2 0
Beard, f	10 3	Smith, c	3 0
McConnell, g	8 3	Horton, g	5 2
Pigot, g	4 0	Williams, g	3 2
Winenger, f	3 0	Sherman, c	1 1
Waltz, f	1 2	Nicholas, f	1 2
Ferguson, c	0 1	Dunning, g	1 1
Wallich, g	0 0	Hudak, g	0 2
Alvey, g	1 0	Hall, g	0 0
	37 10		16 11

INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Operations	4	0	1.000
Unit Supply	3	1	.750
Headquarters	3	1	.750
Medics	1	3	.250
"B" Flight	1	3	.250
Sec. C	0	4	.000



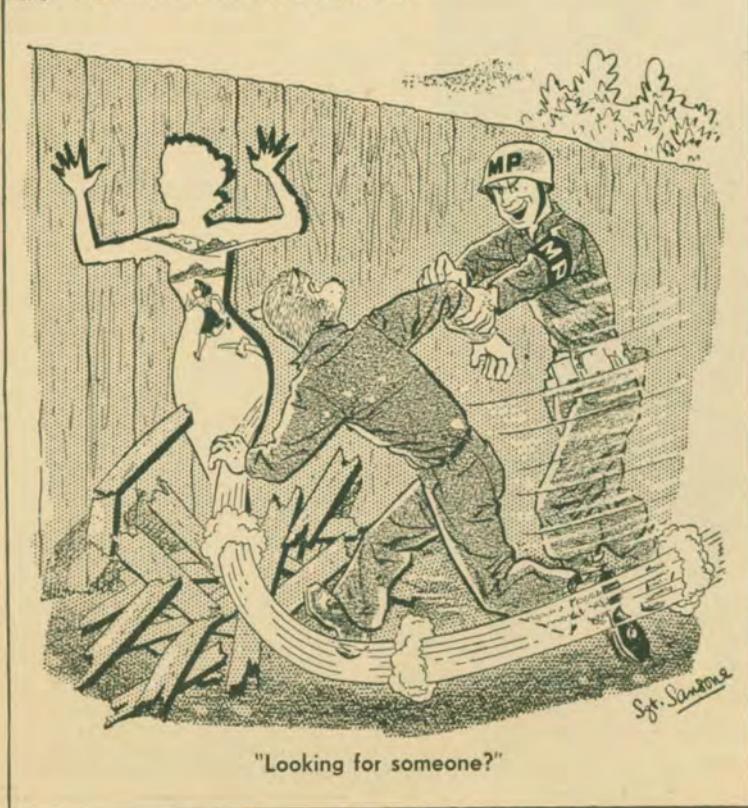
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It is amazing the way M/Sgt. Peyton Horton of the Sky-rider basketball team continues his hot pace in scoring. Sinatra may have his troubles with the bobby-sox brigade but Horton really has difficulty—not with the younger generation but a couple of field gals who could wear 7 or 8 "hash marks" since arriving on earth. These two cuties, in which giggle-mortis has set in, made the card and purchased the bouquet shown above. Miss Doris Baird, another civilian worker at SF, was talked into making the presentation while the donors sat on the sidelines—no one offering to help them off of the bench. Being haunted by these two certainly cannot be the penalty for serving as a first sergeant! Oh yes, their names are LaVerne Scott of the Red Cross office and Eloice Tuttle of the post library.

Have a place for everything—Keep everything in its place.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"Looking for someone?"

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Loose Nuts	22	10	.687
Sad Sacks	20	12	.625
Monsters	20	12	.625
Wilco	19	13	.594
Cloud Pushers	17	15	.530
Rockets	16	16	.500
Rogers	14	18	.437
Photo Flashes	12	20	.375
Hot Rocks	12	20	.375
Tracers	8	24	.250

Records

High Individual Single—Sabia	230
High Individual Total—Sabia	583
High Team Single—Rogers	902
High Team Total—Headquarters	2552

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	16	8	.666
Administration, Dubs	17	11	.607
Section A	15	13	.535
Engineers, Scrubs	9	11	.450
Communications, Candles	12	16	.428
Headquarters, Bulldogs	7	17	.292

Records

High Individual Single—Kase	224
High Individual Total—Rose	600
High Team Single—Inspectors	867
High Team Total—Inspectors	2445

LADIES' DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sub Depot No. 1	26	14	.656
Air Corps Supply	25	15	.625
Sub Depot No. 2	24	16	.600
Headquarters	23	17	.575
Post Exchange	19	21	.475
WAC	7	33	.175

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 25, 1944

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Tuesday, December 26, 1944

Hot Rocks vs. Tracers 1-2

Roger vs. Rockets 5-6

Friday, December 29, 1944

Sad Sacks vs. Loose Nuts 1-2

Wilco vs. Cloud Pushers 5-6

Monsters vs. Photo Flashes 3-4

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday, December 27, 1944

Post Exchange vs. Sub Depot No. 2 1-2

WAC vs. Air Corps Supply 3-4

Headquarters vs. Sub Depot No. 1 5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Scrubs vs. Dubs 1-2

Communications vs. Section A 3-4

Super Snoopers vs. Bulldogs 5-6

SELECT WINNERS

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

Doubt," showing a slap-happy boxer about to place a horseshoe in one of his boxing gloves won first prize and \$5 for Sgt. William Morey, Section A-1, in the cartoon group.

Two first prizes were awarded in the photography class. Sgt. Charles Deane of Section A-1 won \$5 for his portrait of a tough GI and Sgt. Fields Baldwin, Section A-1, received \$5 for a snow scene.

Commenting on the prize winning exhibits Mr. Mattern said, "This fine work compares very favorably with that on exhibition in leading art centers over the country. These men can be justly proud of their work."

The prize money for the competition was made available to the special service department through the Winfield Chamber of Commerce.

The exhibits will be on display in the service club for one week. A prize of \$20 will be awarded the entry judged by spectators as the best in the display. Ballots will be given all persons viewing the exhibit and everyone is asked to enter in the judging for this extra cash prize. The prize-winning entries will then be sent to Headquarters Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Neb., for judging in the Service Command competition for which awards will be given.

Operations Leads in Basketball League

Operations took over the lead in the post basketball league this week when the Medics were defeated 35 to 20 and Section C forfeited to Operations. Unit Supply is now tied for second place, dropping from first place when it lost to Headquarters 19 to 23. Medics forfeited to US the first of this week.

Headquarters, which had been in third place is now tied for second by its two victories over Unit Supply and "B" Flight, the latter game ended 33 to 27 in favor of Headquarters. Medics and "B" Flight are tied for third place and Section C is reported to be dropping out of the league.

The second round robin play will start next week. Organizations interested in entering the league are asked to contact Lt. Williams or S/Sgt. Vallance at the post gym.

Operations—35		Medics—20	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Crawford, f	4 0	Landers, c	7 0
Waterman, f	1 0	Childers, g	1 0
Charlton, f	5 1	Prys, g	0 0
Halverson, c	3 0	Hoeking, g	0 0
Thomas, g	3 0	Tomasino, f	0 0
Mendini, g	0 0	Hundl, f	2 0
Sellers, g	1 0		
	17 1		9 0

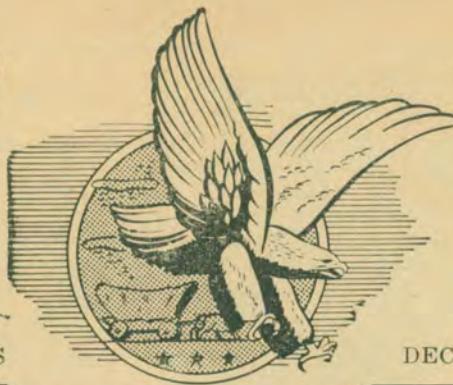
Headquarters—23		Unit Supply—19	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Waits, g	3 0	McRossin, g	0 0
Myers, g	0 0	Harris, c	0 1
Loughan, g	0 0	Sorrels, c	3 1
Harling, c	2 0	Ritchie, f	3 2
Biederman, f	3 0	Chow, f	1 1
Richardson, f	1 0	O'Quinn, f	0 0
Hall, f	2 1		
	11 1		7 5

Headquarters—33		"B" Flight—27	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Hottenstein, f	4 0	Vranish, f	5 1
Myers, f	2 0	Petrick, c	1 0
Hall, f	2 0	Smith, c	5 1
Harling, c	3 2	Matthews, g	1 0
Waits, g	1 1	Sottorira, g	0 0
Richardson, g	2 0	Burnett, g	0 1
Mace, g	1 0		
	15 3		12 3



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2nd. Lt. Searle S. Simmons, former circus acrobat, keeps in practice at the gym. He is shown hanging by his heels—a neat trick when you know how!



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Pictured above is a group of enlisted men and their guests who attended the dinner dance held in the 1,000-man mess hall last Friday evening for members of Sections 1, 2, 3-A.

Hundreds Attend Dinner-Dance Party

Tender steaks, hundreds of them, were consumed with relish (and all the trimmings) by enlisted men of Sections A-1, 2 and 3 during a holiday dinner-dance in the 1,000-man mess hall last Friday evening.

The party was a free one for GIs and their guests who formed a steady stream into the mess hall from 1900 until nearly 2100. Following the dinner the guests moved to the south wing of the building for an evening of dancing with music provided by a 9-piece orchestra. Beer and a dutch lunch were served guests during the latter part of the evening.

The south wing had been attractively decorated by a group of Wacs. Each window was decorated with "snow" and the entrance and pillars of the room were decorated with paper resembling red bricks. Light bulbs were painted red and the orchestra played on a platform decorated in green with "Merry Christmas" in red letters. The party was judged a great success by all attending and many suggested that the wing remain decorated for future party use by enlisted men and their guests.

100% Service for Greene Family

If any family can boast of 100% participation in the country's war effort that is the Albert A. Greene family of Tonawanda, New York.

Albert Greene is an infantry private, now stationed at Camp Grant, Ill. His wife, Mrs. Florence M. Greene, is a WAC private who reported to Strother Field last week from Pocatello, Idaho. Her only son, George M. Crouch, is a first lieutenant in the paratroopers. A regular army man, he has seen nine years of service, which were climaxed by his participation in the paratroop operations on D-day and again during the bloody battles of Eindhoven and Arnheim in Holland, where he was seriously wounded.

While WAC Pvt. Florence Greene operates a teletypewriter at Strother Field she is thinking of the exploits of her son, as he is now on the way back to the United States with his hard-won Purple Heart, British government and Presidential Unit citations, and stars on his theater ribbon to represent two of the toughest battles on the continent in World War II.

PAY DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Pay day, the last day of each month, comes on Sunday this December. Regulations forbid pay being distributed in advance, but with Sun. nite Dec. 31 being New Year's Eve it was decided to pay off on that morning so you'll have your "moola" for holiday expenditures.

New Year's NCO Dance

A dance will be held in the NCO Club Monday evening for members and guests. Merle Johnson and his Music Makers will play for the dance scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Safety pays in many ways.

Civilians Get Cash Prizes

Two civilian employes were awarded cash prizes by the Army Air Forces Suggestion Committee at Strother Field last week, according to Lt. Howard Hawley, recorder of the committee.

Recipients of \$10 cash awards were Morris W. Reynolds of Arkansas City, Kansas, and Dewey G. Law of Newkirk, Oklahoma. The two men are employed in the engine department of the Maintenance and Supply Section.

Reynolds' recognition resulted from his invention of a carburetor shipping brace which holds aircraft carburetors in place during shipment.

Law won the cash award by virtue of his invention of an engine sling to be used in the maintenance department. The sling will make possible the swinging of an airplane engine so that it can be rotated and worked on from all sides.

The AAF Suggestion Committee invites suggestions and plans from both civilian and military personnel.



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Children of officers and enlisted men at Strother Field receive Christmas gifts from Santa Claus following the holiday party in the post theater. The party was held last Thursday afternoon. Miss Eula Flagler, service club hostess, is shown assisting Santa in distributing the gifts.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

This week a people which has watched the Star of Christmas rise over a world twisted into the grotesque agony of a Dantesque nightmare stands at the threshold of a new year too weary to look far ahead, too weary by far to look back.

At year's end, as at its opening, the world into which the Christ Child was born so long ago is scarred and twisted by innumerable, far flung, flaming battle lines. The earth is richer by the bodies of many millions who have died and by the sweat and blood and agony of those other millions who still live.

There have been victories and defeats and shifting of the battle lines across the earth, and who is to count the measure of the price that has been paid?

The Men of Evil who once launched the war in arrogance and greed and hatred have come to terror and rat-vicious malevolence at this year's end. The men of cowardice and willful blindness who allowed the war to come stand in a bitter shadow, safe behind a living wall of little men who fight and die, but not safe from the moving finger of self-knowledge and self-accusation which writes upon the wall. All these men are of no importance any more.

Of paramount importance are the many millions of humble men and women who see in the year to come an opportunity for justification of all past sacrifice and suffering through the attainment of a true victory and a true peace. It is they who are fighting the war. It is their faith which must remake the world. It is they, and not the selfish and the greedy and the stupid who are important to the world in this new year to come.

Happy New Year

Hitler "interned" in a cheap wooden box.
Air Forces clearing the skies of enemy planes.
Philippines completely liberated.
Pearl Harbor debt paid in full.
Yamishito's body floating in the Pacific.

Nazis screaming "Kamerad!"
Eighth British and Fifth U. S. armies occupying all of Italy.
Wermacht a forgotten word.

Yanks marching into Berlin and Tokyo.
Eisenhower announcing the cessation of hostilities in Europe.
America welcoming home her service men and women.

Realization of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men.

=CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH
THE THREE WAY LOOK

With most people New Year's calls for a two-way look, but we believe there should be a third.

We always look back. Sometimes the picture is not too pleasing. There are failures and shortcomings. Life's threads are tangled and knotted. Let us be impressed with the realization that what we have written in 1944 will always stand. It cannot be changed. May there arise in our hearts a desire for a vastly different New Year.

We always look ahead. What does '45 hold in store? It is our prayer that it shall bring peace, but let each of us realize that first there must come suffering, sacrifice and bloodshed.

May God lead us to look within. If we are honest we shall own that we alone do not possess the ability to improve the past, nor meet the future with victory.

The Psalmist said, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord." May the New Year find us doing exactly that.

The first words of the Bible are, "In the beginning God." What better resolve could we make for the New Year? Put God FIRST in the beginning of '45 and keep Him there throughout the year!

A Blessed New Year to you, Joe!

Orchids

To personnel of the base post office and organization mail rooms for efficient handling of a record volume of holiday mail with a minimum of delay and confusion . . . to the American Legion posts of Winfield and Arkansas City for the overwhelming success of their local drive for "Gifts for Yanks Who Gave." . . . to personnel of the general mess for a commendable job over the holiday weekend, as well as for their contribution toward last Friday night's party, termed by most attendants as the best such affair ever held at Strother Field.

Rhumb Lines

The War Department has released a list of fliers who have been credited with the destruction of 15 or more enemy planes in aerial combat. The list contains 34 names, led by Major Richard I. Bong. Of the 34, two have been killed in action, three are reported missing in action, and five are prisoners of war. Thirteen of the 34 fliers were assigned to the Eighth Air Force when the list was released. . . . Announcement comes that a Headquarters, Continental Air Forces, has been activated for the purpose of decentralizing the command functions over the four continental air forces and the First Troop Carrier Command, the War Department has announced. The new Headquarters, CAF will be located at Camp Springs, Maryland, Army Air Field, 11 miles southeast of Washington. Creation of CAF headquarters will get the operating features of the Headquarters Army Air Forces into the field, leaving higher-level AAF policies and planning in the Headquarters, AAF, located in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. . . . The War Department announced this week that pneumatic pants which prevent the fighter pilot from blacking out in aerial maneuvers against the enemy now are worn in P-51s and P-47s of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. The new anti-gravity garment is known as the G-suit. . . . Typical of the action of Army nurses in an emergency was the heroism of Second Lt. Mary Louise Hawkins, 23, of Redwood City, Calif., recently when she was the flight nurse in charge of 24 litter patients, enroute to Guadalcanal from Palau by plane. During a forced landing an injured man received a severe cut in the throat which severed the trachea. Lt. Hawkins devised a suction tube from various accessories including an asepto syringe, colonic tube and the inflation tubes from a Mae West. With this contrivance she was able to keep the man's throat clear of blood until aid arrived 19 hours later. The nurse is given credit by the ATC for saving the man's life.

YE LIFTINGS

The GI picked up the telephone and dialed a number. "Hello, baby, this is Gideon."

"Who?" asked the girl.

"Gideon," he answered.

"I can't understand you."

"Listen," said the soldier, "it's Gideon—G for gin, I for ice, D for drink, E for excess, O for off duty, and N for nothing to do. Get that?"

"Well, I still don't know who you are," replied the girl, "but it sounds interesting, so come on over."

The doctor was visiting a GI's wife to deliver her twelfth offspring. Approaching the house he saw a duck in the road.

Doctor: "Is that your duck?"

GI: "That ain't no duck. That's the stork wid his legs wore off."

The stork and the wolf usually work in the same neighborhood.

MP: "No parking. You can't loaf along this road."

Voice within car: "Who's loafing?"

1st GI: They tell me in China, you can get three pounds of imported Swiss cheese, a case of beer, a quart of whiskey and a wife for five bucks.

2nd GI: I'll bet it's lousy whiskey.

GI: "Darling, I guess you were pretty mad at me for coming home at 4 a.m. with this black eye."

Little Woman: "Not at all, sweetheart, you didn't have it when you came home."

PRAIRIE FLIER

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800. Theater—Three Is a Family—Chas. Ruggles, Marjorie Reynolds, Helen Broderick. Short subjects.	SAT. DEC. 30
Service Club—Write that letter home. Free Movie 8:30 p.m. Theater—Something for the Boys—Vivian Blaine, Michael O'Shea, Carmen Miranda, Phil Silvers. Short subjects.	SUN. DEC. 31
Service Club—Open House. Theater—No feature shown.	MON. JAN. 1
Service Club—Open House. Theater—Alaska—Kent Taylor, John Caradine. Murder in the Blue Room—Donald Cook, Ann Gwynne.	TUES. JAN. 2
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Music club 6:30 p.m. Theater—The Woman in the Window—Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett. Short subjects.	WED. JAN. 3
Service Club — Dance — USO Girls from Ponca City. Theater—No feature shown.	THURS. JAN. 4
Service Club—USO-Blue Circuit Show 2030. Theater—Sunday Dinner for a Soldier—John Hodiak, Ann Baxter. Short subjects	FRI. JAN. 5

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator



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Legion of Merit To Gen. U. G. Ent

The Legion of Merit has been awarded Major General Uzal G. Ent, former commanding general of the Second Air Force, according to a War Department announcement received at Strother Field Tuesday.

The high decoration was awarded General Ent for his service as commanding general of the Second Air Force, of which Strother Field is a unit, from January to October, 1944.

General Ent was relieved of his command several months ago following an aircraft accident in which he suffered serious injury. He was replaced by Major General Robert B. Williams.

Pvt. Sullivan, USO Girls, Win Party Prizes

GIs were not the only persons to receive Christmas gifts at the big party held in the service club last Thursday evening. Audra Green of Winfield and Pvt. Pat Sullivan of Section A-1 were judged the best dancers and each received a carton of cigarettes. Jane Rosebaugh was judged the gal with the prettiest dress and received a fruit cake as a prize.

Grand Falls, Mont. (CNS) — "Dinner's ready, dear." Mrs. Frank Rogers called to her husband, who was repairing the roof. Mr. Rogers responded rapidly. He fell through the roof and the ceiling, landing in his regular place at the dining room table.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Dancing..Cards
Ark.....Bingo..Games
- Sun.....Win.....New Year's Eve Party
Ark.....Waffle Supper 8:00
- Mon.....Win.....Supper-Dance 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Rotary Club
Ark.....Bridge and Game Night
- Tues.....Win.....Bridge..Pinochle
Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Wed.....Win.....Games..Dancing
Ark.....Open House
- Thurs...Win.....Do-As-You-Please
Ark.....Record Making
- Fri.....Win.....Ping Pong
Ark.....Married Couples Night

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

One of the last dances of the holiday season will be given Saturday evening starting at 2000 at the Section C mess hall. Credit should be given Sgt. Ward for his hard work in arranging these affairs. Also all the men who have given their spare time to make the affairs successful.

This week will see the return of many of the personnel of Section C from Christmas furloughs. Included in this group is M/Sgt. Washington who enjoyed a furlough to Louisiana with wife and family.

New Year's being a step away (and we hope not a staggering step) we hope 1945 is a better year for everyone, and with much happiness.

Arts and Crafts Judge



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Mr. Karl Mattern, Kansas University School of Fine Arts, stands before two prize winning water-color paintings, entries in the arts and crafts contest for enlisted men held in the service club last week. Mr. Mattern selected Pvt. Alden Craig's painting (top) as the \$50 grand prize winner. The smaller painting is by S/Sgt. Will Mosteller and was awarded \$5 first prize.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Christmas in the United States this year was a real thrill for this group of ten enlisted men stationed at Strother Field. It was their first holiday on the homeland in three to six years. Nine of the men are members of Section 1-A at Strother Field and the other, M/Sgt. Luse, is in the 264th Base Unit.

Front row, left to right, are: T/Sgt. Dallas W. Metz of Huntington, Pa., who was stationed in the South Pacific from Feb. 1, 1942, until last summer; Sgt. Arnold J. Trempler, Milwaukee, Wis., in Hawaii and the South Pacific from Jan. 10, 1940, until summer of this year; Sgt. James L. Waldrep, Tyler, Tex., in the South Pacific from Jan. 12, 1942, until this summer; T/Sgt. Cecil Mullins, Oak Hill, W. Va., in the South Pacific from Feb. 1942 until the middle of this year; M/Sgt. Binford S. Luse, San Antonio, Tex., who served in England, North Africa, Sicily and Italy from Sept. 17, 1942, until last fall.

Back row, left to right: S/Sgt. Wayne Skillestad, Brainerd, Minn., saw service in the South Pacific from June, 1942, until last summer; T/Sgt. Herman D. Sinks, Mt. Vernon, Ill., saw service in Panama and the Galapagos Islands from March, 1941 until summer of this year; S/Sgt. Pete Tudish, Bobtown, Pa., was in the South Pacific from Sept. 1942 until last summer; T/Sgt. Reuben A. Hartke, Buckley, Ill., was in England from Nov. 1942 until early summer of this year; S/Sgt. Joseph J. Novak, Roselle Park, N. J., who takes top honors in the group with five Christmases spent in Hawaii and the South Pacific from Dec. 1939 until this summer.

Blue Circuit Show Coming Jan. 5

Second in a series of USO-Camp Shows, Inc., Blue Circuit Shows will make its appearance Friday night, Jan. 5, in the station hospital and enlisted men's service club. The hospital program will be held at 1700 and at the service club at 2030.

- Olin Walker M.C., Comedian
- Ann Helm Dancer
- Lily Cavell Singer
- Ralph Thomas Accordionist
- Miriam Passovoy .. Rhythm Singer

Do You Know?

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS
Personal Affairs Unit

Your original G. I. Insurance Plan may be converted to any one of three permanent plans.

The most popular of these is the 20-payment Life Plan. Under such plan you pay premiums for a period of 20 years. At the end of this period you are no longer obligated to pay premiums, but your insurance protection continues in full force and effect for the remainder of your life.

With the insurance protection this plan provides you with other guaranteed benefits, such as a cash, loan, paid-up insurance and extended insurance values. These values are available after your policy has been in force one year but vary according to your age on the effective date of the policy.

The other permanent plans are— the Ordinary Life Plan which will give you the maximum amount of permanent protection for a minimum premium; BUT such premium is payable throughout the life time of the assured; the 30-payment Life Plan which is similar to the 20-payment Life Plan, except that premiums are payable for 30 years.

Ordinary and 30-payment Life Plans also have the above mentioned guaranteed benefits but the amounts vary according to the plan.

ff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Kipling Didn't Know American Soldiers



Skyriders Beat Conoco, 43 to 14

The Strother Field Skyriders bounced back into rare form the night of Dec. 21 to trounce the Conoco Oilers at Ponca City, 43 to 14. The soldiers showed surprising power after their defeat at the hands of Warrensburg Monday of last week.

Lt. Jack Williams led the Strother cagers with 15 points, to put him in the scoring lead for the season. Pfc. Lawrence Miller was second with 8 points, while M/Sgt. Horton came next with three field goals and six points.

The Oilers were outclassed from the start. They were able to chalk up only one field goal and two free throws in the first period, and at half time had amassed only nine points.

The Skyriders, leading 19 to 9 at half time, found their scoring punch in the second half, tallying 24 points, 15 of which were made in the final period. They displayed defensive power not yet shown this season when they held the Ponca City team scoreless in the third quarter.

Bullard was leading scorer for Conoco, accounting for six of his team's 14 points.

The Strother quintet plays a return game with the Oilers at Winfield on January 2.

War Bond Drive Now 142% of Quota

The cash purchase of war bonds during the past week at Strother Field totaled \$1,867 to boost the Sixth War Loan Drive to \$86,298.75, 142% of the quota for military and civilian personnel.

Civilian personnel have purchased \$36,555.00 in bonds to total 124% of quota and military personnel have purchased \$49,743.75 for 158% of quota.

Safety pays in many ways.

Hospital Patients Have Big Party

Members of the Red Cross camp and hospital service committees, American Legion and auxiliaries and Red Cross canteen corps of both Winfield and Arkansas City gave a Christmas party at Strother Field last Saturday that will long be remembered by the guests—patients in the station hospital.

First came a program by several young women from Winfield and Arkansas City. Then printed greetings from the Legion and auxil-

iaris were distributed. Inside each greeting was a \$1 bill, the gift of the two organizations.

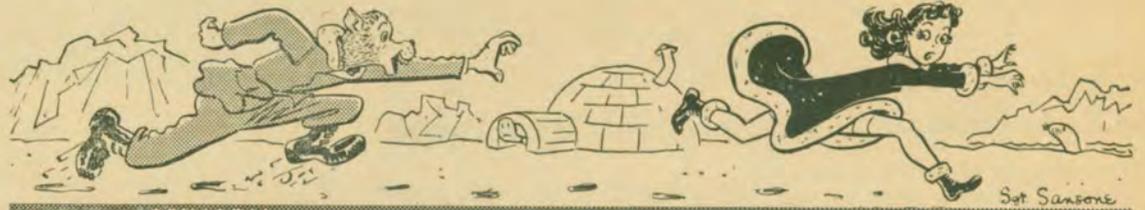
Then came the presentation of gifts by "Gift for a Yank" committees of the American Legion chapters. Tom Osborne from A. C. and Roy Wilson of Winfield, introduced committee members. The gifts were contributed by citizens of the two towns.

Cake, cookies, candy and coffee were served the patients by members of the Red Cross Canteen Corps from Winfield and Ark City. The singing of Christmas carols concluded the program.

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The Prairie Flier

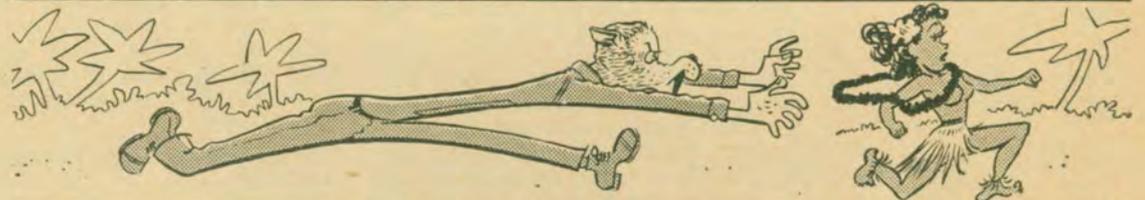
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Reorganize B-B League

The intra-mural basketball league is being reorganized for the second round of play which is scheduled to get underway next week. Several new teams will enter the league and Lt. Williams, PT officer, said today that organizations desiring to form other new teams for the league are requested to contact him immediately.

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sad Sacks	24	12	.666
Monsters	24	12	.666
Loose Nuts	22	14	.611
Wilco's	20	16	.555
Rockets	19	17	.528
Cloud Pushers	17	19	.472
Rogers	16	20	.445
Photo Flashes	16	20	.445
Hot Rocks	14	22	.389
Tracers	8	28	.222

Records

High Individual Single—Sabia	230
High Individual Total—Sabia	583
High Team Single—Rogers	902
High Team Total—Headquarters	2552

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Inspectors, Super Snoopers	18	10	.643
Administration, Dubs	19	13	.593
Section A	19	13	.593
Communications, Candles	15	17	.468
Engineers, Scrubs	10	14	.417
Headquarters, Bulldogs	7	21	.250

Records

High Individual Single—Kase	224
High Individual Total—Rose	690
High Team Single—Inspectors	867
High Team Total—Inspectors	2445

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of 1 January 1945

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

No scheduled matches.

Second Half starts 8 January 1945

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday, 3 January 1945

Post Exchange vs. Sub Depot No. 2 1—2

WAG vs. Air Corps Supply 3—4

Headquarters vs. Sub Depot No. 1 5—6

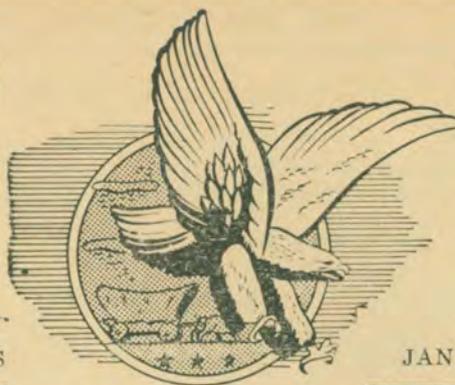
OFFICERS' DIVISION

Thursday, 4 January 1945

Communications vs. Super Snoopers 1—2

Dubs vs. Bulldogs 3—4

Section A vs. Scrubs 5—6



New USO-Camp Show Here Tomorrow Night

"Perk Up," a USO Camp Show, will be presented in the post theater tomorrow evening at 1900. The show is packed with good-looking and talented girls and with comedians and musicians.

Following is the cast of "Perk Up":

ANN & CHARLES HOWARD — M.C., comedy.

HELENE DENIZON — Ballet dancer.

KAY PARSONS — Pianist.

THREE MACNEIL SISTERS — Harmony singers.

DOC JORDAN & CO. — Comedy magic act.

HOFFMAN SISTER — Acrobats.

HARRY LEE — Pianist and musical conductor.

Pictures Not to Be Shown Every Saturday

"How come no picture show was held in the post theater last Saturday night?" This question has been asked by many officers and enlisted men who found the theater dark on that particular night.

Here is the reason: Fewer motion picture productions are being released by the major studios due to war restrictions. As a result, pictures have not been shown on Monday and Thursday evenings for some time. Now comes a future "blackout." This will take place on Saturday evenings during weeks when it is impossible to show more than four pictures. From all indications this will take place only occasionally.

HELENE DENIZON, Dancer with the USO-Camp Show, "Perk Up," coming here Jan. 13th, was born in New York City, and began study of ballet dancing as a child with Fokine, and at 14 made her professional debut at the Metropolitan Opera with Fokine's Ballet Company. Performed with Fokine at the Lewisohn Stadium, New York City, with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Played at Radio City Music Hall, Capitol Theatre, Paramount Theatre, New York.

First GI Groom of '45

The honor of being the first Strother Field soldier to marry in the year 1945 goes to Pvt. August Hess, gunnairstructor at this base. His bride is Joan Marie Decker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Decker, Arkansas City. The couple was united in matrimony at exactly 10 minutes after midnight Dec. 31 by the Rev. E. G. Michael in the Central Christian church parsonage in Ark City, and are making their home in Winfield.

Sixth War Loan Drive Set New Record In Purchases and Per Cent of Quota

The cash purchases of war bonds during the Sixth War Loan Drive by civilian and military personnel of Strother Field set an all time high for this base, not only in total amount but in percentage of quota.

Enlisted men and officers, by investing \$53,298.75 cash in war bonds achieved 168.8 per cent of their quota. Civilians invested \$41,767. in bonds to reach 142.9 per cent of quota.

The total cash purchase figure for the Sixth War Loan Drive is

\$95,065.75, 156.8 per cent of quota. The Fifth Drive resulted in \$70,000 being invested by SF personnel which was 129% of quota. In the Fourth War Loan Drive here \$85,500 in cash was invested by civilian workers and military personnel. This amounted to 107% of quota.

Lt. Hamilton Escaped From Nazi-Held Area

Recently reported to this 72d Figher Wing base of the Second Air Force is 1st Lt. Thomas A. Hamilton, veteran of eight months of combat fighter pilot flying in England and France. Besides the Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater of war ribbon with four battle stars Lt. Hamilton wears the Purple Heart, awarded to him when he was missing in action for 19 days just after the St. Lo break through in France last summer. Forced to make an emergency landing in Nazi-held territory while on a combat mission, the lieutenant was aided by French civilians until able to make his way back to the American lines.

Son of George W. Hamilton of Vidalia, Ga., and Mrs. P. A. Crocker of Thomasville, Ga., Lt. Hamilton resides with his wife at 1880 S. W. 11 St., Miami, Florida. He is a graduate of Miami Senior High School and of the University of Mississippi and was a commercial credit manager in Miami before entering service in August, 1941.

He was commissioned and received his wings at Aloe Field, Texas, on July 27, 1943, and was promoted to First Lieutenant on June 1, 1944.

At Strother Field Lt. Hamilton will be a combat instructor in the training department.

S-Sgt. A. R. Lynch A Former Marine

Staff Sergeant Albert R. Lynch of Portland, Oregon, who reported at Strother Field from Bruning, Nebraska, this week to become small arms instructor, isn't choicy about where he serves his Uncle Sam—and he's tried almost everything everywhere. His arrival at Strother Field, incidentally, was in the nature of an anniversary celebration, his third year with the Army Air Forces.

Behind Sergeant Lynch, in addition to his three years with the Army Air Forces, lies four years of hard work as a cook and rifleman with the United States marines. Three years and three months of that time was spent overseas. He crossed the equator at the 180th meridian "Where East meets West and the compass turns around," and recalls duty at stations in Guam, Wake, Midway and the Philippines. He was based at Honolulu for several months. On the Atlantic side, he was in Africa, Haiti, San Domingo and Panama on duty with the marines.

His four-year tour of duty with the U. S. leathernecks concluded, Lynch, wearing the good conduct medal of the marines, was mustered out at the end of November, 1941. He signed up as a civil service worker for the U. S. navy and had just begun work when the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. From then until he could get

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These Men Get "Super" Rank



Marshall

Arnold

MacArthur

Eisenhower



King



Nimitz



Leahy

The Army now has 4 "super" generals and the Navy has 3 "super" admirals as the result of recent Congressional action authorizing the new ranks. Approved unanimously by the Senate for promotion to the rank of Generals of the Army were: Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff; Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in the Southwest Pacific; Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, and Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces. For the Navy the Senate approved nominations of Adm. William D. Leahy, President Roosevelt's personal Chief of Staff; Adm. Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of the Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

In the intricate and deadly chess game of the war our side made, this week, the accepted and the necessary moves; our enemies sought to postpone inevitable check and mate. Instead of a checked board the game was played across a world and in such earnest that lost pawns were lost to death, but still the moves were as stylized as the move of rook or castle, the sequence as inevitable and unstoppable as an avalanche.

About the blood-soaked Belgian bulge Nazi counter-attack was slowly disintegrating before American counter-counter-attack. American bayonets shimmered above the four-foot blizzard drifts which shroud American First Army dead, and artillery from Pittsburgh sprayed splinters of steel along the one remaining German escape road.

In antipodal, but equally inevitable, movement, other GIs landed in Lingayen Gulf and began their march on Manila by the same road along which Jap columns had poured south three years ago. Given the problem of occupying Luzon and a strong force to make the attempt, Lingayen landings were the accepted move in the game; and that move was made.

It was only the little moves, affecting pawns alone, that could not be predicted in advance, and here the three dread sisters snipped and cut their web erratically as ever. An artillery captain near St. Vith saw all his belongings vanish instantly under a direct artillery hit upon the jeep which carried them. A major general was reduced to the rank of colonel for his part, or lack of part, in the pre-Christmas Belgian debacle. A sweating medical corps non-com amputated five legs belonging to three women crushed under a battle smashed heavy truck; his tools a knife and a pair of heavy scissors. Some millions of cigarettes, long missing from the western front, were being traced into the French black markets. On Leyte little barefoot schoolgirls sang the "Star Spangled Banner" in quavering treble. And in Washington, D.C., a Congress sat down to its desks again.

Inevitably the intricate and deadly game went on.

Have You Read .

In "Preview of History," Raymond Gram Swing presents what he calls "a public diary of broadcasts and speeches." Compiled from material from many of his broadcasts and augmented with new material, "Preview of History" presents a running account of the events of the war. By way of introduction, he has written a detailed discussion of a post-war world based on his own exceptional facilities for gathering information.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

THE BIBLE

No Other Book . . .

- is so sorely needed in these days of international chaos.
- so honors obedience, condemns disobedience—both civil and religious.
- deals so practically with social, industrial, and political life.
- mediates so wisely between capital and labor.
- is so contrary to the ways of men.
- so denounces sin and exalts righteousness.
- expresses so emphatically the Divine love for mankind.
- deals so definitely with the spirit of man.
- has the power to lift up the fallen; change hearts; transform lives.
- can lift up the harlot and cause her to sin no more.
- can take the desire for drink from a drunkard.
- tells of the Saviour of mankind.
- is such a spiritual book.
- is so good to live by and die by.

Orchids

To Lt. Bill Payne of Training Aids for a good job on the murals in the new PX snack bar. (Too bad the lieutenant couldn't see fit to endow the Cossacks with a knowledge of the English language) to Lt. Lloyd Evans, base S-2, whose promotion from second to first lieutenant was announced this week to Mrs. Esther Lemaster of Personal Affairs for her conscientious and efficient work during the Sixth War Loan drive.

Rhumb Lines

Two Second Air Force fliers were discharged from the service recently for violation of flying regulations, according to an announcement from Headquarters. One of them was accused of flying an A-25 at heights of from 80 to 35 feet, the other of flying a B-17 over a town at an altitude estimated at 500 feet. . . . The American press came in for three sharp blasts last week, two from within and one from without. Representative Brooks of La. reported upon his return from a tour of European battlefronts that "our soldiers are news hungry." . . . Frederick Crawford, board chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers, told the New York state Chamber of Commerce that "censorship keeps America in semi-ignorance." He said a war correspondent in France had told him "it appeared that America was told only Pollyanna stuff." . . . The official Russian press, meanwhile, politely told America to run its fourth estate the way it wanted, but the Russian press, frankly, didn't think much of this "world-wide free press" ballyhoo. . . . The Special Service Office suffered quite a loss this week by the transfer from SF of Sgts. Jack Blackman and Lou Cunningham, entertainment mainstays of the department. The two men leave with commendable records.

YE LIFTINGS

In the days of Queen Elizabeth 'tis said some of the ladies liked to curl up with a book, while others preferred simply to curl up with one of the pages.

If a girl expects to win a husband, she should either exhibit a generous nature, or how generous nature has been to her.

"F-e-e-t," the teacher declaimed. "What does that spell, Johnny?"
"I dunno."

"What is it that a cow has four of and I have only two?"
So Johnny told her.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800.	SAT.
Theater—USO-Camp Show. "Perk Up," 1900.	JAN. 13
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies.	SUN.
Theater—Guest in the House—Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy.	JAN. 14
Service Club—Field Girl Dance.	MON.
Theater—No feature shown.	JAN. 15
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—The Big Bonanza—Dick Arlon, Jane Frazee. Dancing in Manhattan—Jeff Donnell, Fred Brady.	JAN. 16
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Beta Sigma Phi Girls from A. C. and Winfield.	WED.
Theater—Here Come the WAVES—Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton, Sonny Tufts. Short subjects.	JAN. 17
Service Club — Dance — USO Girls from Wellington.	THURS.
Theater—No feature shown.	JAN. 18
Service Club — As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies. GI Movies.	FRI.
Theater—The Three Caballeros—Walt Disney Special Feature. Short subjects.	JAN. 19

A Message From Gen. Arnold

From the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, the following New Year greetings have been received by Major General R. B. Williams, Commanding General of the Second Air Force and have been transmitted to all personnel of his command:

"If there is any quality characteristic of the American people, that quality is teamwork. It has been no less characteristic of the great successes of the AAF everywhere during the last year, and I feel that it is due directly to the valuable experience gained by our crews and units from the time they spent with the continental air forces. The finest of individual training, which they receive from the training command, would be useless without the ability to use it in proper relation to the other man's job in order to produce a perfectly co-ordinated group effort; the results obtained by our forces in combat are self evident proof of how well they have learned this lesson.

This is particularly true with respect to the B-29s now operating so successfully against Japan. This airplane, the most complex of any yet in operation, has required the highest degree of cooperative skill, both in the air and on the ground, and from all reports, the training of the Second Air Force has well enabled the personnel of the Twentieth to meet this requirement. You and your command are certainly entitled to a feeling of pride in your share of the bombing of Tokyo.

The large number of men who have returned home during the last twelve months with operational experience will have much to offer in the training of new crews. I am sure that the men who work with them in years to come will profit greatly from the knowledge of these veterans, and that under your guidance we will achieve a new standard in the preparation of units for battle. For this new year, I extend to you and every member of your command my cordial good wishes."

Sincerely

H. H. ARNOLD,

Commanding General Army Air Forces.

THE PRAIRIE FLIER

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Male Call by Milton Caniff, crea





Second Air Force Official Photo.

Strother Field's pin-up girl of the week is Vivian Peterman, wife of 2nd. Lt. Walter A. Peterman, assistant coordination and compliance officer. She is an attractive titian-haired New Yorker and employed in the rail transportation department at this base. Lt. and Mrs. Peterman reside in Winfield.

"Ceiling zero." Such was the weather condition in St. Louis, Mo., Monday morning, when Sonny Dunham and his orchestra members were preparing to fly to Strother Field for an appearance that night in the sub-depot hangar.

This outstanding swing band had completed an engagement in St. Louis and was to appear here in a 1 1/2-hour stage show for military and civilian personnel before continuing on to Oklahoma City.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Dancing..Games
Ark.....Square Dance
Sun.....Win.....Hamburger Fry 6:30 p.m.
Mon.....Win.....Popcorn..Married Couples Night
Tues.....Win.....Bridge..Rummy
Wed.....Win.....Dancing..Cards..Games
Thurs.....Win.....Do-As-You-Please
Fri.....Win.....Ping Pong

New Library Schedule Is Announced

Effective Monday, 15 January, the open hours of the post library will be revised from the present schedule. Opening hour on week days will be at 1030 instead of at 0800. For a time the library will remain open on Saturday evenings until 1930 instead of closing at 1700 as has been the custom. The Sunday schedule remains unchanged.

New LIBRARY HOURS
1030 to 2200 Mon. thru Fri.
1030 to 1930 Saturday.
1400 to 2200 Sunday.

Price Tags Mar Those Beautiful Civilian Clothes

Chicago—If you got a discharge tomorrow, hopped back home and made a dash for the nearest civilian clothing store, you'd come out \$263.10 lighter by the time you had assembled a modest little wardrobe.

A shopping tour to estimate the cost of coming out of the khaki cocoon resulted in the table printed below. Prices listed are not the rock-bottom lowest but are far from getting into the expensive lines.

This is the cost of good, wearable togs for a guy who doesn't want to scatter his savings on anything fancy:

Table listing clothing items and prices: 2 suits \$75.00, topcoat \$25.00, hat \$5.00, gloves \$3.00, muffler \$2.00, raincoat \$12.00, 6 shirts \$15.00, 6 undershirts \$3.00, 6 pr. shorts \$6.00, 6 pr. socks \$3.60, 2 pr. shoes \$15.00, belt \$1.50, 6 ties \$6.00, 2 pr. pajamas (remember) \$6.00, garters \$1.00.

Cost so far, \$179.10, and that doesn't give you things like a bathrobe and slippers—or any extra shirts and underwear while you're waiting for the laundry. But you'll need something heavier than a topcoat this winter. Overcoat . . . \$45. One sport outfit will set you back \$5.00 for the shirt, \$10.00 for slacks, \$5.00 for a sweater and \$19.00 for a jacket. Total: \$263.10.

Have a place for everything—Keep everything in its place.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



Tears, tears and more tears. Some plain, some mixed, some small, some large, but all tears. Such was the situation when a detachment of Wacs recently poured out of a gas chamber containing tear gas. Facing the wind our girls soon had their troubles blown away and the situation well in hand.

This week we bid adieu to S/Sgt. Journey who left our company to head West, Ft. Sumner, New Mexico to be exact. Taking her place as supply sergeant of the Wac Detachment is Cpl. Dillon. Welcome to Strother Field Corporal.

Pfc. Gladwill left our company for a fifteen-day furlough to be spent in Louisiana. Pvt. Arnold and Pvt. DeLevie are also headed home for their respective furloughs.

Do You Know?

By PFC. JEROME MARRUS

If, after converting G. I. Insurance to one of the three permanent plans, I stop making premium payments, have I any other benefit to choose from other than the cash value or the paid-up insurance value?

Yes—After the policy has been in force for at least one year and you have not surrendered it for cash or paid-up insurance it will be automatically extended as term insurance. This term insurance will be for the full face value of the policy and for such length of time from the due date of the premium in default as the cash value will purchase at your age at the time your premium payments stop.

For example:— If you stopped paying premiums on a \$1,000. 20-payment life policy after 10 years, you would have extended insurance protection for the full \$1,000. for 26 years and 232 days, without any additional premiums. Thus, since this example is based on age 25, you paid premiums to age 35 and then your protection continues until you are about 61 1/2 years old.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

From beauty shop operator to gasoline truck driver is quite a change in jobs, but that is the occupational history of WAC Pvt. Tina Gault, Section B. Tina joined the service in June of last year and upon completion of basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., attended motor transportation school before being assigned to Strother Field. She arrived here on Nov. 2 and began driving a gasoline truck with the field refueling unit. Her home is in Milwaukee, Wis., where she attended high school and later worked as a beauty shop operator.

Who Must File A Federal Income Tax Return?

By PVT. M. BASS Courts and Board Office

Every person who has had a gross income of \$500 or more in 1944. This must be done regardless of whether the individual is a minor or adult, single or married, and regardless of the number of his or her dependents.

Should the gross income of an individual be less than \$500, but tax has been withheld at the source a return must be filed to secure a refund.

Gross income, generally speaking includes income from any source, it includes salaries paid by the Federal Government, states, municipalities or other governmental agencies.

In determining the amount of gross income received during the year, both for purposes of determining whether a return must be filed and of arriving at the amount of military pay to be included in the return form, military personnel are reminded to eliminate all allowances for quarters, subsistence, and equipment, and also to eliminate \$1,500 of military pay for active service. Servicemen having no income other than active service pay, whose service pay (not including any of the allowances referred to above) is less than \$2,000 for 1944, are not required to file a final return for 1944; but it may be desirable for a married serviceman to file a joint final return with his wife if his active service pay is over \$1,500 but under \$2,000. (Mustering out pay is also to be excluded for all purposes.)

iff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Daddy, Would They Bust A Marine For This?



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Skyriders Lose To Great Bend AAF, 56-55, In Second Air Force Game

Playing their best home game of the season the Strother Field Skyriders came within one point of defeating the powerful Great Bend, Kans., Army Air Base cagers in a Second Air Force league game played in Winfield Monday evening. The final score was 56 to 55.

The scant margin by which Great Bend defeated the Skyriders kept its hot winning streak intact. Monday night's game was the ninth consecutive win for the visitors. Among its victims have been Kansas State College and the Hutchinson, Kans., Naval Air Station. Strother Field had lost an early season game to Great Bend by a 46-24 score.

In the game Monday night there were enough points scored during the first half to equal the final figure in most encounters, and the Skyriders led 40 to 33 at that time. The deadly accuracy of M/Sgt. Peyton Horton and Pfc. Paul Smith gave the locals their 7-point lead at half-time.

The Great Bend team came back strong after the half and made 16 points during the third period to Strother Field's 8 points, giving the visitors a 1-point margin, 49 to 48 when the final quarter began. This margin proved to be the winning point for the visitors as each team scored 7 points in the last period. With a few seconds left to play Williams and Horton each fired shots from mid-court but both extra-long tries failed to connect for the winning goal.

M/Sgt. Peyton Horton was high scorer, finding the hoop for 8 field goals and tallying three times from the painted line for a total of 19 points. Camic, Great Bend center, was second with 17 points. Pvt. Paul Smith of the Skyriders assisted Horton and his other teammates by scoring six field goals.

The Skyriders next home game is against the Pratt Army Air Base quintet. It will be played next Monday night at 8 p.m. at the Southwestern College gym in Winfield.

New PT Instructors Report For Duty

Two new physical training instructors reported at Strother Field Tuesday to replace ones who have been transferred to other bases. The new instructors are: Staff Sergeant Orwin L. White of Hornick, Iowa, and Corporal Joseph P. Giannangelo of Donora, Pa. Both, in addition to their civilian college athletic work, have completed the Army's physical training school at Miami Beach, Fla.

Staff Sergeant White came to Strother Field from Bruning, Nebraska, where he had been stationed for 10 months. Prior to that he was a physical training director at Scott Field, Ill. He is a graduate of the University of Wyoming at Laramie, and a former student at Nebraska State Teachers, Wayne, and Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His pre-war experience included a year of teaching in Sedgwick, Colo., and the coaching of all athletic teams in the high school there, and six months at Malcolm, Nebr., as athletic director. He has been in the armed forces since September, 1942.

Corporal Giannangelo has been at Second Air Force headquarters at Colorado Springs for the past seven months. He has a bachelor of science degree in education from Duquesne University. His college career included some work at the University of Kansas and at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, and his peacetime occupations were those of teacher and coach.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Pfc. Bill Painter, Skyrider center, scores a goal for the locals in Monday night's exciting game with the Great Bend, Kans., Army Air Field quintet. Smith, 24, and Williams, 25, eye the ball as it heads for the basket. The game was a close affair, ending 56-55 in favor of the visitors who now have nine consecutive wins to their credit. Their margin of victory in the other games has been from 3 to 16 points.

- BOWLING - Those Were The Days

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Running away from home (to an aunt) to "hustle sheets" in Toledo, Ohio, in order to see the Dempsey-Willard fight. While there watching "One Eyed" Connelly "beat the gate." Beating the gate myself after watching the tops of the trade, but drinking up what I had saved in sodapop. Feeling sorry for Willard when the battle was over.

Watching my idol, Stan Coveleski, beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in two games of the 1920 World Series. This was before Brooklyn became known as the "Bums" and while Robbie was manager of the team.

Mascoting for Moose Jaw in the Western Canada Hockey League and seeing Eddie Shore (present Boston Bruin manager) rough-house up and down the line but still playing a brilliant game of hockey. The gentlemanly Lionel Conacher, just the opposite of the exuberant Eddie, but just as popular.

Penn State playing the U of Washington football team in Seattle. Penn State with two backfield stars, Glenn Killinger (All-American that year) and "Light Horse" Harry Wilson (All-American later at West Point.) The immovable object and the irresistible force typified by Ernie Nevers (Stanford) and Elmer Tesreau from U of Washington meeting head on at the line of scrimmage and both being knocked out. Tesreau getting up and continuing to play but Nevers carried off the field. Washington won the game and thereby the Coast championship but lost to Alabama with Johnny Mack Brown, the motion picture star, and Pooley Herbert in the Rose Bowl 20 to 19.

inventions. At the present time he and his partner-inventor are awaiting the National Rifle Association's verdict on a new type of sporting bullet—a jacketless bullet which they perfected some months ago.

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sad Sacks	28	12	.700
Monsters	27	13	.675
Wilcos	20	16	.555
Loose Nuts	22	18	.550
Rogers	20	20	.500
Rockets	19	21	.475
Cloud Pushers	17	19	.472
Photo Flashes	17	23	.425
Hot Rocks	14	22	.389
Tracers	8	28	.222

Records	
High Individual Single—Sabia	230
High Individual Total—Sabia	583
High Team Single—Rogers	902
High Team Total—Headquarters	2552

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of 15 January 1945

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Monday, 15 January 1945

- Photo Flashes vs. Rockets 1-2
- Hot Rocks vs. Cloud Pushers 3-4
- Rogers vs. Monsters 5-6

Tuesday, 16 January 1945

- Wilco vs. Sad Sacks 1-2
- Tracers vs. Loose Nuts 5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Thursday, 18 January 1945

- Scrubs vs. Bulldogs 1-2
- Administration Dubs vs. Communications 3-4
- Section A vs. Super Snoopers 5-6

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday, 17 January 1945

- WACs vs. Sub Depot No. 1 1-2
- Post Exchange vs. Headquarters 3-4
- Sub Depot No. 2 vs. Air Corps Supply 5-6

S/SGT. A. R. LYNCH

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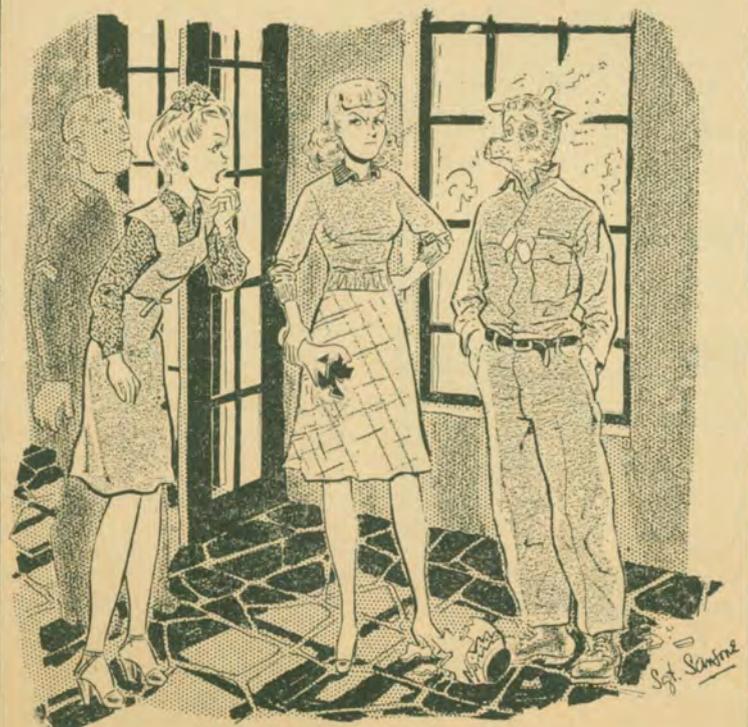
his "duration-and-six-months" leave from the navy, Lynch was "sweating out" enlistment in the Army Air Forces. He got his clearance papers on Jan. 6, 1942, and that day became an enlisted man in the AAF.

Long interested in guns, and a civilian collector of firearms, Staff Sergeant Lynch has made good use of his hobby, both in the marines and the Air Forces. Ballistics has become his primary interest—off or on duty. With ballistics—the science of projectiles—he has coupled the hobby of fingerprinting and spends many hours with police and patrolmen pursuing this science.

Staff Sergeant Lynch's interest in firearms includes a flair for

The Wolf by Sansone

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"Oh!—I see you two have met!"



97 Enlisted Men and Wacs Receive Advancement to Grades 4, 5, 6

The first mass promotion of enlisted personnel since March, 1944, has been announced by headquarters, effective as of Jan. 16. Ninety-two enlisted men received new or additional stripes to become privates first class, corporals and sergeants. Five Wacs received their first stripes.

Following are the names of the group receiving promotions, their new rank and section:

- TO SERGEANT**
Sec A Sub-Sec 1
- Dennis J. Hassler
 - Theron A. Larson
 - John J. Smith
- Sec A Sub-Sec 2**
- Frank J. Detzek
 - John O. Holland
 - Otto C. Wallis
 - Macy M. Esterson
- Sec A Sub-Sec 3**
- Alton B. Parker
 - Abb H. Carmichael
 - Milton Pernick
- Sec C**
- Peter Ellis
- TO CORPORAL**
Sec A Sub-Sec 1
- Charles E. Chappel
 - William B. Davis
 - Frank J. Phillips
 - Annel A. Wittenstein
 - Jeff M. Cogswell
- Sec A Sub-Sec 2**
- Laverne Fisher
 - Herbert F. Kirchhoff
 - John A. Phillips
- Sec A Sub-Sec 3**
- Eustis C. Altman
 - Albert R. Graves
 - John W. Hughes
 - Robert E. Mellick
 - Harold R. Rucker
 - Buzzie C. Friend
 - Herbert H. Harris
 - William L. King
- Sec C**
- Willie B. Montgomery
- Sec M**
- Edward B. Pflipsen
- TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS**
Sec A Sub-Sec 1
- Pete Anest
 - Herbert F. Burnsed
 - Ernest Davin
 - William H. Gibson
 - Thomas F. Maher
 - Lloyd B. Nacion
 - William Richardson
 - Elmer J. Spargur
- Sec A Sub-Sec 2**
- Martin Bocola
 - Harold W. Darnell
 - Ray N. Evans
 - Kenneth M. Lundberg
 - John H. Phillips

- Wilbur A. Howell
 - Patrick H. Lynch
 - Maurice Weinberg
- Sec A Sub-Sec 2**
- Daniel F. Cleary
 - Leonard G. Byrne
 - William D. Sparkman
- Sec A Sub-Sec 3**
- Walter B. Burtnett
 - William Brinkmeyer

- William H. Painter Jr
 - Clarence Stephenson
 - Edgar R. Sollers
 - John Yachwan
- Sec A Sub-Sec 2**
- Martin S. Frank
 - William C. Peterson
 - Waiter S. Lucas
- Sec A Sub-Sec 3**
- Paul H. Mentz
 - James Rygaylo
 - Edward J. Snyder
 - Victor W. Cory
 - James H. Roberts
 - Leslie G. Sorrells
 - John W. Long Jr.
 - Harry B. Worrell

- Morris Bass
 - Alden D. Craig
 - Robert J. Gardiner
 - August A. Hess
 - Dewey P. Melton
 - Millard W. Newman
 - Melvin C. Smith
 - Grady E. Walden
- Sec A Sub-Sec 2**
- John E. Chermack
 - Fred R. Davis
 - Joe Freeman
 - John B. Pesareik
 - Glenn R. Zimmerman

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Cpl. Oliver Makes Knife, Sheath From Scrap Material

Cpl. Paul W. Oliver is one soldier who will not forget his trade and hobby, which, in his case, are the same. During his few minutes away from his job of directing pilots to and from the base by radio Fighter Control, he practices the manual arts he learned at Northeast Missouri State Teachers



Second Air Force Official Photo. College. He is shown here with a knife and sheath he recently fabricated during his off-duty hours at Strother Field.

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Posthumous Award Of Medal of Honor To Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance

Posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Lieutenant Colonel Leon R. Vance, Jr., Air Corps, who refused to bail out of his doomed aircraft while he believed a wounded crew member still remained aboard, was announced Monday by the War Department. Lieutenant Colonel Vance was formerly Director of Flying at Strother Field.

The plane was in an Eight Army Corps heavy bombardment formation attacking enemy coastal positions over Wimereaux, France, on June 5, 1944, with Colonel Vance in control as command pilot.

Colonel Vance was reported (Continued on page 4, column 3)

Luzon: Key to Victory



"Winged Victory" to Be Here Jan. 24; Maj. Collinsworth Took Part in Picture

"Winged Victory," Twentieth Century Fox's film of the Army Air Force, scheduled for the post theater next Wednesday, Jan. 24, not only has a male cast of GIs but Strother Field's own director of flying, Major J. D. Collinsworth, in the production.

Major Collinsworth was one of three officers from this base who were loaned by the Second Air Force to the studio for the filming of the picture. The other officers were Capt. Warren A. Blakely, now stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., and 2nd. Lt. Louis R. Lenz, now in India. The three men spent two weeks in Hollywood during the filming of aerial parts of the production in which they piloted P-40 Warhawks as fighter escort.

"Winged Victory" was written (Continued on page 4, column 4)

"March of Dimes" Drive Is Underway

The annual "March of Dimes," drive in the fight against Infantile Paralysis, is now in progress at Strother Field. Special containers for contributions by military and civilian personnel have been placed in various offices and buildings on the base. The drive will continue here through Jan. 31.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur led a mighty assault force ashore on Luzon, at the Lingayen Gulf, on Jan. 9. Since then Sixth Army troops have advanced south to within a few miles of Tarlac which is about 70 miles from Manila and only 21 miles north of the big enemy air base at Clark Field. Other troops have advanced northward to within 16 miles of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines, while other groups have moved up the Bolinao peninsula, capturing the city of Bolinao at the northern tip (the area on the map northwest of Lingayen). Japanese resistance has been very light with the bulk of enemy forces under Gen. Yamashita evidently concentrated near Manila, goal of the American drive. Air blows against Japanese communications on Luzon aided the ground pressure. Many enemy planes are being destroyed by our forces.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Miss Aileen Robertson, who is a clerk in the office of the director of maintenance and supply, is our pin-up this week. Aileen came to work at Strother Field July 11, 1944. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen P. Robertson of Winfield, and we might add, a most attractive one.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Emerging from the doldrums of the after-holiday listlessness, Section C's dance on Tuesday, January 16th, was more than over-attended.

Young "femmes" from Ponca City, Arkansas City and Winfield were on hand to dance, and dance they did. Although the music was of the "juke-box" variety, it was definitely of the "jump" type.

It's only a comic-book, Comic Cavalcade by name, but in its Winter Quarterly there is a cartoon by the portrayer of Hap Harrigan that is steeped with Americanism. All GI's should read this and some would undoubtedly get a real "boot" out of it.

We notice that over in Italy an American patrol got in such close proximity to the Germans, action was terminated in a fist fight. Shades of Joe Louis!

Special Service lost a fine commercial artist and good fellow when Pfc. Ed Walker left on a shipment this week.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



While Lt. Stewart is on temporary duty Lt. Mendelsohn is our Commanding Officer. Lt. Mendelsohn is doing a fine job of shouldering the responsibility attached to such a task.

This past week the Wacs took time to arrange new furniture in our Day Room. With the cooperation of all the girls the result was a great success. We now have a decorative room that we are all proud of. We thank Cpt. Enes and all the other officers for the effort they used in making the improvement possible. We also appreciate the cooperation set forth by Special Service in moving the furnishings.

The happiest Wac in our detachment this week is Pvt. Greene. She will soon spend time with her son 1st Lt. George W. Couch, who recently returned from overseas. She will pin the Purple Heart upon her son who was wounded as a para-trooper.



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Pvt. Ella Mae Riebel of Section B entered the service Sept. 11, 1944 and took basic training at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., before coming to Strother Field. Her home is in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she held down a welding job in a defense plant. She is continuing her trade in the service by working in the welding department of the sub depot.

Keep AGD Advised Of Changes In Next-of-Kin Address

Directives received at Strother Field from higher headquarters stress the importance of keeping the Adjutant General informed on change of address of next of kin of military personnel.

The revelation that 4000 telegrams concerning men overseas have been returned to Washington in a single month because the addressees could not be located further amplifies the importance of this matter. Receiving of news of relatives in the service belatedly and from other than official sources can be averted.

Next of kin of soldiers should notify the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C., as soon as a change of address occurs. It is emphasized that it is too late to do this after the man has arrived overseas, if the change of address occurred when the man was still in this country.

EM Train Here As Auxiliary Firemen

Conversion of 36 Strother Field enlisted men from unskilled, if enthusiastic, amateurs to well trained auxiliary smoke eaters qualified to assist the professionals of his force is the job currently being undertaken by Fire Chief Harry A. Chapman of Arkansas City at this fighter base of the Second Air Force.

The men, carefully selected from base personnel, are undergoing regular weekly training periods and will soon be qualified to handle all types of fire fighting equipment from hand extinguishers to the powerful hose of the big pumbers. Full instruction in fire hazards and safety measures is also being given by Chief Chapman and his regulars at the fire station. Practical demonstrations are planned for the near future.

Major Cyrus F. Breeden Really In The Pink

"Colorado Springs was never like this," Major Cyrus F. Breeden, former Post Engineer at Strother Field, opined Saturday when he paid a hasty return visit to this air base from Colorado Springs where he is now assigned to Second Air Force Headquarters.

Feminine workers at the Post Engineers' supplied the reason for the major's satisfied smiles and convincing speech. Also, they supplied the lipstick which they left in generous quantities on the major's ever-reddening face as, one by one, each took her turn in welcoming the popular officer "back home." Reports are that some, having left a bright imprint on the major's face, returned to the end of the line which to envious other military and civilian male personnel seemed inexhaustible. Heading the line, observers report, was the little lady who was the major's secretary. One shy violet prolonged, most obviously, a telephone conversation while all other femmes of the department delivered their personal greetings to the genial major. She was the only one "missed."

Vet of 103 Missions Now Stationed Here

Newly arrived at this 72nd Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force is Captain Edwin O. Fisher of Oswego, Oregon. He will serve as an instructor of pilot trainees flying the fast P-47 Thunderbolts in use at this station.

Captain Fisher returned to the United States last November from a year's tour of duty in the European and African theaters of operations. For service rendered during his 103 missions, he received the coveted Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with 20 Oak Leaf Clusters.

The Silver Star was presented to Captain Fisher for his meritorious service on a mission southeast of Paris, when he and his commander, Colonel M. D. Magoffin, were credited with shooting down four enemy planes in a sensational air battle. Each pilot was given credit for downing two planes.

A graduate of the Milwaukee, Oregon, high school, Captain Fisher was a business administration student in Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, when he entered the Army Air Forces in April, 1942.

on Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Air-Ground Co-operation

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.	Win. Dancing Games
	Ark. Square Dance
Sun.	Win. Tues. Nite Girls—Free Phone Call
	Ark. Waffle Supper 8:00
Mon.	Win. Candy Making Night
	Night
	Ark. Bridge and Game Night
Tues.	Win. Bridge Rummy
	Ark. Do-as-you-please
Wed.	Win. Dancing Cards Games
	Ark. Open House
Thurs.	Win. Do-As-You-Please
	Ark. Record Making
Fri.	Win. Ping Pong
	Ark. Married Couples Night

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The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

In gumbo mud and drift of snow, in blast of blizzard winds and stifling tropic heat our war was fought last week. Under every imaginable combination of filth, discomfort, danger and suffocating monotony our own troops and our allies again proved their individual and collective heroism and superiority to Jap and Nazi.

On the exposed brow of sprawling, goose-necked Luzon island American troops continued to knife southward along roads that should have been occupied, past positions that every military precept dictated should be strongly held and fortified. Amazingly, at week's end, Nipponese resistance was still only of a token variety. The main enemy body, it was assumed, was still in force "somewhere this side of Manila," but contact had not yet been made. Puzzled brass-hats ended by half disbelieving in their own good luck, tensed for the storm that might break at any moment.

And on the historically blood drenched Polish plains of central Europe other troops began to march as the Soviet colossus stirred out of months-long lethargy and struck crushing, bear-pawed blows at the defending Wehrmacht. One paw ripped out a bloody chunk of Nazi lebensraum which included whatever was left of embattled Warsaw after many weeks of siege. Another splintered defense lines and clawed forward towards Cracow, traditional gateway to rich Silesia and the true fat underbelly of the Reich.

In Greece, watched by the little people of Europe, there was uneasy truce with rightist hostages herded into the hills and a deputation of frock coats busily thanking British General Scobie for the order his guns had restored. Chief cause for optimism was increasing public confidence in snow-bearded, patriarchal prelate Damaskinos and his regency.

And at home America began to gear herself again for vastly increased production of all war supplies.

Where Else Could It Happen?

A 50-year-old gent was recently arrested for bootlegging whiskey into a dry state (it says here). The judge gave him a choice of immediately finding work in a defense plant or serving a term in the clink.

"No, not that, judge! Think of the hours (with time and one-half for overtime) spent in nothing but an old air-conditioned factory surrounded by cuties in slacks and a fat check handed out at the end of each month. Please, constable, drag me to the dungeon."

This guy's theme song should be "God Bless America."

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Success in life is not the result of a gamble, nor of haphazard experimenting with untried theories. It is the outcome of serious planning.

One of the best ways to succeed in life is to live in accord with the revealed will of God, the Bible. If it were possible to eradicate the fundamental teachings of the Bible from the pattern of society, the human mind could not predict the chaos that would result. Yet humanity has never once in its history unreservedly adopted the Book of Books as its rule of life. If even an indirect application of God's word can produce so much good in our present society, what would a wholehearted, direct application to individual and national life do!

Success is the inevitable result for one who earnestly, deliberately and painstakingly builds a character according to God's blueprint. There is but one foundation that can be laid to Christian character—that is Christ. If there be no personal surrender to Him, then the resulting structure cannot be called Christian. Christ was no defeatist! Neither can the man who builds upon Him as his Sure Foundation be defeated.

Second Anniversary of Field Dedication Jan. 24

On January 24, 1943, two years ago next Wednesday, thousands of people from Kansas and Oklahoma poured through the gates of Strother Field for a great occasion — the dedication of this base as a basic flying training unit of the Central Flying Training Command.

It was a beautiful winter day, sun shining bright and a slight breeze from the south. People gathered in the sub-depot hangar for the dedication ceremony and heard a group of city, county, state and military dignitaries speak. They saw the small son of Capt. Donald Strother, an air force officer from Winfield who lost his life over Java on Feb. 13, 1942, and for whom the field was named, receive several medals posthumously awarded his father.

Following the dedication ceremony troops passed in review on the ramp and planes prepared to take off for an aerial review. Then the weather in Kansas put on one of its quick-change specialty acts. The wind switched to the northwest and came roaring over the field, blowing the freshly leveled top soil before it. Troops came off the ramp with mud streaked over their faces, tears from the biting cold wind soaking into the dirt blown onto their faces—sad sacks, every one of them. The planes, BT-13s, took off in the dust for the aerial review but most of the spectators were huddled behind buildings or struggling through the cold wind to their automobiles. What a day!

The first cadre of enlisted men had arrived at Strother Field Sept. 21, 1942. The first class of cadets began their basic flying training here on Dec. 15, 1942. The sixteenth and final class of cadets completed its training here on May 23, 1944. During this time the cadets flew forty million miles in the skies over Kansas. This distance is equivalent to 1,640 trips around the world.

Col. J. F. Carroll was commanding officer of Strother Field from Sept. 19, 1942 until April 22, 1944 when he was transferred to the Independence, Kans., army air field. His successor, Col. Lamont Saxton, who came to Strother Field from Ellington Field, Tex., was CO until June 1, 1944 when the Second Air Force assumed command of this installation at which time Col. Donald E. Meade, present CO came here from Peterson Field, Colo.

Since the Second Air Force took over Strother Field three classes of pilots have completed their training in P-47 Thunderbolt planes. Ten commitments of trainees for overseas service have been filled from these classes. At the present time two classes are in training at this 72nd Fighter Wing base.

Orchids

To S/Sgt. Bernard Pogal of Combat Intelligence for a good editorial job on the Operations and Training history for December . . . to Miss Winnifred Dewey of the Chaplain's Office who carried on alone during the absence of Chaplain Smith, who was ill for several weeks last month . . . to Major Sam Wolf, whose Maintenance and Supply Section, despite the usual supply problems and personnel turnover, has been able to consistently show a high percentage of maintenance efficiency.

Rhumb Lines

An indication of the amount of travel performed by SF personnel is embodied in these statistics: during December government vehicles assigned to the base covered 70,113 miles; during the same month the Quartermaster Repair Shop overhauled 342 pairs of GI shoes. . . . When the Yanks cross the Roer River at Duren they will still have eleven major water barriers between themselves and Berlin. A straight line from Duren to Berlin crosses the following rivers: Rhine, Witten, Ruhr, Diemel, Weser, Lenne, Innerste, Oker, Elbe, Plane and Havel. . . . Latest ex-Strother flier to become eligible for the Purple Heart is Lt. Oliver Pawlik, who instructed here shortly before the change in command. In a recent letter to Red Cross Director H. A. Thomson he told of suffering a hand injury during a combat mission. . . . Public interest in an announcement by Representative Randolph of West Virginia that he would introduce a bill in Congress authorizing the establishment of a "West Point" for aviation cadets.

She called her offspring "Encore" — he wasn't on the program.

Betty: "Were you surprised when you and Bill entered your honeymoon cottage to find that the furniture hadn't been delivered?"

Letty: "Surprised? My dear, I was floored!"

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800. Theater—No showing.	SAT. JAN. 20
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies.	SUN.
Theater—The Thin Man Goes Home—Wm. Powell, Myrna Loy. Short subjects.	JAN. 21
Service Club—Field Girl Dance. Theater—Same as Sunday.	MON. JAN. 22
Service Club—Section G Party. Theater—Girl Rush—Wally Brown, Frances Langford. Night Club Girl—Vivian Austin, Edward Norris.	TUES. JAN. 23
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Beta Sigma Phi Girls from A. C. and Winfield.	WED.
Theater—Winged Victory—Story of the Army Air Force. News of the Day.	JAN. 24
Service Club — Dance — USO Girls from Ponca City. Theater—No feature shown.	THURS. JAN. 25
Service Club — As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies. GI Movies.	FRI.
Theater—Main Street After Dark—Edward Arnold, Selena Royle. Short subjects.	JAN. 26

Male Call

by Milton



Skyriders Beat Pratt AAF, 59-46; M-Sgt. Horton Sets Scoring Record

A hot Skyrider basketball team evened the score with the Pratt army air field team Monday night when it handed the visitors a 59 to 46 beating in a Second Air Force league game. The Skyriders had lost an early season game to Pratt in overtime periods, 36 to 35.

The game Monday night started slowly, Pratt scoring the first point of the game on a free throw after three minutes of play. The visitors scored another free toss before the Skyriders accounted for three points with a goal and a free throw. Pratt then hit another free toss to tie the score 3-3, the first of six ties in scoring during the first half. The first quarter ended 9-all.

Strother Field found itself tied at 11-11, 13-13 and 16-16 by the Pratt 29ers before putting on a team during the remaining minutes of the first half to lead 25-20.

Pratt twice came within four points of tying the score during the third period which ended 46-40 in favor of the Skyriders. The locals scored 13 points in the final frame to Pratt's 6, winning 59 to 46.

Horton and Williams of the Skyriders put on a great exhibition of scoring during the game, the former making eleven field goals for 22 points, to set a season scoring record in a single game. Williams was only two points behind Horton, sinking 9 baskets and 2 charity tosses. Painter of the Skyriders tallied 11 points with four field goals and three free throws. Oschreiter, Pratt forward, led his team in scoring with 7 field goals and 4 free throws.

The Skyriders play at Herington tonight meeting the league-leading Herington air base Flyers in their final game of the season. The next game will find the Strother Rogers playing a highly-touted quintet from the Enid army air base. That encounter is slated for the Southwestern college gym at Winfield on January 22.

Chilocco Indians Offer Boxing Cards

Boxing fans at Strother Field are to have the opportunity of seeing the Chilocco Indian School boxing team in at least two fistic shows at the reservation south of Ark City on Feb. 1 and 15.

Plans are being made for official transportation from Strother Field to Chilocco and return to accommodate sport fans interested in attending the shows. Lists are to be placed in each orderly room and those who wish to attend either or both shows will sign their names.

Chilocco will take on a strong team from Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Okla., on Thursday, Feb. 1. The next boxing show will bring together Chilocco and a team from the Concho Indian School, El Reno, Okla., on Thursday, Feb. 15. Each card will begin at 8:15 p.m. and a special admittance price of 45c has been announced by school officials for military personnel. Reserved seats are 25c additional and tickets may be purchased at the Dye-Fesler Drug store in Arkansas City or at the Chilocco gym.

Save Your Buddy

In the ten months February, 1944, through November, 1944, seventy-three military deaths have occurred from preventable, avoidable accidents. Are you next?

We have had four disabling injuries so far this month at Strother Field, all military personnel, all preventable accidents, due to unauthorized use of gasoline, not wearing shoes at PT, lifting, and a fall.

- BOWLING -

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Photo Flashes	4	0	1.000
Rockets	4	0	1.000
Rogers	3	1	.750
Hot Rocks	2	2	.500
Monsters	2	2	.500
Wilco	1	3	.250
Cloud Pushers	0	4	.000
Loose Nuts	0	4	.000
Sad Sacks	0	0	—
Tracers	0	0	—

OFFICERS' DIVISION			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Scrubs	4	0	1.000
Section A	3	1	.750
Dubs	1	3	.250
Super Snoopers	0	4	.000
Headquarters	0	0	—
Communications	0	0	—

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of 22 January 1945

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Monday 22 January 1945	
Loose Nuts vs. Wilco	1-2
Tracers vs. Rockets	3-4
Hot Rocks vs. Photo Flashes	5-6
Tuesday 23 January 1945	
Rogers vs. Cloud Pushers	1-2
Monsters vs. Sad Sacks	5-6

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday 24 January 1945

Sub Depot No. 2 vs. Headquarters	1-2
Air Corps Supply vs. Sub Depot No. 1	3-4
Post Exchange vs. WAC	5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Thursday 25 January 1945

Super Snoopers vs. Communications	1-2
Section A vs. Scrubs	3-4
Bulldogs vs. Dubs	5-6

Resume Intra-Mural Basketball Play

First games in the second round of intra-mural basketball league play took place Tuesday night in the post gym. Operations won a close game with "B" Flight, 34 to 31. Asnelle, Operations center, tallied 14 points to lead his team in scoring. Vranish, "B" flight forward, sank five baskets to lead his team.

Headquarters defeated a newly organized league team, the Trainees, by a score of 30 to 14. Hottenstein, Headquarters forward, made 10 points and Ashmore, Trainees forward, made 8 points to lead their teams in scoring.

Operations—34		"B" Flight—31	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Ashville, c	6 2	Capello, f	3 2
Halverson, f	1 0	Vranish, f	5 0
Charlton, f	3 1	Petrick, c	0 0
Walterman, f	0 0	Raney, c	0 0
Sellers, g	4 4	Klimas, g	2 0
Thomas, g	1 1	Burnett, g	0 0
Attaway, g	0 0	Matthews, g	4 1
		Burns, g	0 0
	15 4		14 3

Headquarters—30		Trainees—14	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Selvidge, f	4 0	Ashmore, fg	3 2
Hottenstein, f	5 0	McClesky, f	0 0
Wycoff, c	1 1	Covington, c	1 0
Hamilton, c	1 0	Baldeck, g	1 0
Mace, g	0 0	Cooper, g	1 0
Waits, g	2 1	Hermann, g	0 0
Myers, g	1 0		
Richardson, g	0 0		
	14 2		6 2

Got A Geetar?

Do you play a musical instrument? Do you have that instrument or know where you can get one? If so, why not leave your name with the special service officer. Who knows, there may be enough of you musically-inclined GIs to form an orchestra or band on the field.

The personnel of Strother Field greatly misses the recently inactivated 683rd Army band from this station and even a small group of amateur tune-makers could not only have a lot of fun but would be welcomed on the base by everyone. Come by the SS office, fellows, let's get organized.

EM AND WACS RECEIVE

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Sec A Sub-Sec 3	
George N. Fincher	Warren A. Gulau
James C. Goad	John T. Mattice
Joe Lisenbee	Charlie M. Underwood
Richard H. Peck	Edwin J. Wilson
Chandler A. Gibson	
Sec B (WAC)	
Irene Lipke	Alice L. DeMatthews
Ethel G. Wilfong	Ruth Farwell
Della Rose P. Perron	
Sec C	
Henry Austin	Albert Gilmore
Curtis E. Cary	William Wolfe
Sam T. Blunson	

POSTHUMOUS AWARD

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missing on July 26, 1944, when an Army evacuation plane, on which he was a passenger, was lost between Iceland and Newfoundland. On November 21, he was declared dead by the War Department.

Arrangements for presentation of the Medal of Honor—highest honor bestowed by this country—to Mrs. Georgette Drury Vance, 365 Stewart Ave. Garden City, N. Y., the flier's widow, have not been completed. At present, Mrs. Vance is visiting her husband's mother who resides in Enid, Oklahoma.

"WINGED VICTORY"

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by Moss Hart, famous stage and screen writer. Following a successful run as a stage production in New York City the entire unit of AAF personnel in the original cast was sent to California to make the motion picture version of the play.

Familiar faces in the cast include Sgt. Edmond O'Brien, Cpl. Alan Baxter, Cpl. Barry Nelson and Sgt. George Reeves, all motion picture actors in civilian life. Supplementing the stage cast for the movie production were many cadets from Santa Ana, Calif., Aviation Cadet Center, the crews of several B-24 Liberators, and the three pilots from Strother Field.

The picture is the story of aviation cadets in their training and their experiences in battle in the South Pacific. All proceeds from the film go to Army Emergency Relief.

CPL. OLIVER MAKES

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The seven-inch blade on the hunting knife was made from a piece of airplane propeller. Cpl. Oliver found in a scrap dump. The hilt and handle tip were made with scrap brass tubing, and the handle itself was manufactured by working together fifteen small leather washers cut from the soles of discarded GI shoes.

Cpl. Oliver made the belt sheath for his masterpiece from saddle leather—the only item he had to buy. The stitching was accomplished with an ice pick and an ordinary needle. A whetstone case completes the ensemble.

All of the work on the factory-like job was made by hand; the steel for the blade was turned on an emery-wheel and then sandpapered.

The Wolf by Sansone

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Medals To Be Presented SF Personnel And To Next-Of-Kin of Arkansas Citizens

A mass presentation of medals denoting outstanding service to the U. S. will be made Saturday morning to six officers and one enlisted man stationed at Strother Field and to next-of-kin of servicemen from Arkansas City. Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, will make the presentations in his office.

The Legion of Merit award will be presented M/Sgt. Charles Komar, Section A-3, whose home is in Cannonsburg, Pa. for "meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service in Tunisia, Sicily and Italy, during the period from 23 Feb. 1942 until 2 Feb. 1944." The Legion of Merit is the fourth ranking award given service personnel by the United States government.

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Get Educational Credit For GI Experience

Over half a million men now in the army have definite plans to return to full-time school or college upon return to civilian life. Another half million or more are seriously considering the possibility. The educational provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights have served to stimulate these plans.

Many soldiers are not aware of the fact that they are entitled to apply for credit for educational achievement during their tour of military service. Do you know that you may apply for credit toward high school graduation for any service schools that you may have attended? Do you know that you may also apply for credit toward your high school diploma for the duties performed while in the service? Why not stop by the Special Service Office or the Library and get the blanks upon which to apply for credit for your educational achievement during military service?

War Bonds Worth Nearly \$1,000,000 Bought Here In 1944

During 1944, soldiers and civilians at Strother Field purchased \$461,500.03 in War Bonds through payroll deductions, and for cash, aside from their deductions, purchased bonds during the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth War Loan drives with maturity value of \$331,441.

Since cash purchases on record include only investments made during the three drives and not monthly investments aside from pay deductions, the base war bond office estimates bonds with maturity value of almost \$1,000,000 were purchased by field personnel during the year 1944.

'March of Dimes' Dances

Plans have been made for three "March of Dimes" dances at Strother Field. A "Presidential Birthday Ball" will be held by the officers Saturday night, Jan. 27, in the officers' club. A "March of Dimes" dance will be held the same night in the NCO club. There will be no admittance charge but contributions will be given by members to the fund. Section C will hold a "March of Dimes" ball in the service club Jan. 30.

Form Choir

Formation of a choir composed of enlisted men and women of Strother Field was announced Tuesday by Chaplain Karl B. Smith.

First meeting of the new organization was held at the post chapel Monday night, and plans were made for a program to be sung at the chapel services Sunday morning.

"Old Timers" Observe Second Anniversary Of Field Dedication

"Charter members" of Strother Field, a group of officers and enlisted men who were assigned here when the field was activated in Sept. 1942, found themselves discussing the old days on Wednesday of this week—the second anniversary of the dedication of the field.

Bringing forth many chuckles was the story of the enlisted man who during a bitter cold night made a dash from his barrack to the latrine. Midway he disappeared from sight, then let out a blood-curdling yell as he struggled out of a mudhole caused by a fill collapsing from heavy rain. Sunny Kansas received a verbal beating.

Among the "charter member" officers are:

Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer, who came to Strother in December, 1942; Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, director of station services, who reported to Strother to head the ground training department; Major Sam S. Wolf, director of maintenance and supply, who came to the base as its original quartermaster; Captain George Mueller, charged with the responsibility of opening a

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Aircraft Maintenance Department Has High Efficiency Record Here

Speaking of big businesses, Strother Field has one that involves hundreds of men and millions of dollars worth of airplanes and equipment. It is the aircraft maintenance department headed by Major S. S. Wolf.

Vital sections of this department are the armament, communications and refueling sections, all of which are united for the purpose of furnishing the required number of properly maintained and serviced aircraft to the director of training, Lt. Col. George C. Deaton. Thus far the maintenance department has succeeded admirably as is evidenced by a consistently high maintenance efficiency and low accident rate.

The maintenance department is divided into echelons, according to the ease and accessibility of the job to be done. Flight line maintenance is responsible for all 1st and 2nd echelon work and is the section that operates the closest to the training department.

The administrative flight section is responsible for maintaining the BT-13s and the few aircraft based here for use in cross-country

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Second Air Force Official Photo

Shown above are the maintenance and engineering officers of Strother Field. Seated, left to right: 1st Lt. Fred Hundley, 3rd Echelon officer; W/O Charles Dennison, asst. inspector; 1st Lt. M. L. Levy, superintendent of aircraft maintenance; 2nd Lt. J. R. Squeo, asst. engineering officer, Section 1; 2nd Lt. Lewis Mayo, administrative flight engineering officer. Standing left to right: 1st Lt. R. E. Plantz, engineering officer, section 2; Major S. S. Wolf, director of maintenance and supply; 2nd Lt. Harry Rappaport, aircraft maintenance control officer; 2nd Lt. R. K. Wendall, engineering officer, Section 1; 2nd Lt. Rodney Johnston, assistant engineering officer, Section 2; 2nd Lt. Ralph Bauman, engine installation and build-up officer; 2nd Lt. C. E. Weihman, assistant engineering officer, Section 1. Chief inspector, 1st Lt. James R. Jones, and 2nd Lt. John R. Lindley, assistant engineering officer, Section 2, are not shown in the group.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

The strangulation which is destroying Nazi Germany today was most clearly and definitely foretold in that most amazing and clairvoyant book "Mein Kampf" when Adolf Hitler himself warned that at all costs a war on two fronts must be avoided. He then recognized without delusion that, for Germany, the possible advantages of interior lines could never outweigh the terrible pressure that would result from war in both the east and west.

Yet, so overpowering are the compulsions and the fates which hound a Man-Who-Would-Be-God, that it was this same Hitler who, having predicted disaster, still hurled his armies against the Soviet colossus with his own hand. Here again history repeats with the awful and pitiful picture of the conquering monster rushing headlong to self-destruction despite all the cynical wisdom which has aided his rise.

On both fronts today the people of Germany are reaping the dreadful harvest of that fatal error. By the simple fact of two-front war their most desperate heroics are rendered impotent, the strategic brilliance of their professional generals is nullified.

For point in fact consider the two Christmas counter-offensives launched by the Wehrmacht to relieve pressure in Hungary and the West. Neither could or did succeed because each could represent only one half the offensive potential of the German army. The full force exerted on either front might have won respite for Germany. But the force was necessarily divided and so necessarily failed.

Here is revealed the pattern for a war which Nazi desperation is needlessly, stupidly, and bloodily prolonging. For a greater or lesser time, dependent upon the potential of endurance of the German common soldier, the Christmas battles will be repeated in all their foredoomed waste and savagery until at last the pressure has grown too great. It was all foretold long ago when Adolf Hitler wrote "Mein Kampf."

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

The war has brought many strange paradoxes. For centuries we have been called a Christian nation. We have prided ourselves on our high degree of civilization, and have correspondingly pitied the heathen races of earth. Our churches have invested thousands of lives and vast amounts of money to take Christianity to the forgotten places of earth.

Yet we are continually hearing of our fighting men in the islands of the Pacific who are learning of Christ and Christianity for the first time. Many of our soldiers are hearing the gospel of Christ and attending church for the first time in their lives, and doing it in churches built and maintained by the people we have been pleased to call heathen. Many are kneeling at altars in true repentance for their sins and being soundly converted through the efforts of the heathen!

While here at home where Christianity is supposed to burn its brightest our churches are slowly but surely closing. Only one out of every twelve persons attends church at all. Seven out of every eight children quit Sunday school and church before they reach fifteen. There are more bar maids than college girls. One million of our girls have venereal disease. One million of our girls disappear into white slavery each year. One million illegitimate babies are born and an equal number of abortions are performed each year. A major crime is committed every 22 minutes.

"America has slipped! We may well ask, 'Who are the Christians and who are the heathen?'"

Orchids

To the following War Department civilian employees who have stuck to their jobs at Strother Field for two years or more: John Abel, Arthur Allard, Glenn Beery, Mary Brogan, Thomas Brogan, Nona Bellman, Arthur Busby, Dollye Bloomer, Ruby Boory, Ellen Blimm, Lester Boyles, Ralph Bridges, Harold Baxter, Isaac Bowman, Roy Brooks, Martha Bartelson, Harold Brown, Fred Bogart, Guy Bigelow, William Barnes, Walter Banning, Eleanor Bass, Naomi Bienfang, Joe Biggum, Maxine Bonewell, William Brown, Charles Brown, Jesse Barnes, Daniel Beck, Hollis Bailey, Robert Cantrell, Medford Clodfelter, Minnie Clock, William Case, Charles Criger, Fines Cochran, Harry Champlin, Harry Chapman, Wilma Cook, Charles Casida, Maxine Cates, Myrtle Crane, Donald Dobson, Louise Denton, Dora Dir, Lee Dobson, Marshall Drew, Frank Doyle, Verna Davis, Otis Ealey, Edward Ewing, Alice Engwicht, Buck Edgar, Fred Eaton, Mildred Estep, Vera Fiske, Thomas Fatout, Harry Farney, Albert Franklin, Carl Fegley, Lawrence Francoeur, Edwin Francoeur, Oscar Foster, Winnifred Foster, Boles Farris, Maurice Fluis, Lee Gardner, Esau Greenwood, LaVerne Garrett, James Gillig, Harold Goodrich, George Gardner, Thomas Gladman, Tyrus Hardy, Doris Heffron, James Holden, Hubert Horn, Claude Hanks, Henry Hawley, Robert Huddleson, Clarence Harp, Doris Heilman, Mary Heilman, Wesley Hovis, Tunis Howe, Charles Hutchinson, Clarence Hargrove, Kenneth Harrington, Clifford Howe, Omega Hartley, Robert Hubbard, Valoyce Ingram, Doris Johnston, Robert Johnson, John Jarrett, Wayne Justice, Hugh Kiser, Robert Kunkle, Francis Kitchkommie, Arthur Kent, Sam Kittrell, Frank Kunzmann, Henrietta Kuhn, Otila Lazo, Harold Lowry, James Lock, William Lemaster, Will Lemmon, William Lord, Ethel McGuire, Alice McKibben, Wayne McEwen, Lonnie McCammon, Robert McKinney, William McLaury, Mary Moore, P. L. Mitschler, Cecil Morrell, Helen Mossman, Ellis Morton, Betty Melbourne, Mary Manning, Will Mitchell, Albert Moore, James Mason, Malcolm Mills, Jerome Morgan, William Martin, Charles Neal, Donald Naden, Lee Nelson, C. G. Nickle, Rebecca Ortiz, Harold Overby, Ben O'Daniel, Mary Obenchain, Frank Parcel, Ernest Parsons, Lewis Potterton, Berl Perkins, William Price, Marion Pappan, Henry Peters, Luther Pierce, Ramona Pilcher, Clarence Pool, Carl Pratt, Ned Preston, Bette Parman, Thomas Quick, Gale Quick, Claude Reynolds, Harold Rutherford, Irene Rosenkrantz, Henry Ruch, Madison Russell, Clarence Roberts, Ernest Robinson, Oliver Rutter, Rachel Shea, Fred Sutton, Ray Sullivan, Thelma Schmidt, Mary Streets, John Smith, Anthony Schwartz, Dorothy Schwartz, George Simmons, Bonnie Smith, Marion Stout, Thomas Sandefur, Christopher Shawver, Charles Spruill, Marjorie Stocking, Hazel Sewell, Fred Shaffer, Irvin Shilling, James Shipp, Thomas Smith, Joseph Samford, Delbert Townsley, Mable Towles, Linn Townsend, Virginia Thornton, John Towles, Arthur Turner, Hilda Traugott, Opal Tully, Rollie Vick, Earl Voorhis, Bernice Wilcox, Henry Wade, Ralph Williams, Charles Warren, Jesse B. Walker, Richard Woolridge, Walter Wil-

liams, S. C. Wallace, Harry Woody, Illa Woody, Lloyd Ward, John Watson, William Watson, James Young, Dewitt Yohe, and Cecil Zollars.

Rhumb Lines

Washing out in basic flying school in the AAF didn't stop one officer who reported here last week. The major, who prefers to remain unnamed, entered the RCAF and later proved his mettle as a flier with the Eagle Squadron before the AAF would grant him wings and recognition. His subsequent achievements in combat more than justified his transfer to the USAAF. . . . American repatriated prisoners-of-war from Germany and escapees from Japanese prison camps will tour the United States for a two-month period beginning February 1, in order to give thousands of next-of-kin a comprehensive picture of conditions in enemy camps. . . . Captain Robert Gnospelius, kegler king at SF, says the average bowling score in base league competition stands at 147. EM average is 149.1, officers' 143.1. . . . More than 700,000 civilians and servicemen attended athletic events conducted as part of the Second Air Force's athletic program during 1944, according to a recent survey by the 2AF Physical Fitness Office. Baseball was the top drawing card with 350,000 servicemen and 127,000 civilians on hand for inter-base games. The Superbombers, 2AF gridiron representatives, drew 125,000 military personnel and 50,000 civilians for a 13-game schedule and two post-season tilts.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM	
SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT	
Service Club—Open 1200-1800.	SAT.
Theater—The Falcon in Hollywood—Tom Conway, Barbara Hale. Short subjects.	JAN. 27
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies.	SUN.
Theater—Experiment Perilous—Hedy Lamarr, Paul Lucas, George Brent. Short subjects.	JAN. 28
Service Club—Field Girl Dance.	MON.
Theater—Same as Sunday.	JAN. 29
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—The Jade Mask—Sidney Toler, Dorothy Granger. The Town Went Wild—Ed. Everett Horton, James Lydon.	JAN. 30
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Beta Sigma Phi Girls from A. C. and Winfield.	WED.
Theater—Keys of the Kingdom—Gregory Peck, Roddy McDowall, Thomas Mitchell. News of the Day.	JAN. 31
Service Club — Dance — USO Girls from Ark City and Winfield.	THURS.
Theater—Same as Wednesday.	FEB. 1
Service Club — As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies. GI Movies.	FRI.
Theater—Dangerous Passage—Robt. Lowery, Phyllis Brooks, March of Time. Short subjects.	FEB. 2

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Male Call

by Mil



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"Continental Flavor" Added To Snack Bar

The next time you are in the enlisted men's snack bar just say, "milch schokolade" or "latte cioccolata" or "du lait chocolat" or even "leche chololate" and you'll get a milk chocolate promptly served by Madeleine Bender, attractive wife of Cpl. Irving Bender, Tech Supply. (Maybe you better get three friends to go with you—for shakes constitute a lot of drinking for one GI.)

Madeleine, who is of Swiss-French nationality, is one of three daughters of a family whose home was formerly in Geneva, Switzerland. She also lived in France, Spain, Italy and Germany where she learned to speak the native languages.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Her father, who passed away several years ago, owned several factories in the home country. You guessed it, they were watch factories. Madeleine first came to America in 1928. She visited in Switzerland four times since then, the last trip was in 1936. She became a United States citizen in 1934 and resided in Miami Beach, Fla., with her mother and two sisters. It was there she met Cpl. Bender. Her sisters are married to service men, one is in the army and the other in the navy.

Give to the "March of Dimes"

WAC Detachment News

By

Pvt. Betty Barath



We bid farewell to our first commanding officer, 1st. Lt. Marjorie A. Stewart who is leaving our company for an assignment in Arizona. Taking her place as commanding officer is 1st. Lt. Jeanne Billau, from Rapid City, South Dakota. We welcome you to our company.

At this time we welcome S/Sgt. Elizabeth A. Virdin the new acting first sergeant of our detachment.

The Wac's no longer roll out of bed early in the morning for P. T. Practicing the same privilege as the enlisted men, we now take time off during the day to go to the gymnasium.

The Wac Day Room is open to all guests of our girls. A juke box furnishes music for dance lovers. There are facilities for those who wish to play cards, ping pong, or checkers.

ARC Director Has Served One Year Here

A year of service to military personnel of Strother Field was completed this week by American Red Cross Field Director Herbert A. Thomson. On Jan. 22, 1944, Mr. Thomson arrived here from Camp Robinson, Ark., to assume his first directorship.

He joined the ARC service in 1942 and after a course of training in Washington, D.C., was assigned to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he served as assistant field director. From there he was transferred to Camp Robinson, Ark., where his duties were those of assistant field director and administrative assistant.

Mr. Thomson is a vet of World War I. Enlisting at age 17 he served in two major engagements overseas with the famed 33rd Illinois Division.

"My work and contacts at Strother Field have been most pleasant. The enlisted men and officers are the tops and I sincerely hope I have served them adequately," comments Mr. Thomson.

Strother Field's P-63 Unit Inactivated

Flight C of the colorful P-63 detachment the "suitcase detachment" which has been based at Strother Field for several months for purposes of flying missions with heavy and very heavy bombers at other bases, is a thing of the past. Late last week the squadron dipped wings in final salute to the base and took off, some planes headed back for bomber bases they had recently left, others headed for the Antilles Command.

The P-63 detachment at Strother Field was part of a roving base unit with headquarters at Second Air Force headquarters in Colorado Springs. Like the Strother Field detachment, the other components of the roving base unit have been or are being broken up, and the personnel and planes re-assigned. Experience developed the fact that it was more efficient to assign permanently a few of the P-63 King Cobras to separate bomber bases and from those bases to fly interception and escort missions necessary for training bomber crews. Consequently, part of the P-63 base unit is being divided among the points it has been serving, part of it has been transferred to the Antilles Command, including some crew chiefs and mechanics, and part of the personnel is being retained and absorbed by the base units at which the detachments have been stationed.

Does Safety Pay?

The Ground Safety Program is in operation overseas as a direct request from Commanding Generals in combat areas. It is a command function and carried out on direct orders. It is set up to reduce the percent of disabling injuries due to ground accidents which up to June 1944 had been sixty-five percent of all disabling injuries returned from overseas. Its operation has reduced accidents very considerably.

The necessary information for safe working is contained in AAF Manual No. 30, Ground Safety Rules. Contact your Section CO, your department head or your supervisor to obtain this manual. Practice what you read and watch accidents, disabling injuries and lost time go over the hill.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Acting First Sergeant of Section B, the WAC detachment at Strother Field, is S/Sgt. Elizabeth A. Virdin of Dover, Delaware. She entered service Feb. 17, 1943, and came to SF from Pocatello, Idaho, army air field on Dec. 23rd. S/Sgt. Virdin was a clerk in the Delaware Unemployment Compensation Commission office in Wilmington, Del., before joining the WAC.

Section C News

By Pvt. John S. Lyons

Two of the most popular non-coms of Section C left Strother Field, January 17 for McDill Field, Tampa, Florida. These men, S/Sgt. Warren H. Mantooth and Sgt. Joseph Thower, had been stationed at Strother Field for two years, both having been transferred here at the same time from Enid, Oklahoma.

S/Sgt. Mantooth had worked in the Section C orderly room and the Trainee orderly room. His home is in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sgt. Thower had worked in Section C's orderly room as clerk-typist. His home is in Strong, Arkansas.

Mark down the date January 30, 1945, because on that night Section C holds its Presidential "March of Dimes" ball.

Do you know that the Base Library has copies of the Negro Digest? So if you book-worms can tear yourselves away from Esquire, Life, and Down-Beat long enough, scan a magazine that is nothing, if not informative.

Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Cold Dressing



USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat. Win. Dancing Games
- Ark. Singing Pop Corn Balls
- Sun. Win. Wed. Nite Girls—Free Phone Call
- Ark. Bingo
- Mon. Win. Candy Making Night
- Ark. Bridge and Game Night
- Tues. Win. Bridge Rummy
- Ark. Do-as-you-please
- Wed. Win. Do-As-You-Please
- Ark. Open House
- Thurs. Win. Field Dance
- Ark. Record Making
- Fri. Win. Ping Pong
- Ark. Married Couples Night

Skyriders Defeat Enid, Okla., Army Air Field Officers, 60-43

In a fast game played in Southwestern College gym Tuesday night the Skyriders defeated the Enid, Okla., army air field officers team, 60 to 43. This win evens the score with Enid, the Skyriders having lost earlier in the season to the Enidairs, enlisted men's team.

Painter, Strother Field center, scored the first goal in the game and midway in the first quarter the locals led 10 to 5. This period ended 14-11 in favor of the Skyriders.

Enid tied the score at 20-all during the second quarter but at half-time Strother Field again held a 3-point margin, 27-24.

The Skyriders hit their pace in the third period, totaling 19 points to Enid's 7. At the end of this quarter the locals led 46-31. In the final frame Strother Field scored 14 points while Enid made 12.

Two new Sky rider players, Houston, forward, and Eidemiller, center, each made a field goal Tuesday night, Houston making his within the first minute after entering the game. Williams, Sky rider guard, was high point man for the game, scoring 8 field goals and 3 free throws for 19 points. Horton, forward, made 16 points with 6 field goals and 4 free tosses. Painter, center, hit 6 field goals and one charity toss for 13 points. McCormick, Enid forward, scored 5 baskets and 2 free tosses to lead his team in scoring, closely followed by Rolie, center, who totaled 11 points.

This was the next to final game of the season for the Skyriders. The final game will be with Dodge City, Kans., AAF, in Winfield on January 30th.

Strother Field—60		Enid Officers—43	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Horton, f	6	Kroll, f	5
McClay, f	2	McCormick, f	5
Houston, f	1	Bolle, c	4
Painter, c	6	Dusenbury, g	4
Eidemiller, c	1	Akers, g	1
Williams, g	8	Maggio, g	0
Bennett, g	2	Grey, g	0
Nicholas, g	0		
Hall, g	0		
26	8	17	9

Boxing Card Feb. 1 At Chilocco School

What promises to be an excellent boxing card is on tap next Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Chilocco Indian School, south of Ark. City. The Chilocoans tangle with the Riverside Indian School team from Anadarko, Okla., in a card of ten bouts.

Have you signed the roster in your orderly room indicating that you plan on attending the fistic show? Official transportation will be provided from the base to Chilocco and return if enough of you fight fans sign up in advance. There will be another boxing show at Chilocco on Feb. 15 between the school and the Concho Indians from ElReno, Okla.

Military personnel are offered a special admittance price of 45c for general admission and reserved seats are 25c extra. Tickets may be purchased at either the Dye Fesler Drug Store in Ark City or at the Chilocco gymnasium.

Trainees—70		B Flight—26	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Ashmore, f	7	Capello, f	0
Coe, f	8	Burnett, f	1
Covington, c	4	Vranish, f	8
Cooper, g	6	Raney, c	1
McCleskey, g	6	Petrick, c	0
Asheim, g	2	Klimas, g	0
		Burns, g	0
		Matthews, g	2
			12
33	4		12

Fighter Control—26		Operations—23	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Phillips, f	0	Thomas, f	0
Schultz, f	1	Charlton, f	3
Halle, c	4	Ashwill, f	2
Callahan, g	3	Sellers, g	0
Tabor, g	3	Crawford, g	3
		Thorsen, g	2
		Waterman, g	0
		Halverson, g	1
			11
11	7		11

Headquarters—47		Fighter Control—24	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Meyers, f	2	Butte, f	0
Mace, f	2	Chow, f	1
Biederman, f	3	Phillips, f	3
Selvidge, c	4	Yachman, f	0
Richardson, c	2	Callahan, c	3
Watts, c	2	Tabor, g	3
Hottenstein, g	7	Halle, g	1
Hamilton, g	1		0
	21		11
21	5		11

Base Officers—23		Operations—23	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Wolf, f	1	Crawford, c	3
O'Neill, f	5	Charlton, f	2
Merrig, f	3	Ashwill, f	4
LaBorde, f	0	Thomas, g	1
Scott, c	2	Callers, g	0
Dietrich, g	1	Halverson, g	0
Armstrong, g	0	Waterman, g	0
Castater, g	4	Thorsen, g	0
	16		10
16	3		10

Seven Teams In Intra-Mural League

Two newly organized intra-mural basketball teams, Base Officers and Fighter Control, have entered league play, boosting to seven the number of teams in the league.

The Base Officers have played two games and won both for a perfect record. First victim was the Operations team which was defeated 35 to 23. Their next opponent, the Trainee team, put up a stubborn battle but lost to the Officers, 22 to 26. Lt. O'Neill, Officer's center, scored 5 field goals in the first game and 6 in the second to top scoring honors.

Headquarters defeated Fighter Control, 47 to 24, and "B" Flight, 44 to 27, making three games won and none lost. Hottenstein, Headquarters guard, scored 7 field goals in the first game and 8 field goals in the second to lead the league in scoring.

Fighter Control won a close game from Operations Tuesday night, 26 to 25. Both teams scored 11 field goals but the FC quintet bagged an extra charity toss for the winning margin.

"B" Flight ran into a hot opponent last Friday night when it took on the Trainees. The latter team hit 33 field goals and 4 free tosses for a total of 70 points. The losers scored 26 points. Coe, Trainee forward, scored 17 points to lead his team.

Headquarters—44		"B" Flight—27	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Watts, f	5	Vranish, f	5
Mace, f	1	Burns, f	4
Meyers, f	1	Petrick, c	0
Harling, f	2	Matthews, g	2
Selvidge, c	3	C-Burns, g	0
Biederman, g	1	Eurhoff, g	0
Hottenstein, g	8		
	21		15
21	5		15

Base Officers—26		Trainees—22	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Merrig, f	5	Ashmore, f	0
Castater, f	1	McCleskey, f	1
O'Neill, c	6	Covington, c	4
Armstrong, g	0	Cooper, g	0
Dietrich, g	0	Russell, g	0
LaBorde, g	0	Osheim, g	1
Wolf, g	1		
	13		9
13	0		9

Friday, Jan. 26th Schedule
 1800—Headquarters vs. Medics.
 1900—Base Officers vs. Fighter Control.
 2000—Trainees vs. Base Operations.
 "B" Flight—bye.

"OLD-TIMERS" OBSERVE

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post exchange for the new field; Captain Allan B. Jackson, who was Strother's first provost marshal and who continues to serve in that capacity; First Lieutenant Adras P. LaBorde, public relations officer, who reported as ground school instructor; Captain Frank Gluhm, veterinarian; Captain Charles McMullin, dean of medical officers at the base; Captain Robert Gnospeilus, signal officer.

Pioneers among the enlisted men of the original base complement who remain at Strother Field include the post sergeant major, Master Sergeant Alewine Cates, and the following men: First Sergeant Clovis Robbins; Technical Sergeants Meredith Gore, Edwin Bass and Roland I. Hopkins; Staff Sergeants T. V. Jones, Harold O. Halverson, William A. Hilman, Ralph Kuhn, William Biederman, and Elmer Selvidge; Sergeants Archie Shook, Richard Cowling, James Watts, Roger Ballou, Ray Muchowich, John J. Zatorsky, Ed M. Williams, W. B. Boyd; Corporals Anson P. Stidham, Lawrence J. Straub, L. W. Samms, and Melvin Harper. In addition, a number of men in the finance office, sales commissary, guard squadron, and signal office boast of two years or more at Strother Field.

MEDALS TO BE GIVEN

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Following are the officers now stationed at Strother Field who will receive awards:

Capt. Albert S. Hartman will be presented the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal; 1st Lt. James W. Reynolds will receive the Distinguished Flying Cross as will 1st Lt. Frank E. Walker.

Capt. William E. Lynch will be presented his seventh Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Major John E. Little will receive the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters; 1st Lt. Walter L. Manning will receive the Air Medal.

A posthumous award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with silver and bronze Oak Leaf Clusters will be made to Mrs. Arthur G. Hover, Arkansas City. Her husband 2nd Lt. A. G. Hover reportedly was killed while serving with the AAF in the Middle-Eastern Theater of war.

Mrs. Agnes A. Kennedy, Arkansas City will receive the Air Medal awarded her son, Sgt. Donald L. Kennedy, missing in action in the European Theater.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

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flights. The third echelon shop is responsible for the repair of extensive installations and crashes.

One of the most interesting departments on the field is the engine build-up and installation department. This branch has changed 104 engines on aircraft since Strother Field became part of the Second Air Force. The 72nd Fighter Wing has acknowledged the record established at this field in changing an engine on a Republic P-47 in nine hours.

Few persons, both military and civilian, outside of the maintenance department realize the quantity of labor and materials expended to "keep 'em flying."

Interested in what goes on in the maintenance work here? Major S. S. Wolf invites personnel stationed at Strother Field to visit any of the maintenance sections. See for yourself the important work being done by these officers, enlisted men and civilian employees.

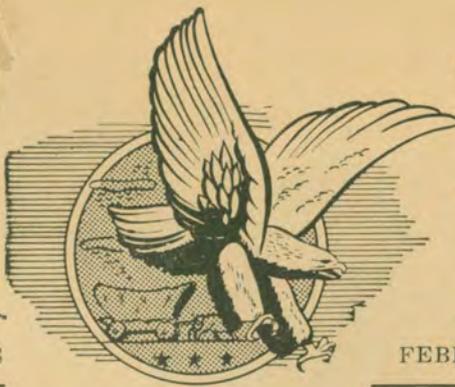
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"A simple 'hello' will do!"



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Four officers and one enlisted man were decorated by Colonel Donald E. Meade, right, commanding officer of Strother Field, Saturday. Captain George N. Rood, base adjutant (extreme left) is shown reading the citation accompanying the Legion of Merit awarded M/Sgt. Charles Koman of Canonsburg, Pa., (second from left). The officers decorated and the medals they received are (left to right, after M/Sgt. Koman): Captain Albert S. Hartman, Brookhaven, Miss., Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal; First Lieutenant James W. Reynolds, De Soto, Mo., Distinguished Flying Cross; First Lieutenant Walter L. Manning, Des Moines, Iowa, Air Medal; Captain William E. Lynch, San Antonio, Texas, seventh cluster to the Air Medal. (Official AAF Photo)

Russians Praised By T-Sgt. Atchison, A POW For 4 Months in Rumania

"Let the Russians march into Berlin, take over control of Germany, and the post-war problem of this war-making nation will be solved."

Those were the words of Technical Sergeant William H. Atchison of Wichita, who arrived at Strother Field last week from the Army Air Forces Redistribution Center at Miami Beach, Fla.

Atchison became well acquainted with a number of Red Army soldiers and Russian civilians during the four months he and other USAAF and RAF airmen spent with them,—in a Rumanian prisoner-of-war camp in Bucharest.

A radio operator and gunner on a B-24, Atchison was on his first bombing mission with the Fifteenth Air Force when he and his crew were forced to bail out over Rumanian territory. That was on April 4, 1944. During the flight his plane developed engine trouble and was forced to drop out of formation. The Liberator was then attacked by 35 German fighters which proceeded to riddle it with gunfire. Before the crew bailed out Atchison and two other gunners each destroyed an enemy plane. He was wounded in the hip before he jumped from his crippled plane.

Atchison and his fellow crewmen landed in a small Rumanian village and were immediately tak-

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Jet, Okla., Air Base "Target" For Trainees

Troops and installations of the Jet, Okla., airdrome served as the target for Strother Field fighter pilot trainees a few days ago when they participated in what was announced as a combined dive-bombing, escort, strafing and interception mission.

The Jet incident was typical of one phase of the training of fighter pilots in the 72nd Fighter Wing of the Second Air Force, whose work covers activities as diversified as the missions assigned to combat pilots. In addition to formation flying, cross-country flights and night missions supervised by officers who have seen action against the enemy, P-47 pilots at Strother Field participate in various simulated combat missions such as the one at Jet.

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EM Dinner-Dance Set For Feb. 15

Remember the good time you had at the Christmas dinner-dance held in the 1,000-man mess hall? Another such evening is in store for all members of Sections A-1, 2, 3, Medics and Wacs, on Thursday, Feb. 15.

A delicious steak dinner will be served at 1900 and will be followed by dancing in the south wing of the mess hall. The WAC section will be in charge of decorations.

An orchestra will play for the dancing and plans call for special entertainment during the evening. There will be plenty of beer and soft drinks on hand for everyone. Like the holiday party, everything will be free for enlisted personnel and their dates.

Blue Circuit Show Monday

The newest Blue Circuit USO-Camp Show will make a double appearance at Strother Field next Monday, Feb. 5. The first appearance will be in the station hospital at 1900. The troupe will present its second performance in the enlisted men's service club at 2030.

Following is the cast of performers:

- Mary Alice Fry—Singer.
- Bob Lee—Comedy Magician.
- Marjorie Brewer—Tap and Toe Dancer.
- John Molinari—Accordionist.

Field Is Commended For War Bond Sales

Commendation to the personnel of Strother Field and other bases in the 72nd Fighter Wing of the Second Air Force, for the outstanding record set in the Sixth War Loan Drive has been received by post headquarters from Major General Robert B. Williams, Commanding General, Second Air Force, and Brig. Gen. G. P. Turtellot, Commanding General of the 72nd Fighter Wing.

The following extract is from Gen. William's commendation:

"It is highly gratifying to me to note the outstanding record established by the 72nd Fighter Wing in the Sixth War Loan Drive. The attached report evidences the fact that the drive was vigorously conducted and met with a generous and patriotic response. Particular credit goes to those bases which greatly exceeded their quotas and to the individuals who did more than their share in the purchase of War Bonds. I wish to express my personal appreciation to all who had a part in building up the final total of sales."

"The Commanding General, 72nd Fighter Wing, desires to add his congratulations to those of the Commanding General, Second Air Force, as well as to express his deep appreciation for the cooperation and efforts that have been expended by each and every member of Strother Field."



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Capt. Thurlow M. Weed (seated) combat intelligence officer at Strother Field, gets the dope from P-47 trainee pilots and instructors who have just returned from a training mission in which the Jet, Okla., airdrome was attacked. Left to right are: Capt. Weed, Major Raynor Robertson, 2nd. Lt. James L. McCall, 2nd. Lt. Glenn B. Shew, Capt. Jack Wildberger, Flight Officer Alfred H. Radefeld, 2nd. Lt. Herbert P. Pleiman, 1st. Lt. Lloyd W. Chamberlain Jr., 2nd. Lt. Walter S. Parker Jr., Flight Officer Ashbel C. Orton.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

It is now less than 400 miles between the advanced units of the American and Russian armies which are attacking Germany. That is about ten hours' travel by car or fast train. It is less than an hour of flight for a fast modern fighter plane.

Within these narrow limits are compressed today the hatred, greed and insane ambition which brought about this war. Here, back to the wall at last, are the paranoiacs, the megalomaniacs, the mad dogs who would have ruled our world.

It must be increasingly evident to them that the end of their day draws near. The index of German capacity for resistance is dropping ominously near to zero. The end of the German army's resistance potential approaches. The Russian steamroller moves almost at a pace of its own choosing in the east, and in the west allied armies mass for new and more terrible blows. Near-saturation bombings, strain and stress of five bloody years, depreciation of rolling stock and plant facilities and the steady drain on stockpiles of raw and finished munitions have all taken their toll behind the lines.

There will be a last desperate effort of course, first to prolong resistance in hope of the miracle that will not come, then at escape.

The world may yet see the ludicrous picture of Hitler, Himmler and Co. sneaking away in the night with little satchels of loot clutched in their febrile, rodent paws. The famous toothbrush mustache may be sacrificed to attempted anonymity (but what can Goering do to remove his most distinguishing mark?)

It is the twilight of the German gods that we are watching today, the red and awful sunset of a hot and bloody day. A race that denied its own humanity is dying, a way of thought that mocked its own god-head is perishing.

Whoso liveth by the sword shall perish by the sword.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

We can berate the diabolical Hitler loud and long, yet his cunning is worth our notice. Hitler long ago realized the power of the organized church in unifying a nation and promoting the power of rule. He noted the zeal and devotion of the German Christians to the one and only God. If he could but direct the devotion of the people to himself instead of God, his success was assured. Consequently he attempted to establish his own state church.

What Hitler did not count on was that the devotion of this people to God was of divine origin and not to be shaken. Imprisonment and persecution only made the smoldering flame burst into a roaring blaze that swept across Germany and into occupied countries.

In Norway, the Bishop of the State Lutheran Church and 861 pastors resigned even though starvation and death stared them in the face. But while quising pastors preached to empty churches, the Norwegians rallied in the open air to worship God.

We are wondering if, in America, we are not beginning to voluntarily accomplish what Hitler would have given all to do. Our devotion to God, as witnessed by our empty, lifeless, churches, and our shameful record of crime and lust, has long since degenerated to less than a smoldering fire.

Man is by nature a worshipper. If he does not worship God, he soon finds a substitute. We tremble to think what might happen if, at this low ebb of our devotion to God, a Hitler should arise in America.

America needs to get back to God!

Speaking of -- Army Nurse Corps

A great number of American women today observed an anniversary—and rather sheepishly, we would imagine. They are graduate nurses and the anniversary is that of the Army Nurse Corps, to which they do not belong. They could be members, in fact they are being begged to join, which seems so unnecessary on this, the 44th anniversary of the ANC. Over 30,000 army nurses are serving with the armed forces in this country and abroad but 20,000 more are badly needed. Sure, there is a shortage of nurses in civilian hospitals over the nation, but care of our sick and wounded service men should come first.

The ANC was formed in 1901 by Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, a member of the Surgeon General's Staff. Army Nurses totaling 403 made up the corps in 1917 when the U. S. entered World War I. This number increased to 21,480 before the armistice, and more than 10,000 of these women served gallantly overseas.

At the outbreak of World War II there were approximately 700 Army Nurses. Today that number has increased nearly 50-fold, a fine record by patriotic American women, but still short of the needed "angels of mercy." The call of the ANC should not go unheeded.

Orchids

To the personnel of Flying Training whose work has put SF in the Number One spot in the Wing's safety record for January. Strother was also first in the Wing in November, second in December . . . to personnel of Maintenance and Supply whose January achievement puts the base first in the Wing in maintenance efficiency. The December standings showed SF in second place.

YE LIFTINGS

A traveling salesman driving through a section of Vermont last month stopped at a gas station for some gasoline. By way of making conversation with the attendant, he said:

"Great job MacArthur is doing, isn't it?"
"Who's MacArthur?" asked the rustic.
"Why he's the fellow who's beating off the Japs."
"What for?"
"Oh, never mind. Give me 20 gallons of gas and four new tires."

The glances that over cocktails seem so sweet May be less charming over shredded wheat.

Blushing Bride:

"I love my trousseau
He loves my torso
That's how my trousseau
Got torso."

New Steno: "Well, at last I've got a raise in salary."

Elsie: "Honestly?"

N. S. "Oh, don't be so inquisitive!"

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Rhumb Lines

A flight officer of the Second Air Force has been sentenced to dishonorable discharge and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances for violations of AAF regulations on low flying and unauthorized formation. The officer was accused of flying in unauthorized formation with a C-45, and later of flying a P-47 at an altitude of 30 feet. . . . General George Tourtellot has relinquished command of the 72nd Fighter Wing. This was indicated in a letter of appreciation he wrote to all personnel of the wing in which he expressed gratitude for the accomplishments of bases under his jurisdiction. He is succeeded by Colonel Irving Branch. . . . Second Air Force headquarters has made public the operation of its in-flight feeding program, which makes "pie-in-the-sky" a reality for bomber crews. Cooks are trained at a flight feeding school at Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas. . . . Civilian employees whose names were included in last week's Flier as having stuck to their jobs here for at least two years will soon receive congratulatory letters from Colonel Meade's office. . . . Two general officers who have served in the Second Air Force, Major General Curtis LeMay and Brigadier General Roger M. Ramey, now head the twin bomber commands of the Twentieth Air Force. General LeMay heads the 21st Bomber Command in the Mariannas, while General Ramey replaces General LeMay as commanding general of the 20th Bomber Command in the C-B-I theater.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800.	SAT.
Theater—Buffalo Bill (Revival)—Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara, Linda Darnell. Short subjects.	FEB. 3
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—Can't Help Singing—Deanna Durbin, Robt. Paige, Akim Tamiroff. Short subjects.	FEB. 4
Service Club—Field Girl Dance.	MON.
Theater—No showing.	FEB. 5
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—House of Frankenstein — Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney. The Big Show-Off — Arthur Lake, Dale Evans. Shows 6:00 — 8:00 p.m.	FEB. 6
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	WED.
Theater—Music for Millions — Margaret O'Brien, June Allyson, Jimmy Durante.	FEB. 7
Service Club — Dance — USO Girls from Wellington.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	FEB. 8
Service Club — As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies.	FRI.
Theater—Blonde Fever—Philip Dorn, Mary Astor. Short Subjects.	FEB. 9

Male Call





Second Air Force Official Photo.

Our pin-up of the week is Wilma Jean Cook, secretary of the post engineer for 27 months.

Wilma Jean joined the civilian workers at this base on Nov. 3, 1942 and she worked in the engineering department since that time. She won a cash award in April, 1943, for naming the field newspaper, The Prairie Flier. The monthly history installments of the engineering department, of which final preparations have been handled by Miss Cook, have consistently rated among the best on the field.

2,827 dimes have been contributed by military and civilian personnel of Strother Field in the "March of Dimes" infantile paralysis drive. Contents of two of the many boxes placed in offices and departments over the field have not been counted, so the total donations will show an increase over the \$282.79.

Recent parties by the officers' club and NCO club account for \$137.39 of this amount, \$118 coming from the former and \$19.39 from the latter. The remaining \$145.40 has been collected from the boxes on the field. The drive will continue until Feb. 15.

Due to the critical shortage of waste paper personnel of Strother Field are asked to bundle or box clean waste paper of all kinds, mixed paper, corrugated paper, either boxes or otherwise, newspapers, magazines, etc. This material should be placed at regular salvage pick up points, or if there is an unusual amount collected, call the salvage warehouse, phone 259 for special pick up service.

WAC Detachment News

By
PVT. BETTY BARATH



The weekly company meeting was called by our new commanding officer, 1st Lt. Billau, who is busy getting acquainted with the girls. To date we have found out that she is a graduate from the University of Kansas and holds a degree in science. Having majored in chemistry we are looking forward to being analyzed.

While awaiting orders for overseas duty Pfc. DeMatthews is serving in the capacity of company clerk for our detachment. Pfc. DeMatthews left our company to take her overseas training at Ft. Ogelthorpe shortly after arriving at this base. Before working in our orderly room she worked for Captain Enes. We hope that your wish comes true and that you will soon join our boys over there.

This week "Mr. McDuff," a cute Cocker Spaniel, left the Wac company to join 1st Lt. Stewart in Arizona. We have grown very attached to him and were very sorry to see him leave.

Special Events At Winfield USO

Three special events are scheduled at the Winfield USO on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, according to an announcement made today by Miss Marten, hostess.

In celebration of the second anniversary of the Winfield chapter and the fourth anniversary of the national organization, a dance will be held Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m., with a floor show featuring talent from Wichita. A waffle supper will be served Sunday night at 6:30 by Kiwanis club members. On Monday night a covered dish supper will be served in the USO at 6:30.

In celebration of the 44th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps twenty-eight graduate and cadet nurses from the hospitals in Ponca City, Okla., Winfield and Ark City, were guests at the station hospital this noon for lunch and a program.

Must Conserve On Electricity, Fuel

Compliance with Order U-9 of the War Production Board, which concerns curtailment of electrical power for various kinds of lighting, is expected of all Strother Field personnel, it was announced at Headquarters this week.

Captain Robert Ralston, post engineer, said that the least we could do to conserve power on the field was to abide by current directives. He pointed out that scores of lights are left burning needlessly, and that large bulbs are still being used where smaller ones would serve the purpose.

Captain Ralston pointed out that electric power consumption at this station had exceeded estimates, and that coal consumption was also too high due to over-firing, poor firing, and waste. He added that reports from the coal industry indicated a deficit of 22 million tons this winter, and that a similar situation existed with regard to gas, oil and wood fuels.

The Army is committed to a fuel conservation program which must result in a 12% saving, Captain Ralston said, and he emphasized that the whole-hearted support of all concerned was necessary in order to achieve this reduction, so vital to our war-time production program.

Need 20,000 Volunteer Nurses

"Servicemen who have relatives who are nurses can and should point out to them the need to enter service," Strother Field American Red Cross field director Herbert A. Thomson told the Prairie Flier today.

"President Roosevelt has issued a call for 20,000 additional nurses to volunteer," he said. "Every one of them is badly needed; and needed right now. Army combat units have recently had to go overseas without nurses because of a shortage of qualified women in uniform.

"All your relative who is a nurse need do," Mr. Thomson said, "is telephone or visit the nearest American Red Cross chapter or office. We can help her with all the details of signing up for one of the biggest and most valuable jobs in this war."



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Pvt. Jean Shirley Strauss of Racine, Wis., is a member of the WAC detachment at Strother Field. She entered the service Aug. 7, 1944, and upon completing basic training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, came to this 72nd Fighter Wing base. She is assigned to the training section.

Guest Speaker For Jewish Services

The Reverend Joe Riley Burns, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Winfield, will be the featured guest speaker at the Jewish Services to be held in the Strother Field post chapel on Friday night, February second, it was announced today by Chaplain Karl B. Smith.

The Reverend Burns has chosen for his topic the subject, "One World, One People," according to Chaplain Smith. Services will begin promptly at 8 p.m., and all Jewish personnel of the field and their friends and families are cordially invited to attend.

President's Ball At Ark City, Saturday

Arkansas City's annual President's Ball to raise funds for the infantile paralysis drive will be held in the Osage Hotel tomorrow night, Feb. 3rd.

Military personnel of Strother Field are invited to attend the party which will feature dancing with music by a Wichita orchestra. Bridge will be played on the mezzanine during the evening in addition to dancing.

The party is scheduled to begin at 2100 and admission is \$2 per couple.

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



As He Was



USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Dance..Floor Show..Door Prize
- Ark.....Singing..Pop Corn Balls
- Sun.....Win.....Waffle Supper, 6:30
- Ark.....Bingo
- Mon.....Win.....Covered Dish Supper, 6:30
- Ark.....Bridge and Game Night
- Tues.....Win.....Bridge..Rummy
- Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Wed.....Win.....Dancing..Cards..Games
- Ark.....Open House
- Thurs.....Win.....Do-As-You-Please
- Ark.....Record Making
- Fri.....Win.....Ping Pong
- Ark.....Married Couples Night

Skyriders Lose To Dodge City Army Air Field, 49 to 40

The Dodge City Army Air Field basketball team defeated the Skyriders in a game played in Southwestern College gym Tuesday night of this week, 49-40.

Miller, Skyrider forward, scored the first basket made in the game but the score was quickly tied at 2-2 by Dodge City. The visitors then made 3 more baskets before Strother Field scored its second basket, this was made also by Miller. The quarter ended 10-7 in faovr of the visitors.

The Skyriders tied the score at 11-all early in the second quarter and then led 15-12 at one point in this frame only to have Dodge City come back strong to lead 22-19 at the half.

The third period was a close affair, Strother tying the score at 28-all but ending the quarter 1 point behind the visitors, 30-29.

Dodge City scored 9 points in the last frame before Strother Field finally scored another two points. The visitors stayed ahead during the remaining minutes of play to win 49 to 40.

The game was much faster than indicated by the score, both teams taking many shots that failed to connect. Painter, Skyrider center, was high point man for the locals, sinking 5 baskets and 2 free tosses.

Dodge City (49)		Strother Field (40)	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Breitenback	5 4	Horton	2 1
Lane	6 2	Miller	3 1
Peterson	1 1	Painter	5 2
Jacobson	5 0	Williams	4 0
Sharp	0 0	Bennett	3 2
Brannum	0 0	Eidemiller	0 0
Sawyer	0 0	Nicholas	0 0
Zuege	2 4		
	19 11		17 6

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	4	0	1.000
Headquarters	4	0	1.000
Operations	3	2	.600
Trainees	2	3	.400
Fighter Control	1	4	.200
Medics	0	2	.000
"B" Flight	0	4	.000

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Sad Sacks	11	1	.917
Photo Flashes	10	2	.833
Rogers	9	3	.750
Hot Rocks	7	5	.583
Rockets	6	6	.500
Loose Nuts	4	4	.500
Monsters	5	7	.417
Tracers	3	9	.250
Wilco	1	7	.125
Cloud Pushers	0	12	.000

Records

High Individual Single—Biederman	236
High Individual Total—Straub	565
High Team Single—Sad Sacks	885
High Team Total—Sad Sacks	2535

Officers Tied With Headquarters In Intra-Mural Play

Base officers and the Headquarters intra-mural basketball teams continued their hot pace and kept their league records perfect in games played last week-end and this week.

The officers won two games defeating Fighter Control, 30 to 15 and "B" Flight, 41 to 12. Headquarters beat the Medics, 30 to 25 last Friday and drew a bye on Tuesday night.

Operations, now in third place, also won two games, the first over the Trainees, 28 to 26. The Trainees led at the end of the first half 18 to 8 but Operations scored 20 points in the last half while the Trainees could only account for 8 points. Operations defeated the Medics, 37 to 22 in a game played Tuesday evening.

The Trainees defeated Fighter Control, 35 to 17 in a game played Tuesday. This team is now in fourth place in the league with 2 wins and 3 losses.

Sport Reflections

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

The column this week will concern itself with the "cauliflower industry," or fight game. Some of these "characters" were topnotchers and some were "never-weres," but they all were "people."

Henry Armstrong couldn't get to first base until Eddie Mead managed him.

"Caruso" Dan Salt, the Coast's Joe Humphreys, who could get a crowd under control merely by holding up a hand, and the Crystal Pool (Seattle) galleries were famous for fog-horn voices.

"On-Step" Watson and "Racehorse" Roberts, two colored middleweights out of Denver, who were buddies outside the ring, but who put on a pier 5 brawl while working out.

Bobby Barrett from Philly, a terrific hitter with either hand, but also having a glass jaw. With Bobby it was a case of "tag" or "be tagged."

Calif. Joe Lynch and Vic Folef, two Coast feathers, fought alike, looked alike, both Irish, and both wore green trunks with white shamrocks. Fought a succession of draw fights, some fans saying the judges and referee couldn't tell them apart so had to call their fights draws.

JET, OKLA., AIR BASE

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At 0745 on the appointed day the director of training and his entourage began briefing the pilots who would take part.

At 0905 two P-47's, piloted by Captain William Lynch and Lt. Thomas Shepard took off to patrol the Jet area and intercept attacking formations. At about the same time thirteen planes from Section II took off, taking a direct course to Jet and flying at 1,000 feet. Approach was made at ground level from the southeast. A flight designated as Deacon Blue made the first pass too far to the west and missed the field, then made three additional passes from different directions. The Red and White flights of the Deacon (bomber) squadron made four passes each, all from different approaches. Targets strafed included the water tower, control tower, barracks, gas truck, a BT type plane, jeep, ammunition truck, and forty men. No active defensive action was taken by the enemy (Jet defenders) nor did personnel disperse and seek cover when attacked. After the third strafing attack, a chemical smoke screen was attempted to hide barracks area.

In the meantime, seventeen planes had taken off from Section I at 0910. Eight of them served as dive-bombers, while the others provided protective cover. Just after leaving the field on the return flight the formation was attacked by the two defending P-47's. Photographic analysis of the mission later disclosed that Lt. M. A. Olson, flying the fourth plane in the last flight, would have received severe damage if intercepting fighter's guns had not jammed. Lt. Lloyd W. Chamberlin, one of the attacking pilots, put in a claim for one probable; the plane was not seen to crash.

RUSSIANS PRAISED

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en into custody. Those who were wounded were sent to a hospital in nearby Bucharest.

"I remained in the hospital until June 22, and while there I received good treatment, although there was a shortage of medical supplies and the hospital equipment was far from new," Atchison says. "I was then taken to the prisoner-of-war camp where I stayed until August 31. Rumania had capitulated to Russia on August 25, and we were awakened at two a.m. that day by a Rumanian colonel who dramatically delivered a speech on the capitulation. On August 31 we were flown to Italy in planes of the Fifteenth Air Force.

"The Russian soldiers and civilians who were with us in the camp, and the Russian soldiers that marched into Bucharest following the capitulation, were all fine men. They are truly our friends and allies," Atchison relates. "During our internment the Russian prisoners had only one thought in mind—to be freed by their troops so they could join them in fighting the Germans.

"The Russians mean business. They have not forgotten the German atrocities that took place on Russian soil, and the Germans know it. No wonder they are jittery over the invasion of their homeland."

When asked about treatment received in the prison camp, Atchison said it was very good. Meat was scarce, being served only three times in five months, and the daily menu consisted mostly of black bread and soup. Despite this, he asserts, he and the other men were treated well by the Rumanians, who did not force them to work during the internment period.

"Between the Blue Cross organization—the Rumanian version of our Red Cross—and a princess, we were well taken care of," Atchison recalls. "The princess donated her library, which included everything from two-bit novels to the classics. The Blue Cross provided us with extra cigarettes (the Rumanian brands; oh brother!) and with playing cards.

"We received boxes of food from the American Red Cross but they arrived only the day before our release. The packages had been delayed due to German bombings."

Speaking of bombings, Atchison says he and the other prisoners went through their share of them, both Allied and German, but none of the prisoners was injured.

Sgt. and Mrs. Atchison and their two-year-old daughter, Norma Jean, are living in Winfield while he works in the communications section at Strother Field.

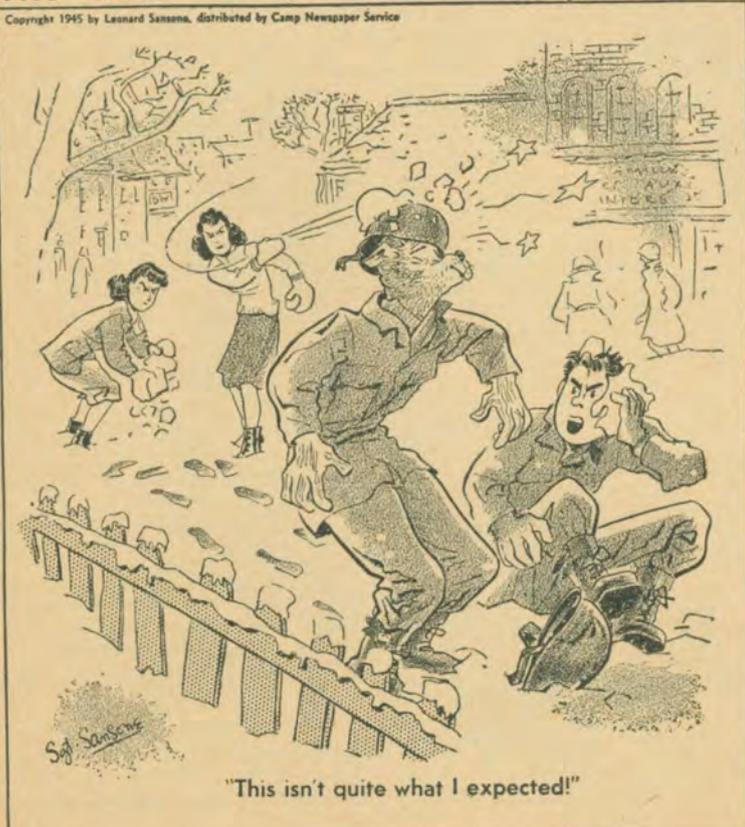
Lt. Shepard, one of the defending pilots, reported his plane had been severely damaged by bullets as the result of a head-on pass made by the attacking bombers.

(Note: One strafing plane was seen to have sucked up a dozen chickens in prop wash. Chickens seemed to disintegrate in mid-air, with feathers flying in all directions. No claim for enemy chickens destroyed was made by the pilot.)

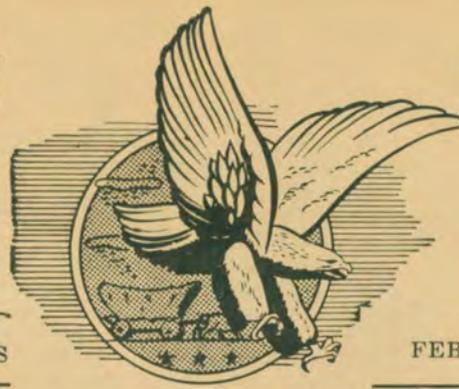
The Wolf

by Sansone

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"This isn't quite what I expected!"



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Shown above are Strother Field's radio maintenance officer and three of the non-coms in his department. Seated is 1st. Lt. N. Schleker, officer in charge of this department; standing, left to right, are: M/Sgt. George W. Scheurman, who is in charge of all 1st and 2nd echelon radio maintenance shops; Sgt. Charles Bolls, and T/Sgt. Lewis Galbrath, section chiefs in charge of flight line radio maintenance. Sgt. Earl Waltz, section chief, is not shown with the group.

Radio Maintenance Is Doing Vital Job

An important cog in the wheel of aircraft maintenance at Strother Field is the Flight Line Radio Maintenance Section headed by 1st. Lt. Nathan Schleker.

The responsibility of keeping the radio equipment in good condition is delegated to this section. Its job is by no means an easy one as the equipment is more complex than ever. Besides the use of radio to communicate between airplane and tower, other equipment is necessary for plane to plane contact, furnishing homing signals in case the pilot is off course and a radio beam for bad weather operation.

"It is impossible to furnish air-
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C and C Officers Receive Training Here

Strother Field has been selected by the Second Air Force as the indoctrination station for new Co-ordination and Compliance officers. Captain Forrest P. Dowling, C & C Officer here, said last week that so far five officers had come here to study the field's procedure. Of that number two officers are still on the base.

The Co-ordination and Compliance Section, operating directly under the Commanding Officer, processes all reports of inspection and takes necessary action to see that all directives are complied with. Together with the Air Inspector's Office, the Section acts as the quasi-executive branch of the government of the base.

Classification And Audit Team Here

Visitors at Strother Field this week were Captain James C. Lord and the four enlisted men of Second Air Force Classification and Audit Team No. 1. Function of the team was to assist the base classification section to survey all military personnel of this 72nd Fighter Wing base to discover possible malassignments and unearth men possessed of special skills and abilities critically needed at this time.

In the course of their visit all enlisted men and women on the
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Complete Plans For Dinner Dance

Arrangements are nearly complete for the enlisted personnel's dinner dance to be held in the 1,000-man mess hall next Thursday evening beginning at 1900.

Members of sections A-1, A-2, A-3, B, and M, and their dates are invited to attend the free party. Dinner will be served commencing at 1900 and will be followed by dancing in the south wing of the mess hall. An orchestra will provide the dance music and there will be additional entertainment featured during the evening. An adequate quantity of free beer will be available for thirsty guests.

"Broadway Maneuvers," USO-Camp Show, Coming to Post Theater Monday

BROADWAY MANEUVERS—a kit of ace entertainment is coming here next Monday, Feb. 12, from USO-CAMP SHOWS. This music-comedyrevue is way up high on the fun score. It's got everything—musicians, singers, dancers, specialty artists—and girls!

Service Club Has State Registration Book

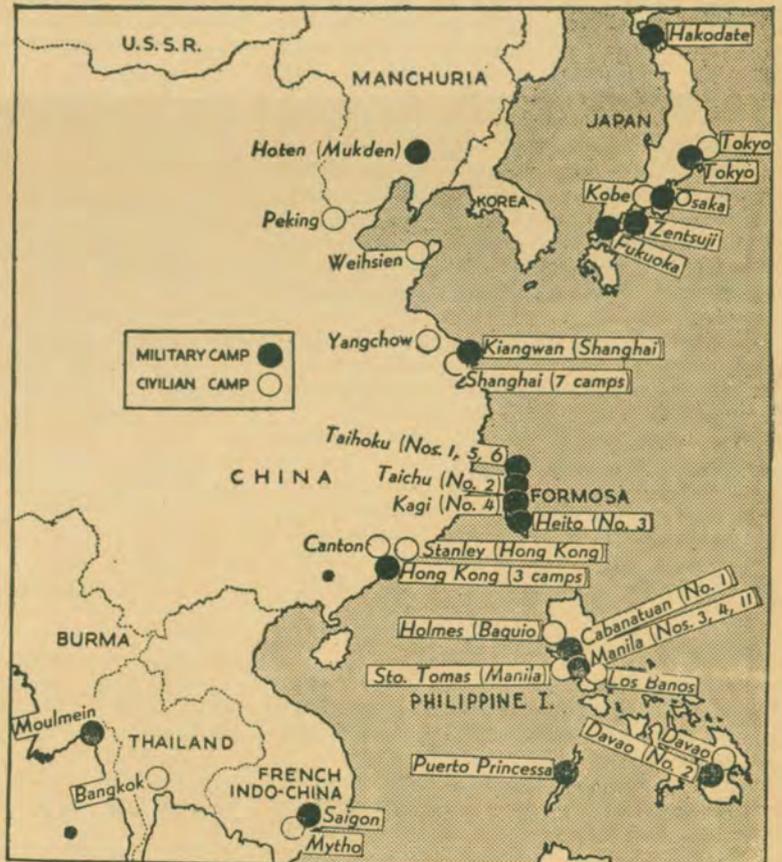
Want to get acquainted with the enlisted men on the field who are from your home state? A state registration book is now available for your name, hometown and state. Miss Eula Flagler, service club hostess, is in charge of the book so see her tonight and get your name listed.

Cooperate by registering now. You will probably discover several GIs from your own home town. This means an opportunity for Yankees, Confederates and the few remaining Republicans to get together!

Admission is free. Come prepared to be a target for the laugh-surprise-thrill antics of these nightclub-theater headliners with a reputation for "direct hits." The show will take place in the post theater at 1900.

Following is the cast of "Broadway Maneuvers":

- CHESTER FREDERICKS & CO.—M.C., Comedy, dance.
- BOB & HELEN RANOUS — Hand Balancing & Adagio.
- FLO & JO COOK—Xylophonists.
- MONTI & LYONS—Musical & singing act.
- GRAY FAMILY—(5)—Variety singing & dancing.
- BILL FOX—Pianist and musical director.



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Prisoner of war and civilian internee camps in the Far East are shown on the above map, the data for which was furnished by the American Red Cross. In central Luzon is shown the Cabanatuan military prisoner of war camp from which 513 American and allied troops were released last week by American Rangers in a daring raid 25 miles behind enemy lines. At Manila is shown the Santo Tomas concentration camp from which thousands of American and British civilians were released Sunday by the American 1st Cavalry division during the occupation of Manila. The Bilibid penitentiary at Manila, from which 800 American and British soldiers and 550 civilians were freed by the 37th Yank division is probably represented as Manila camp No. 3, 4 or 11 on the map. Camp locations indicated above are not necessarily permanent or complete as they are almost constantly changing with the progress of the war.

The War and You

Three years and a few days ago triumphant Nipponese troop columns swung jubilantly down the broad avenues of Manila in the Philippines. Today the wheel has swung full circle once again and those same Japs, or their spiritual successors, are being hunted through the city by the battle-hardened veterans of General Douglas MacArthur. The General has kept the promise that he made to return. He and his men have kept faith with the heroic ghosts of Bataan and Corregidor.

On those same strong points are Japanese soldiers today, in their turn preparing for a last stand. It is doubtful if they will hold out for long. The very ground must be full of memories that will unnerve their arms.

In the years between we have watched a saga of battle heroism, and devotion, of sudden death and of endless, back-breaking toil. Some of the story has been told in the columns of our war correspondents, some in the citations of our heroes, some in the words of captives only today emerging into the light of freedom. Much of it can never, and will never, be told.

Ahead lie new tasks, new campaigns, new deeds to try the souls of men. There is a great deal yet to do. But nothing that may come can destroy the greatness of what has been done. Americans, today and tomorrow, will look with pride upon the things their men have done.

The men of Bataan must be proud of their comrades today.

Have You Read .

The Green Years by A. J. CRONIN

With humor and sympathy Mr. Cronin shows the mental, physical, and spiritual development of Robert Shannon from a boyhood of seven thru adolescence. However, The Green Years offers more than a character study in that the story is reminiscent of the youthful memories of each reader.

Robert's struggle to adjust his Irish-Catholic background to his Scotch-Protestant environment provides some of the trials so serious to his sensitive nature. Other experiences with family, friends, school and ambitions recall to the reader comparable crises in his own young life.

Outstanding among the supporting characters is Cadger Gow, the irresponsible, amorous, boasting, penniless great-grandfather who champions Robie's every ambition.

Other new books now available at the Post Library are Peter Arno's Man in the Shower, Is It Any One We Know by George Price, Cheny Brown by Margery Sharp, and The Razor's Edge by W. Somerset Maugham.

=CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

The governing policy in the life of many a man is his natural appetite. If a merchant ran his business on the same basis he would soon be on the rocks.

Appetite never reckons with costs. It never looks at price tags. It never reckons with the future. It looks only at the present moment. It does not ask, "Is this wise? Can I afford it?" but, "Do I want it? Will it please me?"

Appetite makes self the center of the universe, and everything else is good or not good as it relates to the center. Self is a centripetal entity. It desires all income without any outgo. Self insists that the rest of the world owes it a living, and it is recklessly bent on collecting its due whether the rest of us admit the debt or not.

In this business of life souls indulge in debauchery. Moral and spiritual liabilities are like the national debt while assets are nil. Can you afford to do business on that basis? Can you afford to run up a staggering sin account with God when you have no assets with which to pay?

Speaking of -- The Four Horsemen

Remember the story of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," by Ibanez V. Balesco, in which the four horsemen, slaughter, conquest, famine and death, symbolized the ravages of war?

Berlin, its peoples and millions of German refugees seeking shelter and provisions, last Saturday saw with fear-filled eyes the American Air Force version of the story presented in the sky over the German capitol. The title had been changed to "The Five Million Horsepower of the Apocalypse."

Over the city flew more than 1,000 Flying Fortresses instead of the "four horsemen" on their chargers. Each plane, with its four 1,200 horsepower engines roaring smoothly, rained destruction on the rail center and government buildings of that doomed city. In the greatest single American air raid of World War II more than 3,000 tons of explosives were dropped.

Germany is suffering slaughter, famine and death to her troops and civilians, not only from the air but on the ground, from east, west and south. The Nazis followed the "four horsemen" across the borders of Germany in 1939 and today three of them are heading for the home barn. The fourth, conquest, failed in the backstretch drive for the Jerry jockey, Hitler. Conquest doesn't wear the colors of the American stable anyway.

Orchids

To Sgt. Wiley F. Hamilton and S/Sgt. Frank R. Myers, the men responsible for the orientation display case in front of the Service Club . . . to Sgt. Horace D. Bass, Sgt. Jack Morgan, Pvt. Juanita Catlin and Pvt. Mae Finn, who operate the sales commissary efficiently, despite the fact fifteen men were formerly assigned to that job.

YE LIFTINGS

Medical Officer: "Now really, soldier—in civilian life would you come to me with a trivial complaint like this?"

Sick GI: "No sir, I'd send for you."

CO: "Who brought you here in this disgraceful condition?"

Pvt.: "Two MPs, sir."

CO: "Drunk, I suppose."

Pvt.: "Yes, sir! Both of 'em."

Soldier: (To waitress) "Tell me, honey, what's good on the menu today?"

Honey: "Well, we've got rhubarb, ravioli, rutabagas, rice, rolled roast and radishes."

Soldier: "Gee, you certainly roll your r's."

Honey: "Maybe it's these high-heeled shoes I'm wearing."

Student: "Why didn't I make a hundred in my history test, teacher?"

Teacher: "You remember the question: 'Why did the pioneers go into the wilderness?'"

Student: "Yeah."

Teacher: "Well, your answer, while very interesting, was incorrect."

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Rhumb Lines

The new SF base adjutant will be Captain Edgar F. Hamilton, veteran of 22 years of Army service, including two years of foreign duty in this war. . . . Appointment of Colonel Gynther Storaasli to be Air Chaplain has been announced by the War Department. He succeeds Air Chaplain Charles I. Carpenter, who leaves shortly for an important overseas assignment. . . . S/Sgt. Bill Biederman was a typewriter serviceman before Pearl Harbor. . . . T/Sgt. David Schwalb of Section M majored in English and journalism at New York University. . . . M/Sgt. Alewvine Cates, post sergeant major, has been on Uncle Sam's payroll for a long time. Before entering service in 1941 he worked for the Department of Agriculture. . . . Cpl. Joe Giannangelo, PT instructor, was backfield coach of the 2AF Superbombers last season. . . . A good man to have around after the war will be T/Sgt. William C. Harris of Flying Training. Among his civilian occupations he lists Business Forecasting. . . . Sgt. Alton Parker of Tech Supply discarded the badge of a deputy sheriff back in Lexington, Mississippi, to join the AAF. . . . Add to interesting civilian occupations that of S/Sgt. Joseph Paulk of BOQ Supply: Snuff salesman. . . . Lt. Courtlyn W. Hotchkiss, SF flying instructor, once rode a bicycle for scores of miles through German-occupied France. He spent several months with French patriots before the country was liberated.

One GI's idea of heaven is to attain Methuselah's age and have Solomon's wives.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open 1200-1800.	SAT.
Theater—Grissly's Millions — Paul Kelly, Virginia Grey. Short subjects.	FEB. 10
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	
Theater—Practically Yours—Claudette Colbert, Fred McMurray, Robt. Benchley. Short subjects.	SUN. FEB. 11
Service Club—Field Girl Dance.	
Theater—USO-Camp Show "Broadway Maneuvers"—One show only—1900.	MON. FEB. 12
Service Club—Section G Party.	
Theater—Double Exposure—Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly. Under Western Skies—Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Berry Jr., Leo Carrillo.	TUES. FEB. 13
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	
Theater—Roughly Speaking—Rosalind Russell, Jack Carson. News of the Day.	WED. FEB. 14
Service Club—EM Dinner Dance—1,000-man Mess Hall—1900.	
Theater—No showing.	THURS. FEB. 15
Service Club—As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies.	
Theater—Tomorrow The World — Fredric March, Betty Field.	FRI. FEB. 16

Male Call



Women--Bless Them!

One evening last week while awaiting arrival of cuts for the Prairie Flier, coming from Wichita by bus, the ed. was spending a bad half-hour in the Winfield bus station.

Trying to outwit a 3-year-old hellion with a gleam in his eye and moisture in his pants, who was circling our lap for a landing, had us mentally occupied, when all of a sudden a feminine voice said, "Sergeant, what is a separation center?"

If there is a subject that will take one's mind off wet end kids it is that of separation centers. Smiling broadly, we gave the titian-haired inquirer a detailed explanation to which she responded, "My sister's husband is now at a separation center and I wondered if he was getting a 'PLEASURABLE' discharge?"

Women—bless them!

Double Wedding Ceremony In Chapel

Strother Field had its first double military marriage on Sunday, February 4, when Privates Roosevelt Barrow and Lucius Reese of Section C were wed to the Misses Anna Mae Vaughns and Dorothy McKay of Arkansas City respectively.

The ceremony took place at 11 a.m. in the post chapel, and Chaplain Karl B. Smith officiated. Special feature at the wedding were vocal numbers rendered by Sgt. Meredith Knox, also of Section C.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony the bridal couples were entertained at a reception held in their honor at the Section C Mess Hall.

Both couples are making their homes in Arkansas City.

CLASSIFICATION

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base were personally interviewed and their records carefully checked. The records of all officers were also given an exhaustive check. At the end of a survey needed recommendations are made to ensure that all military personnel are being used at their highest level of skill while in service.

WAC Detachment News

By

PVT. BETTY BARATH



Pvt. Virginia Foster has set the pace for the WAC detachment by being the first of our group to take the vows of marriage on this field. The bride, Pvt. Foster and the bridegroom T/Sgt. Hertke were united in holy matrimony at the Winfield Lutheran Church. S/Sgt. Robert Fisher was best man at the wedding while Pvt. Rosebrook was the bride's attendant. The newly weds will reside in Winfield. We all wish you the best of luck and much happiness.

Last week the cooks in our company displayed much initiative by setting out to paint and redecorate our PX. Pvt. Anderson and Pvt. Holm are responsible for most of the painting.

Our new PT instructor is Pvt. Eberhart. At the present time she is organizing teams for baseball, basketball and volleyball.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

The Winfield U. S. O. extension sponsored a dance Tuesday at the club rooms on Main street. The dance was well attended, as usual.

Section C's Presidential Ball was given Tuesday, January 30 at the base Service Club. Partners for the soldiers came from Wichita, Arkansas City, Winfield, and Ponca City. This annual affair is becoming one of the feature formal dances.

The soldier boxing fans from Section C who braved the cold winds and storms to journey by G. I. bus to Ponca City, February 2 to watch the boxing matches were well rewarded.

What the opponents lacked in cleverness was more than made up in determination and stamina, in rail-bird language, "guts and gas." There were several good boys who it would pay well to watch in the Oklahoma finals, and they may even reach Chicago; then we can say, "I told you so."

Buy YANK at the PX.

Spanish Classes For Military Personnel

Anyone walking by the special service building Tuesday or Thursday evenings might have been a bit startled to hear the words "Buenas tardes, Como esta usted?" These Spanish words meaning "Good evening, how are you?" were spoken by Miss Rebecca Ortiz of Supply Branch No. 2, welcoming GI students to the Spanish classes she is now conducting twice each week.

The special service office has received a number of requests from officers and enlisted men asking that a Spanish class be formed. Miss Ortiz agreed to conduct such a class so the initial session was held Thursday evening of last week.

Anyone interested in joining the group is requested to contact the special service office. Classes begin at 1930.

"G" Suits Now Used by Trainees

Recently received at Strother Field are several of the new pneumatic pants provided by the 72nd Fighter Wing for the combat training of fighter pilots at its bases.

Use of the pneumatic device against the enemy by fighter pilots of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces was announced by the War Department after German capture in combat made further security measures needless.

Known as the G-suit ("G" for gravity), the new equipment resembles tight, high-waisted pants with built-in suspenders and girdle. All the pilot has to do is plug it into the air line before his take off. Pressure is applied automatically to his abdomen and legs during a pullout or turn. Lt. Col. Rulon F. Howe, assistant surgeon of the Second Air Force, has explained the effect of the pressure is to prevent blood from pooling in the lower extremities from gravity when making a sharp turn, thus aiding the heart to maintain circulation to the brain. Use of the suit in the Second Air Force is under close scrutiny with a view to possible improvement.

The G-suit is of a double advantage to the fighter pilot while still

"Mona of Antilles"



This luscious young beauty is the sweetheart of U. S. military personnel in the Antilles Department. The work of Sgt. Charles R. Flory, she is a regular feature of Sentry Box, Army News Magazine published in that department.

Coupon Books Invalid After March 23

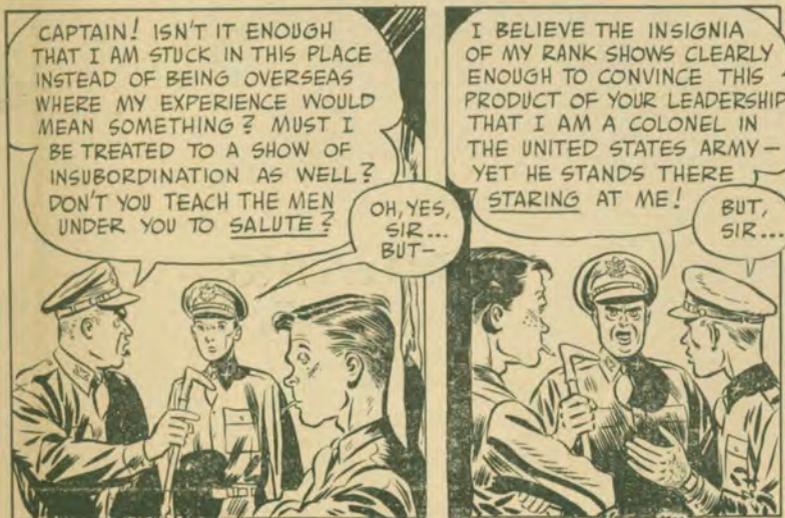
The sale of United States Army Motion Picture Service coupon books is to be discontinued, effective as of 17 Feb., in compliance with War Department Circular No. 28, dated 24 Jan., and affects all War Department Theaters.

Coupons will not be accepted for admission to the post theater after 23 March, so bring your unused coupon books to the theater officer, 1st. Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, in the special service office after the latter date. They will be redeemed on the basis of the actual value (12c) and not the face value of the coupons remaining in the book. Loose coupons will not be redeemed.

in combat training as it accustoms him to the use of equipment which will serve him well in future combat and also makes possible the practice of tighter turns in level flight and sharper pullouts from power dives than were hitherto possible.

Bladders in the pneumatic pants are inflated by compressed air from the aircraft's vacuum instrument pump.

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



Well, Slip My Cable



USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.....	Win.....Dancing..Games
Ark.....	Pop Corn and Candy Party
Sun.....	Win.....Fri. Nite Girls..Free Call
Ark.....	"Dollar-a-Bingo"
Mon.....	Win.....Candy Making Night
Ark.....	Lincoln's Birthday
Do-as-you-please	
Tues....	Win.....Bridge..Rummy
Ark.....	Valentine Dance—Formal
Wed.....	Win.....Formal Valentine Dance—
Ark.....	Floor Show..Door Prize
Record Making	
Thurs....	Win.....Do-As-You-Please
Ark.....	Dinner Dance at Field
Open Night	
Fri.....	Win.....Ping Pong Tournament
Ark.....	Married Couples Night

Horton Cops Skyrider Scoring Lead In 22 Game Season

Scoring honors for the season among Strother Field's Skyrider basketball team go to M/Sgt. Peyton A. Horton, guard, with Lt. Jack Williams, guard, running a close second. The figures are based on the 22 games played by the Skyriders so far this season.

Horton, who played in 21 games, scored 97 field goals and 25 free throws for a total of 219 points, an average of 10 and 3/7 points per game. Williams, who played in all 22 games, scored 90 field goals and 28 free tosses for a total of 208 points, 9 and 5/11 points per game.

Painter, center, is in third place in scoring having made 65 field goals and 36 free throws for a total of 166 points in 21 games, an average of 7 and 19/21 points per tilt. Miller, forward, played in 17 games and scored 57 field goals and 18 free tosses for a total of 132 points, an average per game of 7 13/17 points. Smith, forward, played in 18 games and hit for 38 field goals and 18 free throws, a total of 94 points and an average of 5 and 2/9 points.

Following are the other Skyrider team members and their season standings:

Name	Games	F.G.	F.T.	Pts.	Avg.
Bennett, g	14	16	10	42	3
Dunning, c	16	16	11	43	2 11/16
Nicholas, g	15	9	8	26	1 11/15
Schureman, f	6	4	3	11	1 5/6
Ashwell, g	5	3	1	7	1 2/5
Dalak, g	3	2	6	10	3 1/3
Houston, f	1	1	0	2	2
Ritchie, g	1	1	0	2	2
Eidemiller, c	2	1	0	2	1
Hottenstein, f	2	1	0	2	1
Hudak, g	9	3	2	8	..
Hall, f	7	1	0	2	..
Hughson, g	1	0	0	0	..
Milfite, g	1	0	0	0	..

The Skyriders have had a tough season, winning only six of the twenty-two games played, but each member of the squad has been in there doing his best. Some of the losses have been heart-breaking, either by a single point or by a basket or two scored in overtime periods.

The home games have provided a lot of thrills for military and

Chilocco Indians Meet Concho Team

Next in the series of boxing cards to be held in the Chilocco Indian School gymnasium, Chilocco, Okla., is set for Thursday, Feb. 15.

The Concho Indians from El-Reno, Okla., will meet the Chiloccoans in a 10-bout card starting at 8:15 p.m. They will try to repeat the performance of the Riverside Indian School team that handed Chilocco its first defeat in many years in the Chilocco gym on Feb. 1st. A number of GIs attended that boxing show, taking advantage of the government transportation provided for the occasion. A bus will be provided for those desiring to attend the matches next Thursday night so sign up in your orderly room if you plan on attending the boxing show.

Admission price for military personnel is 45c with an additional charge of 25c for a reserved seat. Tickets can be purchased at the Dye Fesler Drug store in Ark City or at the Chilocco gym.

civilian spectators. Scoring has been high on the part of the Skyriders and their opponents as evidenced in the total points made by each. The Skyriders amassed 976 points for a game average of 44 and 4/11 points and their opponents totaled 1,174 for an average of 53 and 4/11 points per game.

Nine games were played by the Skyriders in Second Air Force League play. They won two of this series and lost seven games.



The Gray family—five good-looking lassies, born in Auld Scotland and taught how to dance and sing by a father and mother who were in show business before them. The young ladies present a wide variety of popular ballads and swing tunes combined with a unique and snappy style of hoofing. They will appear on the stage of the post theater Monday night in the USO-Camp Shows production, "Broadway Maneuvers."

Base Officers Lead Intramural League

The Base Officers basketball team gained undisputed control of first-place position in the intramural league Tuesday when it defeated Headquarters, 33 to 17. For a two-week period these two teams had remained tied for top position. Headquarters also suffered a defeat at the hands of the Operations team, 24 to 23 last Thursday. These two teams are now tied for second place in league standings.

In other league games played Thursday of last week and Tuesday of this week the Trainees defeated the Medics 39 to 23. The Medics defeated Fighter Control 42 to 22; Fighter Control then beat "B" Flight, 34 to 28.

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	5	0	1.000
Headquarters	4	2	.665
Operations	4	2	.665
Trainees	3	3	.500
Fighter Control	2	5	.285
Medics	1	3	.285
"B" Flight	0	5	.250

Skyriders Play In Tournament

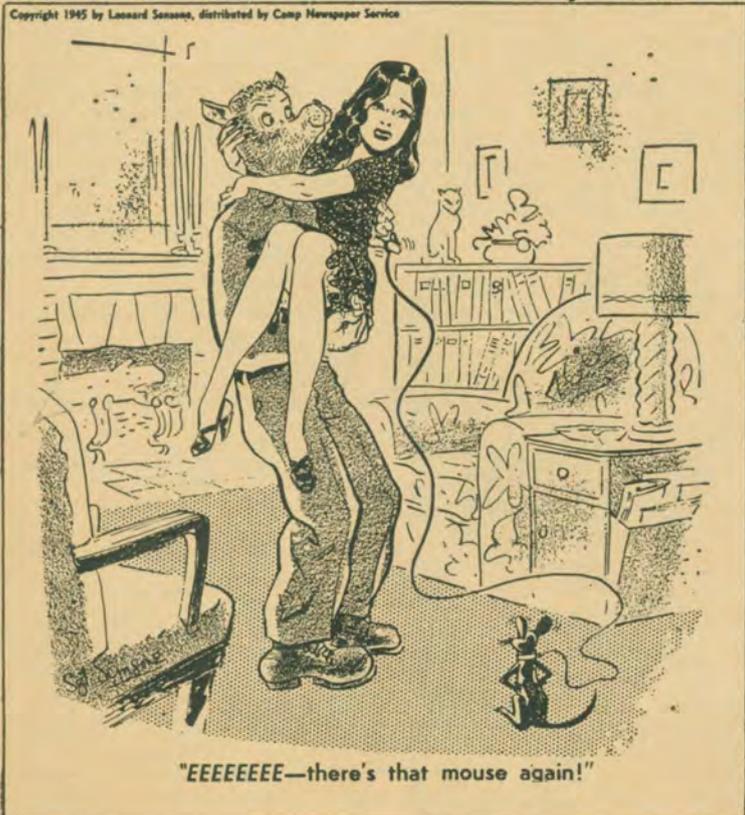
The Skyrider basketball team of Strother Field is entered in the Continental Oil company 3-day invitational basketball tournament at Ponca City, Okla., and will play in one of the opening games tonight, 1st. Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer has announced.

Eleven other teams are entered in the tournament which ends Sunday. Among them are the Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Okla., and Pratt Army Air Field, Pratt, Kans.

The Skyriders opponent tonight had not been announced by tournament officials by press time for the Prairie Flier. Military personnel are assured of seeing some excellent basketball on all three nights.

The Wolf

by Sansone



RADIO MAINTENANCE

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craft to the director of training if the communications equipment is not functioning properly, even though the rest of the airplane is in order," says Major S. S. Wolf, director of maintenance and supply. "The contribution of FLC to the excellent maintenance at this base cannot be minimized."

Assisting Lt. Schleker in his department are M/Sgt. George W. Scheurman, chief communications non-com; Sgt. Charles Boll, Section 1; T/Sgt. Louis Galbraith, Section II; Sgt. Earl Waltz, transient hangar, all section chiefs. FLC personnel are graduates of top-notch service schools and are fully qualified for their very important assignments.

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

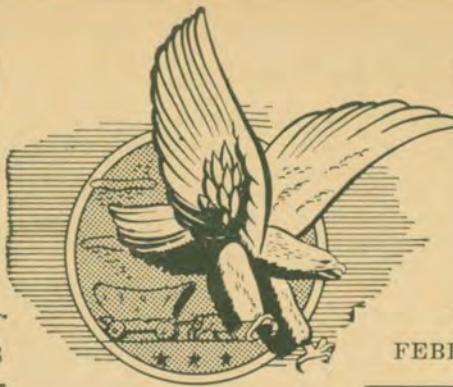
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Photo Flashes	13	3	.813
Sad Sacks	12	4	.750
Rogers	12	4	.750
Hot Rocks	10	6	.625
Loose Nuts	9	7	.417
Rockets	7	9	.438
Monsters	6	10	.375
Tracers	6	10	.375
Wilco	4	12	.333
Malfuctions	1	3	.250

Wichita U. Head To Speak In Winfield

An address of interest to officers and enlisted men of Strother Field will be given by William M. Jardine, president of the University of Wichita, in the auditorium of Richardson Hall, Southwestern college, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. Subject of his speech will be "How Uncle Sam is Making It Possible for the GI to Acquire a Farm, a Home or an Education."

Dr. Jardine is the author of numerous papers and bulletins on farming, crop production, cooperative marketing and other phases of agriculture, economics and education. He served as Secretary of Agriculture in the cabinet of President Calvin Coolidge from 1925 until 1929.

The lecture is being presented by the lecture course committee of Southwestern College and the Cowley County Farm Bureau.



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65-Mile-Per-Hour Model Airplane Built By Master Sergeant Harvey

A veteran builder of model airplanes is M/Sgt. Harry J. Harvey, Dallas, Tex., non-com in charge of the link training department at Strother Field. During the past 18 years he has built nearly 300 models of all types of aircraft, latest of which is the model of a Knight Twister, which he is shown holding in the above picture.

M/Sgt. Harvey spent 56 hours in constructing this model which has a 1/5-horsepower gasoline engine that sends the plane through the air at an estimated speed of 65 miles per hour. The model is controlled from the ground by 75-ft. lengths of fishing cord, and takes off, flies and lands with the ease of regular aircraft. The landing speed is estimated at 35 miles per hour.

Pride and joy of all planes built by Harvey is the model of a F4BC, Boeing Navy fighter, that is on display in the post office building, Topeka, Kansas. This model required 350 parts in its construction.

School Children Donate Magazines

Gifts of magazine subscriptions to the Strother Field station hospital by five Winfield schools, through the Junior Red Cross, were announced today by Herbert A. Thomson, field director of the American Red Cross.

Cost of the subscriptions was met by the pupils of the various schools through earnings resulting from a vigorous salvage campaign on paper and waste fat.

Lt. Col. Edward T. Spunt, post surgeon, has written letters of appreciation to the principals of the five contributing schools.

Also announced was the gift of four magazine subscriptions to the WAC detachment at Strother Field.

Civilian Workers Receive Letters Of Commendation

Two hundred six civilian employees of Strother Field during the past few days have received from Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, letters of commendation in recognition of two or more years' faithful service at the local air base. A carbon copy of each individually typewritten letter will be placed in the permanent personal file the War Department keeps on each of its employees.

In part, Colonel Meade in his message to the "old timer" civilians at Strother Field, said:

"It is indeed a pleasure to commend you on your completion of two years of faithful and efficient service at Strother Field.

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Capt. E. F. Hamilton Is New Adjutant

Strother Field's new adjutant is Captain Edgar F. Hamilton, a professional soldier who points with pride to twenty-two years of uninterrupted Army service. Captain Hamilton, a native of Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, reported here last month from DeRidder, La. He succeeds Captain George N. Rood, who left this week for a new assignment at Peterson Field, Colorado. Captain Rood had been at Strother Field for more than two years, and had served as base adjutant for about 18 months.

Captain Hamilton enlisted in the Army on May 17, 1923. Since then he has seen service in various assignments at widely scattered installations here and abroad. His foreign service in this war includes duty in India from January, 1942, to May, 1944. He became a captain in January, 1943.

Captain and Mrs. Hamilton are living in Arkansas City.

Wacs Do Vital Work As Medical Technicians

Every day is homecoming day for more than 1000 Americans. Every day that many wounded soldiers are returning from overseas to Army general hospitals in this country. WAC medical technicians have become permanent assets in our crowded hospital wards and busy operating rooms. These women cannot replace nurses, cannot make up for the critical shortage of nurses, but they can and do make it possible for our fighting men to get the best possible care. General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, has asked for the recruitment of 8,000 additional Wacs for this important work.

Among the Strother Field Wacs who are contributing their services to this noble cause are Pvt. Etta Goodmote and Pvt. Lona Lee Lester. Pvt. Goodmote, who has had some training and experience in nursing, is a surgical technician. In this assignment she relieves nurses for duties requiring greater

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Promotions Available In Grades 4, 5, and 6

Announcement is made by post headquarters of the existence of a limited number of vacancies in grades 4, 5, and 6. This is the second time in two months that promotions of enlisted personnel to these grades have been available at Strother Field. The 97 promotions of Wacs and enlisted men in January was the first group advancement since March, 1944.

The number of vacancies existing at the present time is limited and, therefore, only the best candidates are to be considered for promotion. Recommendations are to be submitted not later than Feb. 20.

Field Worker Benefits From Second Air Force Veterans' Program

Robert Akers of Arkansas City, post engineer employe at Strother Field, is among the first World War II veterans to benefit from the Second Air Force's new program to provide jobs for honorably discharged veterans. The program evolved by Second Air Force is designed to return ex-service personnel to a normal, useful wage-earner's life. Akers was discharged from the army in December, 1944, following 18 months' service with the Persian Gulf Command, during which he suffered eye injuries in a devastating fire while helping provide supplies for Russia.

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Second Air Force Official Photo.

Three members of Section B, the WAC detachment at Strother Field, are shown above performing their duties in the station hospital where they are assigned. At the left is Cpl. Miriam Quinn of Baltimore, Md., a medical supply clerk, shown taking inventory. Center is Pvt. Lana L. Lester, Oakwood, Va., medical corpsman, taking the temperature and pulse beat of Lt. R. W. Walker of Dansville, Mich., a trainee pilot. Pvt. Ann Goodmote, Bradford, Pa., surgical technician, is shown at the right sterilizing hospital supplies.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

At Yalta in the Crimea this week a stone was dropped into the pool of history that will send ripples into the lives and futures of each of us.

Meeting in solemn and secret conclave the elected representatives of the three greatest allied peoples made plans for the final defeat of Nazi and Nipponese, reported agreement in principles to guide the incredibly more difficult job of building a lasting peace from the vast and dreary wreckage of World War II.

Meanwhile the peoples in arms continued to fight this war while their leaders conferred. There was skirmishing and sudden, bitter battle in the slums of Manila. On the island of Guam, invaded months ago, an average of 15 Japs were hunted out and killed each day in the hills.

New fighting flared along the western front in Europe with Canadian units striking in the neighborhood of Kleve and Americans, some of whom have now been in action for nearly eight months, proving once more that free men can be rougher and tougher even than the Aryan super-men.

The air fleets were out again, rumbling like mammoth freights above the German clouds, unleashing concentrated destruction to sear and scarify everything below.

And in the east the grey, inevitable Soviet masses moved like tides across the sacred German soil, the sullen guns were audible in Berlin.

Have You Read .

The Razor's Edge by W. Somerset Maugham

In the first person, Mr. Maugham relates this complex story of a group of his friends, with himself as an occasional participant. Piece by piece, in Chicago, London, and Paris and over a span of fifteen years the author encounters his characters and relates their interesting experiences.

The Razor's Edge is a complex story of human relationships and aspirations. These are mainly centered around Larry Darnell and his search for spiritual certainty.

Reviews of this best-seller acclaim it probably the best of Maugham's recent novels.

=CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Today is World Day of Prayer. Christians in all parts of the world are bowing humbly before God. Yes, even though it may be hard for us to remember, there are brothers in Christ whose yellow faces will glow with a holy radiance as they come to God asking for the end of the conflict to be hastened. Yes, there will be others who will cry in the midst of their petitions, "Mein Gott, Mein Gott!"

We talk so much about a world of unity. We plan elaborately for the mechanics of a peace that will bring out that unity. Yet we fail to recognize that peace and unity will never be ours until the world has achieved in full measure the very thing that is taking place today.

As men meet on bended knees, they realize that there is but one God, one Saviour, one body of believers. Color, denomination, geographical location, fade away at the feet of Jesus. Likewise greed, enmity, distrust and fear will not have their part as men draw close to God.

Christian soldiers, if you are really in earnest about a united and peaceful world, will you pause today for a moment to praise God for the matchless provision of redemption through Jesus Christ, to intercede for our brothers in Christ all over the world, to thank Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us, to beseech God to give our forces the victories that will hasten the day of peace and to personally rededicate your all to Him?

War Casualty -- American Home

Tragedy struck last week in the home of a serviceman, veteran of many missions over Germany as a tail-gunner in a Flying Fortress.

He had not been killed in action, wounded or missing over enemy territory. He was confined to the county jail, held for the fatal shooting of a civilian.

The airman, recently returned to service in the U. S. had come home on an emergency furlough. His wife had recently filed suit for divorce. Upon his arrival he found his wife not at home. Later in the evening she returned accompanied by a male companion. Following an apparent struggle the husband, father of three children, fatally wounded the man. He then gave himself up to civilian and military police.

This is probably one of the first of many such cases over the nation. No one will advocate the killing of "third parties." After all, it generally takes two people to make a bargain. There must be law and order but when men have been taught to kill, impersonally, at the sight of enemy aircraft or uniform, it is hard for them to refrain from destroying the cause of man's most personal tragedy—breaking up of home and family life.

The soldier had on many missions guarded his plane and crewmates from the enemy sneaking up behind them. To kill eliminated the enemy, whether in uniform or civilian clothes.

The law will decide the soldier's fate, a decision that will result from the thorough consideration of many angles.

World War II sits beside Justice on the bench.

Orchids

To Captain Edwin Fisher and T/Sgt. William Atchison, who have volunteered to talk before civic groups in Wichita in behalf of the Red Cross fund drive . . . to Captain George N. Rood, who left this week for a new assignment after a good job as base adjutant for a year and a half.

YE LIFTINGS

She used to be the belle of the town, but somebody tolled on her.

Nothing helps a girl's popularity like being easy on the eye.

Two Joes staggered onto a street car. One tried to give the nearest uniformed man their fare.

"Sorry but I can't take it," the man said. "I'm a Naval Officer."

"Gee," shouted the Joes, "let's get off here. We've boarded a battleship!"

Mabel: Really, Mary, you should wait a bit more than four months after your husband's death before getting married again.

Mary: Yes, but you forget that he was paralyzed eight months!

She was only the usher's daughter, but she could put a guy in his place.

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Rhumb Lines

S/Sgt. William Mosteller, who devised a camera tester since coming to the SF photo lab, has developed a number of original devices for the improvement of photography. His last project before coming here was an enlarger for the convalescent training center at Lowry Field, Colorado. . . . S/Sgt. Edwin Anderson was manager of the Masonic Temple bowling alleys back in Columbus, Ohio, before entering service. . . . Pvt. John S. Jackson was a pulpwood producer at Winona, Texas. . . . The majority of flying officers now at SF were college students before entering the AAF. . . . Interesting civilian occupations among officers include: Lt. Jeanne Billau, WAC detachment CO, bacteriologist; Capt. Robert Ealey, Flying Training, rancher; Lt. Joseph Squeo, Maintenance and Supply, rubber experiment engineer; Lt. Daniel Weinstein, section CO, pharmacist; Lt. Lewis Yearout, Supply, railway traffic inspector. . . . The PRO has an article on radio-telephone procedure in the March issue of Flying Magazine. . . . Robert Akers, ex-GI now employed by the post engineer, was the subject of a recent release from Second Air Force headquarters regarding a veteran placement program in 2AF. . . . Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, special service officer, lacks only his thesis before getting a Ph.D. . . . Short shots: President Roosevelt has designated March as Red Cross Month to aid the fund drive. . . . Two complete armies are still in this country, the Second in Tennessee and the Fourth in Texas. . . . General John J. Pershing's serial number is O-1. . . . Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles has been acting head of the AAF during the illness of General H. H. Arnold.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM	
SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT	
Service Club—Open 1200-1800. Theater—No showing.	SAT. FEB. 17
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN. FEB. 18
Theater—This Man's Navy—Wallace Beery, James Gleason. Short subjects.	MON. FEB. 19
Service Club—Field Girl Dance. Theater—No showing.	TUES. FEB. 20
Service Club—Section G Party. Theater—She Gets Her Man—Joan Davis, Wm. Gargan, Leon Errol. Nevada— Robt. Mitchum, Anne Jeffreys.	WED. FEB. 21
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—National Velvet—Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, Donald Crisp. News of the Day.	THURS. FEB. 22
Service Club—Dance—Ponca City Girls. Theater—No showing.	FRI. FEB. 23
Service Club—As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies. Theater—The Suspect—Charles Laughton, Ella Raines. Short subjects.	

Male Call by Milton Caniff

WHAT KIND OF DATE HAS LACE DRAWN FROM THE PALPITATION POOL? THIS JOKER ACTS AS IF I USE MOSQUITO REPELLENT FOR PERFUME!

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Women, Defenseless? Think Again, Brother!

Women are not satisfied with wearing trousers, doing men's work and drawing men's wages—now they exhibit athletic ability in fields heretofore restricted to the males.

Take for instance LaVerne Scott of the Red Cross office. She uncorked a right-hand haymaker during a "squeeze-play" last Sunday night that quickly broke up an offensive movement by an unknown Winfield character.

Returning to their home after attending a picture show, Miss Scott and Doris Conley of the rationing office, were slipped up on by a man who grabbed Scotty around the waist and proceeded to hug her. Her right arm was free so she swung a solid right hook to the face leering over her left shoulder. Caught full on the mouth by the blow the character staggered away from Scotty. Remembering she was a woman she reverted to a feminine defense and began screaming.

The scream combined with the sock on the mouth and a verbal lashing (which we understand was short but expressive) by Miss Conley, sent the fellow dashing into the darkness.

WACS DO VITAL

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technical skill by sterilizing instruments, packing and sterilizing gown and glove sets, repairing gloves, assisting in pre- and post-operative care of patients, and performing other duties generally assigned to surgical technicians.

Pvt. Lester is a medical technician. Her work consists in the setting up and operation of a medical ward, charting notes, keeping routine ward records, preparation of dressings and instruments, and other related duties assigned to medical technicians.

Another Wac, Cpl. Miriam Quinn, is also doing important work in the Strother Field hospital. Although she is not classified in the critical categories of medical technician and surgical technician, her work as a clerk in the medical supply department contributes indirectly to the welfare of patients who receive more direct attention at the hands of Pvts. Goodmote and Lester.

WAC Detachment News

By

PVT. BETTY BARATH



This week the social committee and twelve volunteers spent a good bit of their time decorating the enlisted men's mess for the Valentine dinner-dance held Thursday night. We thank all the girls for their cooperation with the committee headed by Pvt. Eberhart.

Pvt. Berry wandered into our midst last week to find that the hardwood floors and steam heat peculiar to Dyersburg Field are not featured on this base. We hope that she finds her work as an M.P. very interesting.

Three other newcomers joined our company this week. They are S/Sgt. Rovtar, Cpl. Patterson and Cpl. Bullock. We hope that they like their assignments on this base.

Pvt. Holm, one of the first cooks in our detachment, has given up cooking for driving.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

A trek to Newton, Kansas, was made by 24 men of Section C on Saturday, Feb. 10, to attend a dance sponsored by the Newton U.S.O. Other nearby army air fields were also represented and all the soldiers had a time as "fine as wine." The music furnished by a small combination of five from Wichita was "strictly on." On the return trip the men stopped at Wichita for a late supper.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13 Section C gave a dinner-dance at the section mess hall. The music was furnished by a record player, and the favorites played were the "Duke," the "Count," and the "King," which to the uninitiated is Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and King Cole. Nat (King) Cole's inimitable style of singing and piano playing will soon be copied, we predict. The dinner menu was grilled steak, French fried potatoes, buttered peas, bread and butter or crackers, mixed pickles, and beer or coffee.

Buy YANK at the PX.

Service Club War Room Popular Spot

The war room in the enlisted men's service club gains in popularity each day among EM and Wacs at Strother Field, as evidenced by the SRO condition that many times exists.

The latter has its advantages, however, for on the walls of the room are News Maps and other war maps of all theaters of operations, headlines, bulletins, news stories of all war fronts, and timely editorials clipped from the nation's leading magazines and newspapers.

Excellent literature in book and magazine form is available for everyone visiting the war room and the men and women at this base are taking advantage of the opportunity for self-orientation.

CIVILIAN WORKERS

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"Your devotion to duty, ability to accomplish given tasks, and loyalty to your department have been largely instrumental in the high efficiency standing which this station now has and which it has been able to maintain for the past several months. The results which you have helped to produce reflect great credit, not only upon yourself, but upon Strother Field as well.

"The record of absenteeism at this station reflects the fact that you most certainly are doing your part in the war effort here at Strother Field the same as is the man or woman in the service in the European, South Pacific or any other theater of operation.

"I wish to extend to you my personal appreciation for the valuable service which you have rendered to this field, not only during my command but for the previous commanding officers as well. I trust that you will continue the fine work and efficiency you are doing until this war is brought to a decisive and speedy close."

South Bend, Ind. (CNS)—Melvin Thornton, 68, was told to prove his citizenship when he applied for a war job here. From his pocket he whipped a copy of the Declaration of Independence, signed by his great grandfather, Matthew Thorn-

USAFI Offers Many Courses

Would you like to learn trigonometry, cost accounting, elementary electricity, refrigeration, or one of many other courses of training offered to military personnel by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute?

Many GIs are taking advantage of learning-while-in-service offered through this medium. Courses completed, whether studied by correspondence or with self-teaching textbooks, may be submitted for credit in civilian schools.

One \$2 enrollment fee pays for as many courses as you desire to study as long as your work is satisfactory.

If you are interested in enrolling in one of the courses offered you'll find informative material in the post library and service club war room. Enrollment blanks may be secured at the library.

FIELD WORKER BENEFITS

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Besides Akers, other veterans are availing themselves of the opportunities of the Second Air Force veterans' placement program. This plan is designed to provide immediate employment of discharged veterans, further the war effort by relieving manpower shortages on the air bases and prepare the veteran for an occupation after the war.

The Second Air Force veterans' placement program is open to any honorably discharged veteran, no matter where he is located. The plan includes two methods of placement—direct employment for men skilled in a mechanical trade or for unskilled men in jobs to suit their capabilities, and secondly, training through the Colorado Vocational School in courses for aviation occupations.

While undergoing training, the veteran is paid a salary of \$1,500 a year and \$315 a year overtime. Upon direct employment, at a salary range depending on the job, or at the conclusion of the training period, the veteran is assigned to a Second Air Force base of his own choice, if possible.

Veterans are encouraged to enroll in this program through the veterans' employment representative or the civil service representative at the U. S. Employment Service, 10 Nevada, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Is He Trapped Or Is She A Mouse?



USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dancing..Games
Ark.....	Pop Corn and Candy Party	
Sun.....	Win.....	Song Fest—Sat. Nite Girls
Ark.....	"Dollar-a-Bingo"	
Mon.....	Win.....	Candy Making Night
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please	
Tues....	Win.....	Bridge..Rummy
Ark.....	Cards..Games	
Wed.....	Win.....	Dancing..Cards..Games
Ark.....	Record Making	
Thurs....	Win.....	Open Night
Ark.....	Do-As-You-Please	
Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong Tournament
Ark.....	Married Couples Night	

Skyriders Lose To Tourney Champs After Winning Opening Game

The Sky rider basketball team played two games in the Continental Oil Company invitational tournament at Ponca City, Okla., last Friday and Saturday, winning the first from the Conoco Oilers, 39 to 31 and losing the second to the tourney champs, the Cessna Bobcats from Wichita, 36 to 86.

The Skyriders scored 14 points in the game with Conoco before the host team connected with a single point. The half ended with the flyers leading 20 to 4 and the game had all the appearance of a rout.

The Oilers came back the last half determined to win the game and stay in the tourney. They collected 8 field goals and 1 free toss for 17 points while the amazed Skyriders made only 5 points, all from the free throw line. Realizing it was time to do some scoring on their own the Skyriders banged in 3 field goals to take a 10-point lead. The Conoco team made 10 additional points during the remainder of the game for a total of 31 while the visitors boosted their score to 39 with 4 field goals.

Miller, forward, and Williams, guard, tied for scoring honors with 10 points each. Painter, center, made the first goal of the game and Bennett, forward, came through with two fine shots for field goals in addition to a free toss.

The Cessna Bobcats of Wichita demonstrated the power that won the tourney title for them when they defeated the Skyriders 86 to 36 in a quarter-final game Saturday night. With three former All-American players on the squad the Bobcats went on a scoring spree, collecting 45 points to the Skyriders' 24 in the first half.

The Wichitans poured in 41 points during the second half of the game while Strother Field collected 12. Horton, Sky rider forward, made 5 baskets and 2 free throws for a total of 12 points to lead the locals in scoring.

Base Officers Add To Perfect League Record

The second round of intra-mural basketball play is underway at Strother Field and the Base Officers team continues on its way to the title with two more wins, first, in a makeup game with the Medics which the former team won 45 to 22. The other victory took place Tuesday night when the officers handed the Fighter Control team a 48 to 26 pasting.

In the first game Huson, guard, was high man for the officers with 7 field goals for 14 points. Landers, Medics guard, made 4 baskets to lead his outfit in scoring. In the game with Fighter Control, Huson, officers guard, scored 21 points, making 10 field goals and 1 free toss. Schultz, forward, and Callahan, center, on the Fighter Control team shared scoring honors with 3 field goals each.

Headquarters and Base Operations remain tied for second place in league standings. Headquarters defeated the Trainees 39 to 32. At half-time Headquarters held a 1-point lead, 21-20. Selvidge, Headquarters guard, led his team in scoring with 5 field goals and 1 free throw for 11 points. Russell, Trainees guard, made 15 points, 7 field goals and 1 free toss.

Base Operations defeated the Medics, 36 to 17. Ashwill, Operations forward, made 5 field goals to lead his team in scoring. Scoring honors on the Medics team went to Hundl, guard, with 2 field goals and 1 free throw.

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	7	0	1.000
Headquarters	5	2	.715
Operations	5	2	.715
Trainees	3	4	.430
Fighter Control	1	6	.143
Medics	1	5	.166
"B" Flight	0	5	.000

INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE TEAMS

- (1) Headquarters (5) Fighter Control
- (2) Base Officers (6) Trainee Officers
- (3) Base Operations (7) Medics
- (4) "B" Flight

Teams	Time	Date
1-7	1800	
5-4	1900	20 Feb.
6-3	2000	
2-Bye		
1-4	1800	
7-3	1900	23 Feb.
5-2	2000	
6-Bye		
1-3	1800	
4-2	1900	27 Feb.
7-6	2000	
5-Bye		
1-2	1800	
3-6	1900	2 March
4-5	2000	
7-Bye		

Second Air Force Plans Boxing Tourneys

If you have any proved ability as a boxer or feel you possess pugilistic talent now is the time to win glory for yourself, Strother Field, and the Second Air Force.

All men interested in trying out for a team to represent Strother Field in a district boxing tournament to be held at Topeka, Kans., next month are requested to contact 1st. Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer, immediately.

Five district mitt-slinging tourneys will be staged throughout the Second Air Force during the week of March 26 under the direction of Major William B. Reese, physical fitness director of the Second Air Force.

Competition will be in eight classes ranging from bantamweight to heavyweight. Only one entry from each base will be accepted in each weight division.

All bouts will consist of three two-minute rounds with one minute of rest between rounds. A winner will be determined on every bout, as no draws will be accepted. Scoring will be done by two judges at the ringside. The referee will vote on a decision only if the two judges disagree. The bouts will be open to all Second Air Force personnel, and National Collegiate Athletic association rules will be used.

In conducting this pugilistic program, Major Reese has divided the Second Air Force into five districts. The centrally-located sites, and the areas included are the following: Colorado Springs, Area I—Bases in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, plus Dalhart, Tex. Lincoln, Neb., Area II—Nebraska and Iowa. Topeka, Kans., Area III—Kansas.

Headquarters—39		Trainees—32	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Waits, f	5 0	Russell, g	7 1
Richardson, f	2 0	Parker, g	0 0
Hottenstein, c	5 0	Lamb, c	4 2
Selvidge, g	5 1	Ashmore, f	1 1
Hamilton, c	1 0	Asheim, f	2 0
Myers, g	1 0		
	19 1		14 4

Base Officers—48		Fighter Control—26	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Huson, g	10 1	Schultz, f	3 0
Armstrong, g	1 0	Callahan, c	3 0
Scott, c	3 0	Hale, f	2 0
Merring, f	4 2	Yachwan, g	2 0
Castater, f	4 0	Myers, g	1 0
Dietrick, f	0 1	Anest, g	2 0
LaBorde, f	0 0		
	22 4		13 0

Medics—17		Base Operations—36	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Haungs, f	2 0	Thorson, f	2 1
Nicholas, c	2 0	Thomas, g	1 0
Dickos, f	2 0	Charlton, f	4 0
Landers, g	0 0	Waterman, f	0 0
Hundl, g	2 1	Sellers, g	1 0
		Hall, g	2 2
		Ashwill, f	5 0
		Halverson, c	0 0
		Crawford, g	1 1
	8 1		16 4

Base Officers—45		Medics—22	
fg	ft	fg	ft
Madsen, f	0 0	Haungs, f	1 1
Castater, f	2 0	Dickos, f	2 1
Scott, c	3 1	Nicholas, c	2 0
LaBorde, g	1 0	Landers, g	4 0
Smith, f	0 0	Hocking, g	0 0
Armstrong, g	3 0	Prys, g	0 0
Huson, g	7 0	Hundl, g	1 0
Merring, f	5 0	Fernandez, g	0 0
Dietrick, f	1 0	Batson, g	0 0
	22 1		10 2

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Photo Flashes	17	3	.850
Sad Sacks	15	5	.750
Hot Rocks	13	7	.650
Rogers	12	8	.600
Loose Nuts	11	9	.550
Tracers	9	11	.450
Monsters	9	11	.450
Rockets	8	12	.400
Wilco	5	15	.250
Malfunxions	3	5	.374

Records

High Individual Single—Biederman	236
High Individual Total—Bowland	643
High Team Single—Sad Sacks	885
High Team Total—Sad Sacks	2535

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Scrubs	10	6	.625
Headquarters	12	8	.600
Dubs	11	9	.550
Super Snoopers	10	10	.500
Section A	9	11	.450
Communications	4	12	.250

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of 19 February 1945
ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION
 Monday 19 February 1945
 Rogers vs. Tracers 1-2
 Rockets vs. Sad Sacks 3-4
 Photo Flashes vs. Loose Nuts 5-6
 Tuesday 20 February 1945
 Malfunxions vs. Monsters 1-2
 Hot Rocks vs. Wilcos 5-6

LADIES' DIVISION
 Wednesday 21 February 1945
 Post Exchange vs. Air Corps Supply 1-2
 Sub Depot No. 1 vs. Sub Depot No. 2 3-4
 Wacs vs. Post Headquarters 5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION
 Thursday 22 February 1945
 Communications vs. Headquarters 1-2
 Section A vs. Dubs 3-4
 Super Snoopers vs. Scrubs 5-6

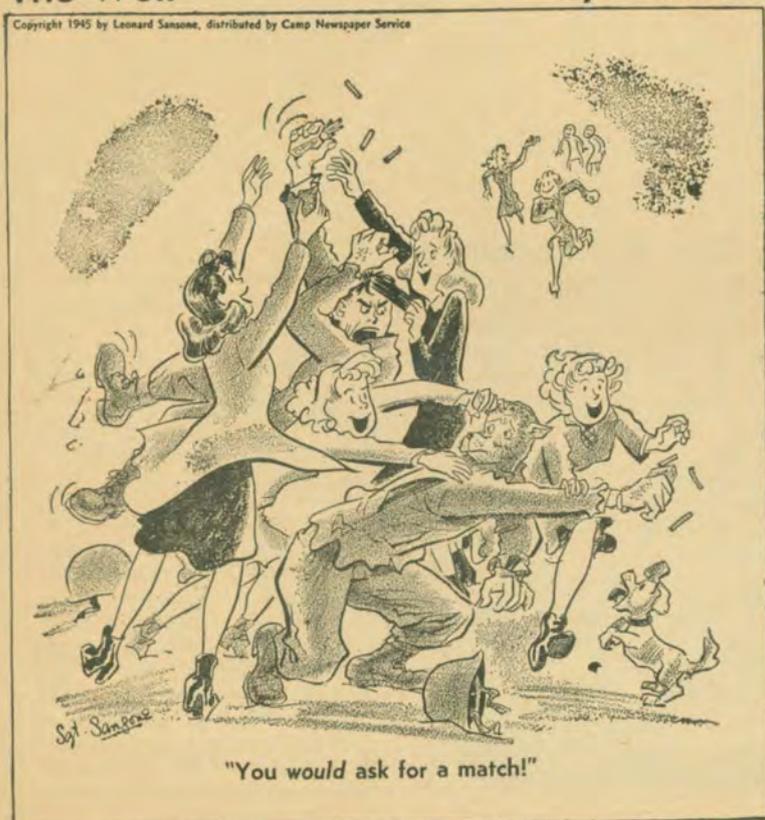
El Paso, Tex., Area IV—New Mexico, Arizona, plus Biggs Field and Pyote, Tex.

Galveston, Tex., Area V—Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas, except Dalhart, Biggs Field and Pyote.

On the success of the district programs will depend whether or not the boxing tourneys will be extended to determine Second Air Force champions.

The Wolf

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"You would ask for a match!"

by Sansone



"There'll Be Some Changes Made" Is Theme Of Questionnaire Answers

"If you were section commander, or in charge of your working section, what changes would you make in the interests of betterment?" This question was asked of enlisted personnel at Strother Field last week in a questionnaire prepared by 1st. Sgt. Peyton A. Horton, Section A-1. The forms were passed out during orientation classes and the suggestions made by enlisted men and Wacs, in most instances, are considered the result of sound thinking and good judgment.

The main suggestions offered are to be included in the monthly morale report prepared by the orientation officer, 1st. Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert. These suggestions will also be discussed by Lt. Col. Merle W. Allen, director of administration and services, or an administrative officer, during future orientation sessions attended by enlisted personnel.

The leading suggestion was the elimination of physical training classes, particularly for the men working on the line. These individuals apparently feel that being out-of-doors and climbing around on airplanes gives them sufficient exercise.

Kitchen police duty was next on the list. Suggestions along this line included the keeping of accurate duty rosters in all sections to make certain all eligible personnel do their share of this work. Many suggested that all grades pull KP while an equally large number asked for the assignment of permanent KPs. The question of reporting at the 1,000-man mess hall at 0430 for KP duty was also mentioned. It was pointed out that actual work does not begin until about 0600 and that the men who live in town have to stay on the base the night before unless they have private transportation to the base.

The discussion of passes was third in the list of "big three." It was suggested that every one be

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Field To Be Model Maintenance And Supply School For Pursuit Bases

Revamping of the Strother Field maintenance and supply section to include procedures heretofore in force only at bomber stations of the Second Air Force and to make of Strother Field a model maintenance and supply school for other pursuit bases of the Air Force is now under way.

A staff of experts headed by Lt. Col. U. S. Nero, personal representative of Brigadier General Maginnis, deputy chief of staff of the Second Air Force, is at work at the base now and as others are needed their services will be requested.

Selection of Strother Field to become the model for pursuit bases of the Second Air Force was governed by the fact that aircraft

Red Cross Drive Starts Monday

Five days in advance of the official opening of Strother Field's American Red Cross campaign on February 26, the first contribution was received Wednesday in the office of Field Director Herbert A. Thomson. It came from the Army Emergency Relief officer, First Lieutenant Edwin J. Shore.

Officially, the Strother Field drive for the Red Cross will get under way next Monday as a part of the Cowley county campaign for \$35,100. All work of organization for an aggressive solicitation has been completed under the direction of Lt. Col. Jason L. Beatty, executive officer of the base, who will head the drive.

Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, Public Relations officer, is in charge of solicitation from officer personnel as well as of all publicity; Capt. Pierce M. Enes, commander of troops, will receive contributions from enlisted men. (Red Cross rules prohibit the solicitation of donations from enlisted men and all contributions from that source are entirely voluntary.)

Lt. Colonel Merle W. Allen and Major Sam S. Wolf are co-chairmen for the campaign among civilian personnel. Lt. Colonel Allen will be assisted by Mrs. Betty Parman, Miss Polly Streets and Miss Rosemary Tripp.

maintenance here has been above expectations and the base has been able to meet its commitments without trouble.

"We expect to set up new regulations so that other pursuit stations can come here and see how the various sections should operate under the proper supervision," Lt. Colonel Nero said. Up to this time, such regulations have been in effect only at heavy and very heavy bomber stations, he said. Lt. Colonel Nero indicated that comparatively few changes, other than the shifting of some personnel in order to secure the proper supervision would be necessary.

In his work at Strother Field, Lt. Colonel Nero, who is director

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Second Air Force Official Photo.

A group of enlisted men and their dates are shown above enjoying themselves during the EM dinner-dance held in the 1,000-man mess hall Thursday night of last week.

American Legion Stage Show At Post Theater Tomorrow Night

A special stage show will be presented in the post theater by a troupe of 50 Wichita entertainers tomorrow night, Saturday, Feb. 24 beginning at 2000.

The show, sponsored by the Wichita American Legion organization, features outstanding professional talent including adult dancers, singers, musicians and the Sons of American Legion drum and bugle corps.

A similar show was presented at Strother Field by the American Legion of Wichita last fall. The audience that packed the theater will remember the fine talent and their excellent performance. The show tomorrow night will be free to military personnel and guests.

Section D Wins Safety Plaque

Section D, with a score of 8 points to Section E's 4, won the Strother Field safety plaque for the period February 1 to 15, Captain Hiram Anderson, Flying Safety Officer, has announced.

The win was the first for Section D in five two-week periods, and defeated the hopes of Section E—winner the last four periods—that its record might be engraved on the silver plaque. To earn that honor, a section must rank first during five consecutive periods. The winning section is commanded by Major Robert McHale.

RC Field Director To Will Rogers Field

Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director at Strother Field during the past year, is to be transferred to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., according to word received from American Red Cross Division Headquarters, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Thomson will assume his new duties the first of next week. Miss LaVerne Scott, assistant in the RC office here, will temporarily be in charge.

Buy YANK at the PX.

Asst. Photo Officer Served As EM In Pacific Invasions

Second Lieutenant Andrew Koloniar of Akron, Ohio, has reported at Strother Field, Kansas, as assistant to the base photographic officer, First Lieutenant Edward W. Armstrong. It is Lieutenant Koloniar's first assignment since receiving his commission on February 3 at the Army Air Forces photographic school, Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado.

Though Lieutenant Koloniar is brand new in the officer game, he's seen a good bit of the world as a soldier of the Army of the United States. As a private and a private first class he participated in the invasions of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands and of Makin Island,

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The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

So the United States Navy went and did the impossible.

The big battle wagons and the carriers and cruisers and destroyers sailed right into the heart of Japan's private seas.

The planes went back and forth over Japan's sacred Holy of Holies, the very palace of her little God-Emperor.

And for nine hours running they bombed the living h— out of Tokyo. For nine hours the bombers came over and the concentrated TNT screamed down and the red gouts of flame and shattering concussion and debris and broken fragments of humanity blossomed and grew under a pall of greasy smoke.

For nine long hours the bombs came down and smashed the myth of the Jap superman as easily as they smashed his temples and his factories.

How the little Mikado must have squirmed on his lacquered throne; how his generals and his admirals and his little, strutting monkey-men must have eaten of the bitter gall of humiliation. They wanted so badly to be gods and supermen and then the boys in blue came in and smashed their fine new city and their fine large plans and thumbed freckled American noses at the Jap emperor with impunity.

Oh, but it must have been beautiful for the ghosts of Bataan to know. It must have warmed the heart of the Chinese and the Hollander and the Aussie to read.

All over Asia the news has gone round that the Jap has lost his "face," his pride and his prestige. He was Samurai and merciless warrior. He was lord of the Rising Sun and god-ruler of the Orient. He was blood-crazy and exalted and full of terrible power.

Until the United States Navy came in and did the impossible.

A Three Letter Word

The popular fad of spelling words backward and getting unusual results is not as silly as it seems. Take, for instance, the spelling of the Japanese island Iwo. Spelled backward it reads OWI, initials of the Office of War Information. War news of paramount interest is coming from this tiny Jap fortification and air base through the office by the same name in reverse.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

If you hear strange sounds coming from the vicinity of the Chapel on Monday nights, don't be upset. It's only the choir having its weekly rehearsal. Twenty attended last week. Why not join us?

The Thursday night meeting in "Your Room" gives everyone plenty of chance to exercise his own initiative and ask plenty of questions and yet is centered around the Word of God.

Welcome to Father Hyacinth Clarey, C.P. who will conduct the Catholic services for an indefinite period of time in the absence of our genial Father Kelly. Father Clarey comes to us from St. Paul, Kansas, but has recently been serving as civilian chaplain at Independence Army Air Field.

Who said the Army has no thrills! A friendship begun in cadet days climaxed in a double wedding at the Chapel on Wednesday night. Congratulations to 2nd Lts. George Coleman and John Asheim.

Remember the weekly schedule of Chapel services.

Sunday.....	Confessions	0700
	Mass	0800
	Protestant Service	1000
Monday.....	Choir Practice	1900
Thursday.....	Midweek Service	1900
Friday.....	Jewish Service	2000

Speaking of -- American Red Cross

Next Monday the annual Red Cross drive will begin in Cowley county of which Strother Field is a part. Contributions will be solicited from officer and civilian personnel but regulations forbid solicitations from enlisted personnel. EM can and should donate to this worthy cause and may do so voluntarily.

Among the many services extended to the armed forces during 1944 were the delivery of 5,000,000 pints of blood donated for plasma by the people of this country; 10,800,000 food parcels packed for U.S. and Allied prisoners of war; 14,000 000 communications handled by field directors; 5,149 hospital sunrooms furnished; 194 clubs on wheels were in operation over the world; 727 clubs in operation overseas. The latter two figures are as of June 30, 1944.

4,500,000 servicemen and their families were aided by field directors; 15,000 nurses were recruited and assigned for Army-Navy service; 775,000,000 surgical dressings were made and 3,500,000 servicemen and their families aided by chapters.

Orchids

To Herbert A. Thomson, Red Cross field director at Strother Field for the past year, for his fine work and complete cooperation with military personnel. . . To Miss Winifred Dewey, assistant to the post Chaplain, who will join the Boeing Company in Wichita as a member of the employees association. Her musical talent will be greatly missed at Strother Field.

YE LIFTINGS

He who horses around too much may some day find himself a groom.

And it's the fresh egg that gets slapped in the pan.

A girl who went out with a soldier recently found out after ten minutes that he was A.W.O.L.F.

Do you know what good clean fun is? No, what good is it?

The bachelor's a crazy guy who has a lot of fun, He sizes all the cuties up and never Mrs. one.

In the good old days when a fellow told a girl a dirty joke she blushed. Nowadays she memorizes it.

The first sign of a break in Nazi Germany may be some little thing—perhaps no more than an "Oh, Yeah" from the back row in the Sports Palace.

One of the best arguments yet advanced against drafting men over 35 for military service is that their expectance for enthusiastic enjoyment of veterans' reunions after the war is relatively short.

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Rhumb Lines

Three Strother Field officers were connected with the pre-war operation of commercial airlines. They are Captain Forrest P. Dowling, Captain Robert B. Evans and Major Robert V. McHale. . . . Cpl. Melvin Harper of A-3 used to be a hellicose waybill man for Missouri Pacific in Houston. His love of fisticuffs has made him one of the best boxers now at SF. . . Lt. Harold R. O'Neill, assistant provost marshal, is another pugilistic expert. He won the featherweight championship in a Golden Gloves tourney at San Francisco in 1943. . . S/Sgt. James G. Haile of Fighter Control is among the few SF enlisted men who hold the Purple Heart. . . Photography ranks high among the hobbies of enlisted personnel. . . Sgt. James O. Holland of Post Engineers has a son in the Navy. Holland, Sr., saw service in World War I.

Have You Read .

The author of the popular and humorous "My Sister Eileen," Ruth McKenny in her first long novel "Jake Home" tells dramatically the life story of a great man. Rising from cruel poverty, Jake uses his genius and talents first to profit financially; next he plays power politics to satisfy his personal ambitions. But in these and other ventures he finds no satisfaction nor happiness until his great capacity for true love and understanding of the people he leads is developed.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 2130.	SAT.
Theater—Eadie was a Lady—Ann Miller, Joe Besser. One show only 1800	FEB. 24
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—Tonight and Every Night—Rita Hayworth, Lea Bowman, Janet Blair—1800-2010. Short subjects.	FEB. 25
Service Club—Field Girl Dance.	MON.
Theater—No showing.	FEB. 26
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—The Fighting Lady, The Navy's Spectacular Picture of Aircraft Carriers in the Pacific. What a Blonde—Leon Erroll, Elaine Riley. Shows 1800-2015.	FEB. 27
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	WED.
Theater—Thunderhead, Son of Flicka—Roddy McDowell, Preston Foster. Short subjects. 1800-2000.	FEB. 28
Service Club—Dance — Winfield-Ark City Girls.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	MAR. 1
Service Club — As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies.	FRI.
Theater—Having Wonderful Crime—Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis, Geo. Murphy. 1800-2000. Short subjects.	MAR. 2

Male Call

by Milton Caniff



What Is the Cost Of a University Correspondence Course?

The Government shares the cost of a university extension correspondence course with enlisted personnel of the army.

If you take a university extension correspondence course, the Government will pay half the text and tuition fee for each course you take up to the amount of \$20. For example, if the fee for the course you select is \$15, you will pay \$7.50. If the course costs more than \$40 the Government pays \$20 and you pay the balance. If you are an Army officer, you pay the total cost of text and tuition charges for each course.

Miss Dewey Joins Boeing Company

Miss Winifred Dewey, assistant to Chaplain Karl B. Smith at Strother Field, is resigning her position to join the employees association staff of the Boeing Aircraft Company in Wichita, Kans., effective as of March 1st.

Miss Dewey assumed her position as clerk-musician at this base in January, 1944. She was former musical director in the First Presbyterian Church of Arkansas City.

A new assistant to the chaplain has not been named at the present time.

Mrs. W. N. Joyce Heads SF Women's Club

Mrs. William N. Joyce is the new president of the Strother Field Women's Club, having been installed as head of the organization during a meeting held in the Officers' Club Tuesday. Luncheon and bridge followed the meeting.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Donald C. Fee, vice-president; Mrs. Frank L. Orth, secretary; Mrs. J. M. Palmer, asst. secretary; Mrs. George T. Byrne, treasurer and Mrs. Charles C. Malitz Jr., asst. treasurer. Mrs. Donald E. Meade, wife of the commanding officer, is honorary president.

"Old Man Accident" like the gremlin, is always around—Let's not have him find us asleep.

WAC Detachment News

By

PVT. BETTY BARATH



Many have inquired as to the names of the Wacs who performed at the valentine party. Pvt. Brubaker and Pvt. Van Hara harmonized in two selections while Pvt. Hughes combined a song and dance. Pvt. Brubaker and Pvt. Hughes were professionals before enlisting.

S/Sgt. Rovtar has replaced Cpl. Wakefield as our mess sergeant. Cpl. Paterson and Cpl. Bullock replaced Pvt. Holm and Pvt. O'Hosky. Pvt. O'Hosky has left our mess hall to join the cooks at the hospital.

Fresh air fiends in our company are out to find the little demons who have taken it upon themselves to nail windows shut.

?TXENTAHW is "What Next?" When Spelled Backward

"No sooner," moaned Pvt. Arsenic Glerp in the ear of the Flier, "do I get my family all educated up, than they go and do it again. Isn't it bad enough to have an address which takes up five lines on the envelope to start with without them changing it all the ime?"

"First it's (FPTS) to (CCTS) (F) to (LS(MFT) to something else. And then it's a box number and a section number and on down to whether to use Kas. or Kans. or just K. or spell it out

"Why, my address has changed so many times that Grandma sent my Christmas package to Germany by mistake and my wife says why do we have to adopt those six kids; I must have enough overseas points to get out of the army already."

"It's rough," said Arsenic sadly. "It's so rough that now even I don't know for sure just where I am."

"Glerp," we said softly, "it's just happened again. From now on all the Sections are designated Squadrons again."

We understand that Glerp is going to get an X on his next profile exam . . . as soon they get him down out of the tree.

"Combat America" Film On Orientation Program

"Combat America," a 16 mm. Technicolor motion picture produced and narrated by Major Clark Gable of the Army Air Forces, will be shown in the post theater next week during the field orientation periods.

The picture is designed to create in all military personnel a feeling of individual responsibility for participation in the war, and pride in their AAF organization and service.

The picture will be shown to all military personnel at 1300 and 1500 on Wednesday and 1200 and 1500 on Thursday. The running time of the film is one hour.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Doing an excellent job with a minimum of men, the Section C detail at the Officers' Mess believes in the old Army adage that "An Army travels on its stomach."

Serving Strother Field officers each meal and keeping an eye peeled for an extra party or two a week, takes more than a little planning.

This detail is headed by Sgt. Hilton D. Lewis, who is 1st cook and asst. Mess Sgt., and is aided by Sgt. Peter Ellis, K.P. pusher. It takes pride in promptness in preparing meals and the gift of being able to arrange a variety of tasty dishes. If the menu calls for a Southern, Italian, French or old American feature, like "ham and" it's all in the day's work.

Others in the detail are Cpls. Julius Barton, cook; and Roy Jack, attendant; Pfc. Bobby Bumpas, cook; Melvin Stevenson, baker; Homer Eastman, waiter; Roy Richardson, club orderly; Robert Diggs, sandwich-man at the snack-bar; and Freddie Watson, K.P. Last and anything but least the Pvts. Joseph Harris, cook; George McComb, Dan Smith, Rufus Lewis, waiters, and K.P.'s Newlin Johnson, Alfred Smith, Wilson Stallworth, M. C. Hairston. Pvt. Robert Battle is the store-room orderly, who keeps "inspection-minded" at all times.

Have a place for everything—Keep everything in its place.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Pvt. Elsie Van Hara, left, and Pvt. Judy Brubaker, members of Section B, are shown entertaining guests at the EM dinner dance last week in the 1,000 man mess hall. They were giving out with "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" when the above picture was taken.

ASST. PHOTO OFFICER

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and 24 hours after the Marines landed at Tarawa, Pfc. Kolonair was right in the "shooting."

Pfc. Koloniar's weapon in the various invasions of the Pacific islands was a camera, with which he recorded results of American bombings of Japanese installations. He photographed the damage wrought by bombs and resulting fires to airdromes and aircraft, the destruction of vehicles and supply dumps, troops dead, wounded or in flight, and the destruction or damaging of enemy shipping and naval forces.

Lieutenant Kolonair entered the Army Air Forces photographic technical school at Yale University upon his return to the United States in the summer of 1944 after two full years' foreign duty.

Immediately prior to entering the armed forces in March, 1942, he was employed as a rubber worker in the experimental laboratories of the Goodrich Tire and Rubber company at Akron.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Washington's Cherry Ball Floor Show..Door Prize Ark.....Chili Supper
- Sun.....Win.....Box Supper 6:30 p.m. Ark.....Feb. Birthday Party
- Mon.....Win.....Candy Night Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Tues.....Win.....Bridge..Rummy Ark.....Dancing..Bridge
- Wed.....Win.....Dancing..Cards..Games Ark.....Make-a-record
- Thurs.....Win.....Field Dance Ark.....Open House
- Fri.....Win.....Ping-Pong Ark.....Ping-Pong Tourney

Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Message Center For The Main Body



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Base Officers Win Close Game From Base Operations

Base Officers' basketball team kept its record perfect in the intramural league by running its victory string to nine, but their latest win was by one point over a determined Base Operations team. The final score of this game played in the post gym Tuesday night was 25 to 24. The Officers scored 11 goals and 3 free tosses while Base Operations made 10 goals and 4 free throws. Scott, Officers forward, led his teammates with 7 points and Ashwell, and Dillman, Operations forwards, shared scoring honors with 6 points each. The Officers defeated the hapless "B" Flight quintet 60 to 28 in a league game played Friday of last week. Huson, Officers center, scored 7 goals to lead his team in scoring. Harper, "B" Flight forward, made 5 baskets for his outfit.

Headquarters, by defeating Fighter Control, 41 to 24 and the Medics 30 to 25, now hold second place in the league. Base Operations was tied for second place last week but its defeat by the Officers team dropped it to third position in the standings. In the Headquarters-Fighter Control game Waits and Selvidge, forwards on the former team, shared scoring honors with 6 field goals each. Calahan, Fighter Control forward, led his team with 10 points. In the game with the Medics, Richardson, guard and Waits, forward on the Headquarters team, shared scoring honors with 9 points each. Dickos, Medics forward, was tops for his team with 8 points.

The Trainees broke even in their two games played last week-end and the first of this week. They defeated the Medics, 29 to 20, last Friday. Harper and Asheim, forwards on the winning team shared scoring honors with 8 points apiece. Haungs, Medics forward, led his team in scoring with 4 field goals.

Field Commended On Sixth War Loan Drive

His pleasure that the Seventh Service Command, in which area Strother Field is located, was able to lead all service commands in the Sixth War Loan drive is expressed by Major General C. H. Danielson, commanding general, in a personal letter to Col. Donald E. Meade, commanding officer of Strother Field.

In part, Major General Danielson wrote:

"The War Department has published the results of the Sixth War Loan Drive among all Service Commands and I am happy to announce that once again the Seventh Service Command was first.

"I am especially happy to give you this information because it was the co-operation of you and the other commanding officers heading the various elements of the Air Forces, Ground Forces and Service Forces within this Service Command which gained the day for us.

"When the next war loan comes, the experience and inspiration of winning all the prior loans will help us once more to lead the way for the War Department.

"Please extend my congratulations and my gratitude to all personnel of your command."

Fighter Control won its second game in league play by defeating the Trainees 38 to 21 Tuesday night. Haile, FC forward, made 6 baskets and 2 free throws for 14 points to lead his team's scoring. Russell, Trainees guard, made 6 points.

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	9	0	1.000
Headquarters	7	2	.777
Operations	5	3	.625
Trainees	4	5	.444
Fighter Control	2	7	.222
Medics	1	7	.125
"B" Flight	0	6	.000

Officers And EM Turn Out For Field Boxing Team

"Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are," has been the theme song during the week of Sgt. Ray Muchowich of the physical training department at Strother Field. "Much" is in charge of organizing a post boxing team and his song has brought results.

Responding so far to the call have been two officers and six enlisted men. 2nd. Lt. Arthur Miller, a trainee, from Rock Hill, S.C., is turning out for the 165-pound class. He won the Golden Glove Tournament titles in that weight at Newark, N.J., New York City, N.Y., and the Golden Gloves Championship at Chicago, Ill., in 1936. He played four years of football for Duke University as guard, and was placed on the All-Southern team and received All-American mention during his sophomore and senior years. He participated in two Rose Bowl games for Duke.

2nd. Lt. Harold O'Neill, assistant provost marshal at Strother Field, winner of the featherweight championship (novice division) Golden Gloves Tournament at San Francisco, Calif., in 1943, will try out for the base team in this weight division. He began boxing in June 1943 while a staff sergeant in the PT dept. at McClellan Field, Calif. He lost his first bout and then won 11 consecutive fights

Pvt. Charles Gwynn, Section C, of Columbus, Ohio, is out for a 145-pound berth on the team. He was Ohio State Golden Glove champion in this weight during 1939 and 1941. In 1941 he reached the finals in the Chicago Golden Gloves tournament and the National AAU championship bouts at Boston, Mass. He won 15 consecutive fights that year by first round knockouts of his opponents.

Armament at Strother Field will be well represented among the men trying out for the post team. Sgt. Edward Korycinski, Detroit, Mich., is out for a heavyweight spot. He fought in Detroit Golden Glove tournaments in 1934, '35, '36 as a member of the Carbon Athletic Club. Of the sixteen fights in tournament competition he won 12 and lost only 4. While stationed in the China-Burma-India theater he fought twice, winning once and losing the other match. Pvt. Joseph Giordano of armament and whose home is also in Detroit, is in the 155-pound class. His boxing experience is strictly military. In 1943 while stationed in Puerto Rico he participated in four bouts and won three of them.

Another armament boxer is Pvt. Sheldon Williams of Downing, Wisconsin, who will try out for the team in the 135-pound class. His boxing experience has been confined to several bouts while attending CCC camps

Armament's other boxing candidate is Cpl. E. N. Stevas, in the 145-pound class. Pvt. Albert Deitch of Communications will tryout for the light-heavy spot on the team.

Team candidates are to undergo training sessions daily from 1520 until 1620 in the post gym. Sgt. Muchowich urges all men interested in boxing to turn out for these sessions.

"THERE'LL BE SOME—"

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privileged to carry his or her class "A" pass at all times and that the passes include the over-night privilege. A greater radius for class "A" passes was suggested along with the abolition of curfew.

Many enlisted men and Wacs complained of too much ground training. These classes and other details result in loss of too much time that should be devoted to their jobs, they felt.

Thirty days furlough time each year instead of the present 15 days was urged by a large percentage of personnel.

Next came the suggestion that ratings in all grades be opened, that the possibility of promotions in the upper grades as well as the lower would certainly be an incentive to do better work.

Some personnel consider the prices at the PX and snack bar as being too high. The suggestion was made that the PX remain open at nights for the convenience of military personnel.

From all the questionnaires submitted there was only one complaint about the food served in the 1,000-man mess hall. This speaks exceptionally well for the job being done by the mess personnel.

Then there is the GI who stated "I'm tired of being a private."

FIELD TO BE MODEL

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of the indoctrinational group of the Second Air Force, is being assisted by a galaxy of experts. With him are: Major Gregory Mitchell, expert in aircraft maintenance; Capt. Vaughn E. Boynton, specialist in supply; Capt. Olaf T. Jensen, armament expert; First Lieutenant John A. Bendixen, radio and communications specialist; Warrant Officer Gustav Zamorsky, specialist in aircraft inspection methods and procedures; Buster Lehmann of Schenectady, N.Y., civilian loaned to the Army Air Forces by the General Electric Corporation to give his expert advice on superchargers and lighting equipment; Chris Barnes, engine expert from Pratt-Whitney of Hartford, Conn., which makes engines for P-47 Thunderbolts; some enlisted men. In addition, the services of Republic and Curtiss Aircraft specialists stationed permanently at Strother Field or assigned as area traveling representatives to pay regular visits to Second Air Force fighter bases will assist in the work.

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

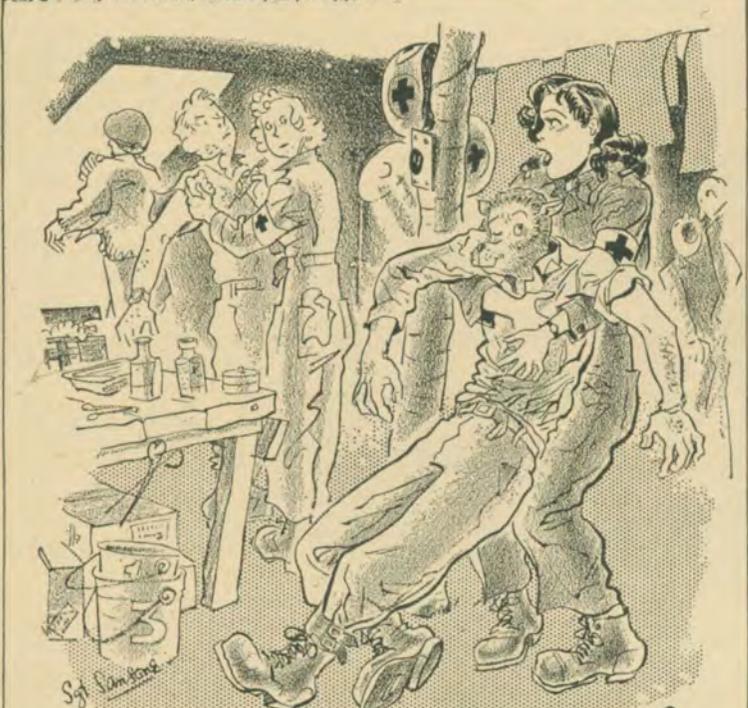
Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Sad Sacks	19	5	.792
Photo Flashes	18	6	.750
Loose Nuts	15	9	.625
Malfunctions	7	5	.583
Hot Rocks	13	11	.542
Monsters	13	11	.542
Rogers	12	12	.500
Tracers	9	15	.375
Rockets	8	16	.333
Wilcoos	8	16	.333

The team will participate in a Second Air Force district boxing tournament at Topeka, Kans., the week of March 26.

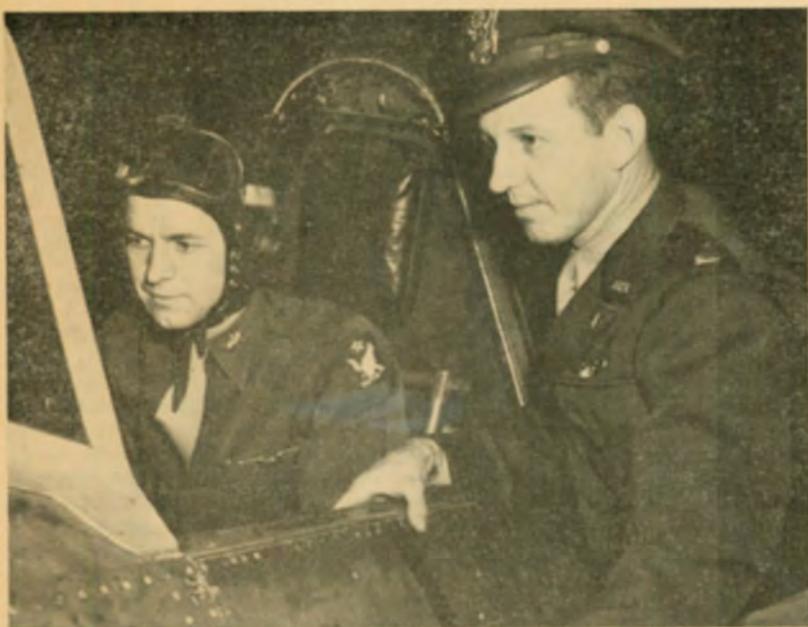
The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I guess he can't stand shots. This is the third time he's passed out!"



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Members of the flight test engineering department at Strother Field are shown above. 1st. Lt. L. J. Ruegsegger is seated in plane cockpit, and 1st. Lt. B. T. Smith is standing at the right. These two officers test-hop the planes assigned to this base.

Test Pilots Say Job Is Safest

"Ours is the safest job among flying personnel at Strother Field," is the way 1st. Lts. L. J. Ruegsegger and B. T. Smith describe their duties as test pilots at this 72nd Fighter Wing base. "After all, the pilots notice things wrong with their planes first. We test hop them only after repairs or adjustments have been made by the maintenance department."

Being more or less of a ground-hog we had trouble taking notes for this story. You cannot write while holding onto the chair with both hands at mention of the words "test pilot," but these two officers, representing the flight test engineering department here, do not consider their work risky.

The test pilots fly all planes assigned to this field after they have undergone control surface changes or repairs and make periodic inspection test flights. Planes with new engines are flown slow-time by these two men. Their flights are made so as to provide the maximum number of planes for the training department scheduled missions. Test flights range from 10 minutes to the maximum time of one hour.

The flight test engineering department serves as liaison between the flying department and maintenance and supply and is under the supervision of the latter department.

1st. Lt. Ruegsegger whose home is in Salina, Kans., came to Strother Field from Wendover Field, Utah, last October. He served with

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New Processing System For Trainees Set Up Under Direction of Lt. Ondreas

A new system of processing pilot trainees was used for the first time last week-end at Strother Field upon the arrival of Class #28 at this 72nd Fighter Wing base. The processing of newly-arrived officer trainees and the processing for final clearance upon assignment to staging areas is under the direction of First Lieutenant John Ondreas, military personnel officer and officer in charge of the Combat Administrative Center.

S-Sgt. Haile Had Close Call at Salerno

The gesture of rubbing his nose with his left hand probably saved the life of S/Sgt. James G. Haile, now a member of Squadron A-1 at Strother Field, when he stood on the soil of Salerno, Italy, on D-Day-Plus-5, Sept. 14, 1943.

He says he was rubbing his nose but we have an idea he had been giving Nazi artillery personnel the old American-style "salute" meaning you know what. As he removed his hand from his face a German 88 mm. shell burst near him and fragments destined for his face and head struck his hand.

After receiving emergency treatment for his wound he was placed aboard a British hospital ship anchored in the harbor where he remained for four days. The boat was twice hit by enemy fire before leaving the harbor. Haile was then taken to a British hospital in Africa. In this and four other hospitals he spent four months during which time double amputations were performed on two fingers of his injured hand.

Haile later joined his outfit, the 82nd Fighter Control unit near Naples, and saw additional service

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Promotions To Grades 4, 5, 6 For 108 Enlisted Men and Wacs

Promotion of 108 enlisted men and two members of the WAC detachment at Strother Field have been announced by post headquarters. Advancements are in grades 4, 5, 6. Twenty-three enlisted men in the group are now sergeants, twenty-seven are corporals and the two Wacs and fifty-six enlisted men received their first stripe.

Following are the names of personnel promoted, their rank and squadron:

TO SERGEANT

Sq. A Sec. 1
Earl W. Hottenstein Charles E. Kinion
Lawrence J. Straub

Sq. A Sec. 2

Raymond Drake Jr. Charles W. Harrell
George Iwankovitch Robert D. Pike
Seymour Schonberger Jesse O. West
Robert E. White

Sq. A Sec. 3

Warren G. Castor Vernon Clatterbuck
Daniel De Palma Robert S. Klestrom
James Lavencheck John P. Matheson
Douglas I. Plantz Gerald J. Schwartz
Nicholas M. Tarvin Melvin C. Walton
Bernard R. York

Sq. C

Johnnie L. C. Brunson Mose Crittle Jr.

TO CORPORAL

Sq. A Sec. 1
Berman L. Dodson Melvin W. Williams

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\$292.04 Contributed To March of Dimes

Checks totaling \$292.04 mailed last week by First Lieutenant Edwin J. Shore, Strother Field chairman, to Howard Elrod of Winfield and Jack Kelly of Arkansas City represented Strother Field's contribution to the national March of Dimes campaign. Kelly is chairman of the campaign for the southern half of Cowley county and Elrod for the northern half.

Strother Field's contribution was divided equally between the Winfield and Arkansas City organizations, \$146.02 going to each.

Over \$400 Contributed In Red Cross Drive

Military personnel of Strother Field have contributed \$407.37 to the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund Drive during the first four days of the campaign, according to figures released by Miss Laverne Scott of the base RC office.

Enlisted men contributed \$325.37 on Wednesday, their pay day. EM donations were voluntary as RC rules prohibit the solicitation of contributions from them. Officer contributions totaled \$82 during the opening days of the campaign. However, this amount represents the donations of only fifteen officers on the base.

Squadron M was high in personnel participation although the contributions from this small unit totaled only \$21.50. Squadron A-3 contributions total \$119.55 so far. Next is Squadron A-1 with \$96.11. Squadron A-2 gave \$41.45, Squadron B, the WAC detachment contributed \$27.84 and Squadron C gave \$18.92.

Tabloid Troupe Coming Monday

A USO-Camp Shows Tabloid Troupe will present two performances at Strother Field next Monday, Mar. 5th. The first will be in the station hospital at 1900 and the second show will be held in the service club at 2030.

The troupe is comprised of a master of ceremonies and comedian, Gene Doyle; Anita Bear, singer; Jackie Del Rio, acrobat and juggler; Jeanne Johnson, tap dancer, and Al Small, accordionist.

Upon completion of flying training, the class of trainees is briefed

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The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Slowly the signs and portents multiply; the picture develops of what is going on in the minds of Hitler's Aryan super-heroes as the cumulative effect of a true holocaust of defeats and destruction, of bombings and shellings, of unleashed terror by day and by night is impacted upon the minds that welcomed World War II.

In 1918 defeat, for the German civilian, was far more of a technicality than today. There was gall and wormwood to be eaten, but it could be blamed upon a treaty, upon mysteriously subterranean "traitors," upon an army that "surrendered before it was beaten," in short upon everything and anything but the truth. The alibi for failure and the incentive to look for revenge "next time" were there.

Today the herrenvolk may, and doubtless do, still consider themselves as shorn lambs and as a much abused and misunderstood race. But they can no longer blind themselves to the fact of what happens to a race that begins and then loses a war.

The evidence is right under the nose of Herr Schultz and his frau this time. His house is minus half its roof. His neighbor is a bloody, unrecognizable mess in the gutter. His son is dead and rotten on the Russian steppe. His leaders are still vocal but he can hear also the sullen drumbeat of distant cannon, the paralyzingly close concussion of the bombs.

And Herr Schultz is afraid. He is pampering his surviving non-Aryans to buy a little personal immunity, taking cake at last to a ghetto starved for bread, fawning upon his Russian prisoners. He is desperately afraid of gas, of starvation, of the hangman, of the whole great monster that he has unleashed upon himself.

It is hoped that Herr Schultz will remain afraid. It is his only chance to benefit from this war; to learn once and for all that peace is better than war, that henceforth he must change his thinking and make no more wars. If he is frightened enough, he may learn wisdom.

Have You Read . . .

"Sound Off!" by Edward Arthur Dolph is a treasury of singable and playable army songs from the Revolution to the present war. Accompanying each song is a short and amusing sketch of the origins and histories of the various tunes and lyrics and illustrations by Lawrence Schick.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

When you think you are mistreated by the restrictions of Army life, it might be a good idea to see what Paul did with his life in spite of great hardships.

"Paul had long dreamed of carrying the Gospel to Rome. When he finally reached there, he arrived in chains, a prisoner. For two years he was confined to his own hired house with imperial guards in constant attendance. But instead of whining over his ill-luck, he immediately adapted himself to his restricted circumstances. Denied freedom to visit the Christians of Rome, and to preach throughout the city, he opened his home to visitors and turned his dwelling place into a sanctuary.

"Paul allowed his restricted circumstances neither to limit his outlook nor to diminish his influence and happiness. He kept in touch with the churches throughout Asia Minor and dreamed of visiting Spain. He refused to allow his disappointment to embitter his life. He made his influence felt, regardless of circumstances. Restricted conditions need not interfere with a person's outlook, usefulness, or happiness, if he refuses to allow them to do so."—The Upper Room.

Speaking of -- Hell on Earth

Next time you leave Strother Field glance over at the south end of the runway nearest the field entrance. Can you visualize several divisions of fighting men in a death-struggle to gain possession of a few feet or yards of that small area?

Instead of the grass and smooth earth visualize bomb-craters, fox-holes and dead bodies. In your most vivid imagination you get only a remote idea of the scene of World War II's most bloody battleground—Iwo Jima.

The terrific blasting from air and sea given this tiny island by American forces would put its extinct Mount Suribachi volcano, over which the Stars and Stripes now fly, to shame in its best day of internal eruption and spewing of flame. Iwo Jima is truly Hell on Earth.

Next time you leave the field glance over at our own runway and think for a moment.

Next time you start to gripe about some minor personal problem think about the men on Iwo Jima.

YE LIFTINGS

In a lonely cell
Sits Cpl. Narcissus.
He forgot to sign
Mr. and Mrs.

She: "Some day I'll find my ideal—a man who won't try to take advantage of me."

He: "Yeah, but the tombstone will be too heavy for you to lift."

The man was of middle age, but powerfully built and of a healthy complexion. He was trying to enlist in the Marines, and was giving an honest account of himself.

"I'm a nudist, Sergeant," he said, "and the father of 11 children."

"Nudist, hell!" rasped the irate non-com. "You just never had time to dress."

He: "Tired dear?"
She: "Uh-huh."
He: "Very tired, dear?"
She: "Uh-huh."
He: "Terribly tired, dear?"
She: "Uh-huh."
He: "Too tired, dear?"
She: "Huh?"

The other afternoon we were in town for a change. We were walking along when we saw a mother and her little son come bustling out of a drug store.

"Now, Wilbert," she was saying, "I've told you a thousand times to keep your collar buttoned. Do you realize what'll happen if you get chilled. Just last week a little boy down the block went out in the snow to play and left his coat open. He caught cold and then got pneumonia. Three days later . . . he died."

She paused to let this horrid fact sink in and then waited for her child to make some rejoinder.

The kid looked up at her solemnly and asked: "Where's his sled?"

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Rhumb Lines

Meandering in Section M: Cpl. Dinos Dickos can speak, read and write Greek. . . . Cpl. James Dorozinski was treasurer of the First Baptist Church in Chicago for fifteen years. . . . Cpl. Harold R. Post has been a Red Cross instructor in first aid, life saving, water safety, swimming and diving. . . . T/Sgt. David Schwalb majored in English and journalism at N. Y. U., and was a newspaper reporter before enlisting. . . . Sgt. Fred Snyder was educated in Germany. . . . Trainee topics: F/O Frank Burnham used to be a motorcycle cop back in Crockett, Calif. . . . F/O Phillip W. Sick combined the trades of butcher and musician. . . . Lt. Peter Anderson was a rancher in California. . . . Lt. Frank Bacon was a BT driver before coming here for P-47 training. . . . Lt. James Bousher is quite an artist; he illustrated his class annual in Advanced. . . . F/O Randolph Brent is somewhat of a Jiu-jitsu expert . . . and Lt. Marsh Pouder is a philatelic fiend.

Orchids

To Major General Robert B. Williams, commanding general of the Second Air Force of which Strother Field is a part, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the War Department. As commanding general of the First Bombardment Division, Eighth Air Force, from August, 1943, to September, 1944, his "outstanding leadership contributed directly to the successful penetration of the enemy fortress," the citation states.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 1800.	SAT.
Theater—They Shall Have Faith—Johnny Mack Brown, Gale Storm. Short subjects. Shows 1600 and 2000.	MAR. 3
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—Pan-America—Phillip Terry, Eve Arden. March of Time—News of the Day. Shows 0200—1800—2000.	MAR. 4
Service Club—Field Girl Dance.	MON.
Theater—No showing.	MAR. 5
Service Club—Section C Party.	TUES.
Theater—I Love a Mystery—Jim Bannon, Nina Foch. Her Lucky Night—Andrews Sisters, Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Beery Jr. Shows 1800—2015.	MAR. 6
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	WED.
Theater—Objective, Burma—Errol Flynn, Henry Hull. News of the Day. Shows at 1745 and 2015.	MAR. 7
Service Club—Dance—Wellington Girls.	THURS.
Theater—No showing.	MAR. 8
Service Club—As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies.	FRI.
Theater—Hangover Square—Laird Cregar, Linda Darnell, Geo. Sanders. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	MAR. 9

Male Call

by Milton Caniff.



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School And College Credit For Your Military Experience

Provisions have been made by which personnel now in the military service may apply to civilian educational institutions for school or college credit for their military training, service experience, and off-duty education.

Military experience with potential educational values include:

1. Training programs varying from basic military training and indoctrination to highly technical training offered in specialist schools both within the Armed Forces and under military jurisdiction in civilian educational institutions.

2. Work experience in the many tasks involving technical knowledge and skill.

3. Off-duty or "thinking time" education of a voluntary nature through correspondence courses, class instruction, extensive library service, and many auditory and visual aids.

4. General experience gained through travel observation and an understanding of the peoples of the world.

All of the millions of men and women in the Armed Forces will have had basic military training and indoctrination; approximately 50% will have attended one or more specialist schools; hundreds of thousands are already availing themselves of the off-duty educational programs.

Evaluation of educational achievement should be requested by use of United States Armed Forces Institute Form 47, subject, "Application for Credit for Educational Achievement During Military Service." A supply of these forms is on hand at the library. Ask the librarian or special service officer for help in completing this form.

TEST PILOTS SAY

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a fighter group in the Mediterranean theater for 14 months.

1st. Lt. B. T. Smith, Savannah, Ga., served in the Aleutian Islands for several months before being assigned to Strother Field.

It's nice work, and we're glad they've got it.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



Long hair, bows, and civilian clothes were exclusive at the recent party given for the GI's at the WAC mess. Everyone seemed to be having a good time including those who did not dance. These found fortune tellers Pfc. Miller and Pvt. Beebe very interesting. Our latest discovery — Cpl. Bullock, a palmist, was also one of the main attractions. We thank Pfc. Craig for all the assistance he has given to the Wac's in helping to decorate for all social affairs.

This week we bid adieu to Cpl. Wakefield who left our company to take an assignment at Kearny, Nebraska, as mess sergeant. Cpl. Wakefield had been with our company since it was originally activated on this base.

Do You Cooperate With Safety Rules?

Are you cooperating with safety because you believe in it, know what it means to the war effort, and are practicing it, teaching it and learning more about it every minute? Or are you laughing at safety because you are one of those wise guys who only learns by his own dearly purchased experience, whose name is one of the thousands scattered all over the army hospitals records with broken ankles, infected hands, amputated limbs, and similar injuries? Who never gets hurt, for whom safety precautions are a taboo, who believes in doing as he pleases, who cares not for his war effort, for his lost time in the hospital or who doesn't mind letting his buddy do his work? Yes, we have both types. Which one are you?

PAPPY.

The Saturday closing hour of the service club will be 1800 this week and on each Saturday except the two before payday each month. At that time when money is running low you can find entertainment in the service club until 2130.

Buy YANK at the PX.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

The return to Squadron C of 1st. Sgt. Washington from Keesler Field, Mississippi, was a pleasant surprise to all personnel. While there, Sgt. Washington attended Aviation Cadet Training School, but was disqualified because he was too tall and too heavy. He seems glad to be back in Section C's folds although Mississippi is warm, and it is cold here.

Strange as it seems we have some KP's in the section that enjoy the rotating KP's system. They actually look forward to their day of KP duty.

Let us look further into this thing. Maybe it is the incentive of working in a nice warm kitchen, or the (short) hours, because it simply couldn't be the extra chow and delicacies that are to be found, could it?

The Army Almost Got Bus Passenger

Santa Fe, N. M. (ALNS)—The army recruiter arranged breakfast for a crowd of inductees in a hotel here, and had to waken one man who was asleep in a chair in the lobby. The fellow ate, but grumbled at boarding the truck for the induction center. Physical examination over, he was asked for his papers. "What papers?" he asked.

It was a good thing he flunked his exam. He'd just been in the hotel waiting for a bus.

NEW PROCESSING

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on importance of arranging personal affairs and final processing is undertaken to check medical, supply and administrative records for the purpose of ascertaining accomplishment of all requirements of higher headquarters. The trainees are now completely processed and ready for transfer to a staging area.

The departments represented in the CAC are: personal affairs, finance, military personnel, physical training, training secretary, courts and boards office, public relations and ground training department, interwoven with other departments such as: surgeon and personal equipment officer, to form an efficient working system.

S/SGT. HAILE

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in Italy before returning to the United States through the rotation plan in June, 1944.

Besides his Purple Heart ribbon S/Sgt. Haile is authorized to wear the European-Middle Eastern campaign ribbon with four stars. He also possesses a group citation. He saw service in the African campaign from Christmas Day, 1942, until the campaign was over in May, 1943. Christmas dinner was served aboard ship to Haile and his shipmates at Oran. He was in on the invasion of the islands of Pantelleria and Sicily, both on D-Day. Next came Italy on D-Day-Plus-3. Two days later he was wounded by German artillery.

Haile is a native of Soddy, Tenn., and entered the service on April 16, 1942 at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

PROMOTIONS

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| Alvius E. Arms | Sq. A Sec. 2 | Martin Bocola |
| John E. Chermack | | Fred R. Davis |
| Richard Nash | | Arthur J. Pedota |
| | | Lonnie J. Sylvia |
| | Sq. A Sec. 3 | |
| Ernest H. Beck | | Virgil L. Elmer |
| John H. Fallon | | Warren J. Faxon |
| Rex W. Harvey | | Homer Hetherington |
| Wilson J. Landry | | Vincent Manzo |
| Joseph J. Minarich | | Carl Reese |
| Joseph D. Rehkopf | | Kenneth H. Schmidt |
| | | Woodrow W. Whitley |
| | Sq. C | |
| | | Johnny D. Johnson |
| | Sq. M | |
| Henry O. Green | | Clyde Hamilton |
| Kermit R. Pope | | Delbert Tallman |
| | TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS | |
| | Sq. A Sec. 1 | |
| Kermit D. Case | | John C. Crawford |
| Charles B. Haigler | | Ronald E. Huxtable |
| William E. Kee | | Aubrey G. Moore |
| Raymond E. Morrow | | Leslie E. Pike |
| | Sq. A Sec. 2 | |
| William G. Devlin | | Melvin D. Hughson |
| Joe E. Jones | | Arthur R. Kuhl |
| Richard MacDonald | | Clarence J. Taber |
| | Sq. A Sec. 3 | |
| Willis W. Adams | | Otto D. Argadine |
| John W. Baker | | Gregory A. Barcelona |
| Robert I. Barrick | | Olaf G. Bohannon |
| Arnold G. Bolton | | Robert R. Burns |
| Edward J. Cassidy | | Walter E. Caton |
| Elman M. Forester | | C. E. Gianopoulos |
| Walter C. Gleba | | Paul P. Gwozdz |
| Roger W. Yokely | | John S. Jackson |
| William H. Loose | | Harry A. McAllister |
| George W. Neely | | Morris Newirth |
| Alfred Niemi | | Archie R. Rasmussen |
| Lewis G. Rinker | | Paul H. Smith |
| Wilbert E. Stewart | | Melvin L. Sullivan |
| Robert J. Tolliver | | Frederick C. Wander |
| Jack L. Ward | | Richard D. Weller Jr. |
| | Sq. B | |
| Lona L. Lester | | Jean D. Rosebrook |
| | Sq. C | |
| Peter C. Barnaba | | Hugh A. Collier |
| Oliver L. Davis | | M. C. Halrston |
| Edward Harris | | Joseph Harris |
| Lonnie N. Hozan Jr. | | Ozzie Lee |
| George McCombs Jr. | | Dan Smith |
| Frank Smith | | David Thomas |

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

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|--------|------|---------------------|
| Sat. | Win. | Dancing |
| | Ark. | Chili Supper |
| Sun. | Win. | Tuesday Nite Girls |
| | | Free Call |
| | Ark. | Bingo Night |
| Mon. | Win. | Candy Night |
| | Ark. | Do-as-you-please |
| Tues. | Win. | Bridge Rummy |
| | Ark. | Dancing Bridge |
| Wed. | Win. | Dancing Cards Games |
| | Ark. | Make-a-record |
| Thurs. | Win. | Do-as-you-please |
| | Ark. | Open House |
| Fri. | Win. | Ping-Pong |
| | Ark. | Ping-Pong Tourney |

creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Snap-in by Harley-Davidson



Plans Being Made To Organize Strother Field Baseball Team

Baseball, the national pastime, will soon be under way in this country and the arrival of March has brought forth a number of inquiries from enlisted men about the organization of a team at Strother Field.

All men interested in trying-out for the 1945 Strother Field Flyer team should contact S/Sgt. Orwin L. White, physical training instructor, who is in charge of organizing this year's team.

The 1944 roster included 19 enlisted men and of this number 9 are still stationed here. They are, Pfc. Al Curtis, third baseman and relief hurler; Cpl. Stan Antos, first baseman. Cpl. Arthur Shultz, pitcher; S/Sgt. Norval Wagner, right fielder; M/Sgt. George Schurman, first baseman; T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, centerfielder; Sgt. Frank Flynn, right fielder; Pfc. John Yachwan, pitcher, and T/Sgt. Ralph Wilson, pitcher. Also here is Sgt. Ray Muchowich, who managed the team last year.

During the 1944 season the Flyers won 13 games and lost 10. They won second-place honors in the Arkansas City League, losing only one game but entered the league to replace a team that had previously lost two league games. The Flyers won the league trophy the year previously.

Schultz won three games during the 1944 season and Williams, Curtis and Yachman each won one game during the year.

From new personnel on the base and the players of last year still here S/Sgt. White hopes to round out a fast and aggressive team to represent Strother Field during 1945. Whether you have played professional, semi-pro or sandlot baseball, you are urged to report at the post gym and give your name to S/Sgt. White.

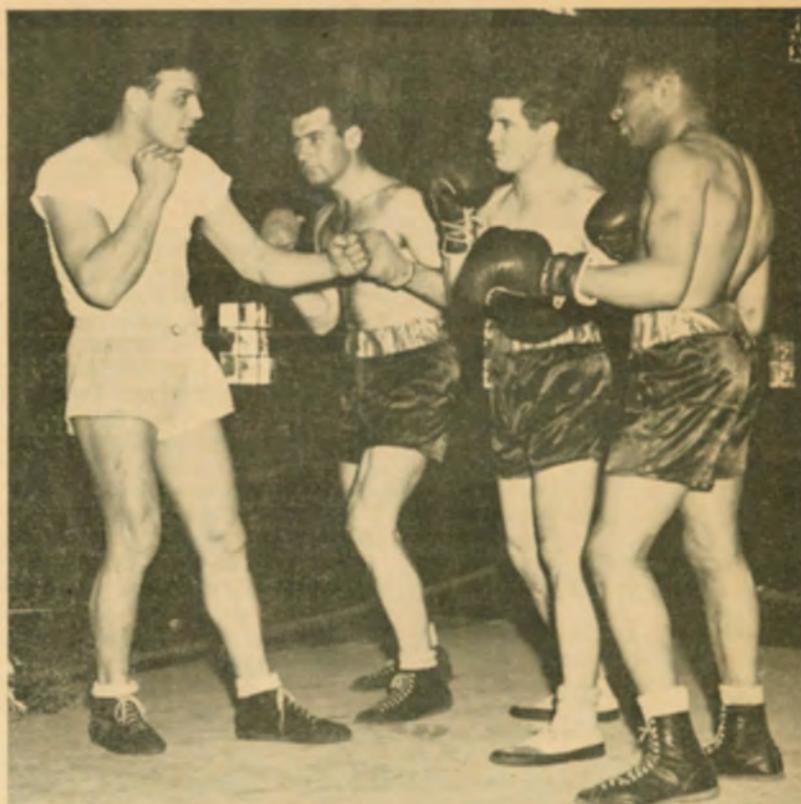
The Flyers entered the district Second Air Force League last year but were forced to drop out due to a heavy local schedule.

Post Operations Wallop "B" Flight 71-6 In Base Intra-Mural League

Most one-sided game played so far in the intra-mural basketball league took place last Friday evening in the post gym when a red-hot Post Operations team defeated "B" Flight 71 to 6. Charlton, forward on the winning team, was high scoring player with 13 field goals and one free toss for a total of 27 points. Burnett, forward, Petrick and Klimas, guards on the "B" Flight outfit, each tallied one field goal for the entire scoring of their team.

Fighter Control cooled off the Post Operations team Tuesday night of this week by the score of 23 to 14. Grubb, forward on the FC team, made 4 field goals to lead his team's scoring. Ashwell, Operations center, made 9 points to cop high honors for his team.

Base Officers ran their consecutive victories to eleven when they defeated Headquarters 35 to 23 last Friday and the Trainees 25 to 21 Tuesday night of this week. In the first game, Huson, officers guard, made 3 field goals and 2 charity tosses for 8 points to lead his team in scoring. Waits and Myers, Headquarters forwards, Selvidge, center and Harding, guard, shared scoring honors with 2 field goals each. In the Officers-Trainees game Huson, guard, Castater, Wolf, O'Neill, forwards and McKenna, center, shared scoring honors with 2 field goals each. Russell, Trainee forward, made 5 field goals and a free toss for 11 points.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Three aspirants for berths on the Strother Field boxing team get instructions from their coach, Sgt. Ray Muchowich of the PT department. Reading from left to right are: the coach; Pvt. Al Deitch, light-heavy, of Communications; Cpl. Melvin R. Harper, Squadron A-3, 155 pounds, and Pvt. Charles F. Gwynn, 145-pound class, of Squadron C.

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	11	0	1.000
Headquarters	7	3	.700
Operations	6	4	.600
Trainees	4	6	.400
Fighter Control	3	7	.300
Medics	1	7	.125
"B" Flight	0	7	.000

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Sad Sacks	20	8	.714
Photo Flashes	19	9	.679
Monsters	16	12	.571
Loose Nuts	18	10	.642
Malfunctions	8	8	.500
Rogers	13	15	.464
Hot Rocks	13	15	.464
Tracers	12	16	.429
Wilcox	12	16	.429
Rockets	11	17	.393

Records

High Individual Single—Flynn	244
High Individual Total—Bowland	643
High Team Single—Sad Sacks	885
High Team Total—Sad Sacks	2535

Plan Basketball Benefit For RC

A double-header basketball event in which the Strother Field Sky-rider and Base Officer teams will play the Kanotex Oilers and A.C. junior college quintets, is scheduled for the Ark City gymnasium-auditorium on the night of March 16th.

The games are to be played as a benefit for the current Red Cross drive and the proceeds from the games will go to this worthwhile fund. The event is to be sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority of Arkansas City.

The Sky-rider team members are M/Sgt. Peyton A. Horton, forward; Pfc. Lawrence J. Miller, forward; Pfc. William Painter, Jr., center; 1st. Lt. Jack G. Williams, guard; S/Sgt. Eugene L. Bennett, guard; Pvt. Paul H. Smith, forward; 1st. Lt. Hugh F. McKenna, forward.

The base Officer squad includes: 2nd. Lt. Huson, center; 1st. Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, guard; 1st. Lt. Andrew R. Scott, center; 1st. Lt. Merton J. Merring, forward; 2nd. Lt. Robert D. Castater, forward; 2nd. Lt. Charles A. Detrick, guard; 1st. Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, forward; 2nd. Lt. Keith D. Madsen, guard; Chaplain Karl B. Smith, forward; 2nd. Lt. Harold R. O'Neill, center, and CWO Kenneth G. Wulf, guard. Starting line-ups of both teams have not been selected at the present time.

The Wolf

by Sansone

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EVER PLAY FOOTBALL?

All officers and enlisted men who have played football in high school or college are urged to contact 1st. Lt. Jack Williams, PT officer at Strother Field. Information on your experience is desired by Second Air Force Physical Fitness Director, Major William B. Reese.

REMEMBER—Contact Lt. Williams immediately.

Call In Theater Coupon Books

All War Department Theater coupons in the possession of military personnel must be used before 23 March or they will become void for admissions.

Last month it was announced that theater coupons will be no good for admission to the post theater after 23 March. These tickets will be redeemed at their actual value after that date. Actual cash surrender value is 12 cents.

To redeem these tickets, the coupon holder is asked to contact 1st. Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, special service officer.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

Sgt. E. G. Boyles, patient in the station hospital, is shown making a plastic zipper-pull, part of the convallescent training program given patients here. Complete instructions with samples of the zipper-pull in its various stages are shown in the wooden frame to the left of the patient. 2nd Lt. W. O. Payne, asst. convallescent training officer, is in charge of the program.

Issue Medals To EM Possessing Good Conduct Award

Wearers of the Good Conduct ribbon stationed at Strother Field received a pleasant surprise this week when base unit supply began distributing the medal and ribbons to authorized enlisted personnel. Supply received a shipment of 400 medals. Presentation of your decoration authorization card is all it takes to receive the medal.

Issuance of the medal comes as a surprise because of the understanding that due to the metal shortage it would not be given out until the conclusion of World War II.

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SF Nosed Out Of First Place In Flying Safety For Fighter Bases

Strother Field, crowding Abilene, Texas, all the way in the third flying safety program for fighter bases, was nosed out at the finish of the eight-week competition when Abilene turned in more hours' flying time and earned three extra points.

However, Strother Field set so outstanding a record of flying safety that in a summary of statistics prepared for all Second Air Force installations, Major General

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Strother Field Has First Catholic Chaplain

A Catholic chaplain, First Lieutenant Henry J. Haley, has reported for duty at Strother Field. Chaplain Haley is the first Catholic chaplain ever to be assigned to Strother.

A native of Media, Pa., the chaplain has served as priest for various parishes in Alabama and Louisiana. He was pastor of the Catholic church at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, when he volunteered for service with the Chaplain Corps on Feb. 13, 1944. He served for more than a year at Rapid City before coming here.

USO-Camp Show, 'Hello, Joe,' Coming To Post Theater Monday Night

"HELLO, JOE!" is the "tag" on the variety package due to arrive at the post theater, Monday, March 12th. It's being shipped to us from USO-CAMP SHOWS' headquarters, just off Broadway. It's reportedly packed with talent and fun, glamorous girls, fast-paced comedy, music, and several novelties from Camp Shows. The show comes to you with the compliments of USO-CAMP SHOWS, and every serviceman and his guests are welcome.

JACK BUCKLEY—Singing MC.
SMITH, ROGERS & EDDIE—Comedy Dancing.

DEAN & BROWN—Acrobatics.
KENNY BRENNAN & CO.—Comedians.

SIX ELAINE GIRLS—Dancers.
FOUR WONDER GIRLS—Acro-dancing.

GEORGE HACKETT—Pianist and Musical Conductor.

FISHER SISTERS—Singers.

Ten Enlisted Men To Receive Certificates Of Merit Next Week

For their meritorious service in support of combat operations with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy, 10 Strother Field enlisted men will receive the Certificate of Merit at a mass presentation at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, in the Strother Field gymnasium. Capt. Pierce M. Enes, commander of troops, will represent Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, in awarding the certificates.

To Start Arts and Crafts Program

Rosier days for Strother Field men who are hospitalized are in the offing, what with start of the new arts and crafts program for convalescents awaiting only the arrival of new equipment and some necessary tools. The program, already set up under the direction of 2nd Lt. William O. Payne, assistant convalescent training officer who specialized in arts and crafts as a civilian occupation, will be a varied one. It will include woodworking, ceramics (the making of pottery), painting, leather work, lapidary (the art of working in precious stones), carving and all kinds of plastics.

The arts and crafts program will be designed for diversion of bed patients as well as ambulatory ones, and for their convenience adjustable work tables are now being constructed in the sub-depot wood-mill. Portable work benches which may be wheeled from one room or ward to another will convey to the bed patients the tools necessary for their work. Materials are being assembled, suggestive patterns already have been made by Lt. Payne, a kiln for baking clays has been ordered, and other equipment, including saws and lathes for woodworking, a sander and buffer for working with plastics, stones polishers and cutters for the making of jewelry, and hand tools for such carving and leatherwork as

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The men who will be recognized are: M/Sgt. Roscoe R. Curry of Mt. Clemmons, Mich.; M/Sgt. Theodore Rekestis of Chicago; M/Sgt. Charles Koman of Canonsburg, Pa.; Sgt. Kenneth Covell of Oneida, N. Y.; T/Sgt. Walter H. Stark of Ladoga, Ind.; T/Sgt. John T. Bral of Tampico, Ill.; S/Sgt. Thorwel C. Young of Detroit, Mich.; S/Sgt. Rudolph A. Buuck of Plymouth, Wis.; T/Sgt. Joseph S. Olesiak of Melvindale, Mich.; S/Sgt. Charles T. Hoshal of Hibbing, Minn.

The men, all skilled flight chiefs or mechanics, armament workers or airplane electrical specialists, are all assigned to Squadron A, Section 3, so the men of that group will witness the presentation which will precede the weekly orientation lecture.

Oddly enough, all of the certificates bear the signature of Brigadier General Dean C. Strother, commanding general of the 306th Fighter Wing of the Fifteenth Air Force and brother of Capt. Donald

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Plans Made To Install Captivair Trainer

Construction of concrete piers sufficiently high to give the wheels of a P-47 Thunderbolt clearance and of an adjacent booth with controls identical to those of a P-47 is pending at Strother Field in preparation for a new phase of fighter pilot instruction to be known as Captivair training. It is another stage of technical and flying instruction worked out by flying training, ground training and safety authorities to provide every fighter pilot with the maximum knowledge of the aircraft he is to fly before he ever leaves the ground.

Installations for the Captivair trainer are comparatively simple. Approximately 60 feet from the north end of the concrete ramp, concrete pillars will be constructed on to which a P-47 plane will be lifted. It will be so mounted that propeller, landing gears, flaps and every other movable part of the plane may be operated.

To the left of the plane, a control house will be constructed, chief equipment of which will be a duplicate set of controls, identical in every respect to those of the mounted P-47. In the booth the instructor—in every instance a

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\$684.37 Donated In RC Drive

Total contributions in the Red Cross drive at Strother Field now total \$684.37, an increase of over \$200 since last week-end, according to Miss LaVerne Scott.

Officers donations exceeded EM by \$34 but the percentage of participation by the latter is greater.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Problem number one for the news commentator these days is the frequently heard question; "How long will the war last now?" The difficulty is, of course, that even a grade A Swami, complete with crystal ball, can't tell you that. There are, however, some probabilities (and the word is *underscored* with malice aforethought) which are worth looking into.

A good working majority of the more vocal experts, both civilian and military, seem agreed today that Germany will collapse as a military power within another six months at the very outside. Some think it will be much sooner.

Of course this does not necessarily mean a formal surrender. There may be no organized government left to sign a treaty. And local resistance may hang on in some districts. But it does mean that the Nazi state will be O-U-T as a military power by that time.

Guesses as to the time it will take to finish off Japan are considerably more vague and range all the way from one to three years after the crushing of Germany.

These are the opinions of the experts, the "men who should know," who have access to more confidential information than the rest of us. And even they admit their opinions to be guesses.

We can take them or leave them alone; remembering always that there is still a lot of very rough war ahead and a lot of good men still to die. Victory looks to be certain, but there is no time to let down on our efforts. Our side has still got to earn a quick victory.

Orchids

To the men and women of Strother Field who have to date contributed to the Red Cross war fund drive, particularly the enlisted personnel whose participation so far surpasses that of base officers. Certainly their donations could go to no nobler a cause.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN HENRY J. HALEY

Perhaps you've heard some of your buddies say, "Religion is OK for civilians, but we've got too much to worry about." The trouble with those fellows is that they don't know what real life or real religion is. Religion isn't organ music, candle light, and a comfortable feeling inside. You can't take that into the cockpit of a plane with you, but real religion is right at home there.

Real religion is as simple as it is sublime. In its widest sense it consists in a new life, a living union with God through Christ. He put it into a nutshell when He said: "I am come that they may have life and have it more abundantly." And He centered this life in Himself: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Those three things go together. If you want the life, you have to stand by Him: "If any man loves Me he will keep My word." So it isn't so complicated. The idea is to give God a chance and see if His principles work.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC MASSES AND DEVOTION:

Sunday masses: 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Wednesday evening at 7:00.
The Daily Mass will be said at 5 p.m.
Confessions before and after all masses and devotions.

PROTESTANT SERVICES:

Sunday worship at 10 a.m.
Service in the hospital at 9 a.m.

JEWISH SERVICES:

Worship, Friday evening at 8 p.m.

EM Lead Officers In RC Drive

Personnel participation honors in the current Red Cross Fund drive at Strother Field is held by enlisted men and Wacs. Officer personnel is running a very bad second at the present time, its percentage of personnel contributing to the cause being only 20% while 50% of the former group has donated to the drive.

Soliciting donations from enlisted men and women is prohibited by Red Cross regulations yet this group has come through with flying colors.

Let's hope officer contributions are just tardy in their arrival at the Red Cross office on the field. It makes no difference how much you give — just give.

YE LIFTINGS

Platonic love is like being asked down into the wine cellar for a bottle of ginger ale!

In the South Pacific the number one song record on the GIs hit parade is: "I'm dreaming of a white mistress."

The fact that our present-day girls are live wires shouldn't seem strange to the previous generation. They carry practically no insulation!

Advertisement: You get the girl, we'll do the rest.

Youthful Groom: That's hardly fair.

Aeronautical engineers are still puzzled by the amount of clothing burlesque dancers can take off on such a short runway.

She was entered in two contests—one for the most beautiful back and the other for the most beautiful bust. And she was so excited she didn't know which way to turn.

1st Gal: What's the perfume I smell?

2nd Ditto: Sachet.

1st Gal: Sachet? Why, that's something you put in drawers.

2nd Ditto: Yes, I know. Uncomfortable, isn't it?

Teacher: "What is your name?"

Little boy: "Adolph Hitler."

Teacher: "Adolph Hitler?"

Little boy: "Yes'm."

That afternoon the teacher visited the little boy's mother.

Teacher: "Mrs. Brown, what possible reason did you have when you named your little boy Adolph Hitler?"

Mother: "The name is Miss Brown, not Mrs. Brown."

A schoolboy's definition of legs during an anatomy test: "Your legs is what if you ain't got two pretty good ones you can't get to first base, and neither can your sister."

The gorgeous Varga-type nurse leaned over and gently straightened the blankets. She murmured softly, "Now you mustn't let anything excite you."

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Rhumb Lines

S/Sgt. Ralph Bean of General Mess was twice cited for his good work as mess sergeant of the 84th Bomb Group in 1943. . . . Cpl. Roy Agrusa of Armament spent his pre-service time experimenting with automobile engines. . . . Millions of people would like to have the same hobby as T/Sgt. Clifton Bolin of A-2; i. e., coin collecting. . . . Proud of the fact he once served with the 80th Fighter Squadron in New Guinea is T/Sgt. Clyde Byers of A-3. The reason: the unit holds the record as highest scoring fighter squadron in Allied air forces. . . . Bob Burns is a private in A-3; Ed Cantor and Jesse Jones were recently transferred from SF. . . . Lt. Bill Payne, the man behind the arts and crafts program for convalescents at the station hospital, has a wonderful background for the job. A graduate of San Diego State College, he taught stage and motion picture set designing, landscape painting, and arts and crafts at Pasadena Junior College before entering service. He was charged for several years with the job of arranging stage setting in the Rose Bowl for performances by combined city school commencement pageants before crowds of more than 60,000. At present, Lt. Payne is working towards his master of fine arts degree at Claremont College, where he has been a painting student of such artists as Millard Sheets, William McFee and James Chapin, and a pupil of the noted sculptor, Albert Stewart.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 1800.	
Theater—Between Two Women—Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson, Gloria DeHaven. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	SAT. MAR. 10
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies.	SUN.
Theater—A Tree Grows in Brooklyn—Joan Blondell, Dorothy McGuire, Peggy Ann Garner. News of the Day. Shows 1400, 1800, 020.	MAR. 11
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess.	MON.
Theater—USO-Camp Show "Hello, Joe," 1900.	MAR. 12
Service Club—Section C Party.	
Theater—See Here, Private Hargrove—Robt. Walker, Donna Reed. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	TUES. MAR. 13
Service Club—Dance—with Floor Show, 8:30-11:00. See the "Sis" Hopkins act. Also other numbers.	WED.
Theater—A Song to Remember — Paul Muni, Merle Oberon. News of the Day. Shows 1800-2000.	MAR. 14
Service Club—Oance—Ponca City Girls.	
Theater—No showing.	THURS. MAR. 15
Service Club — As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies.	FRI.
Theater—Here Comes the Co-eds—Abbott & Costello. Short subjects. Shows 1800-2000.	MAR. 16

Male Call

by Milton Caniff



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Enroll Direct For College Or University Correspondence Course

The station library has on hand a supply of college and university correspondence school bulletins. These will aid you in deciding definitely the college with which you wish to enroll, as well as the specific course you wish to take. Following this, your next step is to write directly to the college naming the course you wish to take, explaining your reasons for wanting to take it, and describing your qualifications to undertake the study. If you desire credit toward a degree, be sure to inquire if the college will allow the course of your choice to be credited. Also inquire about the cost of the course and ask for the college registration blank.

When the college advises you that you may register for the course, come to the library or special service office to fill out the forms available here by which the government pays half the text and tuition fee for each course up to the amount of \$20.00. If you are an officer, you pay the total cost of text and tuition charges for each course.

SF NOSED OUT

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Robert Williams, commanding officer of Second Air Force, included commendatory remarks. In part, he said:

"Abilene barely nosed out Strother Field for first place by a margin of three points.

"Strother Field had the lowest fighter accident rate but Abilene won by virtue of extra points garnered for greater number of hours flown. Both of these second-place winners (Pueblo, Colo., Army Air Field was second in the bomber station contest) are to be equally commended along with the winners for the splendid efforts they put forth in the interests of flying safety, Strother Field especially for continuing the efforts which have twice in succession placed it in second place. This demonstrates a tenacity of purpose which should serve as an inspiration to all stations."

WAC Detachment News

By

PVT. BETTY BARATH



Several members of our group have formed a club better known as the Man Haters Club. Any Wac is eligible provided she abides by the rules of the organization. Those who decide to join must concede to a delightfully different type of haircut atop the head. The potential hair cutters seem to be getting plenty of practice in their field.

At a recent company meeting it was announced that every Wac would get a chance to act as hostess in our day room. The hostesses job will consist of entertaining guests and serving refreshments.

Pvt. Brubaker has left the Link Training department to take an assignment at the Special Service Department. Pvt. Brubaker will assist in setting up entertainment for the enlisted personnel.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

The return of S/Sgts. Berry Branch and Henry Ward brought the section's non-com quota practically back to par. S/Sgt. Ward went to New York City and Boston, and S/Sgt. Branch went on a three-day pass to Houston, Tex. Both returned looking like there was no such item as food rationing.

Squadron C will hold a pre-Easter dance in the enlisted men's service club next Tuesday evening. No doubt the bunny-hug will be the most popular dance style for the occasion.

CAPTIVAIR TRAINER

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rated pilot—will watch the maneuvering of the trainee when he climbs into the Captivaair and for the first time gets "the feel" of a new type of aircraft. An inter-phone communications system will connect the instructor in the booth and the trainee in the Captivaair at all times.

Buy YANK at the PX.

Post Theater Opens Tonight

The post theater will be open for business tonight with the showing of "Hangover Square." starring Laird Cregar, Linda Darnell and George Sanders.

The building was closed by order of the commanding officer on Friday, 2 March, for repairs to the roof. The theater will be used only for the showing of pictures at the present time. There will be no ground school training classes held there until further notice.

Joe Makes Hit In USO-Camp Show

Original billing for the USO-Camp Shows tabloid troupe that appeared on the base Monday night should have included the name of Cpl. Joseph Giannangelo, PT instructor at Strother Field.

During songstress Anita Bear's number Joe dropped a lighted match on his chair. His struggle to recover the match was witnessed by the singer who broke into uncontrollable laughter at Joe's antics.

Retribution (for PT victims) had its moment later on when Jackie Del Rio, acrobat, tossed Joe around in the air until the latter was so dizzy he had to have assistance in leaving the stage of the service club.

A Better Ground Safety Program

February is gone and March is here. February was the worst month in Ground Safety since August. Our Ground Safety Program is a good one only if we reduce our disabling injuries to zero. Other bases have done it and we can do it.

If every one will think before he acts, will look where he is going before he actually proceeds on his way, and will make it his personal business to know what he is to do and how to do it safely, accidents will be reduced and Strother Field will be in its rightful position among the Second Air Force stations—near the top.

Baseball meeting Monday noon at gym.

Use Cockpit Trainer In Ground Training

Acquisition of a cockpit trainer for use of the ground training department at Strother Field in instructing fighter pilots has been announced by Major William B. Hanna. Some panels of the trainer have been installed and are in operation, but other portions await changes in housing before the equipment can be set up in the Ground Training Department.

Actually, the cockpit trainer is a P-47 cutaway of four sections—propeller, cockpit, supercharger and tail sections. A separate part is the wing section with a landing strut.

TO START ARTS

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are desired are on order at this time.

Placards on which are mounted samples of work that can be accomplished together with the detailed directions as to how to proceed in fashioning similar articles have been prepared by Lt. Payne in anticipation of start of the project.

Some of the small stones Strother Field G.I.'s have been kicking around for two years will be given more artistic significance when the arts and crafts program gets under way. Many of the stones to be found on the air base are jasper which is a gem stone. Lt. Payne points out. These stones will be cut and polished for sets in some of the jewelry which is turned out by hospital convalescents.

ISSUED MEDALS

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An executive order of June 28, 1941, announced the Good Conduct Medal, Army. Conditions for award were modified March 31, 1943, to read: "Who on or after August 27, 1940, had or shall have completed three years of active Federal military service, or who after December 7, 1941, have or shall have honorably served one year of active Federal military service while the United States is at war."

The Good Conduct Medal was designed by Joseph Kiselewski, and the ribbon was designed by Arthur E. Du Bois. The ribbon is red with three white stripes on each side. The medal is slightly larger than the American half-dollar coin and is made of bronze.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

- Sat.....Win.....Dancing
- Ark.....Chili Supper
- Sun.....Win.....Waffle Supper—6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Nite Girls
- Ark.....Covered Dish Dinner—7:30 p.m.
- Mon.....Win.....Candy Night
- Ark.....Do-as-you-please
- Tues.....Win.....Bridge Rummy
- Ark.....Dancing Bridge
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- GI Wives Party—2 p.m.
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Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Wait of Metal

Forty Sign For Baseball Tryout; Practice Sessions Held In Post Gym

Forty Strother Field soldiers—officers and enlisted men—have signed up to date as prospective members of the 1945 Flyers baseball team. And the roster grows daily!

Lt. Jack Williams, physical training director, and S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach, smiling like tigers over the apparent interest in baseball at the base, are preparing to hold tryouts for berths on the team as soon as outdoor practice weather arrives. Until that time comes, they'll content themselves with signing up more prospects, assembling equipment, and throwing in a few indoor practice sessions in the post gym. There is a shortage of pitching material among the new men trying out for the team. All men with tossing ability should report at once.

Nine of the men signed as prospective team members played for the base team last year. The 31 other officers and enlisted men, their squadrons, class of ball played and positions, are: Sgt. E. G. Haunges, Sq. M, catcher, played in industrial league; Cpl. E. E. Hundl, Sq. M, outfielder, played high school and semi-pro ball; Pvt. P. P. Gwodz, A-3, high school and semi-pro; Pvt. W. W. Adams, A-3, high school, Victory League, catcher and outfielder; Pfc. H. S. Terry, A-3, catcher, played sandlot ball; Cpl. W. A. Einert, A-1, sandlot, outfielder; S/Sgt. J. F. Ten-Busschen, catcher, outfielder, semi-pro, Geiger army air field, A-1; Pfc. J. F. Shinkus, A-3, Legion and municipal ball, outfielder; Pfc. E. P. Clohessy, A-3, Legion, municipal ball, infielder; S/Sgt. Joseph Moring, A-2, college and semi-pro, infield; 1st. Lt. H. F. McKenna, infield; T/Sgt. J. F. Davidson, A-1, semi-pro, infielder; S/Sgt. G. F. Kehl, Legion ball, infielder; Pvt. J. S. Jackson, A-3, industrial league, infielder; Pfc. A. L. McConnell, A-3, high school ball, catcher; Cpl. W. C. Peterson,

A-2, high school, catcher; Pvt. J. S. Lyons, Sq. C, semi-pro, outfielder; Cpl. J. E. Tramonte, A-2, high school, outfielder; Cpl. F. A. Petrosky, A-3, high school and sandlot ball, infielder; Sgt. H. H. Carmichael, A-3, sandlot ball, outfielder; Cpl. H. F. Mastriano, A-3, sandlot ball, infielder; Pfc. M. L. Sullivan, A-3, high school and semi-pro, outfielder; Cpl. F. J. Phillips, A-1, Pierre, S.D., army air field, outfielder; S/Sgt. J. T. Baird, A-2, high school and sandlot, infielder; Sgt. J. Waits, A-2, semi-pro, outfielder; Pfc. J. R. Tobias, A-2, high school ball, catcher and outfielder; S/Sgt. W. J. Irish, A-1, Legion and municipal ball, infielder; Cpl. G. Goodall, A-3, sandlot ball, outfielder; Pfc. Richardson, University of Florida, pitcher; Cpl. R. L. Turner, pro ball with class C team in South Carolina, infielder; 1st. Lt. J. G. Williams, Legion and semi-pro ball, infielder.

Skyriders Beat Officers, 30 to 23

The Base Officers basketball team, winner of 12 games in intramural league play, took on the Skyrider team in the post gym Wednesday night. The Skyriders won, but by only 7 points, the final score reading 30 to 23. At the half-way mark, the Officers held a two-point lead, 15 to 13.

Horton, guard, and Miller, forward, on the Skyrider team, shared scoring honors with 4 field goals and 2 free throws each. Huson, Base Officers forward, made 4 field goals and 1 free toss.

Baseball meeting Monday noon at gym.



Second Air Force Official Photo.

With baseball practice just around the corner, four enlisted men, aspirants for berths on the Strother Field Flier team, look over the equipment in the post gym. Left to right are: Pfc. J. F. Shinkus, A-3, outfielder; Cpl. J. Yachwan, A-1, shortstop; T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, A-1, outfielder, and S/Sgt. J. F. Ten Busschen, A-1, outfielder.

RC Benefit Games Set For Next Friday

Plans are nearing completion for the double-header basketball program to be held in Arkansas City next Friday night. The event is being sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority of that city as a benefit for the current Red Cross drive.

In the first game scheduled to begin at 1930 the Strother Field Skyriders will play the Kanotex Oilers of Ark City. The second game will be between the Officers and the A. C. Junior College team.

There will be special entertainment provided between games. The high school band will provide music during the evening and there will be a jitter-bug exhibition between members of Squadron C and their partners. Sgt. Meredith Knox of Squadron C will sing.

Base Officers Win 12th League Game

The Base Officers basketball team ran its victory string in the intra-mural league to an even dozen Tuesday night when the Fighter Control team lost to the league leaders 25 to 35. Huson, Officer's guard, scored 4 field goals and 4 free throws for a total of 12 points to lead his team's scoring. Haile, Fighter Control forward, made 5 field goals to top his teammates.

Base Operations jumped to a tie with Headquarters for second place honors when it defeated the latter team 26 to 13 Tuesday night. Charlton, Operations forward, made 4 field goals and 2 free tosses for 10 points. Biederman, Headquarters guard, made 2 field goals and 3 free throws for 7 points.

The second place leaders each won their game last Friday in the post gym, Headquarters defeating the Trainee team 46 to 33 and Base Operations doubled the score on the Medics, 42 to 21. In the former game, Waits, Headquarters forward, made 7 field goals and Ward, Trainee forward, made 10 baskets. In the latter tilt Charlton, Operations forward, made 5 field goals and one free toss. Dickos and Childers of the Medics shared scoring honors for their team with 3 field goals each.

"B" Flight forfeited two games, the first to Fighter Control and the second to the Trainees.

Final games in league play are scheduled for next Tuesday night. The Base Officers meet the Medics, Headquarters is scheduled to play "B" Flight and Base Operations tangle with the Trainees.

Although a number of men are trying out for the post boxing team, there is still a need for additional material in order to fill vacancies in various weight classes. The team will enter the Second Air Force district boxing meet in Topeka, Kans., the latter part of this month.

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	12	0	1.000
Headquarters	8	4	.667
Operations	8	4	.667
Trainees	5	7	.415
Fighter Control	4	8	.333
Medics	1	8	.111
"B" Flight	0	9	.000

TEN ENLISTED MEN

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R. Strother for whom this field was named. The certificates for T/Sgt. Bral, M/Sgt. Curry, M/Sgt. Rekestis and M/Sgt. Koman also bear the signature of Col. C. T. Edwinston Commanding Officer of the 82d Fighter Group, recognizing their services from November, 1943, to May, 1944.

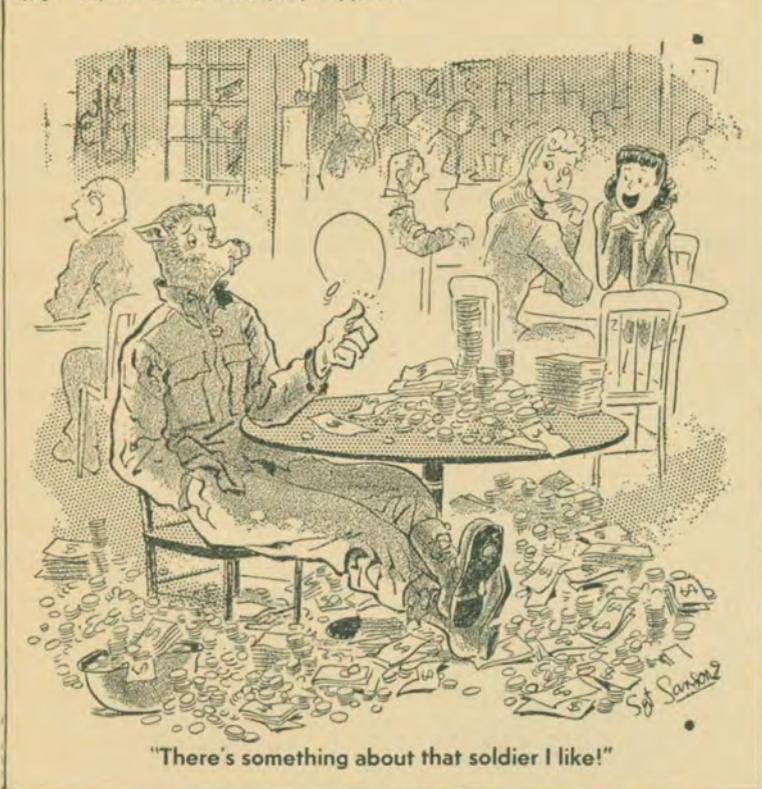
Sgt. Covell's and T/Sgt. Stark's certificates were for service with the 31st Fighter Group, of which Col. Yancey S. Tarrant was commanding officer, from April, 1944, to August, 1944.

The other four men — S/Sgt. Young, S/Sgt. Buuck, T/Sgt. Oleksiak and S/Sgt. Hoshal — earned their Certificates of Merit between May, 1944, and August, 1944, as members of the 52d Fighter Group of which Col. Marion Malcolm was commanding officer.

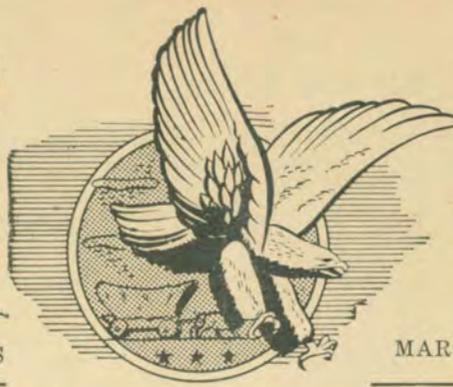
The Wolf

by Sansone

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"There's something about that soldier I like!"



Service Club Scene of All EM Social Functions on Wednesday Evenings

"He grabbed his partner and swung to the right, it was square dance time in the service club last night." Shucksy dern and rooty-too-toot, the affair, suggested by the recently organized personnel services branch at Strother Field, met with the approval of enlisted men, their wives and dates, and members of the WAC detachment. An orchestree provided music for the event.

Last night and on future Wednesday evenings, the non-commissioned officers' club will be closed and the field social center for enlisted personnel will be the service club. The post exchange will make available plenty of beer which will be on sale in the service club that particular evening of each week.

Such weekly affairs were planned by members of the personnel services branch who met for the first time Tuesday morning in the service club. The session was of two hours duration. The mission of the branch is to "coordinate, plan and be accountable to the base commanding officer, for all social, morale and service functions which concern the enlisted men of Strother Field; to receive and act on suggestions for improvement of the functions and correct or investigate complaints

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Maintenance Has New Production Line System

The production line system of specialized aircraft maintenance established here by a Second Air Force indoctrination team is now in operation. The new system provides for a moving line of aircraft and fixed stations. The line consists of seven stations, most of them in the sub-depot hangar.

At Station One, the armament and communications equipment is removed, as well as the cowling, and the airplane is given a thorough washing. Moving to Station Two, the plane is checked for necessary attention to the hydraulic system, wheels, brakes and landing gear. The power plant, fuel and oil systems, and

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NCO Club Has Four New Officers

The non-commissioned officers' club of Strother Field has a new vice-president and three new members of the board of governors as the result of recent transfers of former office holders.

M/Sgt. Paul Grogg is the newly appointed vice-president of the organization and new members of the board of governors are M/Sgt. C. H. Robbins, M/Sgt. Roscoe Curry and M/Sgt. Peyton A. Horton.

\$1922.05 Contributed In Red Cross Drive

Contributions to the Red Cross drive fund by military and civilian personnel nearly tripled in amount during the past week. The amount now totals \$1922.05 as compared to last week's figure of \$684.37.

Civilian employees' donations received by Miss LaVerne Scott of the RC office during this week total \$764.50. W. J. Strah of the post engineers collected \$207.75 from the civilian workers in his department to take top honors among the solicitors.

Officer contributions now total \$832.18, this amount coming from approximately 50% of officer personnel.

M-Sgt. Robt. W. Lang Possesses Legion of Merit

Holder of the Legion of Merit, fourth highest decoration an American soldier can wear, is M/Sgt. Robert W. Lang of Mt. Clemmons, Mich., who has more time in the chow line than you or you or you have in the army. He earned his medal the hard way, too, using the accumulated "know how" of 20 years' service to get a hard, dirty, thankless, long drawn out job done right and save American lives and speed American victory at a vital moment because of that job.

Landing with few men and fewer tools and supplies on a North African air field that had been in enemy hands less than 24 hours before, he was responsible for keeping planes in the air under conditions Americans had never faced before.

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Critical Shortage of Wool; Take Care of Your Uniform

Have you taken a close look at your Class A uniform recently? Does it need repairing? Chances are that it does and according to the latest word from base unit supply you better have these needed repairs made now.

There is a critical shortage of wool and the uniform you now have must be kept in a wearable condition for future use. If the

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Specialized Aircraft Maintenance at Strother Field



Second Air Force Official Photo.

The specialized aircraft maintenance stations within the sub-depot hangar at Strother Field are shown above with Second Air Force and base maintenance personnel. Left top, is station 2, hydraulic system; right top, station 3, power plant general; right center, station 4, power plant aircraft general; lower left, station 5, power plant, prop and accessories; left center, station 6, electrical and ignition systems. Shown at the lower right are members of the Second Air Force Maintenance and Supply standardization and indoctrination team as they discuss plans for specialized aircraft maintenance and supply, with Major Sam. S. Wolf, Strother's director of maintenance and supply, and Lt. Harry Rappaport, officer in charge of Section B Engineering. Left to right are, seated: Buster Lehman, General Electric expert on superchargers and electrical systems; Major Gregory Mitchell, expert in aircraft maintenance; Lt. Col. Ulysses S. Nero, head of the 2AF team and personal representative of Brigadier General Harold S. McGinnis, deputy chief of staff for M & S in 2AF; standing: James D. Sutherland, manufacturer's representative; Lt. Rappaport; Major Wolf; CWO Gustav Zamorsky, specialist in inspection procedures; Captain Vaughn E. Boynton, supply expert; and Captain Olaf T. Jensen, armament specialist.

Give now..  Give more!

The more you give—the more the Red Cross can give!
KEEP YOUR RED CROSS AT HIS SIDE!

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

The fight on Iwo Jima was like ten rounds with a wildcat in a telephone booth. That's what made it so tough. It was all in-fighting on a small piece of rock island dropped into the sea.

The Jap was cut off, so he had to fight. He was dug into solid rock and his ranges were figured to a hair so night or fog made no difference. He fought in his own place and his own way, and he fought with death at his shoulder till death took him.

In that sort of a scrap there are no tactics and no strategy and no maneuver. It's all in-fighting like a barroom brawl, but the men who go down are down for keeps. On a place like Iwo they don't play for marbles; they fight and they die.

That's the way the Jap likes it, and that's where he looks good. He likes jungle and rock where he can hide and fight like a striking snake. He fights hard there, right up to the place where he puts a grenade under his arm and yanks out the pin.

On Luzon he had a chance to fight out in the open, and he funk'd it. If he lasts that long, he can have another chance in China. That will be when we see if he can face American armor on the prowl, if his artillery that looked so good against Chinese rifles can slug it out with our long guns. In a country like China you can fight with your brains and not like two drunks in an alley. However, the fight goes in China, if the Jap holds out that long, it won't be another Iwo.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN HENRY J. HALEY

Last year Walt Disney produced a picture that was titled, "How To Be A Sailor." It gave an account of the progress which has been made in the science of navigation from the early days of sailing to modern times. One scene showed "Goofy," in the early days of sailing, standing on the deck looking up at the stars and saying: "Starlight, starlight, gee I wish I knew where I was tonight." Well, great progress has been made in the field of navigation so that navigators in the sky and on the sea can tell fairly well where they are.

In another field of navigation we fear that progress is being made in just the inverse order. We mean, the field of navigation for our own lives. In other words, "Where did I come from, why am I here, and where am I going?" Religion tells us the answers to these questions and gives us the guides by which we may steer our course so that we will arrive at our destination. Of course there are some who like to do their own navigating and make their own rules for the way in which they navigate—and they are so cock-sure of themselves that they never seem to doubt that they have a true bearing on their destination. The only trouble with this system is that when they get "where they're goin'," it's going to be too late to turn around and go back to "where they want to be."

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Rhumb Lines

The girls behind the PX counter: The petite blue-eyed lady at the magazine stand is Theda Becker of Winfield. You know her by the loud-striped blouses she likes to wear. Her husband, Pvt. Kenneth Becker, is a postal clerk in an AAF unit in Iceland. Theda is a veritable Pallas Athena. Before moving to the PX last December she taught dancing—all types of it—in Winfield, twirled the baton for the American Legion drum corps, and in her spare time rode about jauntily on one of her two fine Palominos. The little lady is still very much interested in dancing, yearly attends conventions at Chicago of the National Association of Dancing Masters, of which she is a member. Her ambition, when Kenneth returns, is to continue teaching fancy steps, twirling batons, and, of course, riding around on her beautiful mounts. . . . Behind the candy and tobacco counter is a little girl everyone knows as Red, or Frankie. Her real name is Frances Eatmon, and her home is on a farm west of Arkansas City. Frankie is Irish, and proud of it. Accounting, incidentally, for her devotion to green Sloppy Joes. A noble daughter of Demeter, Miss Eatmon, whose ambition is to be an air hostess, wants it proclaimed that she expects to continue an old custom of driving the tractor on her father's farm this summer. . . . The tobacco section also requires the full-time attention of Mrs. Willa (Billie) Funderburk. Another Sloppy Joe addict, the bright ones identify this winsome, dark-eyed little lady, whose husband, Sgt. Jack Funderburk, has been an administrative clerk in the SF hospital since last July. Billie's last job was much the same as her present one, except that her over-the-counter commodities were chiefly fried chicken and apple pie. She worked in a Charlotte, N.C., restaurant which catered to the tourist trade. Like Frankie Eatmon, Billie reveals her kinship to Ceres when she says that the Funderburks' postwar ambition is to settle down on a Carolina farm. And she adds, with justifiable pride, that they already own the land. . . . A part-time hand in the busy smokes department is tall, blue-eyed, demure Geraldine Bookter of Winfield. The attractive young blonde has been in the PX for more than a year, but was recently promoted to the cashier's office. Geraldine likes sports, goes for sports clothes. Her favorite games are ping-pong and tennis; favorite accessories, a blue jacket and an odd neckpiece of loud hue. Her ambition: well, she admits she hasn't given that any thought yet.

YE LIFTINGS

Mary had a little lamb . . . the doctor fainted.

There was a young girl from Australia
 Who went to a dance as a dahlia;
 When the petals uncurled,
 It was revealed to the world
 That the dahlia, as a dress, was a falia!

If every boy in the country could read every girl's mind, the gasoline consumption would drop fifty percent.

GIs like to hug
 Patricia Vance.
 She's troubled with
 St. Vitus dance.

When women go wrong, men go right after them.

Marketing one day when the maid was off, the lady of the house came upon her servant wheeling a rickety carriage holding twins.

"Whose babies are those?"
 "Mine," was the answer.
 "Yours? I thought you were an old maid."
 "Well, I am, but I ain't a fussy old maid."

Speaking of -- Rockets

Recent newspaper and magazine articles concerning the use of rockets in warfare must be making great impressions on some civilians in Arkansas City and Winfield, and at least one of Strother Field's higher-paid military personnel.

When we speak of civilians it is in reference to a few property-owners. Most of them are glad to have their houses or apartments occupied and to be receiving a reasonable income resulting from their rental. These people remember not so many years ago when they would have been glad to rent their houses at most any price.

There are always a few bad apples in every barrel and these few rocket-minded individuals can easily find themselves a very sorry group. Army authorities can request government control of rents which would undoubtedly result in reductions to the level of some years ago.

Most military personnel do not have very substantial incomes. They are most willing to pay reasonable rents but not when it is sky-high. This appeal to give the soldiers and their families a break is definitely not meant for the Strother Field BTO who recently offered a local landlord more money than she was receiving from an apartment tenant. Was the occupant tossed out? No, the BTO received a dressing-down, ala civilian.

"The best you can say for the instigator of a shotgun wedding," says the GI, "is that he aimed to do the right thing."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 1800. Theater—No showing.	SAT. MAR. 17
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies. Theater—Bring on the Girls—Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake, Sonny Tufts. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. MAR. 18
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—No showing.	MON. MAR. 19
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—The Cisco Kid Returns—Duncan Renaldo, Martin Garralaga. A Guy, a Gal, and a Pal—Lynn Merrick, Ross Hunter. Shows at 1800-2015.	TUES. MAR. 20
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance. Theater—Keep Your Powder Dry—Lana Turner, Laraine Day, Susan Peters. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	WED. MAR. 21
Service Club—Dance—Ark City and Winfield Girls. Theater—No showing.	THURS. MAR. 22
Service Club—As-You-Were-Party. Free cookies. Theater—Frisco Sal—Susanna Foster, Turhan Bey. Short subjects. Shows at 1800-2000.	FRI. MAR. 23

Male Call



Sweaters Prove Lovely Barrack Apparel

Slip-over sweaters were recently issued to enlisted personnel working on the line and to those men who do not have field jackets. Now comes a notice from headquarters quoting SF regulation No. 35-6 saying, "Sweaters and sleeveless coats are definitely prohibited for wear as outer garments." The following is one GI's complaint:

"I give up. How can I wear a sweater as an under-garment when I ain't got no outer garment? I got this good-looking new sweater, all for free too. and what happens? I can't wear it out of the barrack.

"I tried wearing it as an under-garment with my longies on the outside but two and one-half steps from the barrack is as far as I got. Then I sent home for my tux jacket and that was agin regulations. The guards claimed it wasn't the right shade of fatigue green.

"I had 'em fooled for a while when I wore the sweater as long-handled drawers, but that novelty wore off along with some skin.

"Can't someone do something about wearing the sweater as an outer garment? After all, my field jacket sleeves have been turned up until they are above my elbows and that makes it a sleeveless garment. What a business!"

Ground Safety Or Common Sense

There has been one disabling injury so far this month which is better than for the similar period in February, according to Capt. Harry C. Bryan, ground safety officer.

"We have had a few minor cuts and bruises but these have been given prompt first aid treatment and eliminated further lost time.

"Should you receive a minor injury, report for prompt first aid treatment as a precaution against infection. Besides helping the war effort you will be saving yourself the possible pain and suffering which follows infection.

"Ground safety is synonymous with common sense. Know your job, select the proper safe tools and go to it with safety at heart and you can't lose.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



Aching backs and muscles have been common to the majority of Wacs this week. After having PT in the barracks the weather has finally made it possible for the girls to have exercises outdoors. Many of the Wacs now spend a good bit of time playing tennis.

The newest in the way of bright ideas has been sponsored by Barracks One. Several members had taken it upon themselves to name their abode the "Sad Sacks Sanctuary." The sign on the front of the barracks is its means of identity.

Many Wacs are spending two nights out of each week at the Post Chapel rehearsing for the choir. Our girls are well represented in this group.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Section C's Pre-Easter dance was held Tuesday at the section mess hall, instead of the Service Club, as originally planned. The change was made in order to serve beer to the guests. The music was furnished by a combination in charge of Sgt. (Don't Fence Me In) Taylor, who amiably handled all requests.

The young ladies came from Winfield, Wichita, Arkansas City, and Ponca City. The Arkansas City girls were chaperoned by Mrs. Eleanor Dewberry, and those from Winfield were chaperoned by Mrs. Helen Jackson. Special guests were Mrs. Alfred Smith of Wichita, wife of Pvt. Alfred Smith, and Miss Kelly Brown of Kansas City, who is visiting at Arkansas City. Mrs. Smith, by the way, honors the squadron by her presence at most of our dances. The refreshments were hot dogs, chili and beer.

Our new portable bar was christened (by beer of course) and at one time almost floated away. It was given to the squadron by special service, along with couches, chairs and bridge tables.

S/Sgt. Henry Ward's entertainment committee is to be commended for its fine work.

STROTHER FIELD POST BUS SCHEDULE

Leaving the Motor Pool every hour on the half hour from 0830 to 1530.

DAILY	SCHEDULE
1. Leaves Motor Pool0830-0930-1030-1130-1230-1330-1430-1530
2. " Maint. & Sup.	0834-0934-1034-1134-1234-1334-1434-1534
3. " Dispensary0837-0937-1037-1137-1237-1337-1437-1537
4. " WAC Area0839-0939-1039-1139-1239-1339-1439-1539
5. " Post Exch'ge	0841-0941-1041-1141-1241-1341-1441-1541
6. " Ground School	0843-0943-1043-1143-1243-1343-1443-1543
7. " Hospital0845-0945-1045-1145-1245-1345-1445-1545
8. " Headquarters	0852-0952-1052-1152-1252-1352-1452-1552
9. " Officers' Mess	0855-0955-1055-1155-1255-1355-1455-1555
10. " Commissary	..0858-0958-1058-1158-1258-1358-1458-1558
Arrives Motor Pool0900-1000-1100-1200-1300-1400-1500-1600

Diagrams showing route of post bus will be posted shortly at each of the ten numbered stations.

CRITICAL SHORTAGE

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trouser cuffs or sleeves are getting ragged and need repairing don't wait another day. Take it to supply now. Whether your clothing is to be turned in for repair, exchange, or salvage, you can now take it to supply any day in the week except Sunday. No more trying to figure out whether today or tomorrow is repair day, etc.

You can now get 48-hour service on alteration and repair work and your Class A wool uniform has first priority. By the way, khaki uniform days are not far off and the boys in supply suggest you look over your summer clothing and if repair or alteration work is needed start turning the garments in now. You'll get better service by not waiting until it is time to begin wearing khaki garments.

M/SGT. ROBT. W. LANG

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"His field-improvised corrections and replacement devices," the citation reads with terse, official understatement, "proved highly efficient in keeping aircraft on an operational basis."

Between dodging Nazi bombs and working super-shifts to keep the fighters in the air he devised "a switch which he installed in P-38 type aircraft" as a safety measure and which proved so good that it is now a standard factory specification for the planes.

A 20-year veteran who served first in the infantry in 1920 and later in the Army Air Forces, when General H. H. Arnold was his group commander, M/Sgt. Lang has seen the air arm rise from a stepchild of the Army to the most powerful aerial striking force on earth.

At Strother Field, the sergeant is assigned to maintenance.

Triplets Trip Trap

If you don't think traveling facilities are crowded these days just ask Miss Otila Lazo of the rail transportation office at Strother Field. Not one, not two, but three baby mice boarded a single mouse-trap she had set. Perhaps it was the free lunch of cheese and bread that enticed them, anyway they crowded the entrance at once and were caught in neat formation.

Buy YANK at the PX.

SERVICE CLUB SCENE OF

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concerning policies, customs or procedures injurious to the good morale of the enlisted men and the military service."

The personnel services branch consists of the following officers and enlisted men: director of administration and services, president; special services officer, recorder; base chaplain; exchange officer; all squadron commanding officers (six); all squadron first sergeants (six EM), the sergeant major of Squadron A-1, the NCO Club president. Miss Eula Flagler, service club hostess, attended the initial meeting.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....Win.....	St. Patricks Dance
	Floor Show
Ark.....	Chili Supper
Sun.....Win.....	Song Fest..Fri. Nite Girls
Ark.....	Bingo Night
Mon.....Win.....	Pop Corn Night
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Tues.....Win.....	Bridge..Rummy
Ark.....	Dancing..Bridge
Wed.....Win.....	Dancing..Cards..Games
Ark.....	Make-a-record
Thurs.....Win.....	Field Dance
	GI Wives Party—2 p.m.
Ark.....	Open House
Fri.....Win.....	Ping-Pong
Ark.....	Ping-Pong Tourney

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



Whirl it all End?

POST THEATRE TONIGHT at 1830

COPIA (The HIP) EFICAZ MAMA & CAMA

Skyriders and Officers Meet A. C. Teams In Red Cross Benefit Tonight

The Red Cross double-header basketball card in which the Strother Field Skyriders and the Base Officers play the Kanotex Oilers and the A.C. Junior College teams is scheduled for 1930 tonight in the auditorium-gymnasium in Arkansas City.

The event is being sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority of Ark City and is a benefit program for the current Red Cross drive. Admission prices are 25c for military personnel and 50c for civilians.

Special entertainment will be presented between games featuring the high school band, a jitterbug dance exhibition between Squadron C members and their partners, and Sgt. Meredith Knox, Squadron C, will sing.

Proceeds of the game will be given to the Cowley County Red Cross committee. A similar event sponsored by the sorority last year netted \$500 to the Red Cross drive.

The Sky rider team members are M/Sgt. Peyton A. Horton, forward; Pfc. Lawrence J. Miller, forward; Pfc. William Painter, Jr., center; 1st. Lt. Jack G. Williams, guard; S/Sgt. Eugene L. Bennett, guard; Pvt. Paul H. Smith, forward; 1st. Lt. Hugh F. McKenna, forward.

The Base Officers' squad includes: 2nd. Lt. Huson, center; 1st. Lt. Edward W. Armstrong, guard; 1st. Lt. Andrew R. Scott, center; 1st. Lt. Merton J. Mering, forward; 2nd. Lt. Robert D. Castater, forward; 2nd. Lt. Charles A. Detrick, guard; 1st. Lt. Adras P. LaBorde, forward; 2nd. Lt. Harold R. O'Neill, center; and CWO Kenneth G. Wolf, guard.

We learn the good and bad in life
At very different points;
The good we learn at mother's
knee—
The bad at other joints.

Base Officers Win League Title

Members of the Base Officers basketball team proved themselves non-superstitious when they won their thirteenth game in intramural league play against the Headquarters team last Friday night, 38 to 30. The win gave the officers the league championship with not a single game lost during the season. O'Neill, guard, was high scorer with 5 field goals. Selvidge, Headquarters' guard, led his team with 4 field goals and 2 free throws.

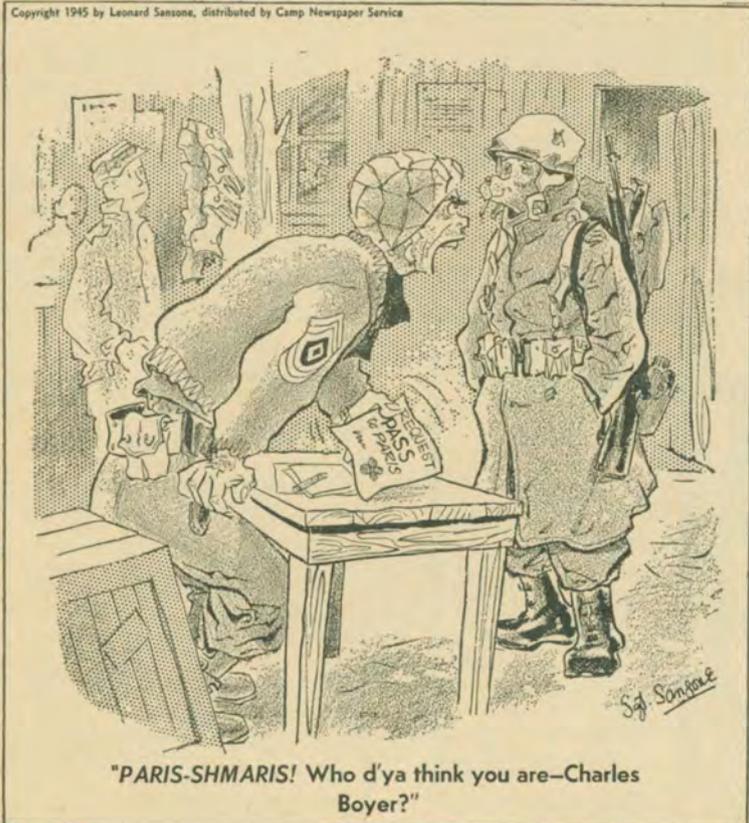
In the other final game of the season Post Operations edged out the Trainees, 33 to 31. The victory gave the Operations quintet undisputed hold on second place. Headquarters had been tied with this team but its loss to the Officers dropped it into third place in league standings. Ashwill, forward, and Cranford, guard on the Operations team shared scoring honors for their outfit with 4 field goals and one free toss apiece. Ward, Trainee forward, made 8 baskets and one free throw for a total of 17 points.

— INTRA-MURAL STANDINGS —

	W	L	Pct.
Base Officers	13	0	1.000
Operations	9	4	.693
Headquarters	8	5	.616
Trainees	5	8	.385
Fighter Control	4	8	.333
Medics	1	8	.111
"B" Flight	0	9	.000

New approach: "You can't transfer me. I'm next on the list for 'Forever Amber'."

The Wolf by Sansone



Hold First Outdoor Baseball Practice Session

The first outdoor practice session for the baseball team aspirants was held Tuesday afternoon on the area north of the tennis courts. S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach at Strother Field, is highly pleased with the ability shown by many of the men not only in batting practice but also in the field.

In commenting about the showing made by several enlisted men during the first practice session S/Sgt. White has this to say:

"T/Sgt. W. J. Klimas, an outfielder, is fleet-footed and hits the ball a long way. S/Sgt. W. J. Irish, infielder, looks like a good line drive hitter, and he is a south-paw, too. T/Sgt. Ralph Williams, outfielder, who starred on the base team last year, hasn't lost his ability to hit. S/Sgt. Norval Wagner, right-fielder on the 1944 team, looks very good in the field.

"Cpl. J. A. Phillips has everything a good outfielder needs. Pfc. E. F. Clohessy, infielder, will do the team a lot of good. He is really a smooth player. Pfc. J. F. Shimkus is a hustling, capable outfielder."

Players seeking the catcher berth are few, according to White. Haungs of the Medics, Sgt. Korycinski, who played class C ball in Detroit and who is a member of the post boxing team, are trying out for this spot along with S/Sgt. White.

Five men are trying out for pitching jobs. They are T/Sgt. George Wilson and Cpl. Arthur Shultz of the 1944 team, Pfc. E. J. Spargur, Pfc. W. W. Richardson and Cpl. Stan Antos, who played first base for the SF team last season.



Second Air Force Official Photo. Pvt. Charles Gwynn, Section C, is shown during a boxing workout in the post gym in preparation for the Second Air Force district boxing tourney in Topeka, Kans., the last of this month. Gwynn, a 145-pounder was Ohio State Golden Gloves champion in this weight in 1939 and 1941. In the latter year he was finalist in the Chicago Golden Gloves tourney and the National AAU championship bouts in Boston, Mass.

— BOWLING —

ENLISTED MEN'S DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Photo Flashes	25	11	.694
Sad Sacks	24	12	.666
Monsters	21	15	.586
Loose Nuts	20	16	.555
Malfunctions	11	9	.550
Rogers	19	17	.528
Wilcos	15	17	.469
Hot Rocks	16	20	.444
Tracers	14	22	.389
Rockets	13	23	.361

Records

High Individual Single—Flynn	244
High Individual Total—Bowland	643
High Team Total—Sad Sacks	885
High Team Total—Sad Sacks	2535

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Headquarters	25	11	.694
Super Snoopers	21	15	.583
Dubs	20	16	.556
Section A	12	24	.333
Scrubs	20	16	.556
Communications	10	26	.277

Records

High Individual Single—Peterson	236
High Individual Total—Mueller	619
High Team Single—Communications	907
High Team Single—Headquarters	907
High Team Total—Communications	2490

BOWLING SCHEDULE

Week of 19 March 1945

LADIES' DIVISION

Wednesday, 21 March 1945

Air Corps Supply vs. Wac	1-2
Sub Depot No. 1 vs. Headquarters	3-4
Sub Depot No. 2 vs. Post Exchange	5-6

OFFICERS' DIVISION

Thursday, 22 March 1945

Super Snoopers vs. Scrubs	1-2
Bulldogs vs. Communications	3-4
Dubs vs. Section A	5-6

MAINTENANCE HAS NEW

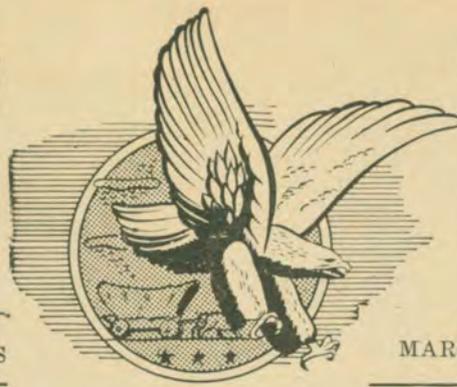
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engine controls are given a going over at Station Three.

The engine is further checked at Station Four, where propeller experts also are on the job. Stations Five and Six are concerned with the electrical systems, ignition, cooling and oxygen systems, communications and armament equipment and the battery.

Station Seven provides preflighting and fuel and oil servicing, then the airplane is ready for return to the flight line after a 12-hour tour of the production line maintenance system.

Specialized Aircraft Maintenance is not new in the Second Air Force, but its adoption here marks its first application to fighter bases. The system was instituted here by four officers whose total service in maintenance and engineering capacities in the Army Air Forces is more than one hundred years. They are Lt. Col. U. S. Nero, personal representative of Brigadier General Harold McGinnis, deputy chief of staff for maintenance and supply, Second Air Force; Major Gregory Mitchell, expert in aviation maintenance; Captain Vaughn E. Boynton, supply expert; and Captain Olaf T. Jensen, armament expert.



WAC Queen To Attend Boxing Tournament

A WAC Queen, to represent Strother Field at the Second Air Force district boxing tournament in Topeka, Kans., on 28, 29 and 30 March, will be selected by the voting of enlisted personnel here within the next few days.

Poise, military bearing, personality and appearance are the chief considerations. Submit the name of your choice for WAC Queen to the Public Relations Office, phone 202, at once. You can vote by telephone, mail or in person, but do so now.

Remember the qualifications when casting your vote. Let's send a real Queen to Topeka, fellows!

All War Department Theater coupons in the possession of military personnel became void for admission today, March 23. These tickets will be redeemed at their actual value of 12 cents, providing they are not torn from the book.

Seeding Of Base A Spring Project

Seeding of approximately 200 acres of the main Strother Field base to buffalo, brome and red top grasses and the fertilization of a similar acreage are in the immediate offing, Capt. Robert H. Ralston, Post Engineer, announced today.

Coupled with Captain Ralston's announcement of the general plan of seeding and fertilization was his offer to the various organizations to make available seed for use in areas surrounding barracks, mess halls, hospital, offices and recreation centers.

"A good grass lawn pays dividends in comfort as well as in appearance," Captain Ralston pointed out, "and we feel that the officers and enlisted personnel will be much interested in our offer of free seed. Any organization interested may call the engineer's work order clerk and secure a sufficient quantity to help down the dust caused by wind erosion and to provide the cool comfort that a good, green lawn offers during hot weather."

Wounded Vets Stop Here Overnight

Eighteen wounded veterans of combat who had been in the United States only six days and who were enroute to army hospitals scattered over the nation spent Wednesday night in the Strother Field base hospital. Their hospital plane, which landed at 5:17 p.m., bore the first such human cargo ever brought to Strother Field, and inspired an all-out effort by the hospital staff and Red Cross to assure comfort and pleasure for the wounded men aboard—two officers and 16 enlisted personnel. One injured Wac was among the group.

Most of the veterans were from the China-Burma-India theater but several came from the Western Front, having recently been evacuated from Germany. Only one of the 18 was a litter patient; the others were ambulatory.

An emergency ward in the station hospital was quickly opened; hospital mess workers prepared dinner for the injured and the plane's crew.

A call was made to the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council chairman at Wellington for refreshments for the men during the evening. Wellington housewives, within a couple hours' time, turned out a large number of angel food cakes and cookies, which were brought to the hospital.

Former Trainee Is Named 'Yank of Week'

Strother Field friends of Second Lieutenant Leo S. Korpanty, a former fighter pilot trainee at this base, were delighted a few nights ago when he was presented on a popular radio broadcast as "The Yank of the Week." The fact that Lieutenant Korpanty bombed Hitler's mountain retreat, Berchtesgaden, inspired his selection as "The Yank of the Week."

Lieutenant Korpanty was a member of Class 7-29 at Strother Field and left here last October 30.

Dancing Classes Start Next Week

Want to learn to dance? You'll have the opportunity beginning next Tuesday evening when Theda Becker, PX employee and resident of Winfield will begin a series of weekly instructions in the west end of the special service building.

Mrs. Becker is a former dancing teacher and is a member of the National Association of Dancing Masters and will have you gliding like a vet in no time at all. The dancing classes are being sponsored by the special service department under the direction of Miss Eula Flagler, service club hostess.

Lower Six Grades Share Guard Duty

Techs and staffs now have nothing on the bucks, corporals, pfc's and privates in Squadrons A-1, A-2 and A-3—they are all eligible for guard duty. Such is the announcement made this week by post headquarters. Note to master sergeants: You're excluded from this, bud, so there is no need in your reading further.

The men in the guard squadron are really kept busy and no doubt will welcome the assistance of additional enlisted personnel doing guard duty. Too, the cheery word from Capt. Pierce M. Enes, commandant of troops, that the writing on the wall will spell out your

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New Assignment

Lt. Col. Edward T. Spunt, commanding officer of the Strother Field hospital, left last Saturday for a new assignment at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Col. Spunt, a veteran of five years of active service, came to Strother Field, November 6, 1944, after two years in the China-Burma-India theater.

\$304.75 has been added to the Cowley County Red Cross drive as the result of the benefit basketball card last Friday in Ark City.



Certificates of Merit for meritorious service in support of combat operations with the Fifteenth Air Force in Italy were presented to 10 Strother Field enlisted men last week. Oddly enough, all of the certificates were signed by Brigadier General Dean C. Strother, commanding general of the 306th Fighter Wing of the Fifteenth Air Force, a native of Winfield, and a brother of the late Captain Donald R. Strother for whom Strother Field was named. His father, Dr. J. O. Strother, Winfield osteopath, was present for the ceremonies. In the picture, back row, left to right, are: M/Sgt. Theodore Rekestis of Chicago; S/Sgt. Charles Hoshal of Hibbing, Minn.; Sgt. Kenneth W. Covell of Oneida, N. Y.; T/Sgt. Walter H. Stark of Ladoga, Ind.; T/Sgt. Joseph S. Oleksiak of Melvindale, Mich.; M/Sgt. Charles Koman of Canonsburg, Pa. Front row, Capt. Pierce M. Enes, commander of troops who represented Col. Donald E. Meade, Strother Field commanding officer in making the presentations; T/Sgt. John T. Bral of Tampico, Ill.; S/Sgt. Joseph J. Ryan of Chicago; Dr. J. O. Strother, Winfield; S/Sgt. Thorwell C. Young of Detroit, Mich.; M/Sgt. Roscoe R. Curry of Shelbyville, Ill.; Lt. Leo J. Hayes, squadron commander. (Official AAF Photo)

ATTENTION ALL SCRIBES

Organization of a Strother Scribblers' Club is being considered. Pre-war background in any phase of writing;—news-paper, advertising, radio, freelance fiction or articles, etc., is the only requirement for membership. Interested military personnel should contact the Public Relations Officer, extension 202.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Week long the signs multiplied, though this time there was little public optimism and almost no "Monday morning quarterbacking," that the war in Europe was considered almost over.

In Congress there was sputtering debate as to whether combat troops en route from Germany to Japan would or would not be routed by way of the U. S. for a "breather" furlough. Tentatively revived talk of post war industrial reconversion appeared in the press side by side with confused forecasts of tightened Selective Service policies. A national columnist told of the President demanding stern treatment of occupied Germany and local editorials began to debate how extensively Uncle Sam should play Santa Claus to post war Europe. And in Baghdad-on-Subway New York's own Little Flower decided to flout the new amusement curfew hours.

Out of crumbling Germany came stories too to indicate that the clay feet of the Nazi super-colossus were weathering badly. Soldier deserters clogged the German roads and, when (rarely) caught, were hanged out of hand in the public squares. Civilians in occupied towns were found with nerves completely shattered, hiding in cellars and ruins. There was even a long, involved, and circumstantial comedy of treachery piled upon deceit purporting to involve Number Two Nazi Himmler in last summer's plot against Hitler. After a full hundred years as unofficial national anthem of the Reich. "Die Wacht am Rhine" had at last a hollow and a tinny sound to German ears.

==CHAPLAIN'S CORNER==

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

The cross of Christ is the true touchstone revealing what the world is. The world in miniature had gathered to see Him die.

Some looked at the suffering Son of God on the cross and laughed. There have always been those who stand ready to do this. They cannot laugh at Christ in person but have ridiculed His Word. They have laughed at the weak and clumsy efforts of those who are His disciples. They have laughed at the Church which He founded.

Some were at the scene who looked and learned. The centurion, when he saw what happened, exclaimed, "Certainly this was a righteous man." He saw the vast difference between Christ and the two thieves. He learned what sin does to man and what man is like apart from sin. The followers of Christ looked at their Master and saw how much God loved them. They learned that God valued the soul of man enough to die to redeem it from sin.

There are still those who laugh while the Word of God, His disciples, and His Church go marching on. There are many who have learned of God's love, of the value of a soul and of sin but have never done anything about it. There are some who have trusted and found eternal life. In which class are you?

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC MASSES AND DEVOTIONS:

Sunday Masses: 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, Wednesday evening at 7:00.
The Daily Mass will be said at 5 p.m.
Confessions before and after all Masses and Devotions or whenever you may wish to go.

PROTESTANT SERVICES:

Sunday worship at 10 a.m.
Services in the Hospital at 9 a.m.
Communion Service, followed by choir practice on Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m.

JEWISH SERVICES:

Worship, Friday evening at 8 p.m.

Rhumb Lines

Two trainee pilots in Class SF 6-28 are out for repeat performances. Lt. Hugh H. Summer holds the Air Medal and a unit citation for combat operations as a navigator. He spent six months in Guadalcanal and New Guinea, when the going in that part of the world was really rough. . . . The other returnee learning the P-47 method of enemy annihilation is Lt. Ralph E. Wyatt. He spent almost a year in North Africa as an instrument specialist with the 95th Repair Squadron. . . . WAC correspondent Pvt. Betty Barath lists flying as one of her hobbies. She has completed a course in celestial navigation, a necessary incidental to her hobby, perhaps. . . . Another SF Wac with a soaring ambition is Pvt. Barbara Weymouth. She has 18½ hours of flying time to her credit. . . . A belt-line is awaiting Lt. Hugh McKenna. A regular player on the base officers' cage team, the lieutenant was cold as the Pole in their game with the Arkansas City Jucos last week, but playing with the Skyriders in the game with Kanotex a few minutes later he was sizzling. He tied Smith and Miller for scoring honors, hitting the hoop with five field goals and one free throw. . . . The Private Gilbert of the Special Service newscasts is, as you have guessed, none other than Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, base orientation officer. Incidentally, up until about a week ago he was signing off as Pfc. Gilbert. . . . The BOQ will soon lose an account. It will be that of Lt. Adolph Schilke of the Air Inspector's Office. Charge it to one of the attendants in the Dental Clinic. . . . A similar fate will shortly befall T/Sgt. John Warren of the Weather Office. Gerry Tuttle, SF librarian, will be the other party. . . . At the Ontario, Calif., Army Air Base, the commanding officer and five lieutenant colonels recently staged a potato-peeling contest in front of their base headquarters. The officers fell heir to the job as the result of a promise that they would relieve a few KP's when the base over-subscribed its quota in the Red Cross war fund drive.

Orchids

To the civilian employees who solicited contributions to the Red Cross war fund drive: Polly Streets, Rosemary Tripp, Betty Parman, Mary Moore, Marjorie Stocking, Vera Fiske, Mary Ellen Hopper, Otila Lazo, E. D. Pile, Sam Day and William Strah.

To the members of the Strother Field chapter, NAAFW, who volunteered their efforts in behalf of the drive: Mrs. William Joyce, Mrs. Floyd Gilbert, Mrs. Roy Sillings, Mrs. Estel Surber, Mrs. Charles McMillin, Mrs. Kenneth Winters, Mrs. Frank Walker, Mrs. James Brewer, Mrs. Roger Plantz, Mrs. Willoughby Barco and Mrs. Leo Hayes.

There was an old man walking down the street. Noticing a small boy sitting on the curb crying, he asked, "Little boy, why are you crying?"

"Because I can't do what the big boys can do," replied the small boy between sobs.

So the old man sat down and cried with him.

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YE LIFTINGS

And there's the girl who wears miniature captain bars—because she's in love with two First Lieutenants.

Pvt. (In Aleutians): "Why don't you wear earmuffs, sarge? It's cold."

Sgt.: "I haven't worn one since the accident."

Pvt.: "What accident?"

Sgt.: "Someone asked me if I wanted a drink, and I didn't hear him."

She: "I see dark spots before my eyes."

He: "Yes, I am planning to park in one of them."

Poker is a game where a good deal depends on a good deal.

Girl Friend: "Whisper something soft and sweet to me, Darling."

GI: "Chocolate pudding."

Pat and Mike were tired of war, and during a lull in the firing spied a cow, which they killed and skinned. Pat got into the hind quarters and Mike into the fore. Thus they proceeded back of the line. Suddenly, Mike, in the forepart, began to run. Pat, perforce, followed until Mike suddenly stopped. "It's no use Pat," he gasped. "Brace yourself—here comes the bull."

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

	SAT.
Service Club—Open House until 2130. Theater—Betrayal From the East — Lee Tracy, Nancy Kelly. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	MAR. 24
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies. Theater—I'll Be Seeing You. Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotton, Shirley Temple. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	MAR. 25
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—No showing.	MAR. 26
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—Strange Illusion—James Lyndon, Sally Eilers. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	MAR. 27
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance. Theater—God Is My Co-Pilot—Dennis Morgan, Raymond Massey. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	MAR. 28
Service Club—Dance—Wellington Girls. Theater—No showing.	MAR. 29
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130. Theater—The Great Flammarion—Erich Von Stroheim, Mary Beth Hughes. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	MAR. 30

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "TOMMY"



Service Club Offers Varied Entertainment

One of the busiest spots at Strother Field is the enlisted men's service club where planned activities take place every night in the week except Saturdays, which is open house night.

Every Sunday night at 2030 GI movies are shown and dozens of cookies are provided guests. Monday evening is game night in the club. Bingo is played beginning at 2030 and prizes are awarded GIs and their wives or dates. Each Tuesday night the club is reserved for members of Squadron C and their guests. The first dancing class for enlisted personnel will be sponsored by Miss Flagler, hostess, next Tuesday. Theda Becker, of Winfield, will be the instructress and classes will be held in the west end of the special service building.

Wednesday of each week finds enlisted personnel gathering for dancing and entertainment which lasts from 2000 until 2300. On Thursday nights GI dances are held with GSO girls from Ark City, Winfield, Ponca City and Wellington as guests from 2000 until 2300. An orchestra provides swing music at each session.

A music hour is scheduled each Friday evening in the club from 2030 to 2130. Albums of fine recordings by the world's outstanding artists make up these programs which are under the direction of Pfc. Alden Craig. Saturday night is open house night, the club facilities available for reading, writing, playing of games or visiting.

During the Wednesday night dance this week free cokes and ice cream were served guests. An Ark City orchestra which played at the GI dance Thursday night will also appear for the dance next week.

NCO CLUB CALENDAR

SATURDAY NIGHTS—

Dancing—Music
Starting 2130

SUNDAY NIGHTS—

Free Buffet Supper 1730
Door Prizes—\$25 and \$7.50
War Bonds each week.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH—

Free Beer Party—Dance and
Dutch Lunch.

Classical Record Albums Gift Of Firestone Co.

A most pleasant answer to a letter written last month by Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, Strother Field special services officer, to the warehouse manager of the Firestone Company at Akron, Ohio, requesting aid in securing phonograph records for use at the Service Club arrived at the base last Friday in the form of a gift of 13 complete albums of classical and symphony music records.

The records, including works of Beethoven, Tschaiakowsky and other great masters have grown extremely difficult to procure during war-time. They were sent, together with special phonograph needles to produce the best playing tone as a gift from the company to the enlisted men and women of the Second Air Force base.

Plans for use of the music, according to Lt. Gilbert include inauguration of a special music hour on Friday nights at 2030 in the music room of the Service Club. Pfc. Alden Craig will be in charge of the weekly programs.

EM To Attend Passover Services

In order that enlisted men and women of Jewish faith may properly observe their Passover Services special privileges are to be extended to that personnel by post headquarters: A three-day pass commencing March 28 until March 30 will be made possible with squadron commanders giving special consideration to such requests.

Passover Services will be held in a number of Wichita homes from which invitations to Jewish personnel at SF have been extended.

LOWER SIX GRADES

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name only every 90 days, makes it not such a distasteful deal.

Each turn at guard duty will be for 24-hours or less, depending on the number of men needed at that particular time. You work at your designated post 3 hours and then have 3 hours off, (except in cases of emergency), repeating this procedure during your tour.

We'll be seeing the whites of your eyes, bud.

WAC Detachment News

By

PVT. BETTY BARATH



Spring seems to have affected the would be musicians in our company. On a recent trip to Winfield Pvt. Eberhart and Pvt. Lipke each purchased a ukelele. As neither has ever taken music lessons they are making wonderful progress on their own. Another music lover, namely Pvt. Strauss, has gone so far as to make an appointment for a piano lesson. Pvt. Brubaker seems to have made the most progress. She has taken several piano lessons to date.

Lt. Billau returned from her trip to Oklahoma City recently with a four-month old Pomeranian dog. We welcome the new addition to our company.

Mail Room Moved To Service Club

The mail room for enlisted personnel at Strother Field is now in operation in its new location, the southeast wing of the service club.

The mail room equipment was moved from the old location in the Squadron A-3 orderly room last Sunday and the first issuance of mail in the service club room took place Monday.

The move has placed the mail room in a central location for members of all squadrons on the field. Another feature of having the room in the service club is the nearness of the writing room which is in the northwest wing of the building. The mail room has two entrances, one from the lounge of the service club and the other from the east side of the service club.

Week-day mail call is from 1030 until 1300 and 1530 to 1700. Sunday mail call is from 1030 to 1200. Assisting 2nd. Lt. E. C. Thomas, postal officer, in operation of the mail room are Cpl. George Rubin, Pfc. Max Povill and Pvt. Mary Ognacevich. The latter is adding a woman's touch by making drapes for windows in the mail room.

At the first sign that tools are defective, withdraw them from service and turn them in for repair or replacement.

"Yank" Subscription Drive March 31

In order to stimulate interest in YANK magazine and to encourage the promotion of subscriptions, the following plan will be placed in operation at Strother Field, as well as every other Second Air Force station, the last of this month.

On pay day, 31 March, YANK representatives from each squadron will be in the orderly rooms to receive subscriptions to YANK magazine from enlisted personnel so desiring. The price is \$2.00 per year (52 weeks) or \$1.00 for six months (26 weeks). All subscriptions will be handled on a cash basis.

By subscribing to YANK enlisted men not only save 60c on the 52 issues but the units are authorized to retain 10% of total proceeds as a source of revenue for unit funds.

Section C News

By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

A recent addition to the Arkansas City Service Center as special hostess is Mrs. Donald Bradford. She has quickly become very popular in the Center, being pleasant and amiable.

The sixty-four-dollar question this week is: Why is Pfc. Lonnie Hogan, who works "on the line" walking around with a big smile? Most "cats," on their return from a furlough, look "beat."

Tuesday night March 27 there will be a doubleheader basketball game in Wichita at the Forum. The Harlem Globe Trotters vs. the Pro. All-Stars in the feature, and Satchell Paige's Stars vs. Dick Smith's All-Stars. The preliminary game may well be the best of the two, so try to make it.

Receive War Bonds

An added attraction of the weekly Sunday night buffet supper held in the NCO club for members and their guests is the awarding of door prizes in the form of war bonds.

Last week's winner of the \$25 bond was T/Sgt. Clifton Bolin. The second prize, a \$7.50 GI war bond, was received by S/Sgt. William Hillman. Sunday of this week a special prize for one of the lady guests will be given in addition to the war bonds to club members. The prizes are given each Sunday at 2030.

USO ACTIVITIES

(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)

Sat.....	Win.....	Dance..	Wedding Reception
Ark.....	Ark.....	Birthday Party..	Bingo
Sun.....	Win.....	Win-a-Silver-Dollar	Bingo
Ark.....	Ark.....	Monday Night Girls	
Mon.....	Win.....	Waffle Supper 6 p.m.	
Ark.....	Ark.....	Cards..Games..Dancing	
Tues.....	Win.....	Sing	
Ark.....	Ark.....	Bridge..Rummy	
Wed.....	Win.....	Candy Party	
Ark.....	Ark.....	Dancing..Cards..Games	
Thurs.....	Win.....	Do-as-you-please	
Ark.....	Ark.....	Field Dance	
Fri.....	Win.....	Ping Pong	
Ark.....	Ark.....	Ping Pong..Candy	

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MILTON CANIFF

SF Boxing Team Meets Winfield In 5-Bout Card at Post Gym Tonight

Base Team To Take Part In Second Air Force District Boxing Tournament At Topeka, Kans., March 28-29-30

Members of the Strother Field boxing team face their first test inside the ropes tonight when they take on a young and peppy team representing the Winfield high school. The five bouts are scheduled for 2000 in the post gym and admission is free to field personnel.

After several weeks of strenuous workouts the base biffers are anxious and ready to test their ability and tonight's bouts should indicate what calibre team will represent Strother Field in the Second Air Force district boxing tourney to be held in Topeka, Kans., the last of next week.

Base team members who will see action tonight are: Pvt. Joseph McKee, 118 lbs., from Brooklyn, N.Y., a member of Squadron M; 2nd. Lt. Harold McNeill, assistant provost marshal, who is boxing in the 126-pound spot; Pvt. Charles Gwynn, Squadron C, of Columbus, Ohio, a 135-pounder; Cpl. Jimmie Roberts, a member of Squadron A-3, who fights in the 147-pound class, and Sgt. Edward Korycinski, Detroit, Mich., heavyweight, who works in armament at the base.

Sgt. Raymond Muchowich, boxing coach, will journey to Topeka next Wednesday morning with his team members for the tourney there. Weighing in is scheduled for Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., and first round bouts will take place in the Winter General Hospital, Topeka, that night. Second round bouts will be held in the same location next Thursday evening. The finals will take place in the municipal auditorium in Topeka next Friday night.

Winners in the various weight divisions will be presented silk robes and the team scoring the most points during the tourney will receive a special trophy.

The most useless thing in the world is that part of a man that he leaves tangled in a machine.

Fliers To Meet Herington April 18

The Strother Field Fliers will play their first baseball game of the 1945 season on April 18 in Arkansas City when they meet the Herington army air field nine.

Herington, nemesis of the local team during the 1944 season, is reported to have another outstanding team this season and the Strother Field players are pointing to this game with vengeance.

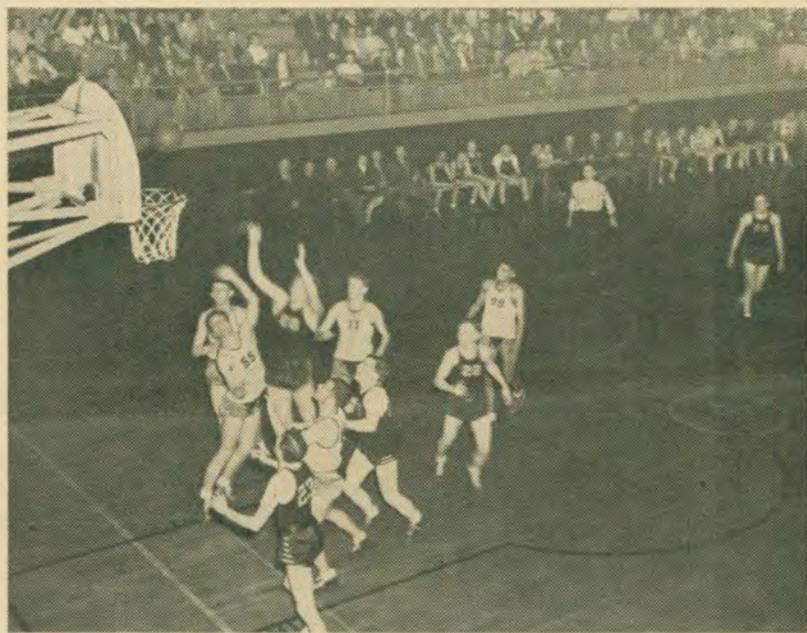
New men trying out for team positions during the outdoor practice sessions held last Saturday and Sunday were Cpl. Bob Turner who played Class C ball in North Carolina and T/Sgt. L. G. O'Brien, who played Class D ball with Big Springs, Tex., in the Texas League during his civilian days. Pfc. Al Curtis, third baseman and relief hurler on last year's Flier team, is scheduled to report for practice this week.

S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach, said today that the outlook for an excellent team is very good. He emphasized the fact that the showing the men make in trying out for various positions will decide who will play on the team, that past experience alone does not assure making the team.

When shoes get muddy, use an old tooth brush or a blunt piece of wood to clean them. In this way you do not harm the leather. For the finishing touch to the cleaning job, wash the shoes with a wet rag or sponge.

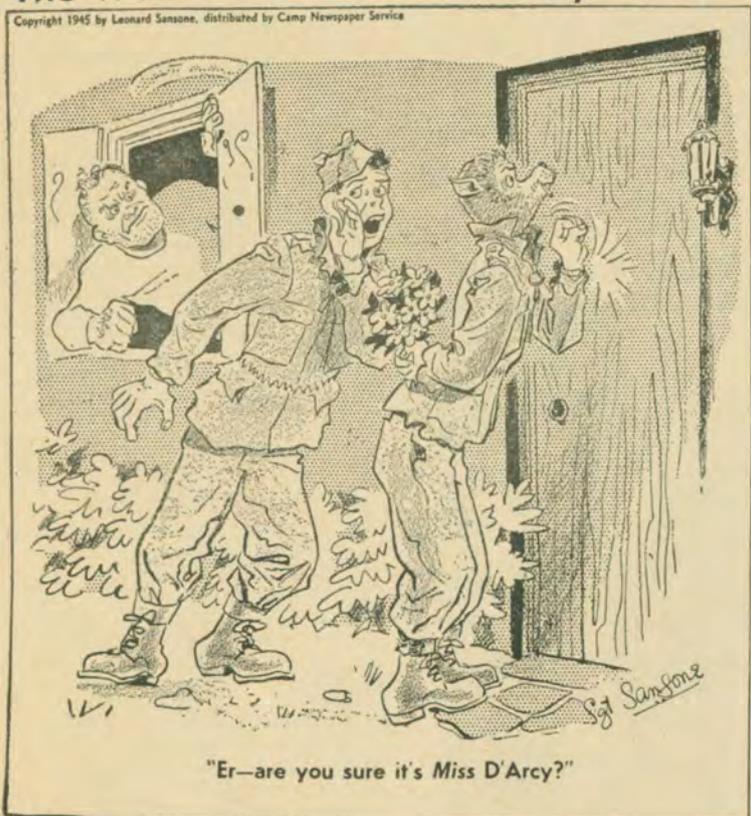


Looking like a Conga line members of the Strother Field Skyriders basketball team head for the center of the court after scoring a goal against the Kanotex Oilers in the Red Cross benefit basketball card. The field team won, 43 to 40. (Second Air Force Official Photo.)



The Base Officers team scores another goal in its game with the A.C. junior college quintet at Arkansas City. The game was one of a doubleheader benefit held last Friday for the Red Cross Drive and the Officers lost by the score of 35 to 39. (Second Air Force Official Photo.)

The Wolf by Sansone



"Er—are you sure it's Miss D'Arcy?"

Policy Set For Supplemental Gas

In view of the increasing demand for gasoline to successfully meet military requirements, together with the need of conserving present transportation facilities as far as possible, the following conditions will govern the approval of applications for supplemental gasoline by military and civilian personnel of Strother Field in the future.

1. Three riders including the driver will be required for "C" book applications.
2. Full-time driving will be considered as 26 trips per month for all personnel.
3. When extra official trips are made, the driver must sign the roster kept at the main gate in order to claim additional mileage at the end of the period for which the ration book was issued.
4. Members of car-pools will be allowed mileage based on the exact number of trips each makes.

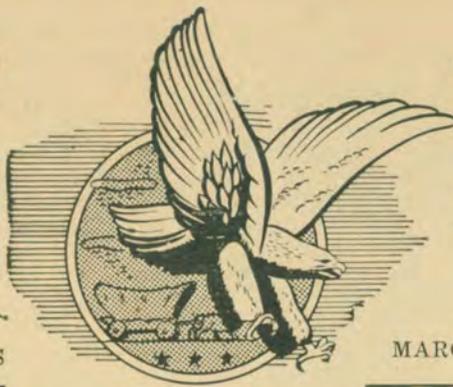
Buy YANK at the PX.

57 Entered In Handball Tourney

Strother Field's first handball tournament is now underway in the post gymnasium for both officer and enlisted personnel. Matches are now being played in a ladder tourney in both singles and doubles. In this type of play the men challenge any of the three singles or doubles players above them on the "ladder." If the former wins they move to that particular position in the standings. Locations on the "ladder" were made by drawing.

Matches among the eighteen doubles teams and twenty-one singles players will continue until April 14 after which time the players in the upper 50% on the "ladders" will take part in an elimination tournament to decide the champions of the field.

Handball gloves are now on sale in the post gymnasium. They are being sold at cost prices of \$2.10 and \$3.10.



Military Review Held In Connection With Award Of Medals To Next-of-Kin

Achievements of six Army Air Forces men—two from Grenola, one each from Winfield, Arkansas City, Oxford and Wichita—were recognized this morning at 11 a.m. at Strother Field when Colonel Donald E. Meade, commanding officer, presided at a mass presentation and a full military review. The ceremony was open to the general public.

The men honored were: 2d Lt. George W. Smith, Jr., of Winfield; S/Sgt. Kenneth D. Peterson of Oxford; 2d Lt. Gerald U. Ashmore of Wichita; 2d Lt. Richard C. Jordan and S/Sgt. Paul E. Brown of Grenola, 1st Lt. Daniel Sipe of Arkansas City. S/Sgt. Peterson has been reported as killed in combat; the others are missing in action.

The military band from Pratt Army Air Field was flown in for the review, the first at Strother Field since the 683rd AAF Band was inactivated in December.

Mrs. Charlotte C. Smith of 1319 Loomis Street received the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster earned by her husband, Second Lieutenant George W. Smith, Jr.

The posthumous award of the Air Medal and Silver Cluster for S/Sgt. Kenneth D. Peterson was received by his father, John Peterson of route 2, Oxford.

The Distinguished Flying Cross presented Friday was received by Mrs. Maxine M. Ashmore of 821 Schweiter Drive, Wichita, for her husband, 2d Lt. Gerald U. Ashmore.

Mrs. Ruby F. Wartick of Grenola received the Air Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster for her brother, S/Sgt. Paul E. Brown.

The Air Medal also was received by Mrs. Lois C. Jordan of Grenola, for her husband, 2d Lt. Richard C. Jordan.

Mrs. Sipe received the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters her husband earned in the European theater of operations.

Brig. Gen. John Upston, CG of 72nd Wing, Visits Strother Field

To become acquainted with Col. Donald E. Meade and his staff of officers, Brigadier General John E. Upston, new commanding general of the 72d Fighter Wing, made a flying trip to Strother Field Tuesday. He was accompanied by Col. Irving Branch, retiring commanding general of the Wing who now becomes deputy commander.

The general's plane landed at 4 p.m. and took off at 7 p.m. for Peterson Field, Colo., on the last leg of a flight which took General Upston and Colonel Branch to all the fighter stations of the Second Air Force.

During his three-hour stay at Strother Field, General Upston

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Pvt. Ognacevich Wins Queen Title

Pvt. Mary Ognacevich, mail clerk at Strother Field, not only "carries the mail" for the GIs but carried off the majority of votes cast this week by field personnel in the Boxing Queen contest held here.

Mary topped her nearest rivals for the title, Pfc. Mary M. Hooser, Pvt. Betty Barath, S/Sgt. Elizabeth A. Virdin, Pvt. Alma B. Brubaker and Pvt. Elsa Van Hara, in a hot contest that kept the PRO office force busy tabulating votes.



Pvt. Ognacevich will represent Strother Field at the Second Air Force boxing tourney in Topeka, Kans., appearing with queens from six other 2AF bases in the municipal auditorium tonight during the final bouts of the 3-day tourney.

She is from Sheboygan, Wis., and she has three brothers in service, one in France with the ground forces and the other two are in the navy.

Brazilian Officers Arrive For Training

A group of Brazilian air force officers arrived at Strother Field this week for P-47 training at this 72d Fighter Wing base of the Second Air Force.

A complete story will appear in the Prairie Flier in the near future following approval of its contents by the War Department Bureau of Public Relations in Washington, D. C.



In preparation for the coming Easter celebration Strother Field Waacs gather at the post chapel for informal choir practice under the leadership of Pvt. Judy Brubaker. Left to right in the front row are: Pvt. Alice Georges, Pvt. Mary E. Jenkins, Pvt. Judy Brubaker, and Pvt. Tina Gault. In the back row, also left to right, are: Pfc. Lois Ann Eberhardt, Pvt. Mary Ognacevich, Pvt. Ann Goodmote, and Pvt. Elsie Van Hara. (Official AAF Photo.)

Live Music Contest For Military And Civilian Personnel Set For April 9

A live music contest featuring military and civilian talent of Strother Field will be held in the enlisted men's service club Monday, April 9, according to announcement made this week by 1st Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, special service officer.

Plan Easter Service In Post Chapel

Easter Sunday will be observed at Strother Field with a special Protestant service in the post chapel beginning at 1000, according to announcement made today by Chaplain Karl B. Smith. The program will be as follows:

Prelude—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Bach. Played by Mrs. Betty Williamson.

Call to Worship—"The Lord is in His Holy Temple."

Invocation—Choral Response.

Doxology.

Hymn—"Day of Resurrection."

Anthem by Choir—"Up from the Grave."

Scripture Reading—Chaplain Smith.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer.

Choral Response.

Special Music—Accordion Solo by Mr. Raymond Welch of Winfield, Kans.

Announcements.

Hymn—"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

Message—"The Significance of the Resurrection," by Chaplain Smith.

Hymn—"Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus."

Benediction—Chaplain Smith.

Postlude—"Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

Played by Mrs. Betty Williamson.

Easter Sunday masses will be celebrated at 0900 and 1130. Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday afternoon and evening before the masses, according to Chaplain Henry J. Haley.

Winners of the various events will receive prizes following the local contest and may possibly appear in the live music contest held by the Seventh Service Command in Omaha, Nebr., April 20-21. Entry in the latter contest depends on whether Class III installations will be allowed to participate.

The music contest is designed to unearth and bring to the foremost soloists and small instrumental groups capable of providing musical entertainment. Following are the five events in which local talent

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USO Tabloid Troupe Here Next Monday

The newest USO Camp Shows Tabloid Troupe will present two shows on the base next Monday evening, April 2nd, the first at the station hospital at 1900, in the service club at 2030.

Jack Watson, comedian and banjo player, will serve as master of ceremonies. Anita Andre, dancer; Shirley Carroll, singer; Umbro, accordionist, and Eddie Daners, musician and comedian, are the other artists who will appear in the two shows.

The War and You

By SGT. EDWARD Y. BREESE

Behind the veil of necessary military secrecy and delayed dispatches which clouds western Europe today the German army, which could once boast of the greatest military might that the world had ever known, is rapidly disintegrating into a rout of dazed and beaten stragglers and shattered fragments of once proud units.

As the mighty feldgrau tide once stormed out, triumphant, across Europe and the world it now recedes, broken and bloody, and fast hounded by a new counter storm of flame and steel and belching guns. At long last the soldiers of the Reich are going home.

Behind them they leave a war-shattered continent, a civilization smashed almost out of recognizable shape, and the graves of more than twenty million men, women and children. The war to which they marched so confidently and so naively but five years ago has twisted and scarred an era beyond computation, has exacted a price which can never be repaid in full.

Before these German troops lies a period of black despair, a ruined and burned out homeland, a sight of fallen idols and discredited leaders. Physically and spiritually they must eat of the bitter almond of defeat.

Yet there can be no pity for these men who would have been conquerors. They face now only those same things which they so carelessly unleashed upon others. The ghosts of the German dead are only a fraction of that other host of dead. The smashed bones of Berlin and Cologne are but the copies of Warsaw and Rotterdam. The thief and the murderer, beaten at last, can ask no pity now.

Whoso lives by the sword shall perish by the sword.

Have You Read .

"Cluny Brown" by Marjorie Sharp—Life can never be simple when Cluny is around, her plumber uncle soon discovered. And rather than allow her to become a lady plumber, or slip into the experience of being seduced, he ships her off to Devon and into maid service.

Occasionally someone had said of Cluny that "the trouble with her is she doesn't know her place." Maybe she didn't, but she did know, perhaps unconsciously, how to confuse everyone and everything. She could also and did solve all situations. But her methods and processes proved far from ordinary and the results a little shocking but fun.

Creator and author of "Julia" and "Nutmeg Tree," Miss Sharp has once again conceived a character, not "a lovely," but nevertheless adorable and humorous.

=CHAPLAIN'S CORNER=

By CHAPLAIN KARL B. SMITH

Have you ever thought how different everything would be if Christ had not risen from the grave? Paul says that if Christ is not risen, our preaching is just emptiness. This Easter time then is a key time, for without the Resurrection the faith of the disciples, and our faith, could only be a vain and hopeless faith, which after all would not be faith at all. What a joy it is to know that because our Lord Jesus rose from the dead, we, too, are to have the risen life through Him! Living here we live the life that He gives us in overcoming temptation, and in following His blessed will. Living hereafter we enter into the joys of that which He promised to His followers, that where He is we may be also. If we have accepted the Lord Jesus as our Savior, how swiftly the sting of death will be taken away, and the joys of the heavenly life will open up before us! To live here and hereafter in Him and for Him,—what a wonderful life that is for everyone who will accept Him as Savior and Lord!

Rhumb Lines

Although born in Montana, Pfc. Roy Jeglum of A Flight Maintenance was reared and still has a home in British Columbia. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in August, 1942, and transferred to the AAF in June, 1943. He is probably the only man now at SF who is authorized to wear the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. . . . Strother Field's new PX officer is Lt. James Williamson, a native of Longmont, Colorado. He came here last week from Pueblo, Colo., where he had managed the post exchange for 18 months. Lt. Williamson was educated in the Longmont public schools and the University of Colorado. He is living in Winfield with his wife and two-year-old daughter. . . . Notes on Class SF 7-28: Lt. Paul McGuire holds the DFC and Air Medal for operational flights in the CBI theater as a P-40 pilot. . . . Capt. Cecil Davies returned to the scene of his basic flight training at Perrin Field, Texas, to serve as an instructor for a year and a half and as an engineering officer for another year. . . . Lt. John Bilotta had a private pilot's license before he entered the AAF in May of 1943. . . . And Lt. Thomas Allen was a deputy in the Texas highway department at Dallas before enlisting.

YE LIFTINGS

Major: "I'd like to talk to some one around here with a little authority."

Private: "That's me, Sir. I've got as little authority as anyone."

Little Boy: "Pop, I need an encyclopedia for school."

Pop: "Encyclopedia, hell! You can walk to school the same as I did."

"My wife can be an angel when she wants to be."

"Mine too—any time now!"

"Did you hear about the girl who went to a fancy dress ball in a suit of armor?"

"No, what happened to her?"

"Nothing."

Jill: "Nobody will ever care for me."

Jack: "Don't say that. After all, in this world, there's a man for every woman and a woman for every man. It's a wonderful arrangement."

Jill: "Believe me, I don't want to change it. I just want to get in on it!"

So he sez to her: "Please, angel, don't be difficult. One obstacle course each week is enough."

Beneath this stone lies Murphy:
They buried him today
He lived the life of Riley,
While Riley was away.

A peroxide blonde is an established bleach head.

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Animals Are The Craziest People

The Japanese people become more difficult to understand as each day passes. Between bomb bursts on their homeland one of their jokers has come up with an idea that the war may continue for the next 20 years and possibly carry over to the next generation.

We've heard of shell-shock but this statement tops anything a GI could dream up for a Section 8. In the first place our men fighting in the Pacific are not over there as the result of reading Matson Line advertisements. They want to get the mess over with as soon as possible and return home to America. In the second place, Japan and its possessions do not cover sufficient area to take the bombings and shellings they have and will get in the near future, and still have much living space.

The Japs may do things by the generation but not so in America. We did not ask for World War II but now that we're in it there is but one thought—get it over with as soon as possible. Not in this generation, not in this decade, but within the next few months or a year.

The Nips might just as well forget about teaching the little Nippers to become war lords and apply their talents to cultivating dishonorable non-victory gardens of rice. The war against Germany is drawing to a close and when that happens the full strength of America and her allies will descend on the son of heaven in the final eclipse.

She was just a second-hand dealer's daughter—that's why she wouldn't allow much on the old sofa.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Service Club—Open House until 2130. Theater—Nothing but Trouble—Laurel and Hardy. Short subjects. Shows 1800 and 2000.	SAT. MAR. 31
Service Club—Write that letter home. Cookies. GI Movies. Theater—Earl Carrrol Vanities — Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore. Short subjects. Shows at 1400-1800-2000.	SUN. APR. 1
Service Club—Game Night — bingo — checkers — bridge — chess. Theater—No showing.	MON. APR. 2
Service Club—Section C Party. Theater—House of Fear—Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. Rough, Tough and Ready —Chester Morris, Victor McLaglen. Shows 1800 and 2000.	TUES. APR. 3
Service Club—Enlisted Personnel Dance. Theater—Hotel Berlin—Raymond Massey, Peter Lorre. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	WED. APR. 4
Service Club—Dance—Ponca City Girls. Theater—No showing.	THURS. APR. 5
Service Club—Music Hour 2030 to 2130. Theater—The Unseen—Joel McCrea, Gail Russell, Herbert Marshall. Short subjects. Shows at 1800 and 2000.	FRI. APR. 6

Male Call

by Milton Caniff



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Credit For Service Results In Diploma

Sgt. T. J. Flynn of Squadron A-2, is wearing a broader grin than usual these days, and he certainly has the right. He now possesses a high school diploma from his hometown of Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Back in 1940 Flynn found it necessary to quit school in his senior year in order that he could go to work. He lacked one credit, in physics, that kept him from receiving his diploma.

Five years later the diploma arrived. Credit for the needed hour was given Flynn for his radio school training, line experience and basic training, taken since entering the service back in 1942.

Sgt. Flynn read an article several weeks ago in the Prairie Flier which told of the advantages offered by the Information and Education office on the base. Lt. Floyd O. Gilbert, I&E officer, explained the form 47 which contains a full report on the training received in the service. The form was filled out by Flynn and the classification office and sent to the Rhinebeck high school. Within two weeks time word came back from school authorities that Flynn's training in the army was of sufficient value to give him the needed extra credit to receive his diploma.

Many soldiers are getting academic credit for experience gained on the job as well as for the tech school and administrative schools training.

Learn The Types Of Fire Extinguishers

The different types of fire extinguishers installed in all buildings are invaluable in fire prevention. All personnel should be familiar with the location, purpose and operation of each type of extinguisher in the building in which they live and in which they work.

Placards above each extinguisher indicate the kind of fire for which it is used.

1. Water-can extinguishers are for use on wood and trash fires.
2. Foam extinguishers are for use on oil and grease fires.
3. CTC (Carbon Tetrachloride) extinguishers are for use on electric fires.

WAC Detachment News

By PVT. BETTY BARATH



The social committee is busy this week making plans for a picnic to be held April the 8th.

This week we bid adieu to Pfc. Miller, who is leaving our group to prepare for an overseas assignment.

Pvt. Strauss is working hard trying to earn a gold star. The girls in her barracks recently presented her with a good behavior board. To date Pvt. Strauss has kept the blue star for being quiet in the morning.

Our commanding officer, 1st Lt. Billau, has made it possible for the girls to convert a cadre room in the barracks to a writing room. Two rooms have been changed for the benefit of those who desire to write letters after ten.

Section C News

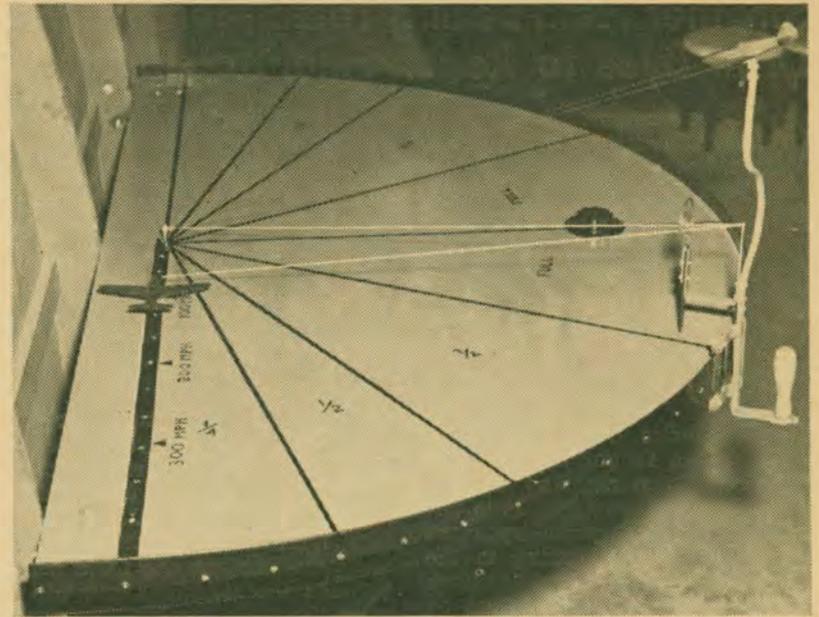
By PVT. JOHN S. LYONS

Displaying a diamond wedding ring, Sgt. Meredith Knox returned from a pass to Chicago—all smiles. The news soon broke of his marriage to the former Miss Elizabeth Keeling of Chicago, the ring a gift from the bride. The couple was married at the St. Phillips Lutheran church of Chicago at high noon on March 24th.

A Mardi Gras Ball will be given by the Squadron on Saturday, March 31st, at the Service Club. Miss Love will chaperon forty girls from Wichita, and there will be girls from all the surrounding vicinity. Refreshments will be served.

On Tuesday, March 27, a party of 25 went to Wichita to see the basketball game between the Harlem Globe Trotters vs. the Pro-All Stars won by the Trotters by a score of 39-34. The 5 points doesn't tell the margin of difference in the two teams, as the Trotters actually tipped in four points for the All-Stars.

Carry sharp pointed tools safely—never in your pockets.



Deflection Demonstrator Designed For Fixed Gunnery Training by SF Personnel

An invention by two Strother Field enlisted men, designed to teach fighter pilots deflection in fixed gunnery, has been incorporated into the training department at Strother Field for use as a synthetic training aid, Second Lieutenant William O. Payne, base training aids officer, has announced.

Designers of the ingenious device are Cpl. Jeff Cogswell of Jacksonville, Illinois, and Cpl. Clarence N. Stephenson of Rocky Ford, Colo., Gunairstructor experts. Upon its completion, they hit upon the name "deflection demonstrator" and under that name drawings and pictures of the device have gone to 72d Fighter Wing headquarters for study by higher authorities.

Trainee pilots, in a few minutes' time see on the deflection demonstrator the exact explanation of problems in radii lead and deflection angles at varying speeds of the enemy plane. It is the gunnery primer, with the A, B, and C's of gunnery carefully drawn out. On a circular plywood board, a model Japanese plane has been mounted: its set speed is 100 miles an hour, but adjustments allow advancing the speed of the Jap craft to 200 or 300 miles an hour. On a movable device which travels on a track around the circle is a simulated gunsight, from which threads extend to the enemy craft and to the lead necessary if the gunner hits the enemy plane.

("Lead" means the distance ahead of the advancing enemy plane a gunner must fire, considering distance and angle of deflection and speed of the enemy plane, if the enemy is struck.) With these few pieces of wood, a handful of little wheels and screws, and a few yards of string, Corporal Cogswell's and Corporal Stephenson's device proves that though the angle of deflection changes and the radii lead changes, the lead, in feet, remains the same with a constant enemy plane speed.

M-Sgt. Grogg And S-Sgt. Jones Win Bonds

M/Sgt. Paul Grogg and his wife won two of the three door prizes given last Sunday night during the buffet supper in the non-com club. Paul received the \$25 war bond and Mrs. Grogg received two cartons of cigarettes.

S/Sgt. T. V. Jones received the \$10 war bond given Sunday night.

The second in a series of free beer parties for members of the non-com club and their guests was held last Tuesday night. A large crowd enjoyed the free refreshments and dance music provided by an orchestra.

Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Briefs for Observation Mission

USO ACTIVITIES	
(Eats every night at Ark City and Winfield.)	
Sat.....	Win..... Formal Dance..Floor Show Door Prize
Ark.....	Dye Easter Eggs
Sun.....	Win..... Supper 6:30 p.m...Free Phone Call
Ark.....	Easter Egg Hunt-Picnic
Mon.....	Win..... Cards..Games..Dancing
Ark.....	Sing
Tues.....	Win..... Bridge..Rummy
Ark.....	Candy Party
Wed.....	Win..... Dancing..Cards..Games
Ark.....	Do-as-you-please
Thurs.....	Win..... Do-as-you-please
Ark.....	Open House
Fri.....	Win..... Ping Pong
Ark.....	Ping Pong..Candy

Strother Field Boxing Team Members Draw Byes to Reach Final Round

Four members of the Strother Field boxing team will fight in the finals of the Second Air Force boxing tournament at Topeka, Kans., tonight, having reached the final round without swinging a mitt. The other two squad members appeared in the semi-finals last night with the results not known at press time.

Those reaching the finals by the bye route are, Pvt. Joseph McKee, 118 lbs., a member of Squadron M; 2nd. Lt. Harold O'Neill, 126 lbs., Cpl. Jimmie Roberts, 150 lbs., Squadron A-3; Sgt. Edward Korycinski, heavyweight from armament.

Pvt. Charles Gwynn, 135 lbs., Squadron C, fought in the semi-final round last night as did 2nd. Lt. Miller, heavyweight. It is understood that Gwynn's opponent last night is also boxing in the 129-pound class and should he have been fortunate enough to get by Gwynn last night he is scheduled to meet Lt. O'Neill tonight.

From all indications the Strother Field team appears to have an excellent chance to take the team title along with individual honors.

Flyers May Meet St. John's In Practice Game April 8

Plans are now being made for the Strother Field Flyers baseball team to have its first practice game of the season on Sunday, April 8. Officials of St. John's College, Winfield, have been contacted and present plans call for a game between the collegians and GIs a week from this Sunday. The game will be played in the afternoon on the St. John's diamond located on College Avenue.

Squad members were divided into two teams the other evening with Cpl. Stan Antos, Pfc. W. W. Richardson and Pfc. E. J. Sprague, doing the hurling while T/Sgt. W. J. Klimas and S/Sgt. N. C. Merrill caught.

During this all-Strother event T/Sgt. Ralph Williams hit two home runs and S/Sgt. Norval Wagner and Cpl. Bob Turner each accounted for one.

"From all indications Strother Field will have a good team to represent the base during the 1945 season. The men are eager to get the season started and all are doing bang-up jobs in their various positions during practice sessions," says S/Sgt. Orwin White, baseball coach.

The Officers' Club and Non-Com Club are now observing the midnight curfew law. Both social centers close promptly at 2400 each night in the week.

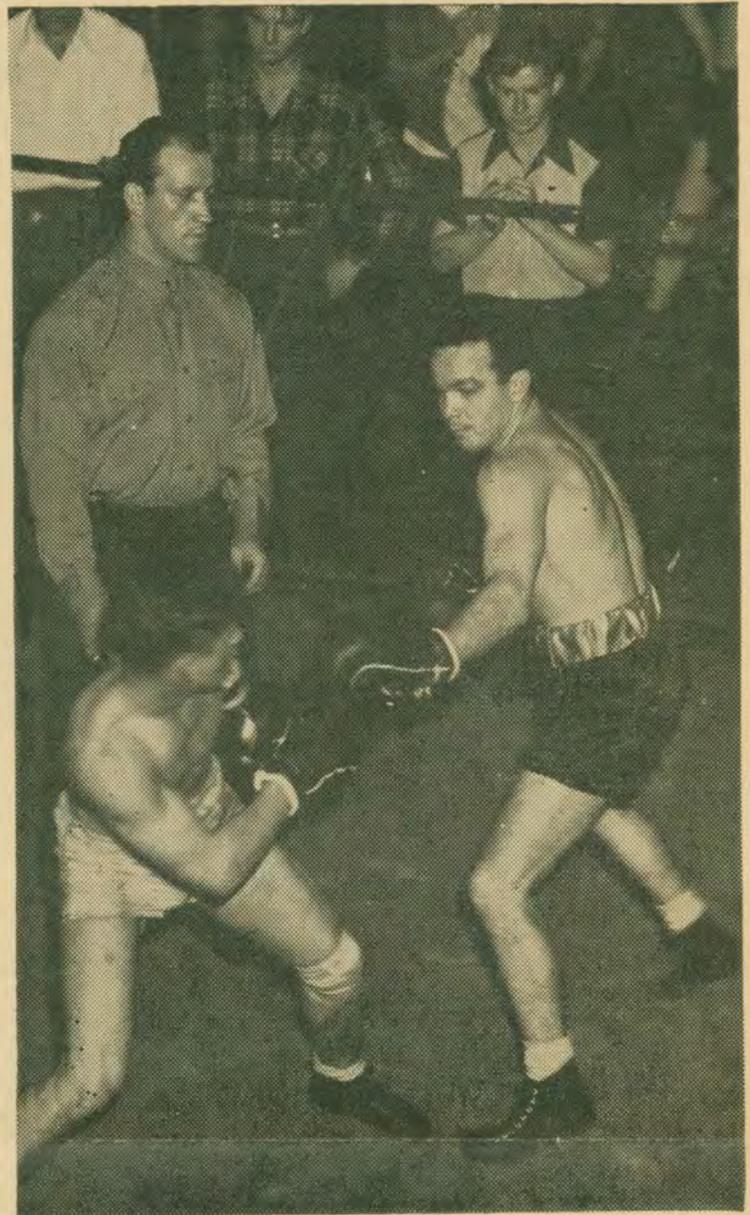
BRIG. GEN. JOHN UPSTON

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made a quick inspection of the flying line and of specialized aircraft maintenance. He expressed his pleasure with the physical set-up and the field's appearance. He and Colonel Branch were guests of Colonel Meade and Lt. Colonel George C. Deaton, director of flying, at dinner in the officers' mess.

Brigadier General Upston has just returned from 11 months' duty overseas with the Twentieth Bomber Command. He assumed command of the 72d Fighter Wing on 14 March 1945 succeeding Colonel Irving L. Branch who has served in that capacity since January, 1945.

A professional soldier, General Upston entered military service in 1927.

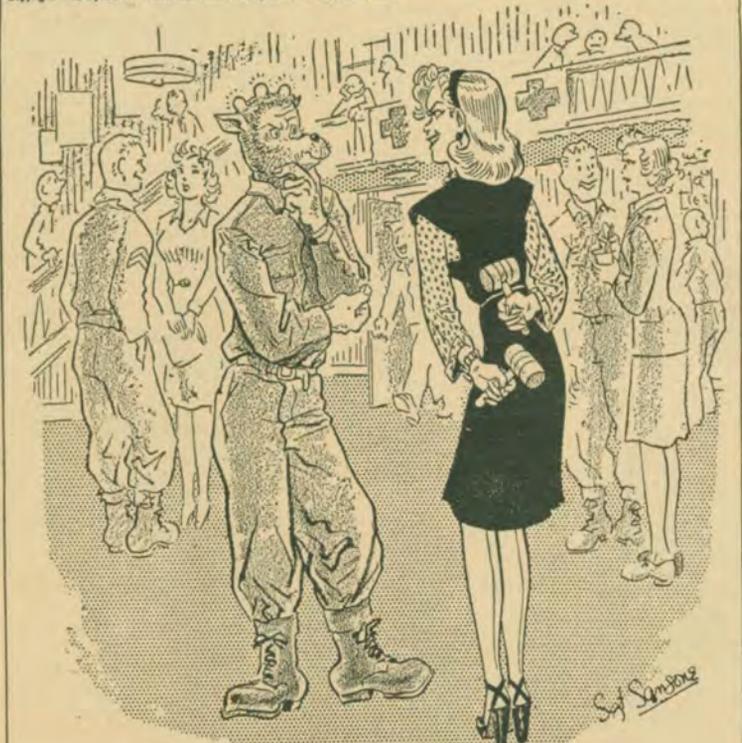


Jake Kukle, left, of Winfield, and Cpl. Jimmie Roberts of Strother Field prepare for an exchange of punches in one of five matches held at the field gymnasium last Friday night. Roberts, contender for the 150-pound boxing crown in the current Second Air Force meet at Topeka, Kans., was given the decision after three fast rounds of fist-cuffs. Lt. Art Miller, well-known heavyweight and star Duke university football player, was the referee. (Official AAF Photo.)

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Try again—guess the empty hand and win a kiss!"

"Pappy" Says For You To Take It Easy

"March is almost history and again, as in past months, with a very fine safety record Strother Field personnel suddenly have several disabling injuries. This ruins an otherwise very good performance. Why is it?"

"With spring in the air some men get the idea they are super-humans and try to become athletes overnight. Results are broken bones, twisted backs and torn muscles.

"Inasmuch as every one on the post is here to give his maximum effort to win the war, why not concentrate on seeing that it is a full time job, unbroken by splints, bandages and medical care. A small amount of thinking, on the job, at home, or travelling to and fro, will reap wonderful results."

P A P P Y.

Members of Strother Field military personnel who play musical instruments and who are interested in forming a field orchestra, are requested to attend a meeting in the service club Monday evening at 1900.

LIVE MUSIC CONTEST

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may compete for prizes: Harmonica solo; guitar, ukulele, or banjo with vocal solo; accordion, with or without vocal; hillbilly or novelty band (limited to 5 members) (not to be confused with the so-called Dixieland band), and barbershop or beauty parlor quartet.

All entries for base competition must be sent to the special service office by next Friday, April 6th. Time limit for each entry will be 15 minutes and the music used will conform to the following: Each individual soloist in the harmonica and accordion class will play two selections of his own choice. Hillbilly and novelty bands will play two selections of their own choice, characteristic of that particular type of organization. Quartets will sing three selections, without piano accompaniment. Two of the numbers will be from a list posted in each of the orderly rooms. The third number will be of each competing quartet's own choice.

Never leave any tool lying overhead, it might fall and injure you or the one next to you.