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Food Rationing Point System Governs Army Mess Halls Too

Mess officers don't stand in line with hundreds of eager housewives who wait in long queues for their ration books. Mess sergeants don't wrap up a weekly package of cooking fats and send it off to be salvaged but the Army has its point rationing system; and the Army, mind you, salvages everything. For the Post Mess Officer must plan his menus with the foresight of a general planning his campaign—months in advance; and his right hand man, the mess sergeant, keeps as close a check on waste as a Puritan's conscience.

Soldiers, admittedly, are well-fed. But if you care to investigate, you'll find that they do not "live off the fat of the land," as some fifth columnists in our midst have intimated. On the contrary, our troops are healthy and strong because they are carefully fed—every item included in their diet being painstakingly considered for the calorific, vitamin, or calcium content. Balance, not banquet, in the daily diet has given us squadrons and battalions where every man is an athlete.

Did you know, for instance, that Army mess is "point-rationed" like Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Smith; and that the Army, its millions of members notwithstanding, can no more exceed its allotted points than the humblest citizen? Did you realize that the army was allowed somewhat slightly less than fifty-five cents per day, per man, for three meals?

Waste is a sin in any category. Waste is a capital sin in the Army. At George Army Air Field, for example, Capt. Albert Perry, mess officer, conducts an "alert" against waste at all times. The motto of the mess halls, painted in large black letters, appears above every serving line, "Take What You Want, But Eat What You Take." Keen-eyed checkers stand behind each garbage container to apprehend wastrels emptying untouched foods from mess trays.

More than that, even the garbage from the George Field mess halls is not lost. Like the bottles and tin cans salvaged daily, it is sold for animal consumption, and the proceeds are turned over to the United States treasury. There are butterless days. There are meatless days. There are, in short, all the inconveniences and sacrifices in the Army that keep reminding the civilian populace that the war is on, and "war is hell." The Army doesn't live any better than anyone else. It may live a little more scientifically. The Army doesn't get any more than any one else. It just does more with what it gets. And, above all, the Army does not waste! Food is ammunition and the Army makes every bite count.

PASSOVER LEAVES ARE AUTHORIZED BY WAR DEPT.

The Seder services of the Passover are observed this year on the evenings of Monday, April 19 and Tuesday April 20. Accordingly the Jewish Welfare Board has requested the War Dept. to grant furloughs for the holidays, beginning with noon of Monday and ending with midnight of Wednesday, plus such additional traveling time as may be deemed necessary.

In his reply to the Jewish Welfare Board, Maj. Gen. J. A. Willis, Adjutant General, made reference to War Dept. Circular 244, a portion of which is quoted as follows: "In addition to services on the Sabbath, Commanding Officers are authorized to excuse from duty soldiers who desire to attend other religious services on other days which, in the liturgical churches, carry the ecclesiastical obligations of Sunday, or on occasions recognized as of special importance in non-liturgical churches. Those desiring to attend such services, either on the Post or in adjacent communities, may be absent for such period as will enable them to be at their place of worship as publicly announced, provided no serious interference with their military training is occasioned thereby."

Civilian Help Makes Exhibition Game a Success

Snafu wishes to take this opportunity to express the sincere thanks of the entire military personnel of George Field to all the citizens of Vincennes who worked so faithfully to make the exhibition game between the Tiger and the Cubs last Tuesday a success.

And so to the Vincennes Baseball Committee; Bernie Cogan, Chairman, George Byers, Father Henry Doll, Floyd Stoelting, Ralph Banks and John Adams; to Joe Kimmell, chairman of ticket sales; to Deck Gardner; to Howard Greenlee; to Vic Lund, of WAOV; to Lester Theriac; to the Vincennes Rotary Club, and to all others who co-operated so graciously—George Field says "Thank You".

EASTER SERVICES TO BE BROADCAST FROM POST THEATRE

Everybody goes to church on Easter! That is the reason why special arrangements are under way to make use of the Post Theatre for the Protestant services on Easter day, as a large number can be accommodated in the theatre. Radio Stations WAOV in Vincennes, WGBF in Evansville, and WBOW in Terre Haute have already granted time to be used for the broadcast of the services of the Colored Squadron at 9 a. m. from the Post Chapel, and the services for all officers, cadets, enlisted men and civilian personnel from the Post Theatre at 10:30 a. m. Arrangements for the broadcast were made by Sgt. James Forsyth of the Public Relations Office.

Elaborate decorations are under way to set forth the Easter message with the background of an impressive military setting. The 352nd Army Air Force Band of George Army Air Field will offer appropriate music for the occasion. Special instrumental and vocal soloists will present the Easter message along with the male chorus of the Post Chapel.

Special effort is being given to a plan for having the men of the various squadrons march to the theater in formation and sit with their commanding officer as a group. Although attendance is voluntary it is expected that the men of George Army Air Field will respond in the same co-operative spirit as they always have for such unusual occasions. Col. E. B. Bobzien, our Post Commander, is anxious that this service make a wide appeal to the personnel of George Army Air Field. Remember the date, April 25, 10:30 a. m.

BULLETIN

The War Department at noon Saturday announced that it had been advised of the safe arrival of Lt. Thomas Dudley Harmon, the former Michigan football star, in a South American base.

He had been reported earlier in the week as lost. No details were available, except that he survived a crash landing in a South American jungle. The reports were from the Antilles Air Task Force headquarters at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

OFFICERS SAY BLACKOUT TEST IS SUCCESSFUL

Perfect coordination between military and civilian units resulted in complete success for the test blackout held last Thursday night, April 15. Though not a part of Knox county, in which the blackout was officially scheduled to take place, George Army Air Field also joined in the test and, according to Capt. Paul Hebble and Robert McGinn of the Military Police, the field was totally darkened within 60 seconds after the sounding of the first alarm. Major John I. Banks, Post Adjutant, toured the field during the blackout accompanied by Capt. Hebble and Capt. McGinn. They said the blackout was complete and that all men appointed as air-raid wardens performed their jobs satisfactorily.

Capt. Charles Pierce was in charge of all field lighting, and also the hangers and flight line. The line was in complete darkness during the entire period and the two observing planes, piloted by Capt. John A. McDonald and Capt. Ross F. Rogers took off without the aid of any lights on the runways.

A description of the blackout was broadcast by Vic Lund of WAOV, Vincennes, in one plane, and Pvt. Marion Moore of Public Relations in the other. Reports were given from alternate heights of 3,000 and 1300 feet and constant plane to tower and tower to plane communication was maintained at all times.

Citizens in Vincennes and officers at George Field have agreed that the all-important lesson learned from this first trial is that the only successful blackout is a 100% blackout.

LEGAL ADVICE OFFERED FREE TO OFFICERS - EM



Capt. Samuel C. Harrison, Jr.

Of interest to all litigants and refugees in the Halls of Justice is Captain Samuel C. Harrison's recent appointment as Legal Assistance Officer for military personnel of George Army Air Field. The office is being established on all Air Fields and in all Army Camps throughout the country; and George Field, it is believed, is one of the first to extend its services to officers and enlisted men. The new office means simply that Captain Harrison is available for consultation and advice on all matters of legal bearing. His position, however, is purely advisory. He cannot represent any plaintiff in a civilian court.

All services furnished by this office are free, and extend to problems involving civil law. Ready to assist Captain Harrison in his functions as Legal Assistance Officer is Private Donald Monroe, of the Courts and Boards offices. Private Monroe is a graduate of Cornell University Law School and a former practicing attorney of Elmira, N. Y.

Tigers Defeat Cubs 6-4 In Exhibition Game Here



Four thousand chilled spectators look on as Becker, Cub first baseman, takes a healthy cut at one of Newhouser's curve balls and misses. The catcher is Parsons and "Three-fingered" Brown calls them behind the plate.

About four thousand baseball fans braved icy weather Tuesday afternoon, April 13, to watch the Tigers sting four Cub pitchers for a total of eleven hits to earn a 6 to 4 victory on the George Field diamond.

The game, scheduled to be played at Washington Field in Vincennes, was moved to the air field due to wet grounds at the city park.

A light flurry of snow held up the start of the game, cold weather and high winds combined to cut the scheduled nine inning affair to five innings.

The Detroit team won the abbreviated contest by jumping to an early lead by scoring three runs in the opening inning on four singles and an error. The Cubs came back with three counters in their half of the third on three doubles and a wild pitch. Cramer's home run in the fourth put the game in the win ledger for the American Leaguers.

Two of the National's best pitchers worked for the Cubs during the exhibition in Clyde Passeau and Paul Derringer. Passeau started the mound duties and was relieved in the second by Derringer. Bithorn replaced Derringer in the third and Hanyzewski worked the fourth frame.

Newhouser opened on the mound for the Tigers and was followed by Overmire in the fourth.

First Inning
Chicago—Hack fouled to Parsons. Stanky struck out swinging. Nicholson singled to left. Becker forced Nicholson at second, Hoover to Bloodworth. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Detroit—Cramer singled to left. Harris singled. Cavaretta making a play at third for Cramer, Harris taking second. Wakefield singled to short center, Cramer scoring and Harris holding up at third. York singled scoring Harris, Wakefield taking second. Higgins rolled to Passeau who tossed wildly trying to force York at second, Wakefield taking third and York safe on second. Bloodworth hit into a double play, Merullo to Stanky to Becker, Wakefield scoring. Hoover skied to Cavaretta in center field. Three runs, four hits, one error.

Second Inning
Chicago.—Dallessandro hit a home run into right. Cavaretta flied out to Hoover. Todd singled, Merullo hit into a double play, Hoover to Bloodworth to York. One run, two hits, no errors.

Detroit—Derringer takes the mound for the Cubs. Parsons greeted him with a single to center. Newhouser popped to Hack. Cramer singled, Parsons holding up at second. Harris flied to Nicholson in right. Wakefield doubled scoring Parsons. York was passed. Higgins flied out to Nicholson. One run, three hits, no errors.

Third Inning
Chicago.—Wilson, pinch-hitting for Derringer, grounded to Hoover who threw him out at first. Hack doubled. Stanky doubled in the same spot, scoring Hack. Nicholson doubled, scoring Stanky. Becker rolled out to Bloodworth, Nicholson taking third. Dallessandro walked on four pitched balls. Newhouser made a wild pitch, scoring Nicholson. (Continued on Page Six)

SIDELIGHTS ON TIGER-CUB GAME HERE TUESDAY

The weather was so bad at game time Tuesday that the engagement would not have been started had the two teams been matched for any other purpose than for the benefit of army personnel. This shows the willingness of organized baseball to co-operate to the fullest extent in the furnishing of entertainment for the men in the services. Both teams that played Tuesday and the White Sox that played here a week ago, gave their service at no cost to the army. Most all league ball players feel very close to the men in the Armed Forces. Many of their teammates of the past few seasons are already in the service while others await their call.

Dick Wakefield, the much publicized rookie left fielder for the Tigers, expects to leave baseball some time in July to enter the service. He is "sweating it out." However, this did not seem to bother the youngster during his three trips to the plate here Tuesday. He hit two for three, driving in two runs with his double in the second. His single in the first loaded the bags.

The Tigers open with the Cleveland Indians at Cleveland, while the Cubs start the league off with the Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago.

The home-run hit by Roger "Doc" Cramer off Hanyzewski in the fourth was his first round trip blow in three years.

Mordecai "Three fingered" Brown, who umpired behind the plate, played with the Chicago Cubs back in 1906 when they won the pennant with 116 victories. Brown now lives in Terre Haute where he owns a service station. The former "big time" pitcher acquired the tag of "three finger" due to an injury which cost him a part of one finger before he went into organized baseball.

Andy Latshaw, Cub trainer, umpired the bases during the game.

Ed Hanyzewski, who pitched the last inning for the Cubs, showed up for spring training in mid-season form. The reason being, the rookie up for the first time from Milwaukee of the American Association, worked out in the Notre Dame Field. (Continued on Page Six)

**STEWART & FAHL
TOP PING-PONG
CHAMPS OF 907**

This is a pinch hit column. These days, with the Chicago White Sox baseball team invading the Field, such a leading sentence is quite timely. Anyway, Sgt. Michael R. Gabriel, our regular Walter Winchell, is off to the dimmed-out bright lights of his home town, New York, for a 10 day furlough. In addition, 907th is missing Pfc. Howard T. Hauptert, who is on a 10 day furlough with the very best intentions of becoming one of the married group. Seriously, the entire QM wishes the best of luck to Howard and only wish we could all be there to kiss the bride.

Back in the war, after 10 day furloughs, are M/Sgt. Robert A. Fawcett, T/Sgt. George L. Aulds and a fully recovered appendectomy patient, Cpl. Billie E. Godwin. The boys say that, (Quote) "The grass in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Alabama, respectively, is getting greener all the time." (Unquote) Also, "Don't depend on the trains being on time."

Ping Pong and Pool! What memories they imbue on the boys of the QM. Our prides and joys, S/Sgt. Richard (Ping Pong) Stewart, and Pfc. Tony (Pool) Fahl, met the enemy and found them just a little bit tougher in their respective games. That game of pool between Tony and the Champ of the 327th was something to write about. It was an exciting game to watch, and the score of 69 to 75 shows that the two boys were evenly matched. Better luck next time, Stewart and Fahl.

Looks to us as though the 907th is moving to Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. A few weeks ago T/3 Gr. Dallas Thrall was transferred there and now another QM boy gets his traveling orders to report to that hospital. Pvt. LaVern W. Dillenbeck, a recent transfer from the 708th, is the man on his way.

The wife of Pfc. Arthur J. Keevil came all the way from Chicago to see the White Sox play the Tigers. Quite a ball fan. Oh yes, incidentally, it is rumored that she also came to see Art. We hope she enjoys her week or two visit here. I know we enjoy that Hudson. It is surprising how many fellows it holds on the way to town.

**OFFICERS LEAD
OVER ALICES IN
"AERO BASEBALL"**

"Aero Baseball", George Field's weekly radio program, was presented last Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. over station WAOV. It was a battle of wits between four officers of George Field and four Alices of the Vincennes U. S. O. The program was announced by Pvt. Hersey and Pvt. Marion Moore acted as master of ceremonies. "Goldbrickers Quartet" composed of Cadet Charlie Wark, Pfc. Bob Helm, Pvt. Gordon Griggs, and Pvt. Jack Sellers, played before the game and between the innings. At the end of the final inning of the thirty minute program the officers led with a score of 14 to 5.

Officers participating in the program were Lt. Thomas Handley, Lt. Howard Higgins, Lt. William McCarthy, and W/O Miller Henry. The Alices included Madge Baldwin,

Flashes of American Fun in New Guinea



All is not war in New Guinea as U. S. forces take time out between battles with the Japs to enjoy themselves in good old American fashion. Fun from home is brought to the boys by that veteran traveling movie mountebank, Joe E. Brown, who turns up "somewhere in New Guinea" perched atop a personal gift for Tojo. Nurses here may miss the hometown beauty shop, but find the Army barber makes a good substitute. The signpost indicates the boys are farther from home than from their ultimate destination.



Sgt. Corwin Lee, 1st Sgt. of the 327th Squadron, who returned to his duties Friday after being confined to the post hospital with a serious attack of pneumonia.

Retha Cross, Mary Ellen Dognaux, and Anna Wagner. Next Wednesday the game will be between members of the Physical Training Dept. and an as yet un-named opponent.

**FOOD WASTE EVILS
DRAMATIZED BY
MESS NO. 2 ARTIST**

Those cartoons that have been causing so much attention in mess hall number two are drawn by Pfc. Dan Pipkin of the 30th Squadron. Each day Pipkin sketches a message on a blackboard over the serving line. The message contains the menu for the current meal and is attractively decorated with drawings of Gremlins and other characters who warn of food waste.

Pfc. Pipkin has been in the army for 21 months, coming to George Army Air Field from Lakeland where he took primary training as an aviation cadet. Prior to entering the army Pipkin was employed as a commercial artist by Metzger Bros. in Mobile, Ala. He studied art at Centenary College in Shreveport, La. Within the next few days Pipkin will be transferred to the Reproduction Dept. where he will continue his sketching for bulletins and posters to be issued by that Dept.

**★ What You Buy With
WAR BONDS**

Help Load a Bomber

At United Nations airfields throughout the world the bomb dolly is an important piece of equipment. Rubber tired, sturdy, they are pulled into place by tractors, or pushed by manpower to load destruction on to the famous American bombers.



Cost of furnishing these bomb dollies runs into many thousands of dollars which must be raised through purchase of War Bonds and other Government Securities, plus taxes. Your Government is asking you to Buy Bonds to the limit of your ability to provide this equipment for our boys at the front. "They Give their Lives—You lend your Money."

Chinese Checkers for Jap Prisoners



Pair of Jap prisoners present a paradox of war, playing Chinese checkers to kill time on ship leaving South Pacific war zone.

**Sgt. Bill Wells
Is Said to Count
Cadence in Sleep**

New addition to our happy family is, Sgt. Bill (G. I. from the word go) Wells. We learn from a reliable source that Willie counts cadence in his sleep. Bill had a perfect right to however, before coming to George Field he was an Officer Candidate at Camp Barkeley. Keep up that "HUP---HOO---HREE---HO -- it's music to these old ears.

It really happened Lt. Davis to Pfc. Ayan: "Stand at attention"—Ryan assumes the prescribed position with a grin. Lt. Davis: "Wipe that grin off your face!" Ryan complies by sweeping his hand down and across his face and snickers audibly. Lt. Davis: "I thought I told you to wipe that grin off your face." Ryan: "I did Sir, I'm laughing now."

It is with a great deal of regret that we bid T/Sgt. Henry Spanier adieu. "Hank," is leaving us to attend O. C. S., at Camp Barkeley, Tex. Good Bye "Hank". Good luck! I hope you live in "King's Row."

Also leaving us is that veteran "Vet" Sgt. Semmelle (I can get it for you wholesale) Snyder. Same is venturing forth into that cold cruel world where everything is rationed. Farewell old sock you have done a fine job, three stripes in a short seven months is something to be proud of.

Our baseball team is in the process of being formed, with some of the boys all ready on the post team and quite a few others with plenty on the ball, we'll be ready in a short time to take on all comers. I would like to wish them all the luck and success our basketball team met with in winning the recent Post Tournament.

Favorite expressions:
Sgt. Ashby: "The Buddy Stuff is here to stay."

Sgt. Heyert: "She's really crazy about me—BUT!"

Pvt. Holm (Goo Goo): "Where do all the patients come from?"

Cpl. Simpson: "I'm just misunderstood, I'm a changed man."

Pvt. (Senor) Perez: "Avery time I torn around I am gegged."

Pvt. Rogoff: "It's not my head it's the hat."

Cpl. Gallo: "I'm all ways there, you just can't find me."

Pvt. Waterfall: "When the WAAC's come in—???"

Pvt. McVannell: "I can't sit still, as a matter of fact I can't sit at all."

Pvt. Ryan: "Five more days, four more days, three more days, I'm going nuts."

Sgt. Benfield: "But you know what days to requisition supplies."

SPECIAL . . . According to Pvt. "Red" Jennings, General Lee is collecting his armies and supplies and has made his Headquarters to Laurel, Miss. Who says we uns is beat?

News flash from the Terre Haute front—Terre Haute "GORILLAS" (spelled correctly) Dunn and Waterfall report that all is well on the northern front, and add that a man hasn't lived until he has been Terre Hauterized.

Wednesday's "Beer Buster" was a huge success, the amber liquid flowed like "Borscht" in the streets of Sevastopol. "Gypsy Rose" Gullota entertained the "Elite" with his own imitable interpretation of "The Dance of the Hours."

BOND VALUE OF BATTLESHIP

A battleship of 35,000 tons costs the U. S. government \$70,000,000 to build. This is equal to 933,333 war bonds of \$100 maturity value.

A PX SPECIAL

NEW SHIPMENT

ENLISTED MEN'S

Fine Broadcloth

SHIRTS

New Wrinkle-Proof Collar.

A PX SPECIAL

THE NEWEST

THE SMARTEST

Genuine Photograph

POST CARDS

(ARMY AIRPLANES)

INSURANCE DRIVE

"Never put off 'till tomorrow what can be done today." This old adage applies very well in the case of insurance, and there is a drive now on to insure each and every man at George Field and thus protect himself and his loved ones.

In each squadron an insurance officer and a non-commissioned officer has been appointed to handle individual insurance problems. Also information may be obtained from Lt. Roy Johnson, Special Services Officer, or Sgt. Ed Teeven in the Special Services Office.

Anyone who has had a physical examination within the last four months (120 days), either for Warrant Officer, O. C. S., or who has passed the 63 or 64 medical examination, doesn't have to have another one for this insurance policy. This physical examination will be transferred to the policy upon being brought to the Flight Surgeon's office by the enlisted man.

For those who have to take the physical examination arrangements have been made with the post hospital to handle such men every morning from 8:30 a. m. to 12 noon, except Sunday. In next week's issue of "Snafu" insurance percentages for each squadron will be printed. Help put your squadron on top!

Squadron 4 Has "Found a Home"; They Even Think Spring Is Here

Spring has arrived (It says here!) and like the members of the fairer sex, Squadron 4 is doling up for the occasion. Venetian blinds have been added and the Cadet section boarded and painted. The Officers too are becoming fashion-conscious since the recent showing at the Officer's Club of the new summer uniforms.

Our C. O., Capt. Hinderleider is to be complimented on the excellent job he has been doing as Acting Group Commander as well as Squadron C. O.

The car-buying spree has hit

CPL. ED CORCORAN DESIGNS AIR MAP AS GIFT TO COL. BOBZIEN

Cpl. Edward Corcoran of the 710th TEFTS has made a new map—one even more beautiful than that which still adorns the 710th Orderly Room. This latest expression of his talents, both as artist and cartographer, is now the personal property of Col. Edwin Bobzien. And, quite appropriately, for it is a new type of Air Map, ideally suited to the office of a veteran pilot. Designed for Universal Time Conversion, it is hand painted, in blue and white, on a durable disc of plywood.

The rotatable disc has a standard clock center-piece (plus a conversion table for Greenwich time) which automatically tells time for any degree of longitude, day or night. By means of colored map-pins, it provides, moreover, ready reference to the tide of battle and the movement of troops. Because of its global projection, it gives an unusually graphic realization of relative air distances—a fact which the colonel was quick to comment upon and point out to the officers assembled for the presentation.

Cpl. Corcoran is not new to precision work. Before enlisting in the Army, he was employed as a foreman and tool designer by the Cusler-Hammer Corporation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Further experience to qualify him for flirting with the methods of Rand-McNally Company came from days spent as instructor in mechanical drawing. But, perhaps, the factor that best enabled him to deal with the exigencies of map-making was his American spirit. For, unlike a great many maps that hang on the walls of military headquarters today, the one he has made is beautiful.

"Cartographer" Corcoran is a native of Escanaba, Michigan. As a member of the 710th TEFTS, he is employed in the Post Reproduction Department. "Public Relations" discovered his talent and, persuasively, removed the bushel behind which he was modestly hiding it. Maj. Milton W. Heath placed an order for a new world on his desk; and, not long afterwards, Corcoran placed a new world map on the colonel's walls—the most intelligible new world we have seen for a long time.

A PX SPECIAL

SPECIAL!

SAFETY POCKET KNIVES
and
NAIL FILES

An Ideal Gift to Send Home

Squadron 4 as well as other Squadrons what with the appearance of several shiney new cars on the Flight Line and much "window-shopping" being done indicating that there will be more added in the near future. It must be the Spring influence again!

At this point we would like to mention Lt. Weatherly—has he really got "Spring fever?"

We understand that Lt. Keifer is to be married sometime this month. Lawrenceville will be the new address. He recently picked out a "love nest" there!

Capt. Hinderleider and yours truly have moved into their new homes on "Rank Row" in Lawrenceville, and are enjoying them very much. A beautiful big park across the way offers an ideal spot for "weinie" roasts this summer. Everyone invited. Bring your own "weenies"—or your Ration Books!

Congratulations are in order to Lt. Walter E. Mihcael, formerly of Squadron 4, and Miss Betty McCormick of Personnel Section, Headquarters. They recently announced their engagement.

Similar to the "Busman's holiday," Capt. Hinderleider and Lt. Holt are building those popular G-line Model Planes in their spare.

Give us a ring on the "party-line" next week.

Ordnance Dept. Expands Under Captain Taube

Training centers such as George Field are set up primarily for the purpose of training our American fighting men to fly. In important relation to this training is the ordnance dept. which functions essentially in storage and supply. It also covers the procurement and maintenance of aircraft materials.

Heading this complex department at George Field is Capt. Theodore Taube, assisted by Lt. Roscoe Eaton. Capt. Taube is a native of Washington, D. C. At Georgia Tech, where he received a degree in civil engineering, Capt. Taube received the R. O. T. C. background that made him eligible for the reserve commission which he received in 1933.

He served in ordnance as a 2nd Lt. until 1937 when he was appointed a 1st Lt. and was later called to active duty at Aberdeen, Md., in 1941. Following his assignment at Aberdeen he was transferred to Maxwell Field, Ala., and then to George Field, where he was appointed to the rank of captain, and was assigned as post ordnance officer. Under his direction the ordnance dept. has kept pace with the general expansion of George Army Air Field.

LOST!

Snafu will carry a lost and found column, including items which may be offered for sale or exchange by members of the military or civilian personnel of George Army Air Field, or by parties off the Post who may desire to make such announcements in Snafu. All notices must be presented in writing to the editorial offices of Snafu.

A leather container with coupon A gasoline book, in name of AUSTIN BROOKS, 1121 E. Sycamore St., Vincennes, Ind. The finder will please return to Mr. Brooks whose telephone number is 1003, Vincennes.



Signe Sandstrom, cellist and one of the talented artists of the concert, radio, and opera worlds who will appear in the Post Theater April 23, in the U. S. O. Camp Show's "Cavalcade of Music." Brought to George Field by the Special Services Office, "Cavalcade of Music" should be an event of outstanding musical importance.

Band Scores Hit At Dance In Rec. Hall

Last nights dance in the Post Recreation Hall was the best attended of any dance ever held there, according to Lts. Johnson and Pittman, Special Services Officers

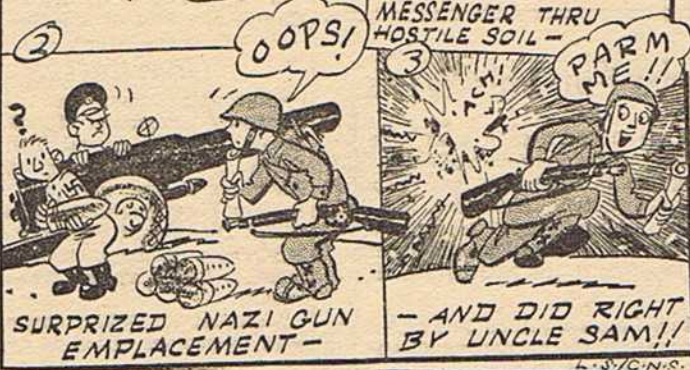
No small part of the success of the evening was due to the music provided by the George Army Air Field Post Band under the direction of Sgt. Max Stein. The boys were rely at their best last night.

As partners for the 250 enlisted men who attended, 160 girls came from Vincennes, Lawrenceville, Olney, Bicknell, and other nearby communities.

Morning Report



PVT. KURT STEINBACH
AWARDED SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION—NORTH AFRICA—



SURPRIZED NAZI GUN EMPLACEMENT—

— AND DID RIGHT BY UNCLE SAM!!

Sgt. Haussener Loves Dumb Animals and Finds Girls Do, Too

What's this we hear about the Technical Supply having some brand new statements of charges ready for the boys? Seems Sgt. Kowalski, Patterson and Carr are sweating "the division of tools." Ah, what's a few bucks for a good cause? We would like to get a little more dope, on the "dope" who wanted a farm furlough to go home to plant window boxes around the 'ol homestead.

We admire the manner in which Pfc's Maki, Sather, Dyer, and Rubin have gotten into the swing of things on our Engineering Line. Keep up the fine work boys. Our greatest lover of dumb animals has turned out to be Sgt. Haussener. To prove his love and respect for man's four-legged friend he refused to ride in a car when his pal "Blackie" wasn't admitted in the car. "Blackie" repaid the compliment by following "Whit" to and from various establishments in a near by town. Believe it or not, it didn't hinder his style in the least. The girls just love "dawgs."

Pfc. DeMulder is still trying to explain why he has three pictures of his Lou-Lou Bele in the same pose over his bunk. Can it be the Lou wants to be triple sure Charlie doesn't "wander"? The whole squadron admires the efficient and speedy manner in which Sgt. Schuler installed the Intra-Communication system in the buildings of our organization. This indeed is proof of the past experiences Sgt. Schuler has had in his previous hitches. This new system has been an added asset in the executing of squadron affairs. Who is the stout hearted S/Sgt. of this organization who has completely swept an Evansville belle off her number 11's. The reason for such a sweeping should be evident. She sez, and we quote, "Army, you are the only man, who isn't afraid of me." Wow, is it that bad A. C.? We don't mean S/Sgt. Silvey either.

Men for wider and greener pastures see Pfc. Hentzel and Pvt. Gilley. These boys just don't mess-around local stock. "Yes Sir," they trek out to Centralia, Ill., for the sun light, fresh-air, and of course companionship. Cpl. Cox, had proved to be the handiest man in the squadron with a tire-pry. Of course we must give Cpl. Gloff credit for his invaluable instructions which were indeed a help to Brother Cox. Sgt. Isgro's crew of Grades, Dowd and Johns were rather disappointed when Pfc. Przyblyski returned to mother earth after his first trip ski-ward—nary a hec-cup in the offing. The reason his walk was wobbly was due to the length of time he was in a setting position, eh, John? Flight "A" welcomes back S/Sgt. "Walt" Bednarko after his successful return from the wilds of "Jersey." But, it's still a darn great place, eh, Sarge?

Are there any cases of Spring Fever on Main Street?

A PX SPECIAL

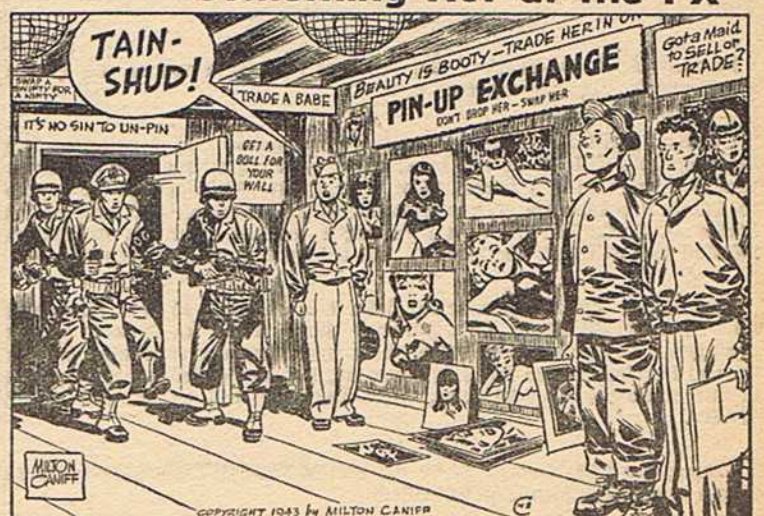
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Enlisted Men's Summer
GARRISON (FLIGHT) CAPS
Fine Quality Chino

Buy Now and Be Sure of Your Size

Male Call

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

Something Hot at the PX



GUARD'S DUCK DUCKS GUARDS, BUT IT'S OK NOW

Much alarm was felt among the men of the first relief of the guard squadron last Wednesday due to the disappearance of their mascot, "General Orders." Usually "P. O.", who is a very extraordinary duck indeed, is staked out in front of barracks 117 during the day.

He must have heard that there was a Donald Duck Cartoon at the post theatre for he slipped his halter and took off to see his cousin on the silver screen. After much sleuthing around by the boys "G. O." was located at the theatre trying to convince the ticket seller that he was Donald's cousin and that he should be admitted free.

The "General" is back at home now but he has that wanderlust look in his eyes, so he will probably be kept under confinement a while for going A. W. O. L.

Lt. Burdon Hyde is back at his duties after a brief sojourn in the "Windy City." He said that Chicago and Illinois are OK but... well, Connecticut, there's a state for you.

We are very proud to see the twin silver bars adorning the shoulders of Police and Prison Officer, Capt. McGinn. Congratulations!

Pvt. William Lee of our gun maintenance department is doing a fine job of keeping our firearms clean and in order. The guards have his assurance that the weapons that they are armed with are always in good condition and ready for instant use.

Lt. Richard E. Smith is on a short leave home to Indianapolis and is due back in the squadron about the first of the week.

All the scrubbing and shining and general use of army elbow grease last Saturday certainly brought results for the squadron's monthly inspection was a complete success.

Reports coming in show that there has been a decided improvement in one of the reliefs due to some recent changes that have been made. Better reliefs make a better squadron and that is the goal that we are all striving for.

The following named men of the guard squadron have signed up for Link Trainer instruction and have already started the course; Pvts. Lewis D. Adams, and J. J. Mitchell, and Cpls. James Martin and Chester Brzustoski.

Now on furlough are the following men: George Morris, Ralph Miller, Al Strevy, Coxnally, Anderson, Ezze, Locke, Freitas, Foley, Becker, Broyles, Koch, Turner, McCarty, Smill and O'Brien.

Pvt. Louis Sacks has been noticed going around making funny noises like "rat-a-tat-tat" and it is rumored that it will be aerial gunnery school for Pvt. Sacks.

Training Sqd. 7 Awarded Title For Appearance

Training Squadron 7 has been recognized this week as the best Cadet Squadron at George Field. This recognition was won last Friday evening at the weekly parade and review in which all cadet squadrons participate. The parade takes place at 1800 every Friday, starting in the cadet area and, led by the band, continuing down Tinker Avenue to the flight line.

After the review on the line there is a personnel inspection and the award of "best squadron of the week" is then made, based on appearance during the parade, review and inspection, and also appearance at the various formations which have been met during the week.

Lt. Headrick is soon to announce a system whereby men of the winning squadron will be given additional privileges during the weekend.

A PX SPECIAL

NEW SHIPMENT

Fine Assortment of
WRIST

WATCHES

Come In And Look Them Over.



George Field Warrant Officer Tells of Action At Pearl Harbor

"I was in my home in the non-commissioned officers' quarters at Hickam Field, Hawaii, when the Jap raiders struck. It was 8:00, on an unusually peaceful Sunday morning. . . Sun high, air motionless, and the flags hung limp at their mastheads, when my 10-year-old son, "Butch," called me, in an excitedly childish treble, out into the yard. He had seen strange planes swooping over the city and had called me to identify them. Before I could even raise my hand to make a shield for my eyes, a bomb exploded with tremendous concussion just a few blocks away. When a second, then a third deafening report fairly split my ear-drums, I needed no further conviction of the identity of the strange craft. They were Japanese, opening the raid that, with two intervals, was to last until 11:00 of the same terrible day."

So runs the tale of Chief Warrant Officer Donald Newell. . . One that thrills his fellow soldiers today as it will thrill his grandchildren in years to come. For Mr. Newell, like Col. Edwin Bobzien, was at Pearl Harbor that morning of Dec. 7. He has known the breath-taking anxiety that watches periled loved ones helplessly, as his family fled into the hills for safety. He has seen "grease monkeys," members of the ground crews, kick the dead aside from a machine gun emplacement and man the gun themselves. He has watched valiant pilots try to lift their ponderous "Mary Anns" into the sky when the field all around them was cratered and ablaze by enemy bombs, for Mr. Newell of Post Headquarters had a ring-side seat during the first round of our bout with the Japs and—gratefully—he lived to fight another day.

"Did you lose any friends in the encounter?" we ask.

"Many. As a matter of fact, my outfit (the 17th Air Base Group) was hardest hit. It would not be permissible to tell who, or how many fell; but, believe me, I will always know. I will never forget."

"Which gave you the most trouble—the high altitude bombing, or

the strafing?"
"Well, the Zero fighters know how to strafe terrifyingly. They almost touched our gun emplacements with their control surfaces many times. But it was the bombers dropping their eggs from 'way up in the lazy blue that really punished us. We just couldn't get any fighters off . . . even to ruffle their aim. We had to take it."

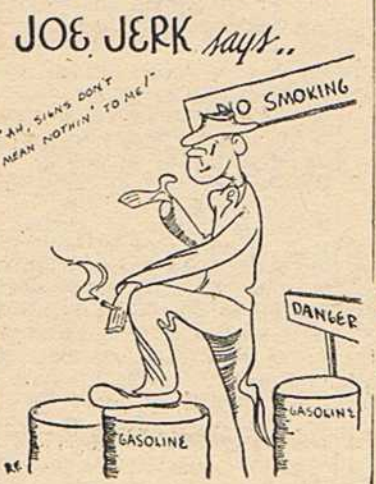
Modestly, Mr. Newell admitted that as a member of the 17th Air Base Group, he had received a letter of commendation from his commanding officer, Lt. Col. L. Boyd.

Mr. Newell is a career soldier, with 12 years of continuous service in the regular army where he worked himself up to the rank of warrant officer. A native of Bridgeport, Ill., he resides there with his wife, Vesper and their three sons, "Butch," Robert, and Don, Jr.

Mess School Attended by Four Officers

Enlisted men are not the only soldiers who go to school. Latest departures for school from George Army Air Field are: Maj. Channing Beasley, Captain Claude Langsten, and Lt. Albert F. Ogg. All three officers have gone to Ft. Sheridan, Chicago, where they will be joined in their studies of "Mess Supervision and Food Conservation," by Captain Albert Perry, Post Mess Officer.

Your money's needed on occasion
Of the second front invasion—
Buy a War Bond today!



Easter Sunday Suppers

Invitations for enlisted men of George Army Air Field to attend Easter Sunday suppers are being received by Lt. Roy Johnson of the Special Services Office. Transportation will be provided and all men who are interested are urged to contact Lt. Johnson as soon as possible. He may be reached by telephone at Sta. 306, or call in person at his office in the north end of the 327th Orderly room.

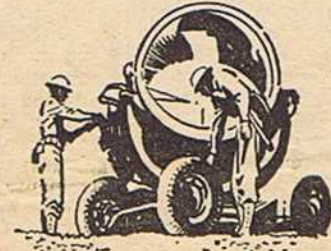
GEORGE FIELD MEN INVITED TO ATTEND BAPTIST SERVICES

Rev. Thomas L. Bush has extended an invitation to all men of George Field to attend Sunday services at the First Baptist church in Vincennes. According to Rev. Bush the morning service starts at 10:30 and the evening service at 7:30. Each Sunday the evening service is followed by a fellowship meeting to enable soldiers to become better acquainted with each other. The First Baptist church is located at the corner of Broadway and Fifth streets.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Floodlight the Skies

Searchlights of 8-million candle power. That's as much candle power in one searchlight as is required to floodlight four major league ball parks, or to illuminate 20,000 American homes. These anti-aircraft searchlights cost \$27,500.



They are for your protection too, as they sweep the skies for enemy planes. And they are for the protection of lives everywhere as they stab high into the heavens with their brilliant light. Your War Bond purchases help pay for them. Our anti-aircraft fighters need them. "They give their lives—You lend your money." U. S. Treasury Department

CAPT. HOWARD EVOKES "AH'S" WITH DANCING

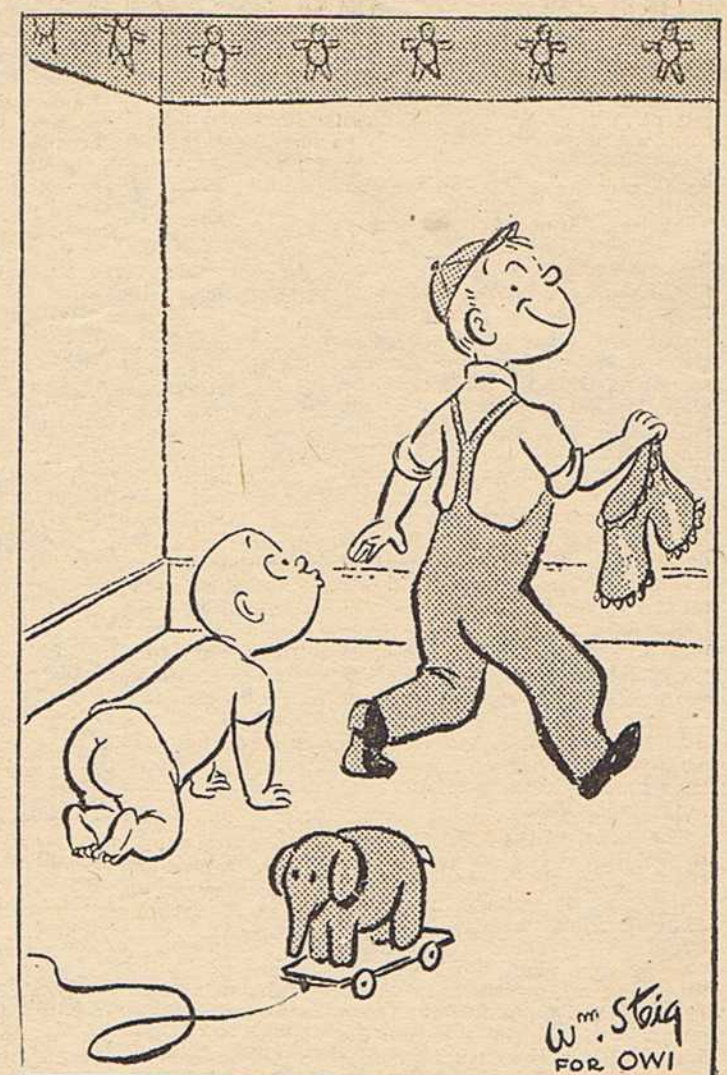
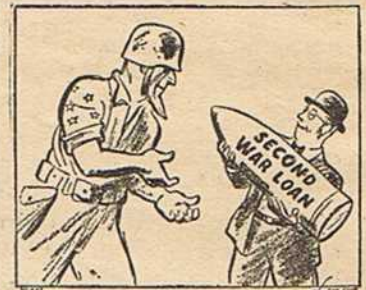
The Squadron is still on the ball and have yet to be pushed out of first place. The area is looking better all the time due largely to the efforts of Sgt. Frank Sforza and his sanitary engineers. Cpl. George Baum is doing a swell job with the new walks and it won't be long before we will have one less excuse for not having a G. I. shine on our shoes. Let's keep up the good work.

The party went over in a big way the other night and so far all the reports we have heard have been that everybody had a swell time. Our CO Capt. R. E. Howard was very much in evidence on the dance floor and I think a lot of us could take lessons from him in dancing. We would also like to thank Lt. McCarthy for the way in which he put over the grand march. T/Sgt. Gayle and Cpl. Marsala did a great job of entertaining and their singing did a lot to keep the party rolling.

The boxing instructor Sgt. Gabe told me the other day that he would like to see more of the men turn out at the gym. We have all the equipment, punching bags, a ring and instructors there to give us all the help we want. It is a good chance to learn how to take care of yourself and nobody gets hurt. Incidentally our CO works out down there and is really a pretty tough customer in the ring. Let's see if we can't get a few men out for boxing. We must have some boys who have had some experience in the ring. It is the only sport that we don't have at least one representative from the Squadron entered in. Let's show them that we can hold our end there too.

PROTECTS OWN PLANE

The gunfire interrupter, a tiny device used on bombers and combat planes, prevents gunners from inadvertently shooting the tail or other parts off of their own planes.



V-462

Kid Salvage

Lt. Handley Shines on Quiz Program

Lt. Thomas Handley brought glory to the 708th Squadron last Wednesday evening when he made a guest appearance on the radio program, "Aero Baseball." All of the questions that he selected were home run questions and he answered them all. His long residence in San Francisco helped him to answer one of the questions. The question was, "What piece of fire fighting equipment used in New York could not go up a wrong way street?" Lt. Handley remembered the fire boats in San Francisco harbor and "fire boats" was the right answer.

S/Sgt. George Kline, after sweating out the workings of the landing gear, stumbles out of the plane and says, "It would have been more exciting if we had made a belly landing."

T/Sgt. Willie Parker, scourge of the sleepers, gleefully administers a



Sgt. Sam Howell, 1st Sgt. of the 708th Squadron, is now residing in Vincennes with his wife, Dorothy, and their infant daughter, Ann Cecille. Mrs. Howell and the baby arrived here the first of this week from Omaha, Neb.

"hot foot" to those who try to take a cat nap during the night shift.

Pvt. Charles Bramble can't live this one down, as the boys continue to ask, "Why didn't you do it?"

S/Sgt. Frank C. (for "Chubby") Fulmer expresses a desire to become a painter, having assisted in the painting of some section of Vincennes lately. He specializes in the use of red paint.

Pvt. Robert "Donald Duck" Montgomery continues to give amazing impersonations of that feathered character at the slightest encouragement.

Pvt. John Vitalli, all animation and interest at the mere mention of corporal stripes. "I'm sweating that out," he says.

S/Sgt. William Cutler has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa., to visit his father who is seriously ill.

Cpl. Robert Sullivan has taken an emergency furlough to attend the funeral of his grandfather.

Pvt. Conrad Koenig keeps as busy as a beaver as he twirls that hammer around the squadron.

Pvt. Michael Kepchar, who hails from Gary, Ind., a suburb of Vincennes, expects to leave for O. C. S. soon.

Pvt. Joseph Brabson, having practiced with the Giants, will use his experience playing for the George Field baseball team.

Pfc. Charles Rexroad has become engaged to Miss Louise Webster of Effingham, Ill.

Sgt. LaBass was seen on the streets of Vincennes Friday looking for his "Peach."

ENGLISH CHILDREN RETURN TO LONDON

LONDON (AP)—Despite recent air raids, children are returning to London in increasing numbers.

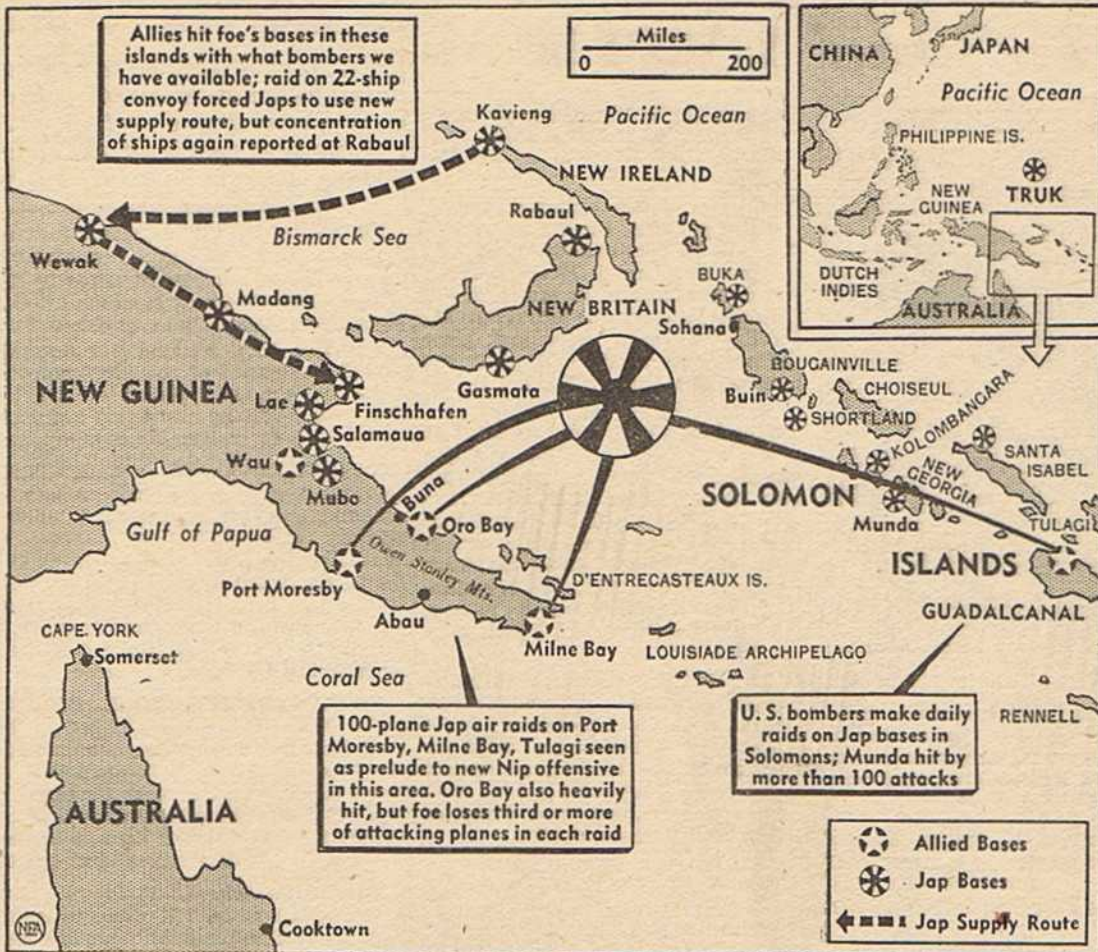
The number of children in the capital has now reached a war-time record of 226,750 aged five to fourteen, with an additional 48,300 aged three to five.

Fewer than 125,000 London children are now in the country. The London County Council is trying to secure the release of some of its 5000 teachers now at country schools to cope with the teaching job in London again.

WE'RE AHEAD

The United Nations produced one and a quarter million more tons of shipping than the enemy destroyed during the last half of 1942.

New Jap Menace Growing in Southwest Pacific



Dananberg and Mahoney Lead in 706 Tournament

The 706th representatives in the field pool and ping pong tournament got off to a flying start Tuesday night, when Dananberg won 3 out of 5 to beat Troxell of the 705. Mahoney had an easy time in his pool match, winning 100 to 61. This coming Thursday they will continue their winning ways—we hope. The Squadron was sorry to see the departure of Sgt. Weissaupt, Pfc. Kingsbury and Pvt. Zarella who were transferred to Billings General Hospital. We all hope them the best of luck and a speedy recovery. With the Easter holidays here, the boys have been taking off on furloughs for all over this good old nation of ours. S/Sgt. Linkiewicz, Cpl. Melanson, Cpl. Sokolowski, Pfc. Noyist, Pfc. Fink, and Pfc. Morancy are a few of the boys who will be spending the holidays at home.

The Orderly Room has been in an uproar for the last few days, as a matter of fact ever since S/Sgt. Louton found out that he is about to be a pappy. Any odds accepted on the outcome. The reporter is laying 6-1 it's a girl. The Orderly Room as well as all the men in the outfit were sorry to see the departure of Sgt. Moore to combat duty. We all wish him good speed and a happy landing.

DEVELOPED BY ARMY

A butter has been developed by the Army that will resist temperatures up to 110 degrees and that can be shipped without refrigeration.

There are 679 windows in the Capitol at Washington.



T/Sgt. Abraham Rolnick of the Finance Dept. who is now on furlough in New Haven, Conn., where he will marry Miss Evelyn Greenberg.

COYOTES SAVE THEIR SKINS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—When the coyotes howl out on the lone prairie these days, it's with glee.

There's a good bounty on their pelts but they stand a better chance of handing onto them than at any other time in years. Traps are hard to get, ammunition is scarce and most of the private hunters have gone into more lucrative war work or into the armed services.

The force of hunters employed by the Utah federal animal and rodent control division has dropped from a high mark of 140 to the present 62.

"Shufflin' Along" Troupe Feted by Men of 311th

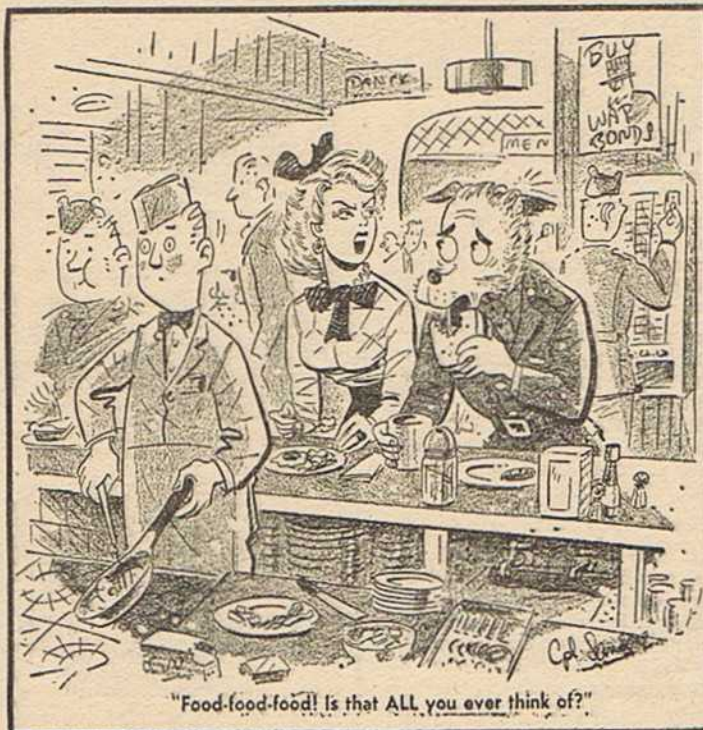
About the most interesting thing that has happened here in a long time is the "Shufflin' Along" show from Los Angeles that played in the Post Theater last week. The show can speak for itself, now let's meet some of the troupe. Miss Effie Smith, one of the "Three Shades of Rhythm," was escorted while here by Cpl. Roscoe Truss. The two had plenty in common since Miss Smith lived in Memphis for a while, as had Cpl. Truss. It seemed that Miss Gladys Davis and Sgt. John Davis did OK. Davis is now wondering when he may be shipped to Los Angeles. Of course, we will all remember Lady Will Carr for her fine performance at the piano, as well as her good looks. Pfc. Henry Rogers is said not to have washed his face since Comedian Hatie Noel kissed him. What do you intend to do with that mug, Rogbers? Pfc. Leo Owens really thinks he can get chocolate off of his face since Miss Noel called him "her drop," or was it droop?

For the fellows at home beating the chops. . . Pvt. Anthony D. Lee mixing Spanish with his English and still beating the blue streak. . . Cpl. James Landers and Amost Hatter giving Elsa the cow a run for the money chewing that cud. . . We'd like to at least hear the movies, fellows. . . Pvts. Curtis Lewis and Mark Nelson discussing the girls, just any girls. . . Pvt. Leslie Pickett looking all innocent, the Carolina wolf. . . Pvt. Obie Johnson when he wasn't in a jolly mood, nice guy too. . . Pvt. Willie Moreman and Pvt. Joe Gray of Miami, Fla., shivering at the Tiger-Cub game. . . Fellows, don't forget that Holy Communion service and the Palm Sunday message at the Post Chapel tomorrow morning. The 311th Goodwill singers have a real treat in store for you Easter Sunday morning.

SOLDIER PLAYS SAFE WITH THE CENSOR

SPINDALE, N. C. (AP)—Mrs. Bonnie Duncan of Spindale received this letter from her son Bill who is in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

"Dear Mom:
"Can't write a thing—the censor to blame. Just say I'm well, and sign my name. Can't tell where we sailed from, can't mention the date and can't even number the meals that I ate. Can't say where we're going, don't know where we'll land, couldn't inform you if met by a band. Can't mention the weather, can't say if there's rain, all military secrets must remain. Can't have a flashlight to guide me at night, can't smoke cigars except out of sight. Can't keep a diary for such is a sin, can't keep the envelopes your letters came in. Can't say for sure, darling, just what I can write, so I'll call this a letter, and close with 'good night!'"



Parmer Reed Leaves Weather Squad For O. C. S.

This past week has seen some great and important changes in the weather station. Our private superman, Parmer Reed, has left us to attend the officer candidate school in field artillery. We look for him to emulate, at least in part, the achievements of another field artilleryman Napoleon Bonaparte. The only difference between the two at the present time is a difference in size. "P. O." may have a slightly different size after he spends three months working out in the healthful Oklahoma climate. Our wandering boy, Joe Strahl, returned from a furlough of ten days, most of which he spent at home. The question is what is her name?

On the professional side, the equipment of the station has been greatly increased. The reason or cause of this increase is the arrival of a rather large display board for filing weather as it comes in off the teletype circuits for the information of pilots. Comments of station visitors since have been somewhat varied on the subject. They range from, "It looks like a barroom," to just plain and ordinary, "Holy Cats." But the most interesting thing of all is the way Lt. McCabe and C. W. O. Maugans sit and look at it with a look of collective paternal pride. They conceived it and they designed it and now their dream is a somewhat overwhelming reality. It puts the station in almost complete shape in more ways than one. There just isn't room for anything else.

The promotions were rather prolific this month and they ranged from the top down. H. O. Maugans, Assistant Post Weather Officer and one of the men who founded and established the George Field weather station, was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer. Corporal James Martini, one of the better products of the great state of Michigan, was promoted to sergeant along with the versatile Corporal Andrew Jindra. Private Robert Slusser, a comparative newcomer and one of the growing ranks of Sgt. Vaughn's teletype corps, was promoted to Private First Class.

COFFEE ROASTED ON THE RUN

LONDON (AP)—Now "GI Java" for American soldiers is coming from coffee roasted fresh on Army mobile units.

There's a great demand among the fighting forces for American coffee, but supplies have been curtailed due to limited British roasting facilities and the lack of cargo space for bringing supplies from the United States.

Green coffee grown in North Africa is roasted, cooled, stoned and ground in the mobile units which can be hauled on a truck and set-up within three hours.

DOUBLE TROUBLE IN SHERIFF'S CORNER

DARLINGTON, S. C. (AP)—Sheriff C. A. Grinnell, with a complete description, set out to get his man on an assault and battery charge.

He found a person at a bus station fitting the description perfectly and he arrested him. The man vigorously protested his innocence. Then up popped another man, a double for the first. He was arrested promptly and confessed.

Both had the same name. They were no kin.

ALL WATCHDOG DOES IS WATCH

KANSAS CITY (AP)—The Ralph McBrides left their home in the care of Watchdog Oscar, whom they locked inside.

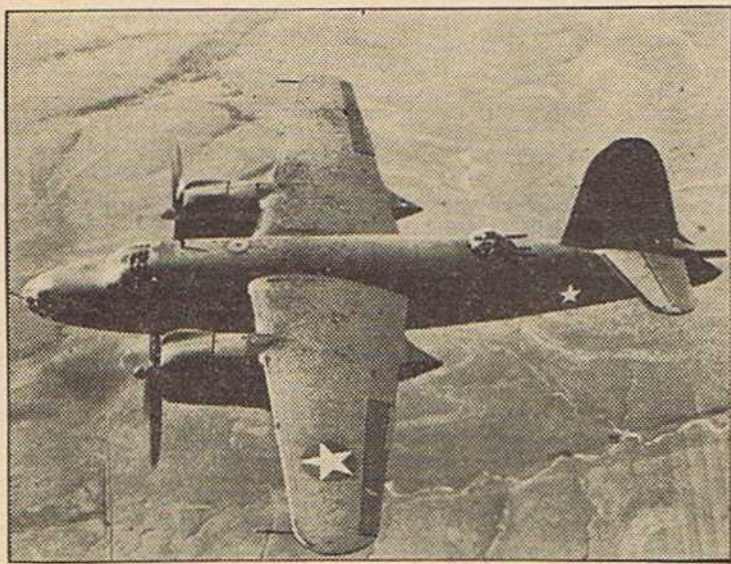
When they returned Oscar was outside and barking lustily. He had been locked out by a thief who stole \$75 worth of clothing.

A PX SPECIAL

JUST ARRIVED!

Genuine
POLAROID
SUN GLASSES

**Soldier's Tribute To Martin B-26;
Gen. Arnold Agrees 'Great Bomber'**



—Photo by U. S Army Air Corps—From Glenn L. Martin Co.

"The Marauder," Glenn L. Martin Co.'s B-26 medium bomber. Tremendous power and short wing spread make the B-26 "hotter than a two-dollar pistol." At MacDill Field in Tampa, Fla., Brig. Gen. James E. Parker is training the pilots of the Third Bomber Command how to handle this amazingly versatile plane.

The following tribute to the Martin bomber, B-26, written by Capt. John C. Kofed of the Third Bomber Command, first appeared in the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News. It is reprinted in "Snafu" because it is a timely comment on a gallant ship which is striking, and striking hard, at our enemies all over the world.

Developed early in 1939 the Martin medium bomber, B-26, was the first military plane to be placed in production without first going through a two- or three-year design-to-product period. First real test of their stamina came when three test pilots from Patterson Field were flying three of the planes to Dayton for accelerated service tests.

Running into rain squalls so severe that other ships were grounded the B-26s got through without mishap, although two of the pilots had to make forced landings under most adverse conditions. The other got through with only a few drops of gasoline in the tanks.

Not Too Speedy for Safety

These pilots disproved the theories held by some experts that the Martins were too speedy and tricky to be handled safely. Soon 15 of the planes were at Patterson and from there sent to war maneuvers in the south where both Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces, and Assistant Secretary of War for Air Robert A. Lovett expressed satisfaction at their performance.

One of the pilots at Patterson Field who had flown the planes when asked what he thought of the B-26 said: "There is nothing too fast about the plane when it lands. The ship wasn't built for old women to fly, that's all."

Today B-26s are active on all fronts and especially in the Pacific and Alaskan theaters. In the following story, Capt. John C. Kofed writes about the bomber and its feats so far in actual combat.

What a Good Bomber Must Do

"There may be differences of opinion among experts as to which bombers are best suited for certain types of missions. There is no difference of opinion as to what a good bomber must be capable of doing. It must hit its targets and get back home, even though the air be filled with flak and enemy fighters. Performance . . . not promise; prowess . . . not publicity, are the payoff points of a great airplane.

"Measured by this rule of thumb, the B-26, which has been the subject of more argument than any other ship of the skies, is a great bomber. Gen. Arnold, who always insisted the B-26 was exactly that, is seeing his contention proved over and over again in the smoke of battle.

No Plane for Inexperienced Pilot

"It is true that, because of its tremendous power and short wing spread, this product of the Martin plant is hotter than a two-dollar pistol. The best pilots in the world are at its controls, because it takes a fine pilot to handle it as it should be handled. It isn't a plane for a man who half knows his job. He's got to know it from propellers to empenage or he'll be as uncomfortable as a dude ranch guest on an untamed bronco. If he does know, he finds the B-26 one of the fastest, hardest hitting bombers in all the world.

Japs Fear Martin B-26

"The Jap knows this better than anyone else. He can learn nothing here that he has not already been taught by the high explosives that drop from the bomb-bay doors of the B-26.

"He has seen those lightning fast, two-engine devils come roaring

**GUARDSMEN
ABOUND IN
HIGH SPIRITS**

If you have observed guards strutting about their posts lately, be slow to take offense. The men of the 1067 Guard Squadron really have something to be proud of. For instance, there is the grand opening of the day room which took place Monday, April 12, and gives the guards what they claim is the best day room on the post.

Then there is the case of Pvt. Joe Corpier, of the Military Police detachment. Joe just walked into the George Field post office and bought \$3,000 worth of War Bonds through Lt. William McCarthy. It was the largest single purchase made at George Field and of course, Joe was detained for a picture, which appeared in last week's issue of "Snafu."

The Guard Squadron further distinguished itself by contributing more to Army Emergency Relief than any other single unit on George Field. This announcement was made Wednesday by Lt. Norbert Whitcomb, officer in charge of A. E. R. at George Field.

Drilling has become almost a pleasure in the Guard Squadron with the arrival of Lt. Richard E. Smith. Lt. Smith has become "one of the boys" in the best sense of the word. With his platoon at formal retreat, with the Guard Squadron at guard mount, or with the workers planning the day room, Lt. Smith is on the job wherever the Guard Squadron congregates.

All the men of the 1067th rejoiced when one of their number made the Field ball game. And after seeing their representative, Pvt. "Bugler Bob" Pace, in action against Jimmy Dykes' White Sox they were certain that Bob would live up to his last name and set the pace for the local team. Pace has had experience with various minor leagues, and is a former protege of the St. Louis Cardinals.

**That Duck Again;
Now the Theatre
Personnel Reports**

The animal kingdom finds refuge in the post theatre. First the personnel of the theatre acquired a dog as a mascot. It wasn't long before he took over the place, sleeping on the stage and using the roof of the marquee as sort of an exercising and look-out place. Then last Wednesday the guard squadron's duck heard about the theatre being a good deal and it disappeared from the squadron and showed up at the theatre, making a big fuss trying to gain admittance. S/Sgt. Baldo and Cpl. Wetherall, theatre manager and projectionist, had their hands full of duck until the guards came to claim their mascot, who is now under confinement in the guard squadron.

The whole incident was so upsetting to Pfc. Howard Hauptert that he is leaving on a ten day furlough and, 'tis rumored, he will return with a bride. Pfc. Edward Posch and Cpl. Glenn Tremaine missed the excitement as they have just returned from furloughs.

Off Limits!

According to Capt. Robert H. McGinn, Assistant Provost Marshall, the following taverns are now off limits to all military personnel.

- 1. Wabash Tavern, 115 Broadway, Vincennes, Ind.
- 2. Elkhorn Tavern, 3 miles south of Vincennes, just east of Route 41. Capt. McGinn states that any soldier found in the Elkhorn will be removed under arrest and returned to his squadron.
- 3. Triangle Cafe, east of Vincennes on Route 41.

dle a trainer. They will add, in corners of the globe not yet named, to the amazing record that the B-26 has set in combat operation.

"It's all airplane . . . that cigar-shaped bomber. Ask the men who flew 'em over Kiska and Buna and Guadalcanal."

Pin boys are needed. They will be paid one-half of their base pay per month, regardless of rank. This extra money may be made in less than a week if the soldier is actively qualified for the job. Interested soldiers may apply to Lt. Alfred Wagman, Post Exchange Officer.

28th Wing News

(George Field is headquarters for the 28th Flying Training Wing of which Brig. Gen. Bob Nowland is Commanding Officer. The following news items have been selected from fields in the 28th Wing under the command of Brig. Gen. Nowland.)

FREEMAN FIELD, Seymour, Indiana.—Maj. George W. Weiland has been named the new post executive officer of Freeman Field, according to a recent announcement made by Col. E. T. Runquist, commanding officer. Maj. Weiland succeeds Lt. Col. Ora M. Baldinger who was assigned to duties as post engineer liaison officer. Before his entry into the service, Maj. Weiland was employed by the Pan-American Airways and at one period of this employment he was stationed in Brazil where he supervised the building of airfields for the company. During the first World War he saw action overseas as a member of the French army and was in several major engagements.

NASHVILLE ARMY AIR CENTER, Nashville, Tenn.—An extensive course in the art of jiu jitsu has been started by the 1025th guard squadron and the enlisted personnel division of physical training for the Military Police of this post. Classes are already underway for the M. P.'s under the tutelage of Lt. Leroy C. Johnson of the physical training Dept., where ten men are instructed in the rudiments of the tricky offensive and defensive maneuvers for one week at a time. The current schedule operates daily except Sunday, at 10 a. m. As weather conditions become more favorable the entire available roster of the 1025th Guard Squadron will be given advanced work until the complete art is mastered.

BASIC FLYING SCHOOL, Bainbridge, Ga.—The boys of Flight L, under Capt. Hugh Adcock, kicked up the ante on the Red Cross contributions last week when they gave their star money, totaling. Star money is the fund derived from the penalties that the cadets of the flight pay when they're awarded stars for errors in flying, need a shave at inspection, or any of the other things that cadets sometimes do and shouldn't. Ordinarily the money is used at the end of each month for a party for the instructors, dispatchers, and cadets of the flight.

NEWPORT, Ark.—Lt. F. Brewster Gordon of 179 Spring St., Rochester, N. Y., tells how he felt while watching from the ground an air battle high above Guadalcanal: "You are just as excited with the heat of the battle on the ground as in the air. You catch yourself rooting, cheering, and mumbling advice." . . . Under the supervision of Col. Daniel A. Cooper, Commanding Officer, together with the co-operation of the Squadron commanders, a vast program is under way to beautify the grounds at the Newport Army Air Field. To speed up this program, a contest has begun to adjudge the best looking organization on the field. The competitive spirit has fired all of the men to do everything possible to win the award and as a result the appearance of the field is undergoing a rapid change. Grass has been planted in all squadron areas and fences have been constructed for the dual purpose of protecting the grass and of giving the grounds a homelike effect. To aid in identifying the different groups, their emblems have been posted in conspicuous places in the respective areas.

GREENWOOD ARMY AIR FIELD, Greenwood, Miss.—"Mademoiselle from Armentiers" may be a little timeworn. Maybe she isn't as young as she used to be, but the men of the "new army" love her just as much as their fathers did during the last war. The men at this post picked this lusty verse as their favorite war songs, and the "Mademoiselle" continues to lead the field whenever a group of soldiers get together and start to sing their barracks room ballads.

COLUMBUS ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, Columbus, Miss.—A/C Shelley F. Hull, son of Henry Hull, famous creator of the part of Jeeters Lester in the play, "Tobacco Road," is a pilot trainee at this army flying school. Before entering the army, Cadet Hull was a chip off the old block, following in the footsteps of his famous father. He first appeared on the stage at the age of 13 and since then he has appeared in plays with his father, Fredric March, Ann Corio, and other first rank performers.

STUTTGART, Ark.—If heredity has anything to do with it, Lt. McDowell Kress Starkey, assistant transportation officer at this field, ought to be a general before very long. His mother is the daughter of the late Gen. John A. Kress. His father is Col. John R. Starkey of the Field Artillery. An uncle, Robert Caldwell Starkey, is a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy. Uncle Henry C. Kress-Muhlenberg is a colonel in the Air Corps. His brother, Henry M. Muhlenberg Starkey, is a cadet at West Point now. His cousins occupy the following positions in the armed forces: Lt. Col. Frederick A. Muhlenberg, KMC; Col. David A. Morris, Army Engineers; Lt. Commander Ralph A. Gurley, USN; Col. Franklin Kress Gurley, CAC; Col. Benjamin T. Starkey, Air Corps; Lt. Colonel Joseph W. Starkey, retired.

Lieutenant Starkey himself was a private in the Medical Corps when he made OCS and emerged a second lieutenant in October of 1942.