

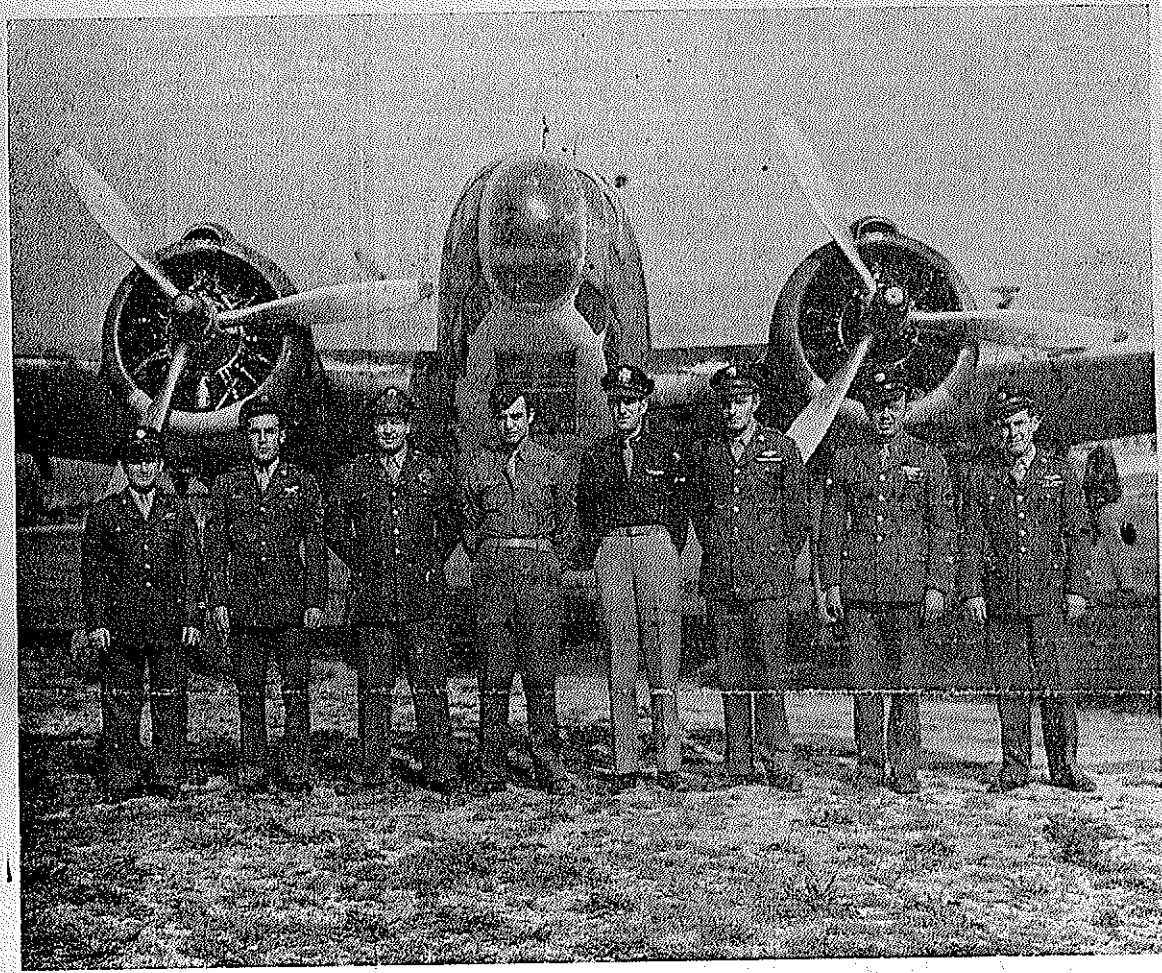
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# "PROP WASH" GOES TO TOWN

STILL DODGING BULLETS



A flak-happy Tow Target Ship, Marian-Kit, the battling monster from the Battle of England and the Aleutians, stands poised with its nose over an octette of battle-tested GIs and officers attached to the Tow Target Section. The "Marian-Kit" boasts of 3500 operational hours, and the men who fly her are runners-up with over 2491 hours under their collective belts. (L/R) S/Sgt. M. E. Noakes, T/Sgt. O. G. Lunt, T/Sgt. R. E. Hill, S/Sgt. W. F. Filt, 1st Lt. P. J. Kennedy, S/Sgt. L. V. Bobout, T/Sgt. B. A. Harper, S/Sgt. J. F. Fitzpatrick.

## Vet Airmen Carrying On As They Did "Over There"

From the crack of dawn until the first star appears over South Jersey, a hardy group of weather beaten Tow Target pilots and engineers rendezvous at given patterns with Thunderbolts and proceed over the choppy Atlantic for aerial gunnery practice by Combat Crew Training Students. Weather permitting, this is apparently a daily colorless chore in the life of another vital section of Millville Army Air Field.

However, to the crews that man the ships that tow the target their task is far from being as prosaic as one would believe by speaking to the crews. During the endless hours that the pilots search for a comfortable spot on their parachute, to find later that they have already sat there before, the "rag" is dragging behind, and the "hot rocks" are flying passes with their 50 calibres.

### Aerial Warfare

On numerous occasions the innocent training missions take on the appearance of actual aerial warfare. Lt. William (cider and doughnuts) Smith tells of the

time he was ordered to tow above the haze for a camera mission. On the third pass his target was shot off. The pilot would like to get the answer to the "why" of that moot point.

### Vet Airmen

The majority of the personnel comprising the Tow Targeters are veteran airmen, whose skill and experience in every theatre of operations is proving invaluable to their present assignment. Officers like Lt. Paul J. Kennedy, holder of the DFC, the Air Medal plus 13 clusters, and with 245 operational hours on his record, considers his present hazards child's play. "Sure, it gets hot up there once in a while," he says, "but at least you know the CCTS boys are on your side. Over Europe the Jerries weren't kidding."

### WARNING

Fraternization in any form with Prisoners of War is in the category of giving aid and comfort to the enemy, and as such Treason may be charged, the penalty for which is Death or at the discretion of the Court imprisonment for not less than five years and fine of not less than \$10,000.

## NEW OFFICERS CLUB OPENS TONIGHT

The 659th Army Air Force Band, an exotic rumba band, Miss Evelyn Knight, the well known blues singer, and several other numbers will feature the opening of the Officer's Club this evening.

A number of high ranking Air Force officers have accepted an invitation to attend the official opening of the new quarters. A formal dance and buffet supper will follow the reception ceremony.

## TO PLAY CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR ARMY WELFARE FUND

"Prop Wash," the Special Service Office's GI and civilian personnel all star variety show, recorded as a smash hit on the post, will tour the Cumberland County circuit and aid in the raising of funds for the Servicemen's Club, the Post Gym, the library and the Combat Intelligence model War Room.

## "We'll Return To Kweilin" Says CBI Vet

A symphony of Allied victories in recent days has been interrupted by one discordant note. Kweilin, the important 14th Air Force base in China, was captured by Japanese forces last month. What Kweilin meant to the thousands of Chinese who built the runways by hand, what it signified to the GIs and officers who were assigned there, was vividly depicted this week by T/Sgt. Harry Veale, of Bridgeton, N. J., who arrived here after a tour of combat duty as medium bomber gunner attached to a squadron stationed at that faraway base.

### Heroic Struggle

To the coolies and Chinese laborers who laid every landing strip, built the towers, leveled the runways by hand, Kweilin was symbolic of America's contribution to China's heroic struggle against Japan. T/Sgt. Veale explained that the humble villagers and opulent Mandarins never tired of the heavy and medium bombers that blackened the oriental skies. They watched the "mechanical birds" and were stirred to their deepest feelings, the gunner went on. "The loss of Kweilin has made Chinese feeling more bitter against Japan. When the Allies are in a position to arm the peasants, replenish their meager munitions, the Chinese will drive and exterminate every Nip from her country," Sgt. Veale predicted.

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### Two Night Stands

After the two night stand at Vineland, "Prop Wash" opens at the Millville High School, November 21, under the auspices of the Malvern Nabb Post No. 82 of the American Legion. No date has been scheduled definitely for "Prop Wash's" Bridgeton engagement. In this city the show will be sponsored by the Board of Trade in conjunction with the community's leading civic groups.

### Civic Cooperation

Captain Michael Bass and Lt. Charles F. Neary have been named managers of the off-post presentations of the MAAF extravaganza. Lt. S. R. Nemerow is directing the publicity campaign. The triumvirate have been in close cooperation with the officials of the three cities and are quoted as saying "that the spirit and enthusiasm evinced by Millville, Vineland and Bridgeton to put the show over is the most stirring display of service and patriotism they have ever witnessed."

S/Sgt. Snellenberg and his players are busy rehearsing, recasting and adding novel skits slanted for civilian audiences. A full two hour show will result from the present alterations.

## 6TH WAR LOAN DRIVE STARTS WEDNESDAY

Lt. Ralph J. Buck, War Bond Officer, announced today that the Sixth War Loan Drive would officially open here November 1st and last until December 31, 1944. The officer declared that there was no need to repeat catch slogans or hackneyed phrases in order to stimulate bond purchases. "The officers, enlisted men and civilians of this post see before them every minute of the day where there War Bond money goes."



T/Sgt. Harry Veale





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## HOUSING

Several cases of soldiers being gouged by landlords in nearby communities were recently brought to the attention of Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins. The Commanding Officer thereupon delegated Captain O. S. LaPolla, as Housing Officer, to investigate the alleged rent abuses and submit his findings to him.

After painstakingly checking the facts, Captain LaPolla concluded that there were but few instances of flagrant overcharges, but many situations where a fair and equitable landlord-tenant relationship could be achieved. Lt. Col. Watkins, Captain LaPolla, and a five man board from the Camden Office of the OPA examined the merits of each case brought before them. The probe resulted in fines and reduction in rentals for some. For the most part, however, this Command and the OPA found that most of the soldiers pay a fair and reasonable rental and that a spirit of patriotism and intention to abide by the law was prevalent.

It must be clearly understood, however, that to maintain the healthy state of soldier-tenancy now accomplished, base personnel must cooperate to the utmost. Specifically, this is what must be done:

1. Soldiers living off-post must fill out prepared housing forms which may be secured at the Orderly Room or Housing Office.
2. When moving into new quarters, personnel must request the OPA Registration Card from the landlord and sign the back of it.
3. Landlords are obligated to report to the OPA Office of any change in tenancy.
4. Under no circumstances is an officer or enlisted man to sign a lease.
5. Services furnished by the landlord must at all times be kept up by him. Soldier-tenants should report to the housing officer any case of neglect in service.
6. Soldiers should never get into any arguments with their landlords about any matter pertaining to the house. Refer your grievances to the Housing Office.

Only by complying with the aforementioned practices will Lt. Col. Watkins be able to protect the interests of our personnel. If there is "off-the-record" collusion between an individual who feels he has a soft berth and his landlord, that will redound only to the harm of all. By placing your confidence in this Command, we will all profit.



By Chaplain Horace M. King

## NATION-WIDE BIBLE READING

What is the nation-wide Bible reading? It is a concerted plan for every American to read the Bible daily between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Those on battlefronts and their families at home, according to the plan, will be reading the same passage each day. This within itself will establish a spiritual bond which will know no limit of distance. While the family reads the 1st Psalm at home, the son will be reading it in a foxhole on some far off battlefield. The minister at the home church and the Chaplain in the war area will on the same day read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. The list of Bible passages to be followed will be given to each man on the Base who will accept one. This reading list is a double link to bind us to our home and to our fellow soldiers.

### Moving Forward—New Chapel

The delay in moving into the building earlier designated for chapel use was much more than

justified. We now have a new and better designation. The new chapel will be strategically located. The steeple will be a prominent feature to greet everyone entering the base. The heavenward spire will rise as a constant reminder to lift our eyes unto the Creator who gives us our strength.

Watch for the new construction and let us dedicate the new building by making it a much frequented place for spiritual refreshment and fellowship.

The new chapel will be especially equipped to care for religious services of all faiths, and is being made both attractive and comfortable. We are glad we shall not wait long for our much needed chapel.

The portion designated "Thought for Today" will give space for a brief suggestion or proverb or theme-thought which will be changed daily. Keep an "eye on this board" which will also announce regular and special religious services.



Dear Readers:

When the scribes on THUNDERBOLT miss a beat its a beaut! Here we go messing around the base, butting into everyone's affairs, and making a general nuisance of ourselves just to find a good yarn. But, when its right in front of us, well, we're so close to the forest we don't see the trees.

Not too long ago, for example, Capt. Matthew A. Wagner, a terrific pilot, went up to a First Air Force Base and copped second prize in the monthly Gunner Meet. Did you find a word of it in this rag? No, we let it go by completely. Then, Capt. Wagner took fourth place in the last contest, and still we were star gazing. Now, that type of journalism must cease! Please, forgive us, Captain.

Then again it was announced that Lt. Clifford G. Dhont and Lt. Harold Lein received promotions. Lt. Dhont, many remember, was one of the first officers on this base. Did you see anything in this so-called newspaper about it. No!

Dear Readers, we have rocks in our heads and smudge before our eyes.

Signed,  
The Editors.

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a rumor loose on the post, that because certain individuals do not know how to conduct themselves in an orderly manner during off-duty hours, that all EM on the base will suffer.

I feel that this problem can be eliminated by having photographs placed on all enlisted mens' Class "A" passes. When a soldier is placed on restriction because of his misconduct, his pass can be confiscated and in its place a Class "C" pass can be issued, with photo deleted, which will necessitate the soldier's return to post limits at a designated hour. By this token only those who have abused the privilege of their Class "A" pass will bear the punishment.

Signed,  
M. E. F.

Dear Editor:

Could I arrange a meeting with the GI who says he hates girls and signed his letter, "Bluebeard"? I am certain that I can change his mind and a lot of other things.

Signed,  
Ocho Chorniyah.

## News From Home

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.

Philadelphia (CNS) — "Thirty Minute Gertie," a local character, was arrested by police recently. Her offense, complained the law, was that she sought work as a maid, worked for 30 minutes, then left "with everything in the house that wasn't nailed down."

## Off the Book Shelf

By KATHERINE M. O'CONNOR  
Base Librarian

This and that about books and authors, some news combined with reminiscences. Henry Bellmann is writing a sequel to KINGS ROW, same locale but different characters. Meanwhile Isabel Rorick is finishing a second MR. AND MRS. CUGAT book, which will appear next year.

HISTORY OF ROME HANKS, the Civil War novel, popular with readers at the Base, has reached 80,000 copies since publication last July. In a word, going along very nicely. But for some figures in the higher brackets consider Lloyd Douglas' non-Pulitzer Prize winning THE ROBE, which readers have been buying for two years. Now in its 37th printing, with some 80,000 more copies to roll from the presses before Christmas.

Lillian Smith is putting the finishing touches to her footlight version of STRANGE FRUIT, whereas Betty Smith's A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN has already been filmed by Hollywood.

Whether your memory can

take you back fifteen years or not, your interest will be aroused by these other literary notes. At that time Harper's prize novel was THE DARK JOURNEY, coincidence, this year it was Martin Flavin's book with the strangely similar title, JOURNEY IN THE DARK. Galsworthy brought his Forsyte saga to an end with a MODERN MIRACLE. Other best-selling novels were Ellen Glasgow's THEY STOOPED TO FOLLY and Donn Byrne's FIELD OF HONOR, both of which still belong in the recommended group of fiction. ULTIMA THULE, by Henry Richardson, was named the selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club, which then numbered 100,000 members. Now it has over 600,000. In 1929 appeared Ernest Hemingway's A FAREWELL TO ARMS, still popular with readers. The mystery fans were puzzling over the clues of THE ROMAN HAT MYSTERY. Author? None other than that master of whodunits, Ellery Queen.

## KWEILIN

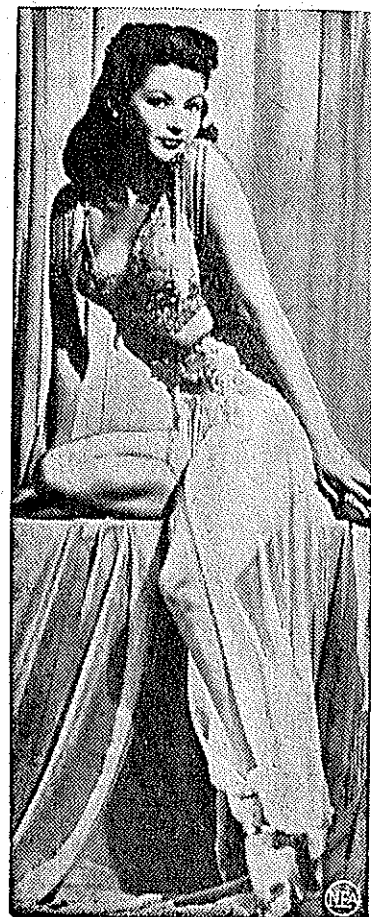
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American officers and enlisted personnel had a special fondness for Kweilin, according to Veale. Although the soldiers lived mainly on a diet of rice and water buffalo, they knew that they had much more than their Chinese neighbors. "If the Chinese were amazed at our mechanical ingenuity, we were flabbergasted at their resourcefulness. They labored unceasingly at the tasks Yankee engineers assigned them, and never did they gripe. China is the kind of ally I like to have on my ball club," the Bridgeton soldier commented.

When news reached the Americans that the Nips were precariously close to Kweilin, feverish preparations were made for an orderly retreat. Everything that could be carried away was carefully packed. The Japs were left holding an area where a hostile civilian population made their occupation unhealthy.

"General MacArthur promised on the fall of Bataan that he would return, I predict that Kweilin will be back in Uncle Sam's pocket before many a moon," the veteran gunner concluded.

## Meet 'Salomé'



## GLOBE-GIRDLING FLASHES!

AUSTRALIA: Corporal walks into a Red Cross club in Australia, gives checkroom girl his ammunition bag. Girl takes one look, gulps. In the bag is a four-week-old kangaroo. Girl asks, "You serious about wanting to check this?" "Sure," says corporal. "We're going to dinner. Hang the bag on a hook. The kangaroo will sleep till we get back."

CALIFORNIA: Soldier-patient in Army general hospital leaves Red Cross party in recreation room, walks over to Red Cross Gray Lady in quiet section, asks, "Mind if I sit down?" Gray Lady answers, "But wouldn't you have more fun at the party?" "Naw," answered the G.I., "Too many women over there. I've just come back from New Guinea, where there are no women. I've got to get used to them again kind of slow."

SOUTH PACIFIC: G. I's getting down to earth in a big way, thanks to Red Cross and San Francisco Garden Club. Vegetable and garden seeds and tools being distributed by Red Cross workers. Gardens provide gay color for drab settings, interesting recreation for able-bodied troops and healthful work for convalescents. And last but not least, welcome EXTRA vegetables for G. I. messes.

EUROPEAN THEATRE: Phoenix Mfg. Co. of Chicago, gives Red Cross 100 kegs of horse-shoes for recreational use by Armed Forces overseas. Men in this theater as well as other areas getting bag kick from this gift. Old-fashioned game of pitching horseshoes a popular diversion with G. I's all over the world.

MILLVILLE, N. J.: Commanding Officer designates special building for Red Cross production work by volunteers. Results: More surgical dressings for military hospitals in this area badly in need of them and greater production of many comforts for G. I's.



## INFORMATION \* CLICKS

**Question:** What feature of the "GI Bill of Rights" do you feel will affect you most after the war?

**Answers:**

**PFC. ANDREW J. EDWARDS,** (Brooklyn, N. Y.) Crash Boat Section.



"I have married since my entrance into the Army. A 'Pfc.' doesn't make enough money to save for anything. I want a home and the \$2000 I can borrow to build one is the solution.

**S/Sgt. SAMUEL LYON,** (Marblehead, Mass.) Personnel Office.

"Nothing." I have had an education. I have a home and business. Is there any provision in the "Bill" about furnishing me with a wife. That seems to be the only thing I need."



**S/Sgt. EDWARD THORP,** (Boston, Mass.) Air Corps Supply.

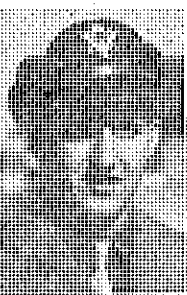


"I am as much as I am single, the education angle is import to me. I still need two years to get my degree in Engineering. Who knows, but I might even get married. A

home would rate priority then.

**Capt. MATHEW A. WAGNER,** (Mt. Angel, Oregon), Pilot.

"Education. I would like my degree in Business Administration after the war ends. I feel that many of us who had to leave school at the outbreak of this conflict should get an



opportunity to return. Skilled men will have job preference.

**Sgt. WM. S. SPEER,** (Parker's Landing, Pa.) Engineering.



"I was ready to enter College when I was drafted. I studied Aeronautical Engineering while in High School, and I want a chance to continue learning this field when I get home.

The "Bill" is the answer to "how."

**BE SMART!  
DIG DEEP!**

**Buy MORE  
WAR BONDS**



## The Peripheral Road

By PFC. JOE MAAF

### MOODS AND FANCIES

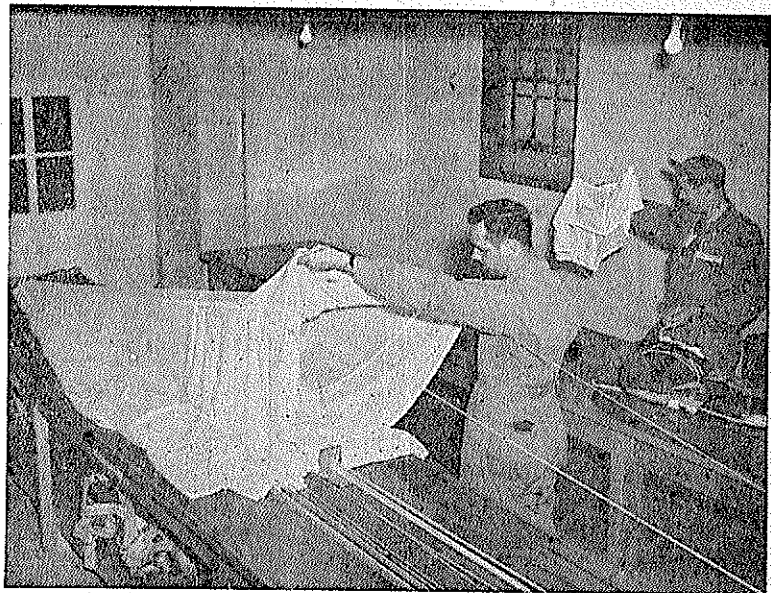
Marc Antonio said, according to the Bard of Avon, "that the evil men do live after them, the good is interred in their bones." That may very well be, but must it always be so? Not if we can help it. Take the case of Mr. Bill Stewart of Bridgeton. Some GIs and officers know him, many don't. Here is the story about Bill. Since this Base came into existence he has been an unofficial godfather to countless soldiers who trained here and went overseas. He has thrown parties for the officers and dogfaces at his home, found apartments for others, given advice and counsel to those who approached him, and has generally been "tops" with those who know him. This piece is hardly sufficient appreciation for his kindness, but is typical of the accolade we would like to bestow . . . The Statistical Office passes on the suggestion that all rumors be assigned a clearance number at Base HQ . . . And talk about embarrassing moments, listen to this. A high ranking inspecting officer recently arrived here and went about his business. After checking the sundry records of the Engineering Office he appeared to be satisfied with his findings. As he was about to leave he found that his hat was gone. The Post Engineers put frantic calls through to locate the sombrero, but no dice. Finally, after Capt. Aebischer and his married team were on the verge of a nervous collapse they learned that Lt. Harris had accidentally snatched the lid . . . Marriages, births and engagements has changed vital base statistics in the last fortnight. Pfc. Joe (meatwagon) Deniz has taken unto himself a wife . . . Pfc. Clyde Anders, Jr., who recently received his one stripe, is now supporting a little woman . . . Pvt. Everett Lower cemented public relations last week by entering into a marriage contract with a Millville gal . . . S/Sgt. Snellenberg took time off from his duties as impressario of "Prop Wash," and his cutting up at the Sheet Metal Shop, to greet a fine little son . . . Ist. Sgt. Keiton Hackler and his better half are expecting an addition . . . Its really an inspiring sight to watch the intelligentsia of the Combat Intelligence Office drill holes, paint walls, saw wood, and lose weight in their heroic attempt to build a model War Room . . . Licensed firemen will operate the boiler room of the new Mess Hall . . . We overheard a dogface philosophizing the other day "that a lot of soldiers may scoff at being awarded a Good Conduct ribbon, but hell hath no fury as a soldier who deserves one and for some reason or another is left off the list . . . 'Congrats' to T/Sgt. Weeks. S/Sgt. Page, Cpl. Engle, Cpl. Green, Pfc. Cato, Pfc. Stamps, and Pvt. De Walt. These men qualified as "experts" with the carbine. And for anyone's money the quip an old private pulled on his pal, the newly promoted Pfc., still is tops. Said the private to the Pfc. "Be nice to me on your way up, you may have to meet me on your way down." Well, if it isn't funny, lets see you top it!

### SALVAGING AMERICA'S WASTE PAPER



Twenty-one tons of waste paper were collected by members of Theodore Roosevelt Post, No. 4, American Legion, last Sunday. This is a scene outside the Vineland Times-Journal Office, where bales of waste paper awaited the Legionnaires. Our Base sent six big trucks and six GIs to assist in the project. In the photo, left to right, are Pete Celletti, Mayor John C. Gittone, Joseph Arner (on the truck), John Bruno, Jr., John Bruno, Sr., CO of the post, and our own Cpl. Tony Cuva. (Courtesy Vineland Times-Journal)

### PARACHUTE RIGGERS



## Chute Artists Willing To Test Jump Their Packs

There is nothing "silky" about the job that S/Sgt. John Riddell of Utica, New York, and Cpl. Cecil Hawthorne of Wewoka, Oklahoma, have to perform here, except the "chutes" that they rig. The tremendous responsibility of

### NEW GI MESS IS A KP'S SUGAR HEAVEN

Tastier food dispensed in quicker time, an easier lot for the KP's the spirit which will pervade in the new Consolidated Mess Hall, according to Capt. A. L. Billin, Officer-in-Charge. The opening date is set for the first of November.

Modern, scientific machinery will prepare food more quickly, retain important vitamins; a "Clipper" will clean and sterilize used trays, and a minimum of energy will be required by the kitchen police.

Important to the GI diners is the spacious dining room, the double file entrance and exit lines, and the elimination of "scraping the tray" ritual. Less "KPs" will be needed. Present estimates call for an all inclusive detail of 18 men. Formerly 26 soldiers were assigned to the ancient Army chore.

The Kitchen will be partitioned off from the dining room. An electric toaster will handle more than 1400 slices of toast per hour. Capt. Billin remarked that "if an Army travels on its stomach, here they will stop to eat."

insuring the safe descent of a pilot faced to bail out is placed in the experienced hands of the Parachute Riggers Department which they constitute.

Both men have implicit faith in their packing, repairing, and adjusting skill. S/Sgt. Riddell is ready and willing to test-jump any "chute" which he has packed. "Everytime I make a fold, I subconsciously am aware that an average of 150 pounds of blood and flesh is depending on me. He recalls one occasion when he packed for a P-40 pilot, who was scheduled to take off from Bedford, Massachusetts. When the plane had risen to about 250 feet its engine conked out and the pilot took to "chute." The force of the opening, less than 150 feet from the ground, ripped the silk to shreds, but broke the impact of the fall. Sgt. Riddell says that the grateful airman not only expressed his thanks, but also took him out for a steak dinner.

### History of Parachuting

The parachute riggers described their art as stemming from the brain of Leonardo da Vinci, Engineer, tactician and painter, who suggested the idea of parachute 500 years ago. The earliest record of a parachute descent was made by the Game-lin brothers late in the 18th century. About 1880 an American, Captain Thomas Baldwin, invented the revolutionary vent in the peak of the canopy.

Today parachute rigging, according to S/Sgt. Riddell and Cpl. Hawthorne, has become commonplace. They still insist, however, that at all times, every time a pilot goes aloft wearing one of their parachutes, a little bit of both of them is up there with him.

### "Three Day Pass" For Best Base Insignia

Captain William R. Davis, CO of the Base Unit, announced this week that he would grant a "three day pass" to the soldier whose idea or drawing of a Base insignia would be accepted by the Assistant Chief of Staff of the Air Forces.

At a recent meeting of Base officials several drawings and plans for a Base insignia were reviewed. Though many of the ideas were found to be good, it was felt that a more representative insignia of Millville Army Air Field was desired.

Drawings may be submitted to Captain Davis at the Orderly Room or sent to the editorial office of this newspaper.



Male Call

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



What A Standing Operating Procedure



MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Cpl. Willis B. Urquhart

A CHALLENGE

The most important sports question popping at MAAF today is: Do the men on this base wish to participate wholeheartedly in group athletic contests? Lt. Pishioneri and his staff have rung their hands in despair when they beheld the pitiful turnouts for such sports as intra-post Basketball, Volley Ball and Touch Football. It certainly cannot be due only to a lack of facilities. Gyms have been available in nearby towns, and the sight of our own gymnasium rising out of nothingness to its present immensity should have spurred the most reluctant GI dragons on to action, or at least stirred their imagination. Yes, its true that many previous sports were dropped like hot potatoes, but there was a valid reason for it. Many of the men complained that they were working endless hours on the line and elsewhere and couldn't get off in time. Well, now that Fall and Winter are upon us days are shorter and that hot argument has no punch. The question rests with you. Its entirely your responsibility whether you make or break sports at MAAF.

Last week found the Pishionerians busy "hooping" it up at the Bacon School in Millville. The Coach announced that thus far the squad has been getting their wind and the feel of the ball, and that they are soon due for a spell of real work outs. That is, as soon as they move into the "old opory house." Coach Pishioneri is clanging the gong for larger turnouts. Some of last season's stars, Sgt. Studwell, Sgt. Freeman, Sgt. Diekey and Sgt. Whetsel are again showing their old spark and prowess on the court. All other things remaining equal, a Dedication ceremony will mark the opening of the new gym. A local club will invade the field for the occasion and we'll try to skin 'em alive for the heck of it.

Time marches irresistably onward, and the clarion call of the muscle benders resound throughout. Soon, dear kiddies, you will be breaking your neck in a 300 yard run, et al. MAAF is considered a ranking First Air Force Base when it comes to the periodic Physical Fitness Test. How about a little of the old college spirit being present by putting us on top of the pack. We're so far ahead of most of the bases in everything else, lets eat their hearts out by being first physically.

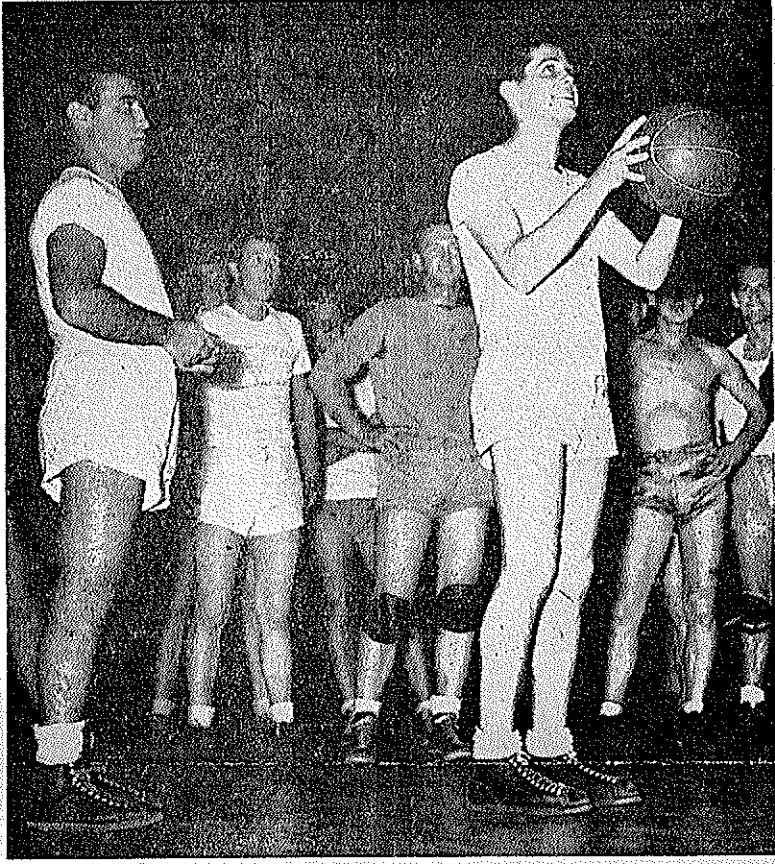
NARCISSE SMITH WANTS HOCKEY TEAM

Narcissus, according to Greek mythology, was an innocent shepherd boy who never did anything more spectacular than yodle to his flock. But at MAAF Narcissus is a rugged mess sergeant with an athletic past as colorful as any ancient who copped the classical Olympics. S/Sgt. Narcisse (for short) Smith was found hidden among some stock pots and meat blocks when we approached him and threw queries about his past. What we learned is herewith recorded for the record. Narcisse, known to the Providence Amateur Hockey League, as "Bad Boy Smith," took top honors in every feature of that hard water sport. He proved so good during four years as a defense player that in 1940 he tried out with the Rhode Island Reds and later played an exhibition game with the Boston Bruins. Narcisse believes that his love for hockey was inborn. His home is situated about 100 yards from a lake. "Sure," I learned how to skate before I knew how to walk, he claims. Narcisse is trying to cultivate a little interest in the sport here and asked us to drum up a bit of business for him. If there is any further "info" you would like on his plans, either get yourself detailed to "KP" or call the THUNDERBOLT office.

BLUE PLATE SPECIAL

(CNS)—The Army is going to take 70 percent of all athletic equipment manufactured in the States for a period of 3 or 4 months, according to L/Col. Eskie Clark. This equipment will be shipped to all fronts for use in a gigantic athletic program now being devised to entertain the troops, Col. Clark said. . . . L/Col. Bernie Bierman, Minnesota grid coach, has been discharged from the Marines. . . . M/Sgt. Zeke Bonura, the Czar Landis of North Africa, is about to perform the same service for France. He already has organized a couple of leagues in that country. . . . Pvt. George Rowbotham, ex-golfer, doesn't care for Germany. "I don't see why the Nazis are fighting so hard to keep this country," says he. "I haven't seen a golf course yet. . . . Top service football team in the Eastern U. S. right now is the North Carolina Pre-Flight eleven. Victors over Navv, Duke and the Cherry Point Marines, the Cloudbusters are led by Automatic Otto Graham, brilliant Northwestern back, and Stan Koslowski of Holy Cross. . . . Most publicized football star in the service, however, is Lt. Glen Dobbs, ex-Tulsa ace, now passing for Randolph Field. Dobbs has 32 completions in 50 throws for 451 yards with 6 of his pitches going for touchdowns. . . . Cpl. Grace Thorpe, daughter of famed Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, is stationed in New Guinea with a WAC detachment.

WHERE'S THE HOOP?



During last week's practice, Lt. J. Pishioneri coaches Sgt. H. Freeman in drawing a head on the hoop when shooting fouls. In the background the basketball squad looks on with keen interest.

GLASS BLOWERS CHALLENGE MAAF

Bill Goshen, a Vineland, who works for the Ace Glass Works, has issued a blanket challenge to any quintet of GIs or officers to come into their back yard for a bowling match. They are willing to play for anything—from nothing to a post-war trip to Florida. Bill Goshen claims that his "bowl-em-overs" are so hot that all they have to do is go through the motions and the pins begin to topple. It was our opinion that the Ace Glass-ers blow something other than a hard brittle substance formed of silica and certain metallic oxides. In other "voids" we believe that five "yardboids," with their tongues banging out can clip the "glassers" in bowling, tiddledewinks, or parchesi. Contact this newspaper for any "info" pertaining to the "challenge."

EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR JIVE ATHLETES

If dancing is a sport then the announcement that the Owens-Illinois Glass Company is throwing a terrific Halloween Dance to which GI Joe of MAAF is invited belongs on this page. The time is tonight at 2000 at the OnIzed Club House in Bridgeton.

If you would rather shuffle your feet in Millville there is a K of C prom scheduled at the Knight's Home on High and Powell Streets in Millville. This dance will take place Sunday night at 2000. For those who would rather move their teeth than their feet there is a spaghetti dinner planned at the Vineland USO, Sunday night at 2000. So you see, dear children, everyone is thinking of you.

BASE THEATRE PROGRAM

Sunday, October 29 . . . . . AN AMERICAN ROMANCE  
Brian Donlevy, Ann Richards and Walter Abel  
RKO Pathe News No. 17  
Monday, October 30 . . . . . IN THE MEANTIME DARLING  
Jeanne Crain, Frank Latimore and Heather Angel  
Harmony Highway . . . . . Musical  
Ski Whiz . . . . . Cartoon  
September in the Rain . . . . . Cartoon  
Tuesday, October 31 . . . . . CAROLINA BLUES  
Ann Miller, Kay Kyser and Victor Moore  
March of Time, No. 2  
First Aiders . . . . . Cartoon  
Thursday, November 2 . . . . . THE CONSPIRATORS  
Hedy Lamarr, Paul Henreid and Sydney Greenstreet  
Army, Navy Magazine No. 38  
RKO Pathe News No. 18

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