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WATCH THE BIRDIE!



It isn't always "El Rancho Stew" at the Mess Hall. Come Thanksgiving Day or Christmas and turkey is featured on the bill of fare. The Mess personnel really outdid themselves this year. The Thanksgiving Day spirit is symbolically expressed in the above pictures. L/B Sgt. Ray Studwell holds the birdie while Pvt. Collins holds the nemesis of all fowl, the cleaver, over the head of the sacrifice. To the right, with the saliva dripping from his jowls like Niagara Falls, is Cpl. Veto Perello, ready to demolish the cooked turk.

Officers and Crews Named To Represent MAAF In FAF Bombing and Gunnery Meet

Captain E. A. Dietrick and Lt. J. W. Hyson have been named by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins to represent Millville Army Air Field in the third First Fighter Command Gunnery and Bombing Meet to be held here December 5 and 6.

Sgt. B. Olivarez and Cpl. Robert Russel were simultaneously designated to accompany our aircraft as armorers, and Sgts. P. A. Rexroad and J. W. Fenn were assigned as crew chiefs.

Major Lloyd P. Carlos will serve as Gunnery Meet Operations Officer and will be on hand to coordinate the various events and handle any problems that may arise. All departments and sections of the field are being prepared to welcome the participants and assure them a pleasant visit.

Close Contests
Twenty-five Thunderbolt pilots engaged in the first competitive gunnery and bombing contest last September at the Dover Army Air Base, in an effort to win for their bases the "Thunderbolt Gunnery Trophy," offered by I Fighter Command to the highest scoring pilot. Captain Mathew B. Wagner was nosed out by Lt. Raymond B. Howe of Norfolk AAB by 2.93 percent for first place. However, last month at Suffolk Army Air Base, Capt. Carl L. Beggs ran away with every heat and attained the all-time high average of 32.84 percent.

Anticipation High
Reports from various First Air Force gunnery installations reveal that anticipation for the

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FIRST THREE GRADERS HOLD SWANKY AFFAIR

As a prelude to their formal opening, December 9, members of the First Three Graders Club, staged a dry-run last Saturday night, reminiscent of a plumber's ball in Copacabana.

This was their first party since the Non-Coms organized their group. Far from being a "Snob Hollow" affair, a substantial number of "Last Three Graders" rubbed elbows with their multi-cheveroned barrack mates. The theme for the evening was "abandon rank, all ye who enter here."

S/Sgt. Francis Sholtz' GI (from hunger) sextette knocked out the chords and rhythm, while Cpl. Milton Shapiro made with the pipes. Bedecked with new drapes and soft lighting effects, the club house is definitely a swanky set-up.

Officers Party To-night

With Scotty and his music makers supplying the rhythm and Lowell Ayars doing the vocalizing, Officers and their guests will be cutting the rug this evening at their plushy club. Festivities begin at 2100, and will last until the "O.D." says "nighty-night."

P-47 PILOT AIDES PRODUCTION DRIVE

If production figures at a Philadelphia plant, manufacturing parts for P-47s, spurt in the near future, a contributing factor to the rise will be the inspiring talk delivered to the war workers there last week by Lt. Robert H. Gains, 22-year-old supervisory pilot here.

Asked to speak at the factory by the Air Technical Service Command when they found that production was lagging due to "absenteeism," the airman cited facts and figures to prove the effectiveness of P-47s, and drew



from his personal experiences in the Italian skies to bring home to the war workers the need for "staying on the job and punching away until the last shot is fired."
Lt. R. H. Gains At three employee rallies the pilot told the story of how the fire power of Thunderbolts blasts the way for Allied infantry to follow through. "Thunderbolts are used as bombers, fighters, and are generally the 'work-horses' of the single engine combat planes," he said, "I urge you," he continued, "to keep the supply of P-47s moving, so that the Army Air Forces can pave the way for the certain defeat of Japan and Germany."

Thanksgiving On American Soil Observed By Veteran Soldiers

Hundreds of Millville Army Air Field officers and enlisted men celebrated their first Thanksgiving Day on American soil since the outbreak of the war by partaking in a sumptuous turkey dinner prepared by Captain Arthur L. Billin's Mess personnel.

Tri-City Groups Raise Huge Fund From 'Prop Wash'

Over nine thousand dollars has been raised by the organizations that sponsored "Prop Wash" in its Cumberland County tour. These figures are based on early reports and will be revised when a final accounting is made.

In the meanwhile, the Vineland Exchange Club, the Bridgeton Board of Trade and the Millville Branch of the American Legion announced that they will soon start purchasing material and equipment to furnish the proposed Servicemens' Club, the Post Gymnasium, and the Base library.

May Return to Town

The popularity of "Prop Wash" in its off-base two and three night stands in the three cities reached such a point that Capt. Michael Bass and Lt. Neary, officers-in-charge of the touring GI and civilian troupe, are contemplating returning to Vineland and Bridgeton for a few more performances. "The last night we played in Bridgeton," Lt. Neary said, "the crowds were milling around the Criterion Theatre for hours prior to stage time. We really owe it to the disappointed throngs that were turned away to show them how GI Joe can go through theatrical paces."

Critics Rave About Show

Objective critics hailed "Prop Wash" as being "professional." "Prop Wash" has everything," the Bridgeton Evening News said, "and for the two hours of its duration the cast had the capacity crowd with them all the way. The show has a professional tempo and completely lacks those 'ten hour' pauses that so often crop up in an amateur production." "Prop Wash" is "peppery," "sparkling," "alive," said the Vineland Times-Journal. "Its a big hit with young and old alike," commented the Millville Republican.

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MEAT CUTTING ARTIST RETURNS FROM SCHOOL

Cpl. Philip Rudolph, Baltimore, Md., was a member of the ninth class of soldiers to complete the new Centralized Meat Cutting and Fat Conservation course established at Scott Field.

Steaks and choice cuts of meat now appear in mess halls of AAF stations six to eight times more per month than heretofore as a result of centralized meat cutting units established at each base.



Recent returnees from overseas viewed the festive atmosphere with varied emotions. T/Sgt. Charles Weiss of the Communications Section, recalled that Thanksgiving Day, 1942, he landed with his group on an island in the New Hebrides. "Man, we didn't have any sage dressing with our very cold cold cuts," he said. "On Thanksgiving Day, 1943 we were in Guadalcanal and the food was no better than in New Hebrides. I've plenty to be thankful for this year."

Bellies Hurt

S/Sgt. Theodore Rausch, an armorer, remarked that Thanksgiving Day was plenty okay in England last year. "Why, I ate a turkey meal eight times that day, and didn't have to report for 'sick call.'" Pfc. Tim Driscoll, another armorer wasn't quite as fortunate as his fellow linesman. "I was in New Guinea last year," he said, "and all we had was corn beef and dehydrated potatoes for dinner." Captain Robert E. Brown, who was in Italy Thanksgiving Day, 1943, told of "killing water buffalo" for dinner. "The next day, though, the Quartermasters arrived with real live turkeys and we ate them until our bellies hurt."



Many civilian employees, soldiers children and wives, added to the holiday spirit that pervaded the Mess Hall. One soldier left the table with a happy smile and started to adjust his belt. "I'm going over to the nearest scale," he said, "I think I've gained five pounds!"



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The Gunnery Meet

Within the next two weeks the cream of the First Fighter Command's gunnery pilots will converge upon Millville Army Air Field with their crews and aircraft. For two days they will pit their skill, training and experience against each other in order to return to their home base with the coveted "Thunderbolt Gunnery Trophy."

From all indications this gunnery joust is going to be hotter than a pre-election bon fire. In the first Meet at Dover, Capt. Mathew B. Wagner copped second prize with a score of 22.46 percent. In the second contest at Suffolk, Captain Carl L. Beggs ran away with the rodeo by out-distancing his nearest opponent by 11.87 percent. Thanks to Capt. Beggs the Trophy now proudly hangs in the Officers Club.

Frankly, we would be very happy to see that Trophy stay just where it is. We don't like the sight of vacant spots on the wall and no host likes his guests to walk home with part of his fixtures. To the two airmen, armament and engineering crews that will represent Millville Army Air Field we wish good luck, straight shooting and happy landing. To our guests we bid a hearty welcome and the assurance that we are at your service to make your visit here an unforgettable event.

Thanks

GI Joe of Millville Army Air Field owes a vote of thanks to the Post's GIs and civilian girls whose hoofing and tramping around Cumberland County with "Prop Wash" has earned the recreational and athletic activities here about nine thousand dollars. The money brought in will not be given directly to this base, but will be converted into furniture, athletic equipment and other equipment for the exclusive use of the enlisted men.

We would like to extend at the same time our heartfelt gratitude to the people of Millville, Vineland and Bridgeton whose enthusiastic reception to our show folk has made the vision of a servicemen's club a possibility. The organizations in these towns who "angeled" the show worked tirelessly to assure "Prop Wash's" success.



By Chaplain Horace M. King

"If we trust more we will worry less."

"It is always so easy to mistake our prejudices for our good judgment."

"A good many people lose their faith in God because He does not consent to run their errands for them."

"The public will not long put a higher value on our promises than we do ourselves."

"Not all sins are painful but all are dangerous."

After Thanksgiving, What?

Did "Thanksgiving" end with midnight Thursday last? Or, is the "Thanksgiving Habit" worthy of being carried on throughout the year? We have confessed our thankfulness for what we have and many have admitted their thankfulness for much that they haven't. With a sympathy for our Allies who have suffered so desperately and who still suffer, let us change "Thanksgiving" into "Thanksgiving" and take out a year's subscription. Let us be continuously thankful for what we haven't—what we don't have and don't want; what we don't have but what we are strengthened in

learning to be happy without; what we don't have and will never have but what we can dream of and help guarantee for others, what we can have through faith. Thus we can make "Thanksgiving" last throughout the year.

Thanksgiving to Christmas

The Chaplain is distributing bookmarks listing helpful Bible passages for daily reading. The link between the family or loved ones at home and members of the armed forces around the world is the designated chapter for each particular day. The first reading Psalm 103, is for Thanksgiving, November 23. The last reading is Luke 2 for Christmas, December 25. A few of the bookmark leaflets are still available. Get yours.

Religious services Sunday at the Chapel:

0725—Confessions.
0800—Catholic Mass.
0915—General Protestant Service.

Wednesday at the Chaplain's Office in Red Cross Building:
1930—Jewish Services.



Dear Editor:

Why do you print letters from malcontents like LSMFT? I have been helping support THUNDERBOLT financially since its original publication, and will so so until I am shipped from here. The fellows in my barrack think THUNDERBOLT shows plenty of guts. We know you're in our corner rootin' for us. This is the first time in my life I have ever written a card to a newspaper or radio station.

Signed,
Jimmy

Dear Editor:

If your Dander's up
And your spirits wax,
Just march right over
To our lil' P-X
As you open the door
And face the mirrored wall,
You'll stop from sheer amazement

To view it all.
You'll see a pretty face
With a smile cute as h—;
She's right nice about it,
But it's PEANTS she'll sell
If you want a tube of some particular paste,
Just browse around a bit
'Cause you got time to waste.
If you want a towel
Or a shave-kit holder,
Get yourself a girl friend
And sob upon her shoulder.
If you seem to get nasty,
You burn up and get sore,
Just walk a bit down the street
And pound on the Chaplain's door.
Should you have patience,
Then Brother, just relax—
You're bound to buy the P-nuts
In our lil' P-X.

Signed,
Anonymous

Dear Editor:

How about a word of appreciation to the boys in the Mess Hall who outdid themselves preparing our Thanksgiving dinner? Part of the turkey is still in one of my cavities. I'm going to keep it there as a memento of a swell feed.

Signed,
FRJU

'Prop Wash'

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"When 'Prop Wash' folds its tents and its deeds are inscribed in the base history, little will the spectators realize the sweat and tears that went into keeping the show going," said Lt. Neary. "We had men ship out fast, girls pass out, scenery that wouldn't fit, sporadic rehearsals." S/Sgt. Wally Snellenberg, producer and director of "Prop Wash" said, "I'm going back to the peace and quiet of the sheet metal shop." Huge, good-natured, Cpl. Grayson Enlow, master of ceremonies, wiped his wrinkled brow, and declared, "adieu klieg lights and grease paint, I am a soldier and will return to soldiering. However, just as the entire cast was about to deliver an individual "farewell address" an announcement was made that a "command performance" was due next week for the wounded soldiers at England General Hospital. "The show must go on" Capt. Bass shouted. "The show will go on," the cast replied.

Off the Book Shelf

By KATHERINE M. O'CONNOR
Base Librarian

Clifton Fadiman, a master of words and style, comments upon SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE SOLDIERS in his usual eloquent style as follows: "It is a queer duck among books—a story about race prejudice that is deadly serious in intent, but consistently light-hearted and comical in tone. Offhand, one would not have supposed that subjects so grim as anti-Semitism and anti-Negroism could possibly yield entertainment. In Miss Halsey's dexterous hands, however, they do. She makes the lesson stick perhaps more effectively than do all the propaganda, preachments, and solemn warnings. To tell her story Miss Halsey has gone back, quite successfully, to the most old-fashioned of narrative forms: the letter.

Contributions to Democracy
Her heroine, Gretchen, a voluntary worker in a servicemen's canteen has a somewhat suspicious tendency to "tell all" to her brother Jeff, at present employed by Uncle Sam. The "all" is mainly, though not entirely, concerned with the goings-on at the canteen, and, particularly, with

one of the canteen's patronesses who insults a Jewish volunteer girl worker. The slight plot of the book (mildly complicated by a pleasing, though not particularly inflammatory romance) turns on the manner in which the canteen workers learn through an object lesson what democracy really means, gang up on the patroness, and leave her a defeated hulk.

Miss Halsey's style, of course, is the thing. She tosses out epigrams and glittery sentences literally by the hundreds, and has an unequalled knack for the humor of exaggeration. SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE SOLDIERS will prove one of the wittiest books of the year; surely it is one of the most entertaining."



A WORD TO THE WIVES

Hats off to the wives of Millville Army Air Field personnel who are doing such a fine job working in the Red Cross Auxiliary recently established on this post. They have been given a building all their own by the Commanding Officer, and are now using it to real advantage.

A cordial invitation is extended to wives of all officer and enlisted personnel to join in this important work, which directly helps members of our Armed Forces. Working hours are from 2 to 5 P. M. on Mondays and Fridays, and all wives are urged to lend a hand.

The work consists of making surgical dressings for use in military hospitals. As the fighting overseas increases in intensity, the need for these dressings is greater than ever. Military medical authorities are steadily increasing their quotas to Red Cross as our war casualties increase. No training is required for this work, and it can be learned in just a few minutes.

Other important work being done is the completion of projects for the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council. This group furnishes dayrooms for camps. It also supplies hundreds of various comfort articles to patients in military hospitals. Naturally, requests received from this post will top priority with the M.A.A.F. Red Cross Auxiliary, so here is a chance to work directly for the welfare of the men on this post.

Don't forget, wives . . . Mondays and Fridays, 2 to 5 P. M. . . in the Red Cross Auxiliary building right on the post. Give a helping hand where it can do the most good for the men in uniform!

News From Home

Long Beach, Cal. (CNS)—The will of Ellis Scates, 76, leaves \$250 to a local church—with this note appended: "St. Peter, Take Note!"

New York (CNS)—During the cigaret shortage here, the only place you could get popular brands was Tombs Prison.

Orange, N. J. (CNS)—Patrolman Herman Schmidt, of the Maplewood Police Department, whose left ear was sewed on recently after it had been bitten off in a fight with three men, is doing well at Orange Memorial Hospital.

Gunnery and Bombing Meet

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third Meet is running at a high pitch. Thunderbolt pilots are hard at work preparing for this decisive series, and all aircraft will arrive here with guns harmonized, equipped with bomb racks, inspections completed, and in first class flying condition. Base officials pointed out that the rules governing the Meet are strict and definite, and that failure to comply with any of the regulations governing the contest would result in disqualifying the contestant.

Upon the completion of the Meet a banquet will be held at the Officers Mess and the winners will be announced. Following the dinner a party will be tendered the participants at the Officers Club. Ranking First Air Force officers will be present for the occasion.

FORMAL DANCE

The Bridgeton Girls Service Club, which assumes the entertainment for the Bridgeton USO, will tender a formal affair, Saturday, December 2, 1944, at the Cumberland Hotel ball room. Bart Dutton's rhythm makers will furnish the music.

CAUGHT IN 'PROP WASH'



Male Call

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



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Truth and Consequences

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Question: "Has any phase of training you have received while in the service prepared you for a post-war job?"

ANSWERS

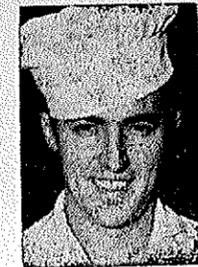
Cpl. JACK BRAIMAN, (Bronx, N. Y.) Airplane Mechanic.

"I have received very efficient training in airplane mechanics, but before I went to work for 'Sam', I was in the Men's Wear business. I plan to go back to that field when I am released."



Do you want my card?

S/Sgt. NARCISSE SMITH, (West Warrick, R. I.) Mess Sergeant.



"Yes! Army cooking has given me a lot of experience. With the training I have had in mess management, I feel that when I start my own 'Steak House' after the war, I will know the ins and outs of the game." Care for some gravy?

Pvt. EDWARD F. HAPPEHOTTI, (Quincy, Ill.) Mechanic BMP.

"Yes, I can honestly say I have learned enough about automobiles and trucks in the Army to continue in the field when I get out. I've done all kinds of work, but now I have something to stick with."



Cpl. GILBERT E. SHEPARD, (Indianapolis, Indiana) Photo Lab Technician.



"When I was not jerking sodas, I used to fool around with photography before I entered the service. Strictly amateur, but the specialized training I have

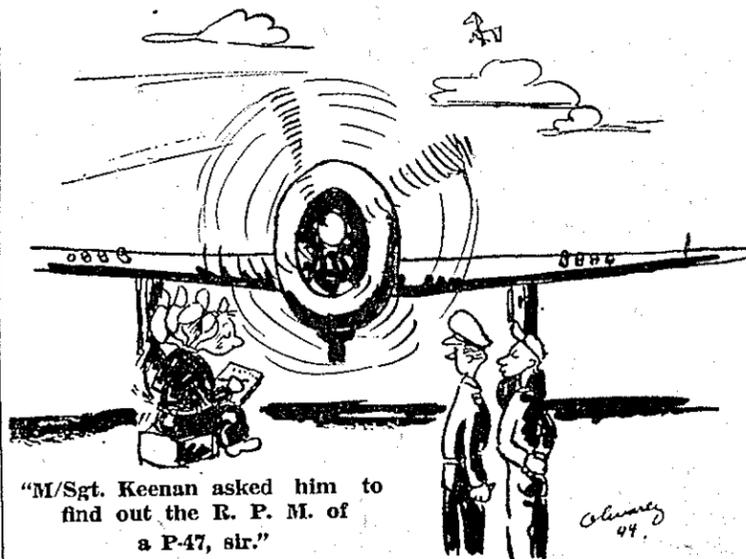
received at the AAF Technical School, and my on-the-job training will enable me to set up my own photography business when I return to civilian life."

The Peripheral Road

By PFC. JOE MAAF

A HOBO'S NEWS

It was left to Capt. Ted Gaylor's QMers to pull the nifty of the fortnight. The suppliers kidded Pvt. Steve Cope into believing that a barrack mate of his, Pfc. R. B. Rafferty, consumed 31 sandwiches at one sitting recently. Not to be outdone by his friend, Pvt. Cope went into training. He hiked three miles, ate a light lunch, and came out fighting. At "Sally's," while the volunteer ladies worked feverishly, Cope gulped down 22 deviled egg and lettuce and tomato sandwiches. One hour later he was still at it. His startled friends fearing that he might split a gut pleaded with him to stop. "Its only a joke," they shrieked. "Don't worry about me," he replied between gulps, "I've got two stomachs!" . . . M/Sgt. Bill Hoyer of the Base Technical Inspector's Office received a letter and poster from an undisclosed organization requesting information as to whether or not his job is essential . . . The female editors of the Vineland Hi-Spots, their school newspaper, sent a copy of the publication to the boys of MAAF decorated with lipstick osculations . . . While a packed house waited for a film to be shown at the Post Theatre last week, the house lights dimmed, the music began, a riot of colors hit the stage, but no movie. The GI operators forget to pull down the curtain . . . PX romance—Miss Jennie Cabiano married Cpl. Arthur C. Powers . . . Capt. Robt. J. Fuller is in line for congrats—It was a baby girl . . . Crash Boat news—White top sides chromed and decks painted in yellow. Reason-so that CCTS pilots can more easily discern ships . . . It is reliably rumored that Sgt. Cliff Ringler will soon be handing out cigars. No, not a promotion. The "sarge" is heading for daddyhood . . . We erroneously reported that T/Sgt. R. E. Hill became the father of a baby girl. Well, it was a boy. Sorry, Sarge, we didn't have much of an alternative you know . . . We learned that Lt. William C. Smith was an air raid warden at Bryan Mawr College (an all-girl institution) prior to his entry in the AAF . . . Any GI or Officer who was a member of the Elks before entering the Army is urged to contact Chief George Reeves at the Fire House. There is a present in store this Xmas for the GI Elks . . . It has been reliably reported that T/Sgt. James T. Vander Zalm got married. Two days after tying the knot he was placed on temporary duty at the Personal Affairs School . . . It was farewell to arms for Sgt. James Mattimore this week. After serving Uncle Sam over a quarter of a century the weather beaten dogface tearfully bid his buddies adieu and farewell.



"M/Sgt. Keenan asked him to find out the R. P. M. of a P-47, sir."

Brothers Borrego Enlisted and Fought, Returned From Overseas And Assigned to MAAF Together

Two soldiers, recently assigned to this base, are among those who will readily refute the statement that the War Department is cold, hard and without feeling.

The boys are brothers, T/Sgt. Eliseo Borrego and S/Sgt. Lloyd F. Borrego, and ever since enlisting in the army a little more than four years ago they have been together.

Inducted at Fort Logan, Colorado, near their home town, the brothers went through training at Kelly Field, Texas, as aviation mechanics. They were transferred together from Kelly Field, to Selfridge Field, Michigan, to Charleston, S. C., and they went overseas together in the middle of 1942. In England they serviced Spitfire planes at first, and later our own Thunderbolts. Invariably they were both assigned to the same plane.

With Col. Hough

T/Sgt. Borrego, incidentally, had the honor of being the crew chief of the plane in which Col. Hough of the Eighth Fighter Command became the world's record holder of a diving speed of 780 miles per hour.

Both boys came back to the states via the rotation policy, landing in New York, and going to Fort Logan, Colorado, Santa Monica, California, and then to Millville.

The brothers wear the ETO ribbon with stars for the Western Air Offensive and the Offensive after D Day, as well as the Good Conduct and Service Ribbons.

One point of difference—they did not marry two sisters. Lloyd brought back a wife he had met and married in England, while Eliseo married his Colorado sweetheart.

SS Office Announces Free Fun and Food

Three headline recreational events for MAAF enlisted men were announced today by the Special Service Office.

From the huge Kimble Glass Plant in Vineland a genuine Hill-Billy Band will be on hand November 29, 2000, at the Post Theatre. After rendering tobacco road songs and specialty dances they will swing and sway for the after-show dancers.

On the same evening those GIs caring to leave the Post are invited to attend a "prom" tendered by the USO of Vineland on Landis Ave. Earlier in the week, Wednesday evening, the same group is holding "Bank Nite" for our enlisted men. "Drop up and return home with some easy cash," Lt. Neary urges, "and use the money to buy War Bonds," Lt. R. I. Buck, added.

Want To Save Money? Don't Pal With Nazis

Paris (CNS)—GIs in Germany found guilty of violating the regulation against fraternizing with enemy civilians face fines of from \$25 to \$65, a United Press frontline dispatch reports. Chatting with civilians is described as the "\$65 offense" by the doughboy. The top commanders call it "unnecessary contact."

THE HANDWRITING IS ON THE WALL

BOX SCORE OF THUNDERBOLTS
VERSUS
GERMAN and JAP FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

Thunderbolts	LOST IN COMBAT	The AXIS
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As Zero Hour approaches, Republic's P-47 Thunderbolts are busy hammering the Nazis in Italy, escorting bombers to Berlin, tearing up railroads and bridges on the road to Germany, and moving in on Tokyo. They are also relentlessly widening the gap in fighter aircraft lost in combat.



MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Cpl. Willis B. Urquhart

With Malice Towards Some

We don't have any scallions growing in our victory garden, but if we had, we'd throw several bouquets of same at those Sunday patriots up in Philly who promised (to the newspapers) to reserve several seats for our GIs at the recent Eagle-Giants game. After consuming plenty of gas and manpower to reach Shibe Park, the soldiers found that their seats were sold to civilians. A lot of our boys won't forget that deal when they return to the Quaker City some day in mufti . . .

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There were no bubble dancers working out in the newly dedicated gym during the last fortnight. Most of the officers and GIs were seriously bent on losing some of their superfluous obesity (shmaltz to you Jo-Jo). We got a bang watching Sgt. M. Fuchs, S/Sgt. M. Johnson, Cpl. Popo and Pfc. Boris "charlie hoss" their way from a furious handball game. And talking about handball, we were literally amazed to witness Capt. David I. Walsh and Lt. John L. Gunkelman take over all comers in that prehistoric game. It is rumored that these Adjutants are burning their rocking chairs behind them.

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Here are some little known facts about some of our dogfaces. Sgt. "Chico" Juliat was one of the top notch baseball players of Puerto Rico. Pronounced "Bah-say baul" in Spanish, our insular neighbors take the game seriously, Chico reports. The Sergeant also predicts that some day South American matadors will enter their arenas with baseball bats rather than swords with which to battle the bulls. Sgt. James Nicholson, presently S-2ing, was honorably mentioned by the All-American Board of Football. Sgt. Nicholson played left halfback for the University of Oregon from '36 to '38. He played against U.C.L.A., Washington U., California and Fordham. Offered an opportunity to turn "pro" the Sarge politely turned down the offer. "Too much work," he said.

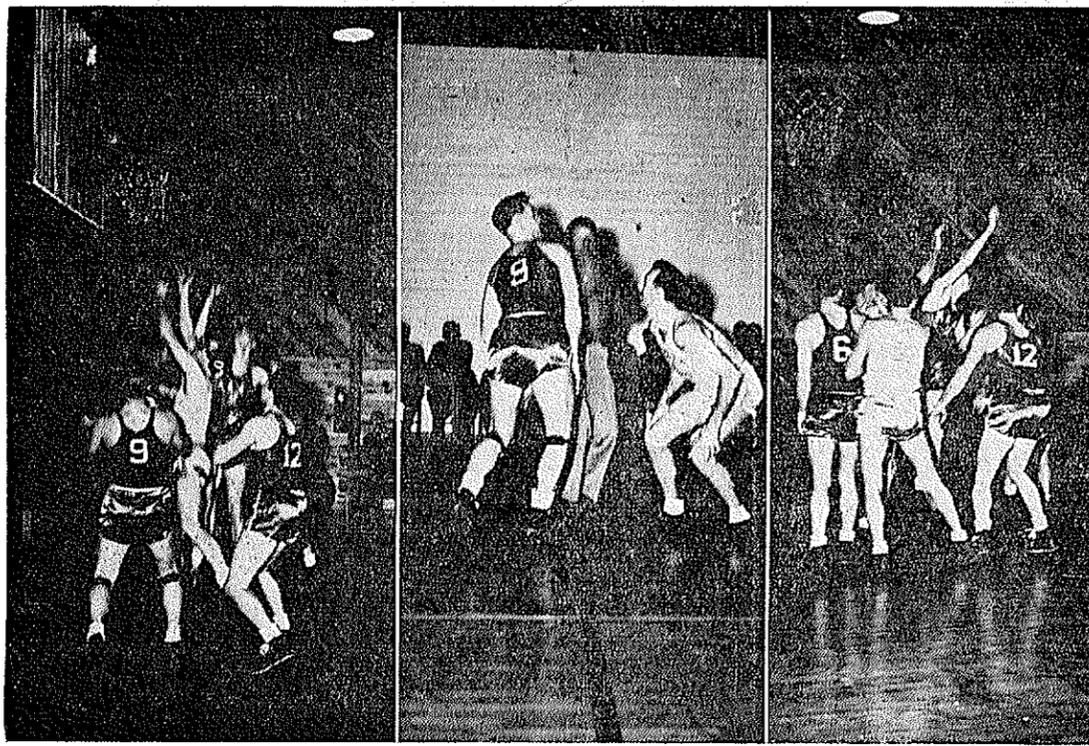
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Before the snow starts flying MAAF hockey enthusiasts will be playing as a team against some amateur clubs in Philadelphia. Sparked by S/Sgt. Narcisse Smith and aided by Maj. Lloyd P. Carlos, who did some fancy skating in his pre-military days, the Arena officials in the City of Brotherly Love turned over their rink to our boys every Wednesday afternoon.

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Last week's Dedication of the Gym will go down as a momentous event in MAAF's history. All of us were hoping that while Chaplain King was delivering the invocation, he made a mental reservation for the "FLYERS" and prayed that they have a successful basketball season, no broken limbs or fracture of any part of their precious persons.

"FLYERS" WIN TWO STRAIGHT



ENG. GEN. HOSP. BOWS TO 'FLYERS'

Despite the rainy weather, GI Joe and his pals were out last Tuesday night to spur their home team, the "Flyers," on to their second win of the season. The MAAF basketweavers obliged the throng by out-manuvering the England General Hospital quintet from Atlantic City by the impressive score of 63 to 36.

This was the first defeat handed the highly touted "Pill-rollers" this season, while the "Flyers" have two wins in two starts.

T/Sgt. Dickey paced the local club to their victory netting 17 points, while S/Sgt. Whetsel ran a close race with his team mate for top honors with 8 baskets.

The play of the Medics was centered around Vukovich and he clipped the nets for 6 field goals. Sgt. Gorman accounted for 11 of his teams' points, but desperately trying to hold the fast attack of the "Flyers," was withdrawn from the game in the last period on technical fouls.

At half-time, the large crowd who attended the USO performance earlier in the evening, squeezed into all corners of the gym to watch the dogfaces walk away with the game after a 25 point burst during the remaining periods.

The "Flyers" will play host to Ft. Dix AAB next Tuesday night before going on the road Wednesday to play the U. S. Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Maryland.

Flyers				Eng. Gen. Hosp.			
G.	F.	Pts.	G.	F.	Pts.		
Dickey, f	8	1	17	Vukovich, f	6	13	
Urquhart, f	0	0	0	Salafkasky, f	3	8	
Studwell, c	3	2	8	Rosen, f	0	0	
Nickel, g	4	3	11	Gorman, c	5	11	
Freeman, g	3	3	9	Tabamasco, g	0	0	
Whetsel, g	8	0	16	Bates, f	0	1	
Flatako, f	0	0	0	Chorany, g	0	0	
Veale, f	0	0	0	Muller, f	1	3	
Stephens, g	0	0	0	Schwartz, g	0	0	
Smith, g	1	0	2	Goodwin, g	0	0	
Totals	27	9	63	Totals	15	26	

DESK-BOUND OFFICERS START HAND BALL TOURNAMENT HERE

Handball, a game made popular by Brooklyn firemen while idling away time between three alarm fires, has assumed a high sports priority with Base Officers. Lt. Joe Pishioneri has organized the enthusiasts into a league and the play-offs start Tuesday.

Some of the most desk-bound athletes on the post are found in the lineup. Lt. Dan Eisenberg is coupled with "Iron-horse" Nemanow, Lt. John Gunkelman is paired with "El Capitan" David I. Walsh, Lt. Bill (jet propulsion) Ulrich, Lt. "Red" McCabe, and almost every Major on the field is prominently spotted in the roster.

SEASON BEGINS FOR INTRA-MURAL CAGERS

Monday night the first intra-mural basketball contest will be played between the flak-happy Tow Targeteers and the swivel-chaired commandos of the Orerly room. The same night will find the men of the Air Corps Supply battling the Communications quintet with the game starting at 8 p. m.

With the "Flyers" on the road Wednesday, the Quartermaster GI's will have it out with the Ground officers of the base. The second contest for the night promises to be a real thriller when the Staff Officers of the 536th meet the Base Ordnance cagers.

O-I, 'FLYERS' BOX SCORE

Flyers			Onized Club			
G.	F.	Pts.	G.	F.	Pts.	
Dickey, rf	6	3	15	Romanik, rf	2	5
Stephens, rf	0	2	2	Long, rf	1	1
Urquhart, lf	1	0	2	Bergeson, lf	3	7
Veale, lf	1	1	3	Waddington, lf	0	0
Studwell, c	2	0	4	Rambo, c	3	7
Freeman, rg	14	1	29	Stites, c	0	2
Whetsel, lg	5	1	11	Vence, rg	0	0
Mickel, lg	3	2	8	Riley, rg	1	0
Smith, lf	0	0	0	R. Riley, lg	3	7
Totals	32	10	74	Totals	12	27

'FLYERS' SWAMP O-I CLUB 74-37

Last Friday evening, before several hundred officers, enlisted men and guests, the "Flyers" trounced the Owens-Illinois quintet from Bridgeton by the wide margin of 74 to 37. This debut of the MAAF hoopsters marked the official opening and dedication of the Base Gymnasium.

Before the game got underway, Lt. S. R. Nemanow delivered a short address and Chaplain Horace M. King offered the invocation. When the two teams were ready for the play-off Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins tossed up the first ball.

An eager audience was shown plenty of striking power and team work by the "Flyers." Sparked by Sgt. H. Freeman, high scorer for the night with 29 points, the MAAF quintet hit the nets for a fast 22-5 lead in the first quarter, and when the whistle was piped at half-time, the airmen stood out in front with a 36-14 count.

The Onized Club spent the entire evening in a futile attempt to overcome the large lead amassed by the soldiers. "Lefty" Mel Rambo lead the visitors attack with 13 points, followed by "Reds" Riley and Bergeson who had seven apiece.

With the crowds cheering the "Flyers" on, T/Sgt. Dickey and S/Sgt. Whetsel connected with 15 and 11 tallies respectively. Our boys showed plenty of smooth, fast, charging plays, and displayed brilliant floor work under the baskets.

When the applause subsided, reminiscent of the "good old high school days," the floor was cleared for dancing, and the hot tunes of Lou Turner's orchestra echoed throughout the hall.

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