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MAAF WINS GUNNERY MEET

THE BRIEFING AND THE BOMBING



Sixteen gunnery pilots, from every I Fighter Command P-47 Airbase, listen eagerly as Major Lloyd P. Carlos, Gunnery Meet Operations Officer, briefs them on MAAF's geography. They then went forth to split screaming shells on aerial and ground targets. Picture on left shows one of the contestants roar over the skip-bombing course.

Mark VanDoren Offers World Peace Plan

Hundreds of Base officers and enlisted men paused momentarily from their duties yesterday to hear Mark Van Doren, a member of the War Writers' Board, sound a call for enduring universal peace by asking for the establishment "of one government for the entire world."

The eminent author and poet, whose name is listed high among the literary and cultural elite of the United States, vigorously maintained history proved that war and peace hangs in the balance, at times, by the whim of one country's government. "Peace," he said, "can only be maintained, therefore, by eradicating the anarchy that exists among nations. A government having jurisdiction over the sovereignty of all states," he added, "will have the power and strength to secure for all mankind freedom from aggression and war."

Lt. Charles F. Neary, Special Service Officer, introduced Mr. Van Doren and told the audience of the speaker's background. "As a student of literature," Lt. Neary said, "he has published such critiques as 'The Poetry of John Dryden,' Shakespeare, American and British literature and Edward Arlington Robinson." The speaker has also achieved wide recognition as one of America's leading poets. In 1939 his volume of collected poems won for him the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

Pearl Harbour—Private
Los Angeles (CNS) — Pearl Harbour is a WAC. Honest. Mrs. Pearl O. Harbour joined the Women's Army Corps here recently, becoming the 7th member of her family to enter the services.

Supervisory Pilot Chosen To Aid "Winged Victory" Promotion Drive

Captain Ralph M. Tuuri, 24, from Painesville, Ohio, assigned here as a Supervisory pilot after participating in over 203 missions in the flak-ridden skies of the Southwest Pacific, was selected this week by the First Air Force to aid the Army Air Force's "Winged Victory" promotion campaign.

The assignment of the war-tested airman to the publicity drive of "Winged Victory," a movie documenting the heroic contributions of America's sky fighters, will undoubtedly prove a boon to the program. If Captain Tuuri's story is typical of the experiences of the Army Air Force's struggle to bring Japan to her knees, then that chapter of history will be forever recalled when men gather to speak of our struggle for freedom.

Recalls Early Days in Pacific
Capt. Tuuri vividly described today the early days of the Pacific war. He told of a valiant, outnumbered group of fighters who pitted their skill and guts against a mighty Japanese air force. He revealed that their function in those days was not to cut segments from the Nip perimeter, but to hold the foe at bay until the industrial might of the United States could re-tool and give her sons the

weapons with which to wage battle.

"Those days following the attack on Pearl Harbor," Captain Tuuri said, "were plenty sad for the boys of the AAF." Not only were we up against a numerically superior bunch of gangsters, but, what griped us the most was their cockiness. They would zoom down over our fields, go through aerial acrobatics and tantalize us before unleashing their deadly fire. They practically thumbed noses at us, because they knew that we were, as far as aircraft was concerned, 'behind the eight ball.'"

Japs Cleaned Up
Conditions changed rapidly after P-38s, P-39s, P-47s, and P-51s started to darken the

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CAPT. TUURI

BUY EXTRA BONDS LT. BUCK URGES

"Millville Army Air Field's quota of \$25,000 worth of sales during the Sixth War Loan Drive will be met," Lt. Ralph J. Buck asserted today, "If all our military and civilian personnel purchase one extra certificate this month."

Three more weeks are left before the deadline, the bond officer added, and over \$13,000 in bonds must be sold.

Lt. John W. Hyson Cops Trophy; Capt. E. Dietrick High Scorer

Lt. John W. Hyson, representing this Base in the third Bombing and Gunnery Meet held here by the First Fighter Command this week, tallied up a score of 28.86 percent to capture first prize for Millville Army Air Field. Captain Emery A. Dietrick, teamed with Lt. Hyson, was nosed out for second billing by Lt. Col. N. K. Heath of Dover Army Air Base. The Dover airman blasted out a score of 23.00 percent.

'Prop Wash' Closes After Performance In Atlantic City

Over ten thousand soldiers and civilians saw "Prop Wash," Millville Army Air Field's all-base variety show, before the final curtain rang down this week, Lt. Charles F. Neary, Special Service Officer, announced today.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic reception accorded the GI and civilian thespians was at England General Hospital. There, wounded soldiers, recently returned from far-flung battle fronts, rollicked and roared as they watched their fellow soldiers and comely partners go through their paces.

For their off-base one and two night stands "Prop Wash" earned over nine thousand dollars, from which various recreational projects will soon be erected.

Three Graders Club To Hold Opening Tonite

An evening where greenbacks will be worthless as a Continental, where "joy and gaiety unrestrained and unfettered" will be the keynote of the occasion, was promised by M/Sgt. J. K. Burton, President of the Three Graders Club for tonight's formal opening of the organization.

An orchestra imported from Atlantic City, and a floor show from Philadelphia will aid the rug cutters in their jive sessions. Chicken, French fries (with all accoutrements) will be provided for the hungry, and high ranking "Non-Coms" who are without wife or sweethearts have been promised a pick of "blonde beauties who are guaranteed to bring out the wolf in even the most Caspar Milquetoastish of those present."

EM PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED HERE

Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins announced last week that fifty-three enlisted men had received, upon recommendation of their department heads, a boost in grade. Only one promotion to the grade of staff sergeant was authorized. The fortunate recipient of the "rocker" was Sgt. Lloyd Warren of Section "H."

By taking top honors in the gunnery rodeo, which was marked from beginning to end by brisk shooting and keen competition, Lt. Hyson retained for Millville Army Air Field the coveted "Thunderbolt" Gunnery Trophy. The trophy was presented by Capt. Carl L. Beggs, Brigadier General J. R. Hawkins, Commanding Officer of the First Fighter Command announced that he would later present, for the second time, Lt. Hyson and the Base with the award.

Crew Men Lauded
While accepting congratulations from fellow pilots and overjoyed enlisted men who had bet heavily on their home team, the winning aerial gunners took time out to heap praise on their crew chiefs and armorers. "Sgt. Verge Nivens and Cpl. Wallace Jackson should share in whatever honors are bestowed on us," Lt. Hyson said. "I second that motion for Sgt. Rexroads and Cpl. Russel," Captain Dietrick added.

Interest in this Meet was increased when it was learned that many national publications and metropolitan newspapers were sending representatives to cover the events. Philadelphia newspapers sent their crack reporters and a war correspondent who had recently returned from overseas to report on this novel type of gunnery training.

Eight Bases Competed
Sixteen pilots, aircraft and crews participated in this Meet. Dover, Hillsgrove, Norfolk, Oscoda, Suffolk, Waltherboro, and the 414th Fighter Group had their representatives here. Lt.

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THANK YOU!

Over \$700.00 has been contributed by the military personnel of Millville Army Air Field for the support of THUNDERBOLT during the past six months. We thank you from the depths of our editorial hearts and promise to continue disseminating news honestly, fearlessly and objectively.



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ARE YOU GUILTY?

Although bombs, machine guns, tanks, and a wide variety of aircraft are proving their worth on the battle fronts, they turn out to be weak and helpless weapons in the war against home front sabotage. Blasting an enemy you can't see isn't an easy job, yet the right kind of attack and concentration of power usually goes a long way toward polishing him off.

The home front fight against carelessness proceeds slowly. In fact, its bogged down in a morass of complacency. A populace once alert enough to collar a band of saboteurs landed on our shores has now grown stale to a point of danger. Human nature, that thorn in our side on so many occasions, has again permitted the common menace of carelessness to start pushing us around. Carelessness, the enemy we can't see, is back to haunt us worse than a regiment of enemy agents whose single sin in life is the hampering of our war effort.

Carelessness in the shop, on the hangar line, aboard a plane, or in an office can't be fought with the accepted weapons of war. Rolling out a cannon for a crack at this type of adversary is a little like making passes at clouds. You never reach them. Catching carelessness red-handed calls for a rigid conditioning of the mind. Being constantly on guard against the unconscious error or the deceptive tricks of the brain must become as much of a habit to us as the batting of an eye. It cannot be denied that carelessness in any form adds up to sabotage however ugly that may sound. Only ceaseless effort to avoid letdown on the job can beat the mounting problem of our misguided use of this extremely potent enemy secret weapon.

Keep our govt. the busy jobs around the important question of how we use our time, our skills, and the instruments and machines at our disposal. It matters not at all whether our jobs call for the handling of a wrench in an airplane, checking crates of supplies, or just punching out reports on a typewriter. The improper use of the wrench, half-heartedness in the checking of supplies, and the slip of the finger all add their mite to the tenure of the war. So the virtues of complete alertness and conscientiousness must once more become ours if we are to detect and cope with an insidious weapon that the enemy finds a lot easier to launch than a robot bomb.

Next time you wield that file in any of our aircraft be careful not to damage those sensitive fuel lines. Misused, the work tool quickly changes from helpful friend to hideous foe. Out of carelessness is born unconscious sabotage. The slip of the mind, the wrong twist of the wrist, often spells the difference between life and death, not to mention the bitter loss of valuable government property.



Dear Editor:

I think it only fair that those of us who spent last Christmas in some foreign country get a first crack at holiday passes and furloughs. I know its no easy job satisfying everyone, but a little fair play on part of those who were home last year would help plenty.

Signed,
B. B. R.

Dear Editor:

I had occasion to be present at Cape May Naval Station recently and what I found there can put us Army guys to shame. Their Ship's Service (PX) sells delicious sandwiches and plenty of meat in it for a jit. Their clothing department looks like Macys in pre-war days. Maybe comparisons are unfair sometimes, but, I was just doing a little wondering . . .

Signed,
A G.I.

Dear Editor:

Stars and Stripes has recently editorialized against "pin ups." They feel that the American soldier has loftier thoughts than scantily clad girls, and gorgeous gams. Personally, I think they are way off the beam. When I was overseas, and didn't have much to do, I used to take a peek at those Varga and Petty illustrations and boy, I know what I wanted to get back to. Incidentally, the babes you use in THUNDERBOLT can use a little make up.

Signed,
BOBO

Dear Editor:

Your Thanksgiving edition was okay. But, why didn't you use the names of the boys who did the cooking?"

Signed,
F. R. B.

News From Home

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—Women are buying pipes in Buaffalo now. They always explain the pipes are for their husbands, store clerks claim, but "last year they didn't buy nearly as many."

Chicago (CNS) — Downtown Chicago was thrown into a tizzy when Judy, a 3000 pound elephant, refused to leave the 3rd floor of a department store where she was spending the afternoon autographing books. Judy was hired from a circus to stamp her name on the cover of a book about elephants at the store. She arrived in the elevator, worked all afternoon, then refused to go away. Five hours later she was coaxed down a ramp.

Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)—Bill Alexander, 88, a paperhanger has gone back to work to help relieve the manpower shortage. Says he: "that paperhanger from Berchtesgaden ought to be in hell."

Cleveland (CNS)—Small Frv Freddie Farrell, 10, dug a discarded comic book from an ash can. It contained \$1150 in war bonds.

Doyleville, Ky. (CNS) — Mrs. Robert L. Bush, a storekeeper, claims the letter-writing championship of Kentucky. She writes 200 letters a month to 85 servicemen all over the world.

Off the Book Shelf

By KATHERINE M. O'CONNOR
Base Librarian

WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME, by Dixon Weeter. "A study of demobilization and of morals and manners as affected by our wars. Analyzing the problems which faced the American soldier returning from the Revolution, the Civil War, and World War I, the author finds enough repetition of pattern in the aftermath of these three wars to hope that the future may learn from the past. The last section reviews current plans for demobilization after World War II. The material is timely, well organized, and presented in readable style with many quotations from letters, newspapers, and other contemporary sources."

BEING MET TOGETHER, by Vaughan Wilkins. "The Napoleonic scene from the French point of view, in the adventures of an American accomplice of Napoleon, forms the background of this novel. Anthony is taken as a child to France by an assessed grandmother who tries to instill in the child her hatred of the British. Anthony seems never fully to understand or be convinced of the need for hating the British, but he dutifully is educated in France, serves Napoleon, endures imprisonment in England, and enters into a plot to rescue Napoleon from St. Helena by submarine before he finally returns to his Virginia estate."

GUNNERY MEETS

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Col. Charles D. Slocumb, Jr., Major Fred G. Delaney, Captain L. C. Murdock, all of Operations and Training, I Fighter Command acted as judges. Major Lloyd P. Carlos served as Gunnery Meet Operations Officer. The participants were welcomed here by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins who placed all these recreational facilities at the disposal of the contestants.

NO CIGARS TO CIVILIANS, GIs GET THEM ALL

New York (CNS) — Civilians will not be able to purchase boxes of Christmas cigars this year. The Cigar Institute of America reveals 91,000,000 cigars a month are now earmarked for the armed forces. Of these, 51,000,000 go overseas and 32,000,000 to Army post exchanges, ships' stores and other domestic military installations.

AT EASE, SOLDIER!



COAST-TOCOAST HOOK-UP

Red Cross is a national network "on the beam," and we don't mean in kilocycles. Over 3,800 Red Cross Chapters serve every square inch of America, even the most remote points. You may be many miles away from your home, but Red Cross is never more than a few miles distant.

These Chapters are at the beck and call of Red Cross Field Directors stationed within easy reach of our Armed Forces all over the world. Here is a two-way link between you and your home that can come in mighty handy at times, as over several million servicemen and their families are finding out every year.

Take advantage of this service when trouble and uncertainty occur. The people of America, the War Department and Congress have set it up to keep you as free as possible from personal worries. It can speedily get you news about conditions at home when you are inadequately informed and hence disturbed. It can start the local Red Cross Chapter on the job of helping your family solve some problem. It can help in dozens of other ways in addition.

See your Red Cross Field Director . . . he will be glad to explain to you the various Red Cross services to the Armed Forces. You are always welcome to come in and "talk it over!"

CAPT. TUURI

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Pacific skies. "We cleaned 'em up, like the Pied Piper of Hamelin' got rid of the rats." Capt. Tuuri declared. "Gone was all their attempt, to press an attack. When we started to throw our punches around they suddenly became awfully uneagre."

With multi-colored decorations covering his chest Captain Tuuri prepared to take off on his mission to bring home to the American people the story of the Army Air Forces. Before departing he stated, "We have Japan now just where we want her. Our big problem is old man weather. Give us a good, long run of sunny skies and the Army Air Forces will really demonstrate what is meant by 'Winged Victory.'"

FROM

THE PULPIT

By Chaplain Horace M. King

Great conventions of American business men have made numerous declarations to the effect that the American people are in need of a revival of religion.

The recent very practical undertaking by business leaders of New Albany, Miss., strikes out in the direction of demonstrating by action what they pronounced by word of mouth. During a "Preaching Mission" which was city-wide, all business houses closed their doors from ten o'clock in the morning until noon each day for the week so that all shoppers and employees might attend the religious services.

Religious Revival Vital

"If we impress our children with the importance of religion we business men must do something so positive they cannot miss its import," said one of the bankers.

Incidentally many a man in the service, whether at home or abroad, has a genuine appreciation for such an act, for "back home" there has been quite a deal of talk in proportion to

any specific acts which could begin to prove that they were more than "talking."

The two hours of closing of business-doors will not bring a revival of religion, but, when enough fathers and mothers, business people, professional and skilled workers and "average" citizens about the hometowns find definite action worthy of the "good words" they have been saying a revival will have begun.

A number of men of this field have declared their hopes that our nation might swing honestly and devoutly into a revival of faith. Chaplains overseas write me to that effect also. They hear innumerable expressions of hope to that effect.

Plans For Christmas Caroling

Men interested in a plan to rehearse and use many of the beautiful and familiar Christmas carols will mention the fact to the chaplain. We are planning for a happy and helpful Christmas.

Male Call

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

Leg Log

THE NAVY'S SHIP AND AIRCRAFT NOMENCLATURE IS OFTEN CONFUSING TO LANDSMEN... SINCE SAILORS THINK OF THEIR SHIPS AS FEMALES, THIS CHART WILL MAKE IT SIMPLER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE GROUPS OF LETTERS...

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DD (DANCING DEVIL) A FAST OPERATOR... SHE'LL ROLL YOU IF YOU DON'T LOOK LIVELY



PT (PARTY TYPE) SHE LIKES TO GO PLACES AND DO THINGS... SHE STAYS UP TILL THE SUN GOES DOWN!



SS (SILENT SENDER) WHEN YOU GO OUT WITH HER SHE HOLDS YOU SO CLOSE YOU SELDOM EVEN COME UP FOR AIR!



BB (BROAD BEAM) SHE'S BIG AND TOUGH - AND A GOOD GAL TO BE WITH IN BANDIT COUNTRY...



AO (ALL OUT) SHE'LL GET DIRTY WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T FEND HER OFF

AR (ALWAYS RELIABLE) SHE'S THE MOTHERLY SORT - NOT GLAMOROUS, BUT NICE TO TURN TO WHEN YOU NEED SYMPATHY



CV (CHARMING VIXEN) SHE LIKES TO TOSS OFF A FEW NOW AND THEN... NO MATTER HOW OFTEN YOU RUN OUT ON HER, SHE'S ALWAYS WILLING TO TAKE YOU BACK...

FOR LUBBERS ONLY

- DD - DESTROYER
PT - PATROL TORPEDO BOAT
SS - SUBMARINE
BB - BATTLESHIP
AO - OILER
CV - AIRCRAFT CARRIER
AR - REPAIR SHIP

INFORMATION * CLICKS

Question: What Base Recreation Activity Do You Enjoy the Most?

Answers:

Sgt. Walter F. Schueler; (New York City) Classification.

I'm not looking any gift horses in the kisser. I take advantage of every recreational activity offered me. Last summer I had a great time with soft ball, and when dances are thrown I like to trip the light fantastic with the local 'damsels'.



Sgt. David A. Morgan, (Dover, Tenn.), Airplane Mechanic.

Baseball is my favorite sport. I wanted to play ball, but it was more important to 'keep 'em flying.' I can't dance, so I guess my favorite pastime is 'wall-flowering.' Do you want to sit it out with me??



Lt. John L. Gunkelman, (Fargo, N. D.), Assistant Base Adjutant.

I'll put my chips on Sports, anytime. Right now 'handball' has a high priority with me. One develops a tough right hand thumbing through regulations. Oh, yes, I can stand a rugged game of football now and then. 'Have you got a team?'



PFC. Edward A. Ryan, (Boston, Mass.), Engineering Clerk.



'Well, I'm no spring chicken, you see, and my age hinders me from doing many things. I'm a rabid basketball fan, and get a kick out of watching the 'Flyers' play. I used to be a good shot myself once. 'Ah, simply fleeting youth!'

The Peripheral Road

By PFC. JOE MAAF

VIGNETTES

Alumni Notes: From the windmills of Holland comes a note from one of our old buddies: 'Dear Gang. Just a line to say I am still thinking of you fellows, and wish some of you were here with me. I've seen a lot since I left Millville. I have been in England, France, Belgium, Germany, and I am now in Holland. I think I'll be back to see you fellows before long. This war can't last much longer. Those dirty Nazi rats, though, are going to fight until the last minute. I hope they get enough of it soon. Those P-47s we used to service and watch fly around are really 'on the ball.' Well, I'll say so long for now, and hope to see some of you fellows when I return. Tell the boys to drop me a line. Pfc. Melvin Gregory, Co. G. 932nd Sig. Batt., A.P.O. 151, Postmaster, N. Y. . . . From China comes word that Captain Stanley O. Kelley, formerly a supervisory pilot here, is right in the thick of battle with the 14th Air Force. Captain Kelley is now flying P-51s and is throwing plenty of lead around. . . . Bouquets of Roses: To the civilian personnel of MAAF. Absolutely every employee contributed a part of his salary to the National War Loan Fund. Lt. R. Redfield, officer-in-charge of the campaign announces that the \$500.00 quota was generously exceeded. To Sgt. and Mrs. Jimmy Nichols (Fruit and Vegetable Department). Their twins, now six weeks old, buy war bonds. To T/Sgt. Charley Weiss, Communications Dep't. After serving overseas for two years he was returned to the States for a breather. Instead of soldiering on the job he applied for and was accepted to Signal Corps OCS. . . . S/Sgt. Anthony (the Wheel) Sagona will never forget the winter of '44. The first breath of frigid air that enveloped South Jersey caught his 1932 Ford without anti-freeze, and the engine blew its top. . . . The 'muchachos' will soon be saying 'hasta la vista' to Lt. Luis F. (the world loves a lover) Banos. The dashing caballero is taking himself a bride this month who comes from 'ole Virginny'. . . . A vigilant MP at the Main Gate ordered five CCTS pilots sardined into that abbreviated auto that runs around the base, to show their AGO passes. What resulted looked like an octopus waving its feelers.

'LIFE' COMES TO MAAF



LIFE Magazine has sent its crack correspondents to parties, historic meetings among the great of the universe, but when it came to record the most powerful of human emotions, 'Love,' LIFE came to Millville Army Air Field. Shown here are Miss Lucille Stark, LIFE correspond-

A Yank From Britain Arrives Home With His Scotch Bride

Be it love or war, GI Joe will match his prowess and resourcefulness with any man. To prove the point, take the fabulous story of one of our 'Tech' Inspectors, S/Sgt. Kenneth Nahan, 21, of Westfield, New Jersey.

S/Sgt. Nahan was assigned to England a couple of years ago to help Uncle Sam and the Ninth Air Force heap a little scientific destruction on Hitler's Germany. In between rounds he found himself visiting Edinburgh, Scotland, where he had met a charming 18 year old Scotch lassie by the name of Jean Angus. After six months of courtship the Sergeant and his girl friend received both official and parental permission to marry. Shortly thereafter, with his barrack mates acting as a guard of honor, the Yank and his British fiancée became man and wife.

Not the Old Theme

Ordinarily a yarn like this should end in the familiar pattern of the GI's outfit being shipped out and the vow of the soldier and his war bride to be loyal and true until they would again meet in some distant, beautiful post-war world. But, not in the case of our hero, gentle readers.

Sure enough, Sgt. Nahan's outfit did ship out of England, but eventually the equitable policy of the Army Air Force rotation system went into effect and the Sergeant was alerted for return to the States. It was then that love found a way to shatter precedent.

Luck Smiles At Him

Why providence smiled benignly upon him he doesn't know. 'Perhaps it's the Good Conduct Ribbon I wear,' he says. But, nevertheless, after being pro-

SCOOP!

When Life Magazine sent its photographer and correspondent here this week to do a story on S/Sgt. Nahan and his wife, THUNDERBOLT readers proudly pointed out to the magazine representatives, how we scooped LIFE recently. In the November 4th edition of this newspaper we had a story about an old MAAF P-47 Group in France that had adopted a French girl whose legs were shot off during the battle of La Hays du Puis. In the November 27th edition of LIFE, the same yarn appeared.

cessed through as many channels as there are equivalent offices in the Pentagon building, Sgt. Nahan emerged with a special order, signed by General 'Ike' Eisenhower, granting permission for his pretty wife to return with him to the U.S.A. That is how the Nahans eventually arrived at Millville.

As an anti-climax to the romance, the Scotch girl, who claims that she 'stepped twenty years into the future' when she landed on American soil, was retained this week as 'Hostess' of the newly formed 'Three Graders Club.' And to add a little more background to the romance, Life Magazine appeared at Millville Army Air Field the other day to document in words and pictures a love story that all are hoping will live on happily ever after.

ARMY'S NAVY of CAPE MAY



LT. LEONARD JONES COMMANDING OFFICER OF MILLVILLE ARMY AIRFIELD CRASHBOAT SECTION

'OLD TIMER' CHIEF WARRIOR... 'SHE'S A REAL BLONDE BLUE EYES...'

'YOU FELLAS ARE REALLY ON THE BALL...'

'I'VE GOT 'TODGERS...'

'STAFF SERGEANT ANDERSON IS FOREVER CARRYING THE RULES...'



MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Sgt. Willis B. Urquhart

FOUL BALLS

Some of our lippy lads had better take a long gander at one of the ten commandments of good sportsmanship, which reads: "Thou shalt not sling mud at your own!" In two rough games with the Bainbridge sailors and Ft. Miles, the wise cracks from the sidelines were more difficult to take than the loss of the contests. Perhaps less bench line kibitzing and more whole hearted support will give the "Flyers" that added zest which results in victory.

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After watching a contest in the Intra-Mural Basketball League the other night one feature of the game made a great impression upon me. That was the keen spirit and lively rivalry displayed by the contestants. The Officers and EM have had some rough going over and reveal that there is plenty of satisfaction in just winning . . . Not long ago the PT Department was asked about looking into the possibilities of organizing a hockey team. Well, Lt. Pishioneri and S/Sgt. Narcisse Smith hot footed it up to Philly, and now ice enthusiasts are making figure eights in a snazzy rink. Pretty soon our ankle twisters are going to take on some amateur clubs in the City of Brotherly Love . . . Its bon voyage to Lt. N. Stephen former member of the Base Basketball team. We'll be sweating out his score against the Nazis or Nips from the bench . . . Not much has been seen of the Medics in the sports parade. Wasn't it Pvt. H. Duncan who was seen streaking around the football field last fall? And there is Sgt. J. Dailey, by no means a midget. Don't tell us that our ailments are keeping you that busy . . .

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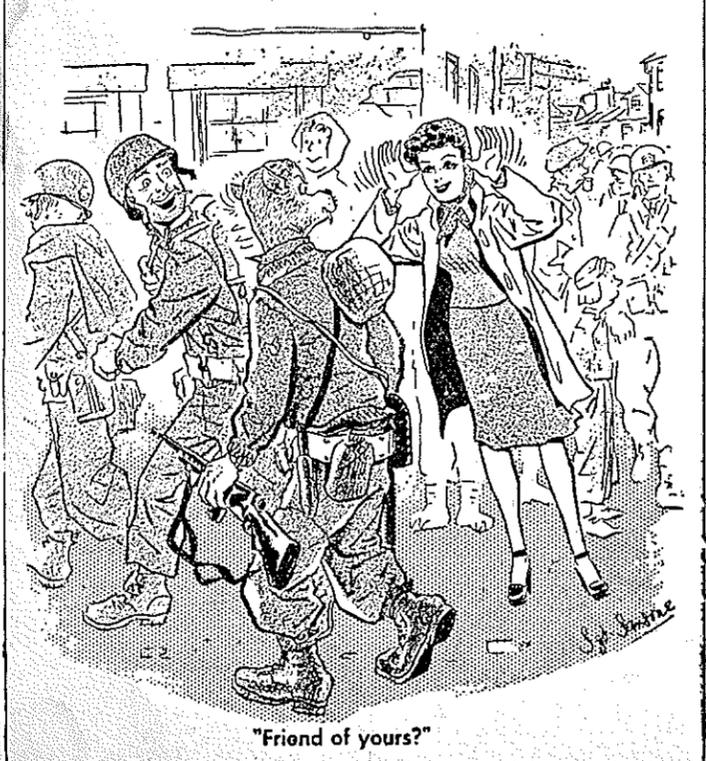
Someone in the Physical Training Department ought to scurry around and enlist the services of Cpl. Ervan J. Ortis, a dogface who has been through more hell in his thirty seven years than the river Hades. Among his accomplishments is listed the record of 72 professional fights and 42 amateur matches. The Corporal and Welterweight Champ of the U. S. Marine Corps in 1939. Some of the gladiators with whom he exchanged blows are Old Time Jack Kelly, Tommy Freeman, Mickey Walker and Tommy Loughran. We hear that he can still throw plenty of gloves around.

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A late blurb from the First Air Force tells of the formation of an all-base Basketball Tournament, and an invitation for us to accept. As quickly as you can bat an eye, Lt. Joe Pishioneri pounded out an acceptance. The champ base team will be determined before the end of the third week in February. Here's a chance to show some of those bush league quintets just how much stuff we have on the ball!

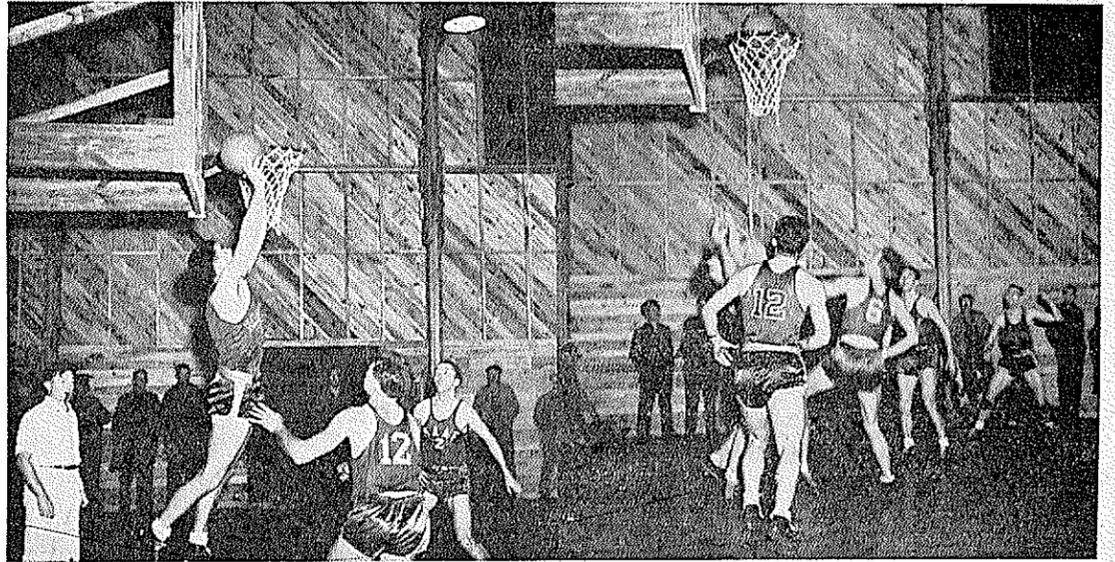
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"Friend of yours?"

"Flyers" Lose To Cagey Navy



Since the "Flyers" basketball season started late last month they have taken three straight games and then dropped an equal number. On the credit side of the ledger are victories over the Owens-Illinois group, 74-37, England General Hospital, 63-36, and Ft. Dix AAB, 46-39. In the debit column we find the Bainbridge Naval Training Center grounding our boys, 51-35, Ft. Miles taking us 48-47, and Mitchel Field blasting us with a 49-31 tally.

Navy and Artillery Crack "Flyers" Winning Streak

After a three game winning streak, the "Flyers" fell victim to a 51-35 count handed them by a powerful aggregate from Bainbridge Naval Training Center here last week.

The sailors had a 16 man revolving door squad that proved too potent for the skeleton crewed dogfaces. The first quarter of the game found the Navy leading by the small margin of 5-3. But, when such former court stars as Sol Schwartz, LIU, and Scotty Hamilton, who was chosen last year as the most valuable amateur basketball player in the country, started to draw a bead on the hoop the "Flyers" knew they were ship wrecked.

The second setback came last Monday night, when the "Flyers" were tagged by the Ft. Miles Artillerymen 48-47. With one minute to play the heavy gunners stood their ground and kept the local quintet from scoring.

It was basket for basket throughout the game, with the tally being 20-20 at half time. Lt. Dick Nickel accounted for 10 of the "Flyers" 47 points, but the rest of the team evidently lacked that certain thing called "spark."

HANDBALL TOURNEY HAS LIVELY START

In the opening game of the Officers' Single Wall Handball Tournament Captain David I. Walsh and Lt. John L. Gunkelman swamped Lt. Clifford C. Dhont and Lt. King A. Grinnel by the staggering score of 21-2, 21-0.

Six teams are listed in the league, and anticipation for the play-offs are running high. Next week will find Lts. Eisenberg and Nemarow teamed up against Capt. Dietrick and Lt. Rothgraber; Lt. J. Pishioneri and McCabe against Capts. Beggs and Wagner; Lts. Hyndeman and Le Guin will face Lts. Dorwood and Lein. Winners of the tournament will be feted at the PX by the losers.

MITCHEL FIELD FIVE STOP "FLYERS" 49-31

A fast moving, well balanced group of dribblers flew down here from Mitchel Field Thursday night to rock the "Flyers" 49-31 for their third successive defeat.

The New Yorkers demonstrated plenty of team work and striking power throughout the evening. The first half ended with the local courtment trailing 29-20, due primarily to sparkling court work of the Rader twins, Howie and Lennie, formerly top scorers for Long Island University.

Lt. Dick Nichel, playing his last game with the "Flyers" before assignment to foreign duty, led the local clan with three field goals and three foul shots. Plenty of rough and fancy defense tactics were offered to the opposition by S/Sgt. H. Whetsel and Sgt. Ray Studwell.

Throughout the evening the Mitchelites using a clinging vine system of defense kept the mosquito hollow quintet buzzing the hoop with long range shots. Sgt. Harold Freeman, sensing the situation, produced many a thrill for the throng by clipping the net from mid court.

The "Flyers" will take to the road next week in an attempt to recapture their former spark. There will be a repeat engagement with the Ft. Dix airmen Tuesday night and Thursday night will face the Rehabilitation boys from Atlantic City.

Mitchel Field			
	G.	F.	P.
L. Rader, f	3	1	7
Mitchel, f	2	0	4
Fitzgerald, c	3	6	12
H. Rader, g	4	1	9
Martin, g	6	0	12
Scharf, f	1	0	2
Sexton, f	0	0	0
Kernobie, c	1	1	3
Campbell, g	0	0	0
Totals	20	9	49

"Flyers"			
	G.	F.	P.
Dickey, f	1	2	4
Whetsel, f	3	0	6
Studwell, c	1	4	6
Freeman, g	2	2	6
Nichel, g	3	3	9
Urquhart, f	0	0	0
Falatko, g	0	0	0
Smith, f	0	0	0
Wilkins, g	0	0	0
Totals	10	11	31

Ground Officers Take Intra-mural Basketball Lead

Keeping faith with the season, the Post Intra-mural Basketball League was off to a flying start last week, when the Tow Targeters (rag draggers) defeated the Base Headquarters courtmen by the score of 17-8.

Since the opening game, six contests have been played and the Ground Officers are leading the class with two wins and no set-backs. Taking their first game 44-25 against the QM boys, the bars and leaves set a fast pace to defeat the Base Headquarters quintet by a 26-12 margin for their second triumph Tuesday night. The second game of the evening found Base Operations masters over the 537th Staff Officers. Sgt. J. Reynolds clipped the nets for nine field goals to be high scorer for the night.

The "Dots and Dashers" were victorious over the AC Supply team in their first tussle, taking the nod 46-19. Cpl. McCorkle paced his teammates netting 20 points for the session. The Base Shops bowed to the 536th Staff Officers in their first meeting in a hard fought battle showing a 33-28 count when the final whistle had blown.

Team Standings

	Won	Lost
Ground Officers	2	0
Tow Target	1	0
536th Staff Officers	1	0
Communications	1	0
Base Operations	1	0
Base Shops	0	1
Quartermaster	0	1
Air Corps Supply	0	1
537th Staff Officers	0	1
Base Headquarters	0	2

