

THE MILLVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD

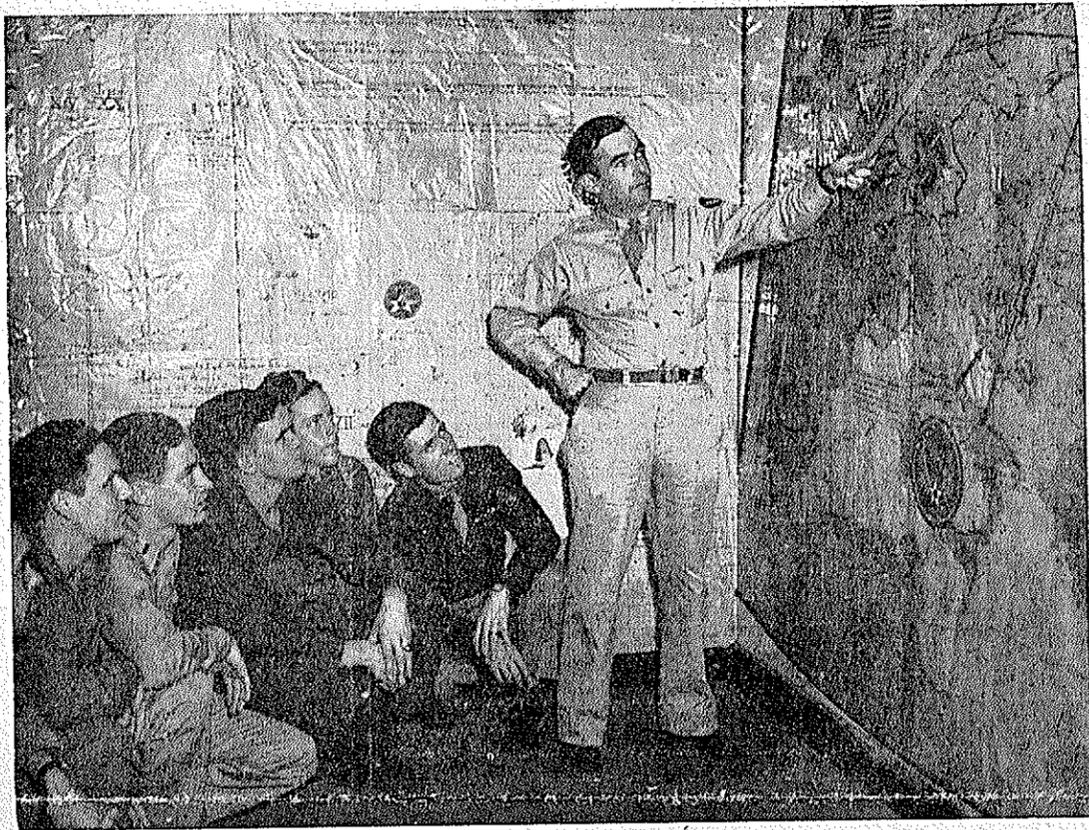
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The Nazis' Goose Is Cooking



While a group of Combat Replacement Pilots listen eagerly, Lt. Hubert McNally, a member of the Intelligence Section, points to the array of Allied might at the Nazi frontier which spells inevitable doom for Hitler and the so-called "holy German soil."

Combat Intelligence Personnel

Building Model War Room

Arm-chair generals and barrack military experts will soon be plotting strategic battles and logistical movements aided by a War Room to be erected on the base, equipped with the finest collection of maps, charts, and photographs to be found in any military installation in this part of the country. The project, when completed, will be the monumental achievement of a group of news-conscious officers and enlisted men of the Combat Intelligence Section.

Supervised by Major Frank H. Underhill, a veteran of World War I, the unit has been doing yeoman work in bridging the gap between the final stages of pilot training and the great unknown of actual combat experience. Obtaining data from confidential battle reports of Thunderbolt airmen in various theatres of operation, coupling it with statistical data on hand, incorporating the personal experiences of former replacement pilots from Millville Army Air Field, the trainees receive the vivid, behind-the-headline story of the role being played by P-47 Squadrons all over the world.

Movies Aid Courses

Visual aid, in form of documentary motion pictures, slides and charts helps the section immeasurably in orientating replacement pilots with their task in foreign skies. Such subjects as aircraft recognition, briefing, photo interpretation, enemy capabilities, and censorship, are an integral part of the all-inclusive ground training curriculum.

The most interesting phase of Intelligence is undoubtedly the daily review of thunderous war news. As battle lines move in different sectors they are minutely measured and charted on the situation maps covering the walls of the intelligence office.

The strategies employed by generals are reviewed and discussed, opinions are rendered and analyzed, and the fertile imagination of the pilots are stirred and properly channeled. The enthusiastic interest revealed by the airmen was felt by the Intelligence Section to be typical of all the personnel and touched off the desire to build the proposed War Room.

Members of the section are: Maj. Frank H. Underhill, Newton, Mass., Lt. Huber McNally, Jr., Port Chester, N. Y., Lt. Emilio, Gian, Buffalo, N. Y., S/Sgt. M. Bellar, Boston, Mass., S/Sgt. J. A. Vasko, Pittsburgh, Pa., S/Sgt. Lawrence Staloff, Boston, Mass., Sgt. John Conrad, Middletown, Pa., Cpl. Sol. Tabakin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CO SEEKS IDEAS FOR NEW SERVICE CLUB

Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, Base Commander, revealed today that the plan for the Servicemen's Club is almost completed. He urged, however, that the enlisted personnel develop and submit their ideas to Headquarters on their choice of decorations, menus and recreational facilities.

CONDOLENCE

Officers, enlisted men and civilian personnel of Millville Army Air Field join in expressing their heartfelt condolences to the family of Lt. Andrew J. Easterwood, Jr., of Dadeville, Alabama.

The 21-year-old airman was accidentally killed last week while on a routine training flight seven miles off Cape May.

Base Attorneys Offer Legal Aid

It is truly written that the best things in the world are free—even in the Army.

At Millville Army Air Field the flourishing law firm of Eisenberg, Stampler and Dreety, (reading from left to right a lieutenant, a warrant officer and a sergeant) are offering their legal assistance to base personnel "on the house."

versed in such diversified subjects as domestic relations, wills, tax problems, negligence cases, contracts, real property and how to make your in-laws fork over your dower rights, the barristers are anxious to solve the personal problems of officers and enlisted men however they can.

Lt. Eisenberg, the senior member of the firm, was formerly a member of the New York Bar and practiced law in the same state. WOJG Stampler was a practicing attorney in New Jersey and recently was attached to the Crash Boat Section. Sgt. Dreety quoted from Blackstone in Ohio, and has been a legal assistant since his assignment here.

PREMIER PERFORMANCE OF "PROP WASH" OCTOBER 11th

Millville Army Air Field's bid for a spot in the Army theatrical sun will be made Wednesday, October 11, at the Post Theatre. The curtain will rise that night on PROP WASH, an original musical variety show, written and directed by S/Sgt. Walter Snellenberg and featuring an all star cast of local GI and civilian talent.

The presentation of PROP WASH marks the first attempt in the history of this base to produce a show out of available material and symbolizes another important step in the growth and development of this installation. Lt. Charles F. Neary's Special Service staff combed the country side for appropriate settings, props and scenery. Their findings may not be as lavish as a Warner Bros. extravaganza but the results will satisfy the most critical.

All-Base Representation

Every detachment, section and department has its representatives in the cast, and the script calls for considerable audience participation. The gags are chuck full of local flavoring and spicy take-offs on Army life in South Jersey. Acrobatic specialties, unique skits and throaty blues singers will punctuate the premier performance. Captain Mike Bass, once a borscht circuit impressario and presently a member of the Base Medical union, will act as Master of Ceremonies. The Captain has had wide experience in well known Route 17 hotels and worked his way through college as a song and dance man.

Whatever degree of success PROP WASH attains can be attributed directly to the indefatigable efforts of S/Sgt. Snellenberg, a sheet metal worker in the Engineering Department, formerly a top notch musical comedy and grand opera singer. It was in his brain that the idea of an All-MAAF show began to germinate. By devoting all his extra curricular time to doing missionary work for homespun talent he found surprising ability on the line, in orderly rooms and mess halls.

In Show Business

The "Serge" broke into show business many years ago in his home town of Seattle, Washington. After doing the circuit for eight years as a vocalist he wound up singing operatic arias with La Scala of Hollywood, and the American jubilee at the New York World's Fair.

Working under crude theatrical conditions is nothing new to the metal worker. Before getting into "big time" he gave many recitals all over the music-loving West in such colorful spots as railroad box cars, barnyards and makeshift platforms in lumber camps. "I feel that I am bathing in luxury," Sgt. Snellenberg says, "when I see the fine lighting effects which Mr. Mickey Mulkhern of the Area Engineers and the other appurtenances supplied by Capt. Aebischer for the show."

Original music for PROP



S/Sgt. Wally Snellenberg

WASH was written by Pvt. Norman Townsend and the orchestra will be conducted by S/Sgt. Francis Sholtz. The entire production is sponsored by the Special Service Office under Supervision of Lt. Charles F. Neary.

EM Awarded USAFI Diploma

Spare time in the Army can be turned to profit, according to Cpl. David G. Banta of Bayonne, New Jersey, presently attached to the Base Motor Pool. He has been using a few hours of off-duty time each week studying through the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, an official school of the War and Navy Departments which offers correspondence courses in high school, college and vocational subjects for men and women in the military service.

As a result of his study, he has completed a course in Aero-plane Engine Mechanics and has been awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, Base Commander.

'Vet' Airman is Named Deputy CO

Maj. Gilbert O. Halsey, veteran fighter pilot from Chickasha, Oklahoma, was appointed Base Deputy Commander this week, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, Commanding Officer. He succeeds Maj. J. F. Mooney who was assigned to foreign duty.

Formerly attached to the RAF Maj. Halsey joined the AAF when the United States entered the war. As a member of both air forces he established a record of 156 combat missions. The new Deputy Commander is married and presently lives in the City of Millville.

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Dear Editor:

What are the chances of having an Inter-Squadron Basketball League? I have heard plenty about us having a post basketball team, but all of us, who enjoy the game, cannot play on one club. I realize that leagues which were started in the past fell through, but I do believe it was not the spirit that was lacking, but rather the inability for men to be relieved from their job. In my estimation, basketball is one sport that will not interfere with a man's duty, as the games can be played after the planes have been put to bed.

Signed,
V.T.R.

(ED. NOTE) Friend, our efficient PT department is already making plans for an Inter-squadron Basketball League. Its success lies in your cooperation and attendance.

Dear Editor:

You have received and published letters with much discussion about the possibility of a "GI Shuttlebus," but very little action appears to have been taken toward the furtherance of such a need. Complaints about the existing conditions have been somewhat subdued by the mild weather which allowed the boys to stand on the surbs and wait for a "lift." The coming of winter and the ultimate inclement weather with days of cold, rain and snow will again bring pleas for comfortable and dependable transportation facilities. The "THUNDERBOLT" has done much to improve related conditions through enlightening those who can remedy the situation. Isn't it possible to secure such a service? Doesn't a fellow deserve a few hours in town away from the Army routine, without having to shiver on a wind-blown corner or paying a fabulous taxi fare?

Signed,
Pvt. Sorethumb

Dear Editor:

Thanks for your editorial on the "GI Bill of Rights." You hit it on the head when you said that we're plenty worried about what will happen to us after the war is over. My father told me plenty of stories about the original A.E.F., and how they were sold down the river by selfish groups. Congress deserves a vote of thanks from all of us and a gentle hint that we hope they aren't through thinking of us.

Dear Editor:

That series of luscious girls you have been running in THUNDERBOLT is driving me nuts. Who are they? Do they ever visit MAAF? How about a knockdown? I love my wife, but, oh those babes!

Signed,
A Disciple of Freud

(ED. NOTE) Does Macy's tell Gimbels?

From Pea Shooter To Sky Artillery

Looking for bigger things, Lts. Herbert M. Rahm and Clarence T. Orgaine were recently assigned to a B-29 Squadron, for training as Flight Engineers on the Superfortress.

Off the Book Shelf

By KATHERINE M. O'CONNOR
Base Librarian

When Hollywood makes a movie of a book, the natural result is an increased popularity and circulation of the author's work. Recently this trend has been noted by the quick turnover in DRAGON SEED, FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS, ASSIGNMENT IN BRITTANY, SEVENTH CROSS, MR. SKEFFINGTON, and FRENCHMAN'S CREEK. A good book usually guarantees a good movie.

Capt. Bass and Lt. Sack of the Dental Clinic keep up with the new books—both of them have read Margery Sharp's latest CLUNY BROWN, which has already put in an appearance on the best-seller list.

If the waiting list for A HISTORY OF ROME HANKS is the criterion of measuring the value of a book—here is a sure hit. Among the first to sample it have been S/Sgt. Vernon Warren and S/Sgt. Morris Bellar. A

word to the wise—try for a first-hand and first-rate opinion from the Sgts. both of whom are critical readers.

Ever popular are the tales of the West, the stories by Max Brand and Zane Grey especially. Cpl. Paul Gallagher, Pvt. Martin Del, Conte, Cpl. Andrew Furaitor, and S/Sgt. Bernard Burke are ardent fans of the quick action stories of the Old West.

Typical of the variety in reading interests are S/Sgt. James Williams and Geo. Wright, the first appears to choose books for recreational value and the latter for literary value. Stripling's novels having come under his scrutiny recently. But herein lies the paradox, both were eager for the humor of the prose and cartoons of Bob Hope's I NEVER LEFT HOME.

ON TRANSPORTATION TO TOWN

As the first gust of chilly weather swept across South Jersey, scores of soldiers took to pen and started clamoring for GI transportation between the base and the City of Millville.

These letters were in due course submitted to headquarters and reviewed by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins. The Commanding Officer thereupon issued the following statement:

"I am in wholehearted sympathy with the officers and enlisted men who are facing a difficult task securing adequate conveyance between the base and town. But I am limited by regulations as to a complete and total solution of the problem.

For many months a private concern operated a shuttle bus here. Due to a lack of interest in this type of transportation by most of the personnel the company was forced to discontinue the service. Were we to have Army trucks make runs along the same route as used by the bus company it would be in violation of the Federal Fair Trades Practices Act.

We are, however, making every effort to secure a GI trailer truck for use by this command. As soon as it is issued to us it will mitigate the present problem immeasurably. I urge patience on part of all, and suggest that wherever possible the "share-a-ride" plan be employed."

The Colonel simultaneously stated that "it was heartening to note that the personnel of this base moved to make constructive suggestions about bettering conditions here." "It is indeed a healthy sign when soldiers are permitted, within the bounds of truth and objectivity, to air their thoughts," the Base Commander continued. "I urge," Lt. Col. Watkins concluded, "that letters be sent to the post publication suggesting ideas on how our military installation can be improved. By team work and understanding we can develop the type of "esprit de corps" which will assure of successfully attaining the high standards of efficiency we have set as our goal.

FROM THE PULPIT

By Chaplain Horace M. King

What would you think of a bird, my friend,
Which had no use for the air?

What would you say of a maiden sweet
Who had no wish to be fair?

Or what of a pale and rain-washed flower
Which had no use for the sun?

Of the bounding heart of a healthy child
That had no use for fun?

What of the wanderer, lonely, faint,
Weary and sad and sore;
Who gets no throb of his homesick heart,
At the sight of his father's door?

Ah, what would you say of germ-filled seed
Which had no use for the sod?

And what can be said of a human soul,
Who has no use for—God?
(Author unknown)

Religious Films Scheduled

Because of the interest in religious films, there will be shown in connection with Protestant Services for the next three weeks twenty-two minute sound films of a related series.

October 1—FAITH TRIUMPHANT.

October 8—JOURNEY INTO FAITH.

October 15—NO GREATER POWER.

The calendar of events sponsored by the Chaplain is being prepared for the next two months. It includes "book reviews," vesper worship services, and Service Men's Christian League discussion group meetings, beside special observances for Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, World Communion Sunday, and perhaps (?) V-E Day. If you are especially interested in any of these, call by the chaplain's office and contribute your ideas and suggestions.



THE HURRICANE

Man, despite his great scientific progress, is still practically helpless when nature assumes a violent mood. We had close-hand proof of this in the recent hurricane and floods, which caused great damage along the New Jersey coast.

Red Cross in the afflicted areas was organized for action when the first warnings were given. Each local Chapter has a Disaster Committee, to provide necessary emergency relief when misfortune strikes the community.

These Disaster Committees functioned in areas all along the stricken coast. Emergency housing was provided for those forced from their homes by rising waters and devastating winds. Piping hot food and drink were supplied evacuees, and those lacking cooking facilities due to gas, electricity and water breakdowns. Drinking water was transported to communities whose water systems broke down or became polluted in the storms.

Red Cross maintained close liaison with the Navy and Coast Guard, whose personnel evacuated the marooned by boats. Clearing stations were set up where those rescued could be turned over to Red Cross for housing and feeding. Message centers were organized by Red Cross, to answer the inquiries of anxious relatives and friends.

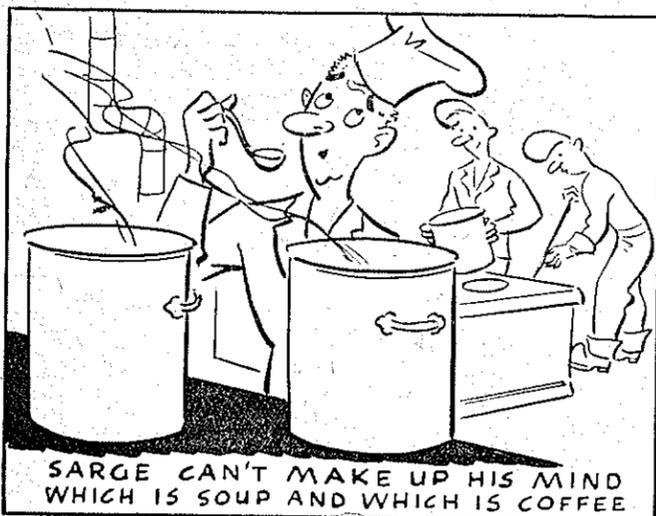
Red Cross also stands ready to help those unable to finance reconstruction of damaged properties.

The GI Bill of Rights

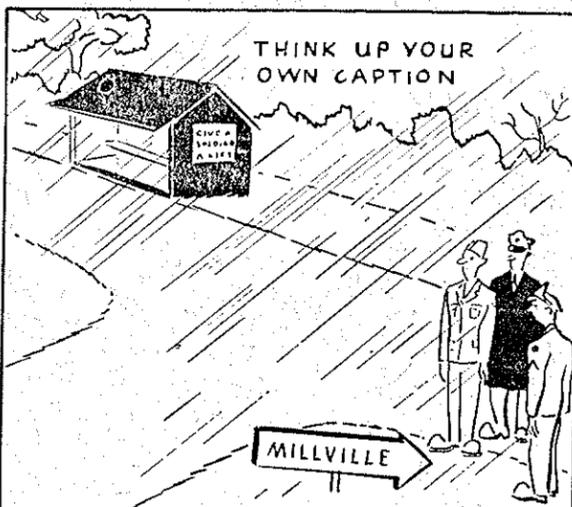
A complete review of the "GI Bill of Rights" discussed in the September 14th edition of THUNDERBOLT, may be found in the October issue of CLICK magazine. Brig. General Frank T. Hines reveals graphically what the Government has done to secure our post-war economic life.



SCHEMES AND DEVIATIONS

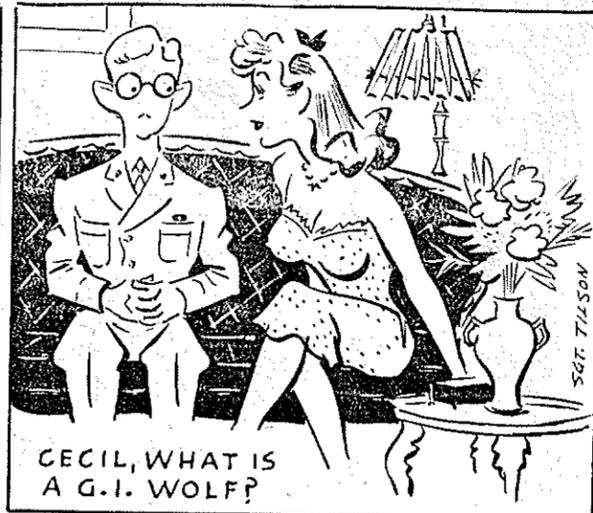


SARGE CAN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND WHICH IS SOUP AND WHICH IS COFFEE



THINK UP YOUR OWN CAPTION

MILLVILLE



CECIL, WHAT IS A G.I. WOLF?

By Sgt. H. W. Tilson

INFORMATION

CLICKS

Question: During your GI travels what city did you find to be the best "soldier town?"

Answers:

S/Sgt. HARRY W. KIST, Link Trainer Dept. "Washington, D. C."



If you're looking for a real GI town, man, that's where wolves are in all their glory, especially when Congress is in session.

LT. DOMINIC RANERE, pilot, Station Operations.

"No Place." "I've kicked around all over the U.S.A., and there isn't a hamlet, village or city that even comes close to my idea of a soldiers' town. Hammon, N. J. is my home, and when I'm there you can give everything else back to the Indians."



PFC. ROBERT NASON, Base Weather Detachment.

"Chicago." "I got my first taste of night life in this town. The chorus girls, the people generally, the USO Clubs and everything else were really on the ball. There was something to do 24 hours a day—and there was always someone around with whom to do it."



LT. R. J. SLABY, CCTS Pilot, 536th Squadron.

"Washington, D. C.,

"Even in this over crowded city the people put themselves out and make room for enlisted men and officers. I like the variety of diversion this town offers. It runs the gamut from the Starlight Room to the Windsor."



The Peripheral Road

By PFC. JOE MAAF

OUT OF BOUNDS

The 10,000th Republic P-47 Thunderbolt came off the assembly line at Farmingdale, L. I. this week, just two years and a half after the first Thunderbolt was delivered to the Army . . . Among the fabulous requests made of the Post Engineers the latest one deserves recording. A frightened voice asked Cap't. Aebischer to remove the hornets from the Tower . . . A survey by the Orderly Room research section of MAAF productive statistics reveals that the average GI and officer are actively on duty 10 hours and 25 minutes a day and that less than three percent of the total number of man hours is spent on KP . . . Who "sez" the Army hasn't got a heart? As a matter of fact the benevolence of Uncle Sam knows no bounds. Last week there were tearful farewells between Lt. Reuben (Budget and Fiscal) Redfield and his lovely spouse. The good Mrs. Redfield was returning to her studies at New York University. Hardly had the newly married couple parted when a TWX arrived at MAAF ordering Lt. Redfield to a 10 day course in ground safety at the same school. The latest report from the campus of N. Y. U. is that amid fawn-colored Autumn leaves that from saplings dropped, two students were seen enveloped in the arms of Eros . . . The unique distinction of having served Millville Army Air Field as a soldier and civilian goes to Horace Smith of the Base Fire Department. Not many moons ago the smoke eater was attached to the base squadron as a cook. Then a Corporal, Mr. Smith was discharged when the "over 38 year ruling" went into effect . . . And speaking of the Fire Department, a late communique states that soon the engines will be painted bright red. And a high ball to the personnel of the fire station for contributing out of their own funds so that large gold letters reading Millville Army Air Field can be painted on the engines . . . Sgt. Vernon Beers of Lansing, Michigan, was a ground crew radio man in one of the few American Air Force Squadrons flying British Spitfires. His admiration for the English plane is unlimited . . . The luckiest event in Pfc. William B. Richard's life occurred September 13th. He became the papa of a rugged looking seven pound baby boy . . . Cpl. Johnny Birch, a Dot and Dasher, who spends his off duty hours tapping out messages d'amour finally announced his engagement to a New York girl . . . We are awed and frightened by the Gestapo Speaker that was recently installed at Base and unit HQ. GIs and officers speak in hushed whispers now that the walls have ears . . . A vote of heartfelt thanks from all the personnel is given the Base Medical Section for the many courtesies they extend the families of local soldiers . . . Why does Capt. LaPolla refer to Sgt. Goodman I. Schwartz as "the voice"? . . . Linesmen gratefully acknowledge Lt. Col. T. H. Watkin's recent commendation upon the remarkable record they are establishing in maintenance and training . . . And after seeing last week's Sad Sack cartoon in Yank Magazine we know what makes Sammy run.

News From Home

Manhattan Beach, Cal. (CNS)—Harry White received this telegram from his son-in-law: "Ruth in hospital. Baby boy born last night." Harry White answered: "Mom in hospital too. Baby boy born last night—too."

New York (CNS)—Fred Allen, the comic, has written to the manufacturer of built-up shoes to place an order for built-down shoes. "I am four inches taller than Mrs. Allen," he complained, "and would like to buy a pair of shoes that lowers a man four inches."

OFFICERS' WIVES PLAN ACTIVITIES

A program of patriotic and social events has been scheduled for the Fall and Winter seasons at the regular Wednesday meeting of the MAAF Officers' Wives Club.

The first social affair (date still unannounced) on the agenda will be a Bingo Party for the benefit of the Camp and Hospital Council of the Red Cross. Officers' wives are urged to attend the Monday afternoon Red Cross bandage rolling session held at the Millville chapter of the organization.

CAESER WAS AMBITIOUS



To various degrees the smile of elation on Pfc. Lupkin Ford's face was typical of the expression that crossed the countenance of over 150 GIs receiving promotions here last week. That lone stripe was blown up to the stature that it takes in Ford's mind. "I've been in the Army 16 months, the Armorer says, "and I want my buddies in the Infantry to get the facts on so-called quick promotions in the Air Forces."

Over 150 Enlisted Men Receive Boost In Grade

More than 150 enlisted men, long suffering from a dreaded GI malady known among barrack scholars as "stagnosis promotionists," received a revivifying shot in the arms last week when a Special Order was released containing a promotion list.

Net results were gratifying all around. The Post Exchange and local merchants did a land office business. Post

GI DANCE BAND ORGANIZED HERE

Officers and enlisted men of MAAF will soon be swinging and swaying to the synchopated rhythms of the newly organized base dance band, led by S/Sgt. Francis Sholtz.

The sextette are now rehearsing for scheduled appearances at the Officers' and Servicemen's Club. The maestros of jive are: S/Sgt. Sholtz, piano; Pvt. Williams, drums; Cpl. Lentz, Bass, Sgt. Duncan, Trumpet; Sgt. Kearns, Tenor Sax, and Cpl. Franzino, Guitar.

The band will make its debut at the premiere performance of "Prop Wash." Sgt. Sholtz, a "Boogie Woogie" enthusiast, has arranged both old and new tunes for the show.

Quartermaster Supply was depleted of its chevrons, and Salvation Army lassies were besieged by dogfaces clamoring to have their stripes tattooed and sewed. Emporiums of liquid refreshments were not deserted either. Lucky soldiers toasted their good luck, less fortunate brethren drowned their assorted woes in the nectar of the gods. (As the wine dripped in the truths leaked out).

In announcing the boosts in grade, base officials stated that selections were determined by recommendations by section heads, length in grade, length in service and the inexorable base Table of Organization.

Male Call

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

Pets Beget Whet Threat



MAAF—SPORTS LOG

By T/Sgt. Lamont R. Dickey

SPORTS IN REVIEW

The sports parade of Millville Army Air Field has had a remarkable growth during the past year. I remember the swaddling clothes era of athletic aspirations. GIs had ability, talent and enthusiasm, but they had no channel for their energy.

In December, 1943, an organized team was an illusory dream. The basketball season never saw a post club. Intramural sports were the best we could obtain. But the seeds were sown and athletic buds began to sprout all over the base. From the newly activated 496th Sub-Depot, 441st Base HQ and Airbase Sq., 536th and 537th Fighter Squadrons soldiers with brawn, muscle and brain paved the way for MAAF to have a spot in local competition. The teams entered the newly formed Cumberland League under direction of Mr. Ray Spaar of the local "Y." Completing the circuit were two civvy teams, the Kimco Club of Vineland, and the Millville YMCA. Games were played weekly and when the smoke cleared the Kimco Club was crowned as champs, but the Sub-Depot outfit grabbed a juicy runner-up slot.

The Sub-Depot team that season contained such names as Pvt. Joe Falatko, Pfc. Paterson, Sgt. Jimmy Lane, Pvt. Manny Briones, Pfc. Anthony Naguki, Lt. Nat (Psychic) Fine, and many others who are now fighting on far-flung battle fields. Perhaps the most promising athletes in the lineup were Sgt. Ray Studwell, Sgt. Harold Freeman and Sgt. Wilks. The 536th produced Sgt. Carroll T. Whetsel as high scorer.

The first time an all-base team stepped out to represent us was last summer's debut of the FLYERS. They campaigned valiantly, though not always successfully. Though their results will never carve a niche in baseball's hall of fame, they welded the various sections into a spiritual unit that bred good-will and high morale.

Into the sports parade now marched newcomers like Sgt. Dick Temple, Sgt. Tony Sagona, Cpl. Willis Urquhart, Cpl. Frank Zangl, Lt. Joe (Golden Boy) Coccia, Lt. Alastair (trucks and jeeps) McGaw, Capt. Alvin Phillips, Lt. Alfred Bollender, Pvt. Jack Shaffer, Pvt. Vaughn Spencer, Pfc. William Richards, and others who have since gone overseas.

Last Spring a Softball League was formed by various base departments. The Dots and Dashers of the Communications Department, clicking like their instruments, fought their way to first place and were eventually crowned "Champs." Tennis was also encouraged when an allotment of racquets arrived. Swimming parties were assembled and trucked to "Range A Lake." Scheduled trips were made to Philly where GIs whetted their appetites watching the "pros" go through their paces.

Now, what about the present? Permit me to refer to it as the "seventh inning stretch." Awaiting the opening gun of the basketball season we are in a vacuum pack, as it were. We can pause for a moment and watch the gathering athletic winds. The bowling league is gaining momentum and soon the pins will topple. But, the hoopsters are the men to watch. I predict, without hesitation, that we will take top billing in this sport. Present material is so encouraging that I'll chance going out on a limb by predicting we cop top honors.

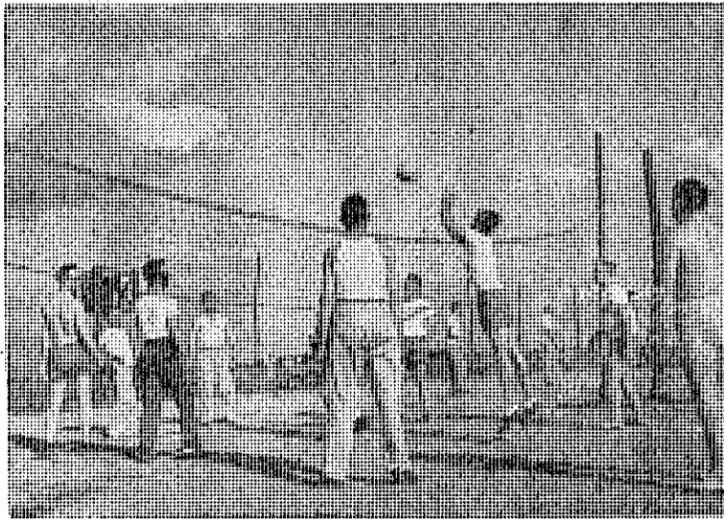
Of one thing we may be happy. By competing with civilian teams we have managed to bridge the dangerous gulf that has been developing between soldier and civilian thinking. At least locally we may be proud of the understanding and cooperation given us by our neighbors in Millville, Vineland and Bridgeton. Our clean cut, good sportsmen athletes have helped immeasurably to cement healthy public relations.

No article on sports would be complete without mentioning the sincere and tireless efforts made and being made by the Special Service and Physical Training Officers. Laboring under adverse conditions like indifference, inertia and rapid changing personnel turnovers they have done a masterful job in putting MAAF in the forefront of the sports parade.

BASE THEATRE PROGRAM

- Sunday, OctoberSINCE YOU WENT AWAY
Claudette Colbert, Joseph Cotten, Jennifer Jones,
Monty Wooley, Shirley Temple and Robert Walker
RKO News No. 9
- Monday, October 2.....MAISIE GOES TO RENO
Ann Southern, John Hodiak
Film Vaudeville No. 1.....Kehoes Marimba Band
Mutt's Bone—Cartoon
- Tuesday, October 3SWEET AND LOW DOWN
Linda Darnell and Jack Oakie
Benny Goodman and his band
Army-Navy Screen MagazineIssue No. 36
Its Nifty to Be ThriftyCartoon
- Thursday, October 5CASANOVA BROWN
Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright and Frank Morgan
Bear RaidMGM Cartoon
RKO NewsNo. 10

Base Officers Toughen Up!



Base officers are being steadily pounded into condition by participating in various group sports. A consensus of opinion rates Volley Ball as the most popular PT pastime.

Volley Ball 1-A In PT Program

Every evening during the hours of 1600 and 1800 the Officers on the base move into the athletic area either to watch and cheer or to play to sweat—the base officers have finally split on a subject—Volleyball.

Never before has the gold and silver at MAAF taken sides on a subject with as much vigor. Captain (Doc) Young has laid aside his scalpel to help decide the issue and Chaplain King leaves "Gods Minute" for an hour to add his ability to the question. All this adds up to one thing—Total War—War on the volley ball courts.

Free Pro-Football Schedule

Professional football has moved into MAAF's back yard with an announcement by Special Services that arrangements have been made for soldiers to attend at home games of the Philadelphia Eagles at Shibe Park.

All of the Eagles home games are played on Sunday afternoon. Transportation will leave the Unit Orderly Room.

The home schedule of the Eagles is as follows:

- Oct. 8—Washington Redskins.
- Oct. 22—Boston Yanks.
- Nov. 12—New York Giants.
- Nov. 26—Chicago Bears.
- Dec. 3—Brooklyn Tigers.
- Dec. 10—Cleveland Rams.

Base Officer 'Champ' Harrier

Linesmen were amazed one morning to behold a gym-clad figure sprinting gingerly up and down the landing strips. An investigation disclosed that the athlete was 26-year-old Lt. James J. Bauer, Officer-in-Charge of Base Aircraft Repair Shops.

Lt. Bauer, it was learned, holds a B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering earned at the University of Wisconsin and the amazing record of having been awarded six letters for his athletic prowess while matriculating at the Badger State College.

During his track career he paced Chuck Fenske in all his record-shattering mile sprints and finished second in the 1942 National Collegiate Cross Country run. In this meet he stepped off four miles in the breathtaking time of twenty-two minutes.

In one college meet Lt. Bauer performed an iron-man feat. Due to a manpower shortage on the University track team he participated in three distance events, including the half-mile, the mile and the two mile run.

While at high school he won the state championship mile run by breaking the tape in four minutes and forty seconds. His best time as a miler is 4.26.

Lt. Bauer is presently getting into shape for several national Harrier events which he hopes to enter.

BOWLING LEAGUE BEGINS SEASON

With several teams having been organized by various sections, MAAF's bowling league is about ready to leave the planning stage and become a reality.

Final negotiations for alleys in Vineland have been held up, pending the submission of more entries. Special Services has requested that all other team rosters be submitted as soon as possible.

The number of participants is unlimited. Since the cost of playing must be carried by the enlisted men, it is desired that at least one team from every section be entered in the league. The more clubs listed the lower will be the cost to the individual.

Bowling will offer an opportunity to every man on the base to participate in a competitive sport. One enthusiast has sug-

gested that the better bowlers from each section be organized in a Base Team to meet outside competition.

So GIs who have been talking and thinking about bowling, can now get down to business and submit their aggregation roster to Special Services immediately. "Set 'Em Up in the Other Alley" with all its thrills is ready to break loose at Millville Army Air Field.

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