

THE MILLVILLE ARMY AIR FIELD

Thunderbolt

Noted Author To Speak Here Friday

John Roy Carlson, prominent newspaperman, and author of the sensational best seller, "Under Cover," will deliver the third in a series of Orientation lectures here, Friday, February 23, at the Post Theatre.

Carlson recently created a furore in the American scene with his disclosure of the Fascist underground in this country. He collaborated with the FBI in investigating subversive movements and pseudo-patriotic organizations. His book, "Undercover," stands as monumental and daring achievement of a journalist who had the courage to get at the source of the anti-democratic network.

The Orientation speaker comes to Millville Air Field intent upon disclosing to soldier audiences the truth of those groups that drape the American flag around their shoulders while they are planting the seeds of discontent and hatred within. Carlson's entire career has been devoted to fighting anti-Americanism. His enemies on the "right" call him "Communist," his enemies on the "left" sneer that he is a Fascist.

The War Writer's Board of the 1st Air Force has assigned the author to appear here as an outstanding example of a foreign-born child, educated in the U.S.A., who appreciate the benefits and blessings of American democracy.

Red Cross Drive To Start Soon

An all-out drive to exceed last year's contributions to the Red Cross fund raising campaign will soon get underway here, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins.

Citing the tremendous contributions of this humanitarian organization to members of the armed forces in every corner of the world, the Base Commander urged every member of this Command to give his fullest support to the 1945 War Fund.

High ranking war leaders also lent their voices to ask for assistance to the Red Cross. In a prepared statement General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff said, "The greatly expanded program of the American Red Cross calls for the fullest support of the American Red Cross. The soldiers' gratitude for this service is evidence of the need it fills."

Party And Dances On Social Calendar

The USO of Bridgeton and Vineland have extended an invitation to the enlisted personnel of MAAF to attend the parties and dances they have arranged this coming week. The Bridgeton Group is tendering a soiree and hop Tuesday evening, Feb. 20, and the belles of Landis Ave. are devoting Wednesday night to their jive session. GI transportation will leave the Orderly Room at 8 P. M.

REUNION ON THE LINE



After being listed as "Missing in Action" for months, Lt. Bob Grace, (left), a former RTU pilot here, was found by the Yanks garbed from head to foot in green duds living in a Belgium house provided by the Belgium "Underground." He is pictured swapping yarns with Captain William R. Davis, Jr., his former Flight Commander.

Alumni RTU Pilot Returns Here After Evading Nazi Gestapo

When Lt. Robert J. Grace, 24, of Cleveland, Ohio, bailed out of his flak-shattered plane 20 miles inside Germany last May, he little dreamed he could elude the tentacles of the Nazi Gestapo and eventually would be assigned to Millville Airfield—where as a fledgling fighter pilot he had mastered the art of P-47 triggery. Coupling luck with guts he managed to return home alive, and saw his name dropped from those "missing in action."

The sky was blue in Hitler's backyard the morning Lt. Grace, as a member of a fighter squadron, winged his way over Nazi supply dumps, factories and marshalling yards. The hunting was good too, until he ran smack into a storm of ack-ack as he dived-bombed over a vital enemy-held bridge. The Thunderbolter managed to slick out the dive and take to the "silk." Landing in a thickly wooded area, he discovered that he had been shot in the right leg.

Battle of the Woods
"The Jerries were keeping their eyes on me," the airman said, "and after I buried my 'chute' I knew they were scouring the woods. My leg was in bad shape, and I had a tough time crawling. One of the Germans saw me and immediately the woods crackled with rifle fire. My pistol was as effective as a BB gun, so I decided to take to good old natural camouflage. I hid behind a clump of hedges and 'sweat it out' until they got tired of playing cops and robbers."
The officer spent 14 days in the forest. He had a compass

and made for Belgium. He ate what he could ferret from the ground and crept northward during the night.
Refuge in Belgium
"I was hungry, tired and scared," Grace continued, "I knew I couldn't hold out much longer. When I saw a farm house one day I made for it. I crept toward the barn determined to get food no matter what happened. I was discovered by the farmer and his wife, who greeted me like a rich relative."
The farmer turned out to be a member of the resistance movement. He fed, sheltered and treated the pilot's leg. After a few days he took the Yank to a nearby forest where he introduced him to a Russian pilot who had been living in an underground hut. Grace and the Russian shared the hermitage until they were contacted by a girl-member of the "underground." They were given bicycles, told to take different roads, and started for the English Channel. There, they were informed, they would be contacted again and taken to the American lines. (The Allies by this time were on French soil).

Contact the Yanks
"After that I played hide and seek with the Jerries for days. I slept only when I felt it would be safe. I secured a pair of (Continued on Page 2)

Millville Places Third In Interbase Gunnery Meet

Millville Army Air Field, twice winner of the I Fighter Command Bombing and Gunnery Meet, dropped to third place in the latest interbase rodeo, held this week at Norfolk Army Air Base, Norfolk, Virginia. Tallying a collective score of 30.6, Norfolk AAB

Thunderbolt 'Vets' Receive Key Posts

Two veteran Thunderbolt pilots, Lt. Col. Raymond K. Gallagher, 28, of Wilmette, Illinois, and Lt. Col. Louis T. Houck, 27, of Todd, North Carolina, were assigned here this week and named Deputy Base Commander and Director of Operations and Training, respectively.

Lt. Col. Gallagher, a graduate of the University of Illinois, entered the Army Air Forces in 1940. He served a tour of combat duty in the Southwest Pacific and is credited with 160 missions during 310 operational hours. Lt. Col. Houck, who also received his wings in 1940, participated in 96 missions in the North Pacific and European Theatre of Operations. His record also reveals that he commanded a P-47 Squadron at Millville Airfield in 1943.

FEMALE EMPLOYEES MARK SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE TO BASE

Two years ago last week, a couple of apprehensive, trembling females tip-toed into the monastic confines of Millville Airfield, received employment, and thus shattered locally—and for all time—the archaic phrase, "this man's Army."

Celebrating their second anniversary Thursday, Mrs. Elizabeth Roemer, of the Civilian personnel office, and Mrs. Betty Lawson, of Base HQ, wistfully recalled the "pioneer days" of Millville Airfield. Their language, studded with choice GI idioms, attested to the effect the Army has on those who come within its clutches.

The Early Days
Mrs. Roemer, a mother of three children, remembered how she felt the first day she high-heeled through the Main Gate. "I found the Base barren, muddy and oh, so unpretty," she said. There wasn't any PX, theatre, or anything worth mentioning. There were five overworked officers and several GIs running around trying to get things in shape. I wondered if this was the Army or a mistake.
Conditions became very pleasant and later, Mrs. Roemer continued. "Many squadrons were assigned here for training, and the sky was filled with our boys." About this time I collected a bet I made with my husband. He was positive that after two weeks in the Army I would be back at housekeeping. He was wrong then, but of one thing I am now certain. I have moved my office four times—each time closer to the gate. The next move will be the last one—the war will be over and I will be out of the gate."

A Friend of GI Joe
Pretty, vivacious and petit, Betty Lawson has become a legendary figure in the passing parade of Millville Airfield. She delights in performing such services as sending round-robin letters to MAAF alumni all over the world, and counseling love-stricken soldiers and brass on how to win fair damsel. She has been a matron of honor at MAAF weddings six times. On one occasion she had to select a black nightgown for a local GI's bride. Asked what she thought of GI Joe, she whimsically replied, "He is wonderful, even if he does drool at civilian employees."





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The Rehabilitation of Garrison Prisoners

In a drive to diagnose and cure the various cases of soldier misconduct, thereby reducing the loss of valuable manpower, the First Air Force has directed all its installations to initiate a program for the rehabilitation of garrison prisoners.

A Board of Officers here have formulated a plan aimed at offering an offender in the guard house an opportunity to soldier straight, reduce his sentence, and eventually resume his former status and normal duties.

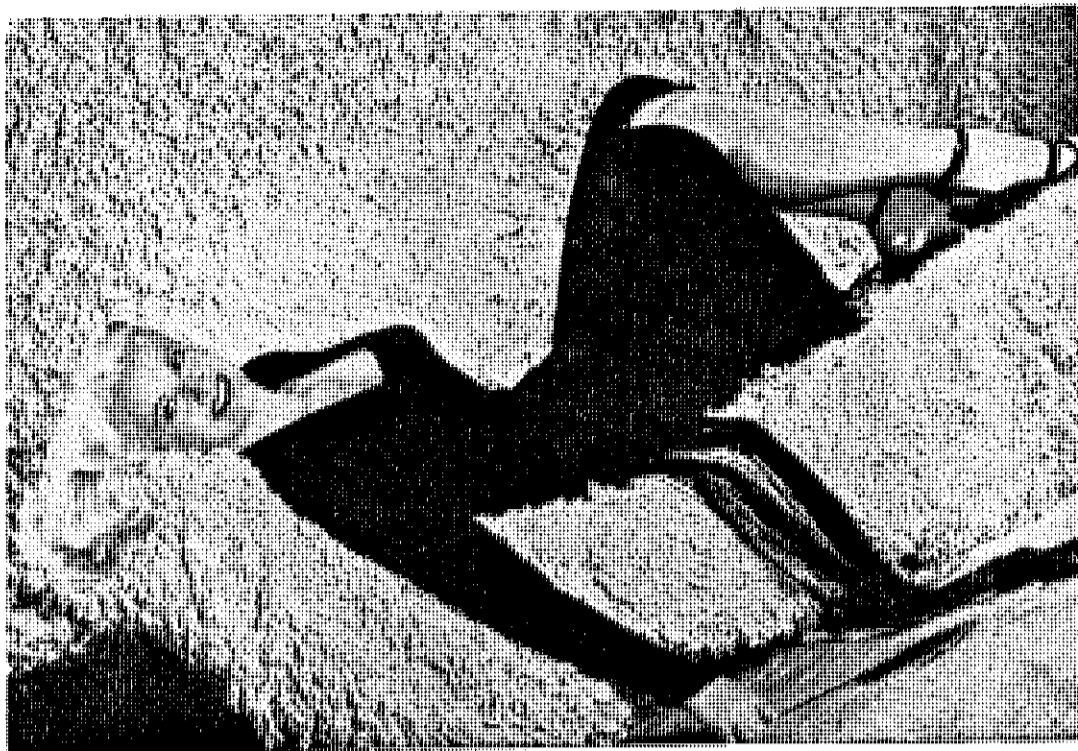
Motivated by the belief that "every case has its own merits," the MAAF Rehabilitation Board will investigate the military history of the delinquent, the degree of the offense, and then prescribe a program based on an equitable understanding of the man's problem.

The purpose of the plan is not to coddle wayward soldiers, nor is it intended to make the guard house a rest center. It is designed rather to give the prisoner an opportunity to prove that he is essentially of good character and loyal.

The rehabilitation board will place prisoners in the type of training best suited to his talents. He will be given "on-the-job" training that will be closely supervised. A progress chart will accompany his activities. The prisoner will be constantly observed, and in worthy cases the Board will make recommendations to the Base Commander relative to the mitigation, remission or suspension of the sentence.

Proof that the plan is workable can be evidenced by the experimental period at Westover and Richmond Airbases. From October to December 113 garrison prisoners were admitted to their rehabilitation clinics and only seven again committed offenses.

The program is certain to redound to the credit of the Air Forces. Men who have received understanding in the Army realize that they are not mere serial numbers in a huge scheme beyond their comprehension. Individuals have dignity and pride. This will be the acid test of the principle whether a sound and progressive reconstruction program can make a delinquent a good soldier and citizen.



1,710 RED POINTS



Dear Editor: The Officer's Club can steal a leaf from the First Three Graders Organization in one major respect. They have shown the vision and energy to recognize one important factor—"the way to a soldier's heart is through his stomach." It has come to my attention that the "non-coms" serve hot meals to their members during the day, and that there is someone always on duty to satisfy the lingering hunger of the average man in uniform. I honestly believe the Officer's Club is doing a great job, and if they could only provide facilities for over-the-counter fast meals, they would have my gratitude forever.

Signed, An Officer.

Dear Editor: Everybody receives notice in THUNDERBOLT. The Armament section is "wonderful," the Engineers are "terrific," the Clerks are "handsome," the Tower boys are "stupendous." All true, perhaps, but when in the hell are we going to read something about the boys who keep the fires going all night so that the Base can function during the day? The nocturnal firemen are the forgotten men, and they are deeply hurt.

Signed, Pete, the Collier.

(Ed. Note) — THUNDERBOLT doffs its editorial cap and salutes her "keepers of the flame." We will love you in July as we do in February.

Dear Editor: All this fuss about "wartime marriages," following soldiers from camp-to-camp, and the such. Much ado about nothing methinks. Get down to real issues such as "world peace plans," "the future of the GI in a wartime economy." All of us aren't mental jittersbugs, you know, and some soldiers do plenty of serious thinking.

Signed, L.L.

Dear Editor: How about getting someone to organize a band. I'll bet a box of those doughnuts I eat every morning that we're the only base that is music-less.

Signed, Freddie.

News From Home

Akron, Ohio (CNS) — While fighting a fire at a rubber plant here, Fireman Art Fink decided to cleanse his false teeth by holding them in front of the hose nozzle. Alas, his clippe:s were whisked away into a scrap of burning rubber nearby. Fellow firemen finally retrieved them, sooty and battered—but still smiling bitterly.

Brooklyn (CNS)—Mrs. Danny Tierney lost an assault case against her husband after testifying in court he had slammed her in the face with a 5-pound steak. "Where's the evidence?" the judge demanded. "The children retrieved and ate it," admitted Mrs. Tierney. "Case dismissed," ruled the judge.

ALUMNUS RETURNS

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green knickers, a green shirt and a green tam, and stayed in a house near a river. Soon the Americans and Germans started to shell each other close to my hideout. For a while I was certain this was the end. But after the second day of battle I saw an American tank roll past my house. 'Hey,' I yelled. 'Where have you been?' The driver seeing me in my Kelly duds kept on moving. Suddenly he stopped rolling, turned around, stared bewilderedly, and shouted, 'Where the hell did you learn to speak English, Bub?' When I told him I was from Cleveland he almost keeled over, 'I'm from Ashtabula,' he yelled hysterically."



THE HOME FRONT

It is encouraging to see so many soldiers giving serious thought to their future and the welfare of their dependents.

The questions submitted were interesting and diversified. Due, however, to limited space, we will answer only those queries which seem uppermost in the minds of the greatest number of men. Any future thoughts about your Personal Affairs will be answered in this column or by personal interview.

Q—Is there any benefit for sick children of enlisted men? —(M.R.).

A—Yes, medical, nursing, and hospital care for sick children under one year of age. All soldiers under the third-pay-grade are eligible for this benefit under the Emergency Maternity Infant Care.

Q—Upon induction in the Army, I took out \$10,000 National Service Life Insurance and named my mother as principal beneficiary. Since then I have married. Does my wife automatically receive the insurance?—(A.F.T.)

A—No. Veterans Administration Form 336 must be completed by the soldier authorizing the change in beneficiary.

FROM THE PULPIT

By Chaplain Horace M. King

IN BRIEF

Others do not appear so stupid when we see ourselves as others see us.



It is not our temptations but our longing for them which makes us weak.

Let him who hath an excellent chapel attendance record utter the first moan.

Distance from "home" is not measured in miles but in the "whines" between the lines of irregular letters.

God doesn't need coaxing but deserves consideration.

Pay tribute to the living and they will not be needing it at their funerals so soon.

Let us learn to wage peace while the war is on.

The best food for thought is not rationed.

Thy speechlessness in prayer betrayeth thee.

Lack of adjectives and of insight may drive one into profanity.

The Chaplain's Council

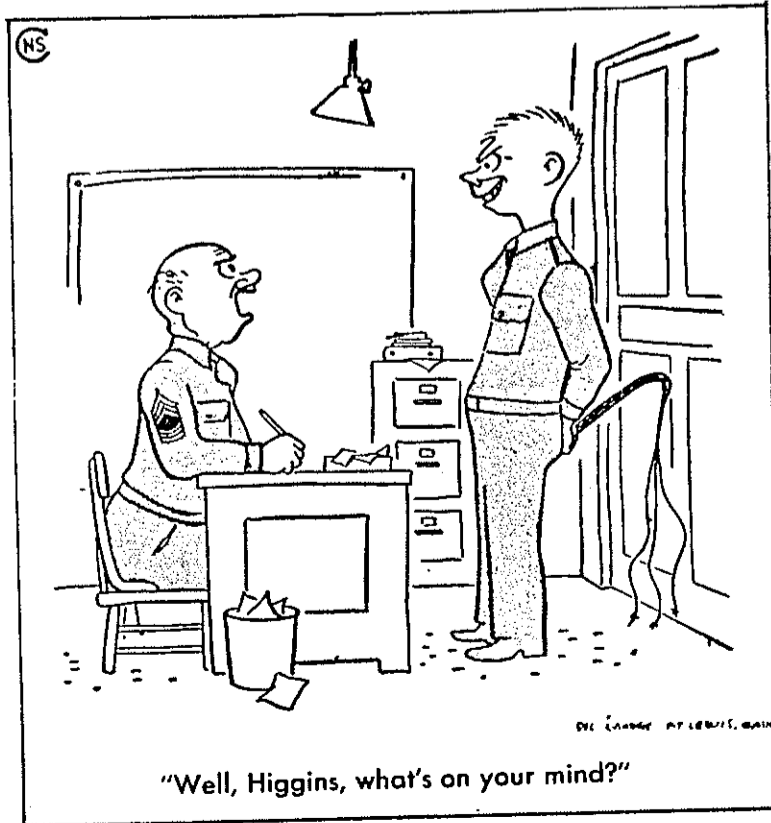
Before many days the Chaplain's Council composed of interested men of representative ranks and faiths will be meeting regularly and working at the job of a richer and more widespread calendar and program centering about the Chapel and the Chaplain's Office. It will cater to the needs of the men and their families.

Offer your suggestions now. See if the Council will not strive to do as well as or better than anything you have seen done.

The draperies for the new Chapel will be finished during the week. The beautiful velour front curtain and altar canopy are finished.

Have you heard about the plan to have no vacant seats at Chapel Services?

Religion lends a hand, perhaps one of yours!



Male Call

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

Message Center For The Main Body



INFORMATION

*** CLICKS**

QUESTION: What surplus Army property made available to you as a 'Vet' will you want to purchase after the war?

Answers:
CPL. NELSON SMITH, (East Rochester, N. Y.), Signal Office.

You hit me with a tough question. I'm envious of those guys who run around the base in their snazzy flying clothes. You can't buy the stuff in a civilian store, so you can put me down for some of that choice equipment. Fur lined please!"



PVT. LAWSON H. STRINGFIELD, (Knoxville, Tenn.), Bar Tender, Officers' Club.



"You've heard of the farmer that went to the city, that's me. A feller can make plenty of cabbage with a business that this club has. One thing I would like to take home is the bar. That's my work bench."

LT. RUBEN REDFIELD, (Cranford, N. J.), Budget and Fiscal Officer.

"I'm going to buy all the face machines and other necessary equipment with which to establish an office to conduct my public accounting business. I hope to establish my practice in Cumberland County after my discharge. My clientele will be given an opportunity to enjoy my offensive humbug—I mean sense of humor."

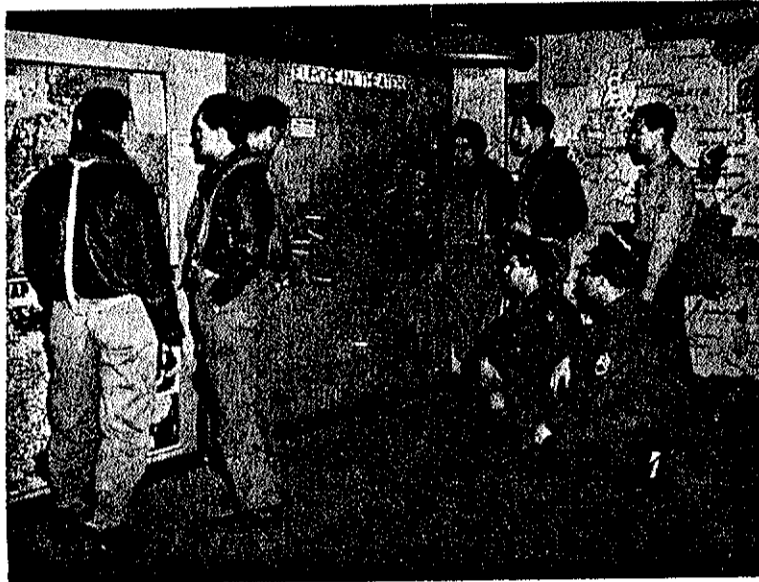


SGT. CAREY W. DORRIS, (Guthrie, Kentucky), Clothing Warehouse.



"There are so many items that it's difficult to name all the things one would want. But I do know that if GI clothing is among them I certainly will buy enough of soldier's wardrobe to open up an Army-Navy Store. If you're ever in my neck of the woods, look for the Red, White and Blue sign."

STUDYING THE DYNAMICS OF HISTORY



A group of pilots and enlisted men are shown here scrutinizing the changing battlelines of the global conflict in the recently completed Combat Intelligence War Room. The project took four months to complete and is replete with non-GI material.

Model War Room Opens Doors To Students of Current Affairs

Virtually a house of maps, with battle lines painstakingly drawn to picture history on the march, features the Combat Intelligence War Room, officially opened this week for the orientation of news-hungry personnel.

Made possible after four months of yeoman labor by the Combat Intelligence section, the War Room is being hailed as the "staff and command school" of Millville Air Field. Indeed, in many respects it deserves this flattering appellation.

Minute Charting
On one wall armchair strategists can watch the Soviet Army as it juggernauts across Germany, hammering the Nazis with unrelenting fury. Another map charts the progress of the western half of the United Nations as they inch across the almost impregnable defenses of the Siegfried line. A Time Table to Berlin reads: Russians 035 miles; Americans 320 miles. Three zeros, like three aces, is the ultimate goal.

The Pacific Theatre is colorfully illustrated with concentric circles disclosing our bombing ranges in relation with our proximity to Japan. A detailed map of the Philippines presents an opportunity to study the masterful execution of a plan by the high command to hem in and sever Nipponese supply lines.

Navy Plan Seen
Miniature models of the U.S. Navy's battlewagons are on exhibition. Pinpoints showing where the American fleet pounded the African Coast, Italy, and France are also present. A mammoth cylindrical Mercator Map in the center of the room helps the observer to ponder the global aspects of the conflict.

Fluorescent lighting, a compact and neat room, adds to the comfort of the visitors. Military and civilian personnel are invited to visit the War Room every week-day from 0800 to 1700. A member of the Combat Intelligence Staff will be on hand, equipped with the latest communique, to discuss and explain any feature of strategy and operations. Informal lectures will also be given daily.

New Officers Named At 'Non-Com' Club

The Ballot Committee of the "First Three Graders Club" announced this week the results of their semi-annual election, which was held last Tuesday.

The new officers named were: M/Sgt. J. J. Gardner, Armanent Section, President; T/Sgt. L. R. Dickey, Orderly Room, Vice President; S/Sgt. J. J. Hale, Air Corps Supply, Second Vice President; T/Sgt. M. S. Barbino, Base Shops, Secretary-Treasurer; and T/Sgt. A. Decanio, Communications, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer. Members at Large were: S/Sgt. I. D. McBain, T/Sgt. S. E. Moen, and T/Sgt. A. S. Whiteley.

The Peripheral Road

By Cpl. Joe MAAF

A CURBSEYE VIEW

When this column gets snafued it does it in caps. In the last edition of THUNDERBOLT we glibly inferred that Captain F. J. Teahan was a daddy. Our informant got his wires crossed. He meant to tell us of Capt. Claude S. Burtnette's paternity. To make matters worse Capt. Teahan was expecting the arrival of the stork any day. Zowie, we cringed in pain when we learned of our faux pas. To get the record straight, here is the authentic dope. Capt. Burtnette's son outranks Capt. Teahan's son (born last week) by several days. Both kids are rugged, healthy, and far from housebroken.

Cpl. Ross Carter has cause for joy twice over. He became the pappy of a gorgeous eight lb. baby girl, and received an extra stripe at the same time . . . A blurb from the Skunk Club of Air Corps Supply advises us that they are growing by leaps and hounds. It costs a scent a day to join . . . Four leather-faced GIs, S/Sgt. Maurice (monsieur le General) Goldstein, Pvt. Dan McMullan and Pvt. Fablan Barbeau, whose collective years in the Army is more than a century, advise the "duration plus" dogfaces not to fret. "The first 25 years are the longest," they gleefully declare . . .

HQ Scene: The Message Centerites hoose-gowed in a cage have an elaborate sign hanging at the door—"Walsh's Zoological Gardens, Founded February 7, 1945. Pvt. Louie Ong, one of the internees, says he doesn't mind being a zebra, but would like to know when he is going to get some stripes . . . Cpl. Ed Orlovski claims that he drank beer with Gen. Walter Kruger, hero of the Philippines. As a personal cryptographer for many brass hats he knows enough of their private lives to write a column . . . W/O. Joe (Its None of Your Personal Affairs) Stamler received a fee of \$15,000 from one of his former law clients . . . The Fire Dep't. has a new crash wagon that's a giant. It holds three tons of CO2 and 500 gals. of water. It weighs 17 tons and it takes an eight man crew to operate. It can also empty its tanks in 57 seconds . . .

Winners of the March of Dimes Raffle were: S/Sgt. A. J. Stizza, (\$100 Bond), T/Sgt. Louis W. Roberts, (\$50 Bond), T/Sgt. J. E. Duke, (\$25 Bond) . . . T/Sgt. Chauncey Smith got tied up in a knot last week . . . Capt. S. B. Gostin, formerly Base Surgeon, is now in India . . .

"Accent On Youth" Coming Here Feb. 23

The Special Service Office announced today that Samson Raphaelson's three act comedy, "Accent on Youth," will be presented at the Post Theatre Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 P. M. The all-star cast are members of the Philadelphia Branch of the Theatre Wing.

THE ARMY PAYS OFF FOR GOOD IDEAS



Fire Chief Charles A. Roedel is seen here receiving a \$50 check from Maj. Joseph A. Mooney for his original idea of rigging up a signal device in the fire house that indicates the exact runway on the field when a crash occurs. The Base Suggestion Committee is offering cash gifts and promotions to civilians and soldiers submitting the best ideas on how to improve the post.

SPORTS



MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Sgt. Willis B. Urquhart

IN THIS CORNER

Remarkable how much hidden ability there's around these parts when it comes to swinging leather. Ever since the day we attempted, as an experiment, to stage an impromptu slugfest at the Gym, GIs and Officers have been buzzing with stories about their own pugilistic history. The most harmless looking lads we learn, have fists laden with dynamite. One of these days we're going to "con" the PT boys into staging an all-out Golden Glove affairs, with prizes for the winners. Hold on to your trunks until then.

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While we were talking about the cauliflower trade, the discussion revealed some interesting items. We learned that such top-notch lads like Willie Pep, Lesnivich, Jackie Peterson, are now fighting for the greatest promoter of all time—Uncle Sam. One of the boys knew plenty about the ring. He told us that the first fight with padded

gloves took place in Coney Island, way back in 1891. Bob Cunningham took a 15 round decision from Sam Kelley, after a furious battle with two ounce gloves. The largest gate in boxing history, the same authority says, was the Tunney-Dempsey brawl in 1927. A capacity crowd paid \$2,658,660 to watch the giants of the game throw punches. And just to put a little sex in the picture, he revealed that Fritzie Zivic's wife is the first woman promoter in the match making industry.

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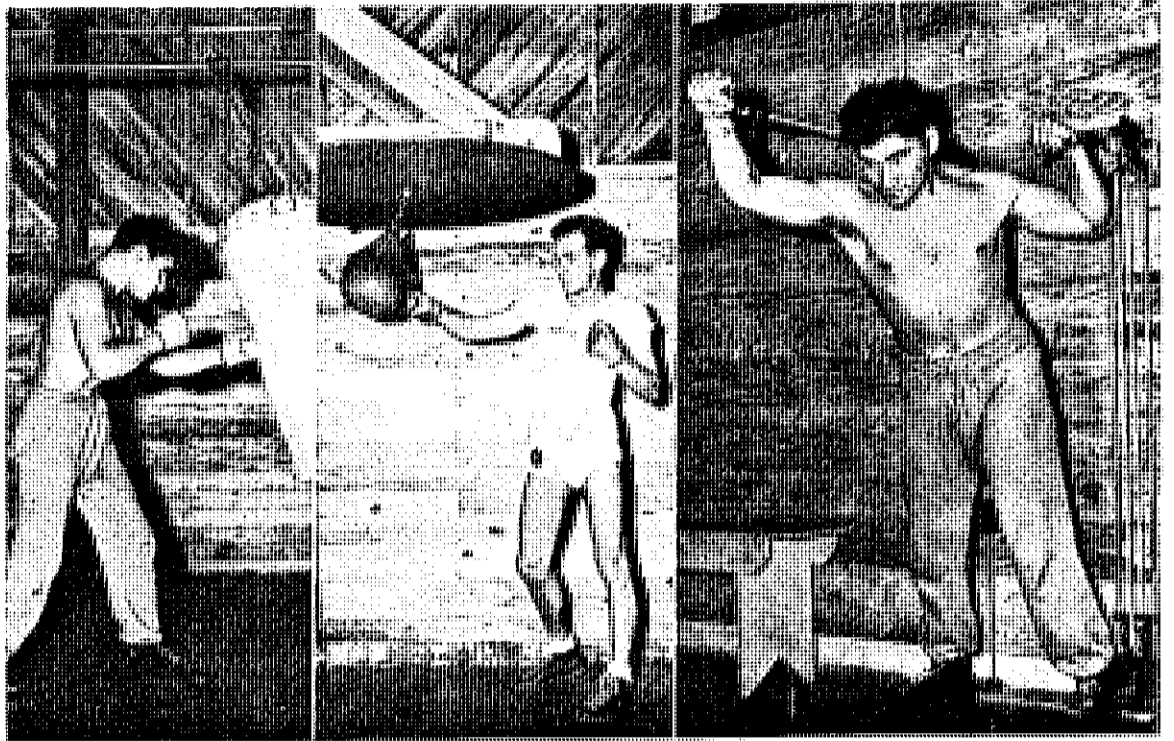
Frankly, nothing would please us more than to see the "Flyers" take Mitchel Field in their next contest. The last time the New Yorkers visited us they made us look like bushleaguers. That was in the early days of the season. No team, anywhere, has ever staged so remarkable a comeback as our boys. They are fast, smooth and aggressive. They have the precision of Rockettes. Their spirit is fine. And talk about teamwork—man, that should be put in big, bold type. The boys are returning from the road this week. They will play several games on the post. Bring your wives, sweethearts and friends, and cheer our cagers on to the glory they richly deserve.

Last Summer the Communications Section fought bitterly to gain the Softball League Championship. During the last three months they have shown the same mettle to come out on top in the Basketball tournament. Those "Dots and Dashers" reveal the kind of spark in the athletic field that they do on the line. To a group of good sports we offer our heartiest congratulations.

The Wolf by Sansone



Gym Becomes Muscle Bender's Sugar Heaven



Enter Millville Air Field's sweat palace any time during the day or night and there one can find officers and dogfaces jumping rope, socking the sand bag, chinning, playing ball. Since the Gym opened last October, some men with superfluous averdupols claim they have lost as much as ten pounds.

"Flyers" Extend Winning Streak To 18 Straight

In an unprecedented winning streak that is setting Eastern basketball circles agog, the MAAF "Flyers" have extended their drive to 18 straight victories.

Almost every leading service team in this part of the country has fallen victim to the relentless and powerful MAAF juggernaut. During the last fortnight these are the teams that toppled to the local clan: Ft. Hamilton, defeated by a score of 62-38; Dover AAB, 67-59; Eng. Gen. Hospital, 66-58; Olmstead Field, Harrisburg, Pa., 64-60, and Lakehurst Naval Air Station, 48-46.

Studwell the Fulcrum

Paced by Sgt. Studwell's keen maneuvering, players like S/Sgt. Whetsel, T/Sgt. Dickey, Sgt. Freeman and Lt. Strall, are averaging tremendous scores against all opposition. The opponents are also beginning to taste new types of defensive techniques that is stumping their attacking plays.

No reason can be readily attributed to the improvement of the "Flyers" since their faltering days of early season. They are now clicking like one man, and local sports writers rate the MAAF quintet as one of the top aggregations in the East.

Next Tuesday night, the "Flyers" will tackle Camp Springs, and on Friday will travel to

RECAPITULATION

| | GP | FG | F | TP |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Whetsel | 5 | 32 | 8 | 72 |
| Dickey | 5 | 31 | 4 | 66 |
| Strall | 4 | 22 | 17 | 61 |
| Studwell | 5 | 15 | 5 | 35 |
| Freeman | 3 | 11 | 2 | 24 |
| Pishoneri | 3 | 6 | 3 | 15 |

Communications Quintet Win Intra-Post Basketball League

Victorious in all their nine games, the Communication Basketball Team were crowned "Champs" of the Intra-Post Basketball League last Tuesday night, when they trounced the Base Shop five, 35-22, in the final contest of the season.

Philly to face the Port Richmond Coast Guard. The following week will find such Clubs as New Castle Airport, Mitchel Field, Olmstead Field and Lakehurst on their schedule. The "Flyers" have won to date 23 of their 28 games.

Box Score

| | F | FL | TP |
|---------------|----|----|----|
| Veale, f | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| McCorkle, f | 5 | 3 | 13 |
| Dwyer, c | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Bell, g | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Perello, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Rassert, g | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fitzgerald, f | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 14 | 7 | 35 |

Base Shop

| | F | FL | TP |
|-------------|---|----|----|
| Brass, f | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Fried, f | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Jenkins, c | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Slater, g | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Williams, g | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| | 9 | 4 | 22 |

It was a close and furious race for top honors. The Base Shops, Ground Officer and 536th Staff Officers finished in a three-way tie for second place, with seven wins tallied against two defeats.

Taking an early lead, the "Dots and Dashers" used the "fast break" system on the offensive with Sgt. McCorkle and Cpl. Dwyer pacing the cagers. They found the hoop for 13 and 10 points respectively. Sgt. Brass drilled the nets for seven points for the machinists, but they were unable to halt the fast attack of their agile opponents.

Next week, Lt. Pishoneri will present each member of the winning team a medal as "Champions of the 1944-45 basketball League of MAAF."

Final Standing of Base League

| | Won | Lost | Pct |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|
| Communications | 9 | 0 | 1.00 |
| Base Shops | 7 | 2 | .77 |
| Ground Officers | 7 | 2 | .77 |
| 535th Officers | 7 | 2 | .77 |
| Base Operations | 4 | 4 | .50 |
| Tow Target | 3 | 5 | .38 |
| 537th Officers | 3 | 5 | .38 |
| Base Headquarters | 3 | 6 | .33 |
| Air Corps Supply | 2 | 6 | .25 |
| Quartermaster | 0 | 9 | .00 |

BASE THEATRE PROGRAM

- Sunday, February 18 "NATIONAL VELVET" Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor and Donald Crisp RKO Pathe News No. 49
- Monday, February 19 "EADIE WAS A LADY" Ann Miller and Joe Besser
- Screen Snapshots—No. 5
- Congo Featurette
- Five Star Bowlers Sportscope
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