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Historic Week Quiet on Base

No Celebration While Waiting For Big News

Dow military personnel showed little excitement as event piled upon event during the past week to make it one of the greatest in U. S. history. First history-making news of the week was President Truman's announcement:

"Sixteen hours ago an American airplane dropped one bomb on Hiroshima, an important Japanese army base. That bomb had more power than 20,000 tons of TNT. . . . It is an atomic bomb . . ."

News of the effects of the bomb was still being awaited when on Wednesday the radio brought another bulletin. Russia had declared war on Japan effective at 5 p. m. (EWT).

Now speculation was high on how much longer Japan could last. The optimists gave her two months. The conservatives said a year. Other guesses were in the middle—none higher and none lower.

Second Bomb Used

A second atomic bomb, "making the first obsolete," hit Nagasaki. Russian columns, in a giant pincers movement, dug deep into Manchuria. This news broke Thursday.

On Friday morning the average GI still took the attitude that whatever happened there was still a long war ahead. But as suddenly and as unexpectedly as the opening of the war on 7 December 1941, news of Japan's willingness to end it was announced Friday morning. Still the base remained calm—the surrender terms contained an IF.

The IF Clause

The IF was that Emperor Hirohito would remain in power. Even so, the news brought celebration to various parts of the world; on Okinawa six persons were killed and 30 injured in the festivities.

No one knew what the Allies would reply, so a sweating out period continued until Saturday morning.

Allies Answer

Then the answer came: Hirohito could remain on the throne but
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COME OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE, Jack, he belongs to Admiral Halsey now. It's also rumored that you've been busted to a permanent Pfc. (with prejudice).

Parade and Gigantic Picnic To Mark Day at Dow Field

Well-Known Violinist To Play Here Tuesday No Base Restriction As on V-E Day

Miss Marianne Kneisel, noted violinist, will appear for one performance next Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. in Building T-6. Well known for her quartet and concert appearances in twenty-one states, Miss Kneisel, daughter of the famous violinist Franz Kneisel, lives in Blue Hill, Maine.

The concert, one of the few of its kind scheduled at Dow Field, is slated to last an hour. Admission is free to military personnel and their guests.

Kneisel Hall, at Blue Hill, has been the scene of yearly concerts in which Miss Kneisel has appeared since 1926. Cancelled during the war years, the concerts will resume with victory.

Over Million U. S. Troops May Occupy Japan

WASHINGTON — More than 1,000,000 Americans may be required for the occupation of Japan according to the Associated Press.

High government officials said Friday United States forces unquestionably will have to move in first to disarm and police the Japanese home islands. Russian troops probably will take over in Manchuria, Korea and the island of Sakhalin, which they have shared with the Japanese.

A formal ceremony at the parade grounds (softball field) this morning, followed by a picnic and entertainment this afternoon, will mark the official announcement by President Truman of the Japanese surrender and the ending of World War II.

Dow Field military personnel will not be restricted to the base as they were on V-E Day.

Nine O'Clock Ceremony

At nine o'clock this morning military and civilian personnel who can be spared from their work will assemble at the parade grounds for official Dow Field ceremonies marking the end of hostilities. Following the introductory music, Lt. Col. Edward F. Tindell, Commanding Officer, and the Base Chaplains will address the audience. Here is the morning's program:

Band Music.....Units Form
Invocation
Chaplain Paul F. Ketchum
Address
Lt. Col. Edward F. Tindell
Address
Chaplain Edward J. Markowski
Benediction
Chaplain Paul F. Ketchum
Dismissal of Squadrons
Afternoon Picnic

At 1:00 p. m. the gigantic base-wide picnic, with free beer and sandwiches, will begin on the parade grounds. No time limit has been set on the celebration. Two bands are scheduled to play during the afternoon, and entertainment is slated to begin at 2:00 p. m. A softball game has been tentatively scheduled for 3:00 o'clock, while at 9:00 in the evening the dance usually held at the USO in town will be moved to the base gym. There will be fireworks at 8:30 p. m.

Here is the afternoon's program:
1:00 p. m.—Picnic begins.
2:00 p. m.—Stage show with the bands of Arthur Johnson and Herbie Blinn.
3:00 p. m.—Softball game.
8:30 p. m.—Fireworks.
9:00 p. m.—Dance in gym (two bands).

'House of Magic' Plays Here Tomorrow

G-E Exhibit Arranges 2 Shows for T-6

General Electric's "House of Magic," one of the hit shows of the New York World's Fair and of every major exposition since Chicago's Century of Progress, will be presented tomorrow night at the Special Service Center, Building T-6, at 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

The show, presented all over the United States, is appearing at Dow Field for the third time. Directing the show, William A. Gluesing keeps it up to date with the addition of new

"acts," and maintains interest because of his ability in the art of magic.

No Illusions Used

Featured in the "House of Magic" show are the train that obeys spoken commands, a man who shakes hands with his own shadow, visible sound, audible light, and motionless motion. No illusions are involved in the science show, but Mr. Gluesing's ability as a magician keeps the show moving at a rapid rate.

The name "House of Magic" was first applied to the presentation at Chicago's Century of Progress. It proved to be one of the outstanding features of that exposition and since

then has entertained more than 10 million persons.

Run By Mid-Westerner

Born on a Wisconsin farm, Gluesing's interest in magic began at an early age. He studied first to be a school teacher and became principal of a grade school in Wisconsin, but this career was interrupted when he joined the Army during the last World War. After the war, his magic paid for further education, and when he joined the G.E. as a test engineer in Schenectady, he kept it as a side line. His hobby became his job when he was put in charge of the "House of Magic" show.

Old and New Postal Officers Follow Parellel Careers



POSTAL OFFICERS SWAMP STATIONS: Capt. William H. Bowden, now headed for BW-1, shows Capt. Paul A. Bullion, new postal officer here, the ropes. Capt. Bullion just vacated the spot Capt. Bowden will take over.

Dow Field's former Postal Officer, Capt. William H. Bowden, has swapped places with Capt. Paul A. Bullion, who recently arrived from BW-1 to take over the postal job here. The careers of the two captains were similar even before entering the service.

Capt. Bowden worked in the downtown post office of Pittsburgh, Pa., before induction.

Capt. Bullion worked in the Homestead, Pa., post office—a suburb of Pittsburgh.

OCS called Capt. Bowden in December 1942.

A month later Capt. Bullion went to Adjutant General Department OCS at Ft. Washington, Md.

When Capt. Bowden left OCS he attended the Adjutant General Department school in Ft. Washington.

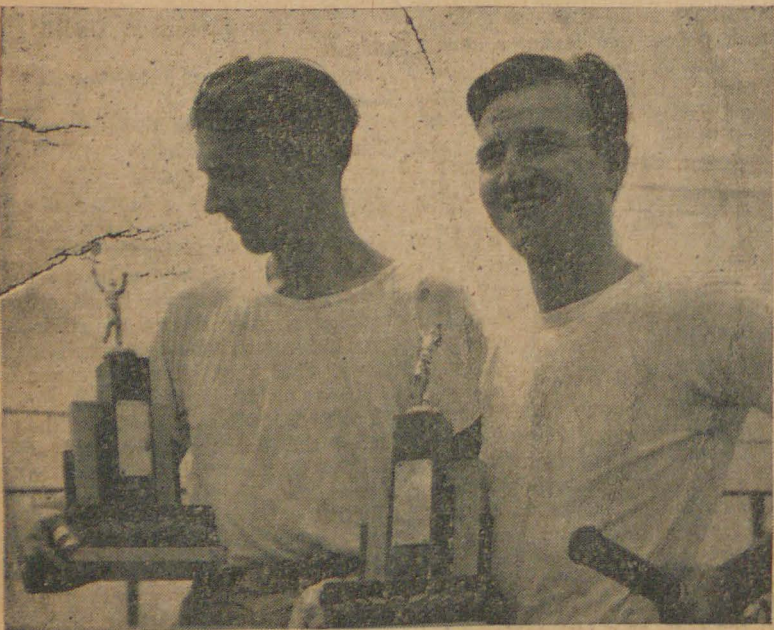
For a period following this their careers were not paralleled but both eventually hit Washington, D. C.

Capt. Bowden was in Headquarters, ATC, post office in Washington for 15 months before coming to Dow two months ago.

Capt. Bullion worked in the Pentagon Building before leaving for the north in August 1943. He sailed from Boston POE and didn't land in Crystal 3 until 60 days later. He was stuck there for a month and a half, then flew to BW-8 and transferred for the final flight to WB-1.

It is too early to tell whether or not Capt. Bowden will encounter the same difficulties in reaching BW-1.

Lt. Anthony Pereira, base athletic officer of the Grenier Field, has been selected for the tentative ATC football team.



LT. ROBERT W. SHANNON, left, CO of Squadron A, and Capt. Thomas M. Slamal, since shipped out, shared honors in the Dow Field Tennis Doubles tourney. The winners are shown just after they'd beaten Sgt. William Willis and Cpl. Buddy Adams in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

Squadron B

By Cpl. Leon "Flush" Tarien

It's been a full week. It's been a week of hope, of sweet tears, and body quivering smiles, and it's been a week of many false starts and of much radio listening. Perhaps never before in the history of radio have so many been within its range, hanging upon every one of its words—which jolted us in the form of flashes and commentaries. Galley TWELVE

The squadron, let alone the whole base, has been a whirlpool reflecting the release of the tension of years of war, plus the mounting nervousness that has added up in the last hectic week of sleep disturbing headlines: "ATOMIC BOMB," "RUSSIA IN THE WAR," "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OR ELSE," "SURRENDER TERMS," "COUNTER TERMS." Up and back between the PX, Barracks, the Latrines, and the Company Streets the boys drifting, asking: "Anything new?" "Have they accepted?" "Any more bombs dropped?" "What about Nagasaki?" With many the questions were ones of a practical twist, boiling down to the inevitable "When the hell do I get out?"

And everywhere on the base GIs talked, shouted, pointed to those uniforms, with that "It won't be long now" look. This was the week for rejoicing, the big drunk, the lusty backslap. This was the week for the mother, the father, the brother, the sister, left behind, who sat, sweated, and served. And this was the week for GI Joe, GI Tommy, GI Ivan, and GI United Nations.

The word CIVILIAN grew and grew in the minds of the men. That non-Sun-Tan, non-OD Suit, non-GI Shoe, non-Mohair Tie, that non-Horse Blanketed Sack were the things just within reach. Why a guy could practically reach out and feel the new materials and boy that feeling reached all over him and made him glow.

The Japanese butcher was about to throw in the towel, though so far his imperial majesty had not made his decision . . . and the men had thoughts on the subject . . .

From his unaccustomed position in the sack, "Father" Cossio, brain of Passenger Service in T-106, said: "It looks like I'll finally be getting out of a four-year coma. I'm beginning to see the light."

In between two minutes of extra vigorous tooth-brushing in the latrine, Sgt. Spencer managed to sputter out: "That St. Louis Woman will soon know how much I've missed her—cooking. And those callouses will soon get the relief they've been sorely needing."

Surrounded by two hamburgers, and a milk shake in the PX, nerve center of the base, Sgt. Goulding gulped: "Well, (crunch) I like it (crunch)."

Meanwhile, facing a stack of passes in the orderly room, his face serious, twelve and a half year Army man S/Sgt. Schmidt, roly poly CQ, said: "I'm very glad. It will mean no more of our boys are going to get killed. That was the first feeling I got."

"Sparky" Bourcq, T-11's town crier, speaking from behind his semi-closed and colorfully puffed eyes, bellowed: "Watch out French Quarter, and New Orleans, I'm coming in without a wing and a prayer."

"Dischargee" Aakre, slowed down to a trot long enough to say in his best orientator style: "I'm sure PO'd. I've cleared the field and I've been sitting around for over a week since."

It's almost all over, boys, all but the shouting and the PEACE—the PEACE to hold good for all time.

Peace Is a Terrible Thing

OKINAWA—At least six men were killed and thirty were injured by falling anti-aircraft shell fragments and bullets in a spectacular display of rockets, ack-ack and flares celebrating Japan's surrender offer.

Dow 'GI College' Adds Classes In Business and German



FACULTY MEMBERS of the University of Maine, who will conduct the business course at Dow's "GI College," discuss their outline. At left is Mr. Richard Stuart; seated is Prof. H. B. Kirshen, and to his right is Mr. Edwin Young.

Conversational German, the first language class conducted under the "GI College" system at Dow Field, is scheduled to begin tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Court Martial Room under the tutelage of Lt. Robert Bendix, Intelligence Officer at the Prisoner of War Camp. Lt. Bendix, having had experience teaching English to German speaking persons, will undergo a reversal of form in his new classes.

Thirteen GIs and Wacs have shown an interest in the new class, meeting weekly for ten sessions.

A Problems of Small Business Class began last night in Building T-6 when Mr. Edwin Young of the University of Maine faculty discussed small business angle of the GI Bill of Rights and surveyed the problems of small business. During the coming weeks four faculty members will discuss the following problems relating to small business:

Class No. II, 21 August—Forms of Business Organization—Mr. Young.

Class No. III, 28 August—Forms of Business Organization—Mr. Young.

Class No. IV, 4 September—Select-

ing a Location—Prof. H. B. Kirshen. Class No. V, 11 September—Financing and Costs—Mr. Richard Stuart.

Class No. VI, 18 September—Internal Organization—Prof. Kirshen.

Class No. VII, 25 September—A Case Study—Miss Felch.

Class No. VIII, 2 October—A Case Study—A Bangor business man.

Class No. IX, 9 October—Taxation Problems—Mr. Stuart.

Class No. X, 11 October—Business Law and Small Business—Prof. Kirshen.

The course is open to servicemen and their wives and to civilian personnel employed on the base. Enrollments may be made by calling the I & E office, Ext. 314, or at the classes.

Dow Field Nine Leads Eastern Maine League Morale Committee Requests Suggestions

Downing the Bangor Red Sox, 16 to 2, Sunday afternoon, the Dow Field Bombers, leaders in the Eastern Maine Baseball League, won their seventh straight victory in the tournament and strengthened their hold on the top spot. The win rounded out a week that brought three victories and the first defeat the Dow men have suffered in eleven games.

Following a victory string of ten straight, the Bombers met the almost brick-wall pitching of a Searsport moundsman last Thursday and dropped the 75-minute contest, 3-2. Jay Williams pitched good ball, but some loose fielding let in two unearned runs and the Bombers couldn't get back on top, although they outhit the Cargoes 7 to 6. On Friday, Eastern A. A. fell under the Bomber spell, 8-2.

Here are the scores of the various games by innings:

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Dow Field	0	2	2	4	3	3	x	x	x	14	11	
Old Town	0	3	1	0	0	x	x	x	x	4	2	
Cherneski, Ankrum; Doe Michaud, Shepard.												
Dow Field	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	
Searsport	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	6	
Williams, Mitchell, Ankrum; Stult, Marshall.												
Dow Field	6	0	1	0	1	x	x	x	x	8	7	
Eastern A. A.	0	1	0	0	1	x	x	x	x	2	4	
Banca, Ankrum; Doughy, Gibbons.												
Dow Field	2	1	1	0	2	0	4	1	5	16	11	
Bangor R. S.	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	
Mitchell, Cherneski, Ankrum; England, Follett, Black.												

Following the Revolutionary War only seven men remained in the U. S. Army.

Dow Field's Morale Committee, meeting every second week to discuss problems affecting the morale of personnel on the base, has accomplished some suggested changes here. Because of a suggestion, Wacs no longer have bed check. Arrangements have also been made so they will be able to sleep for one night a week at Branch Pond. Other "Gripes" have been acted upon.

Suggestions Welcomed

In order that the committee may function properly, it is necessary that suggestions be submitted by "grippers" on the base. Such gripes, however, should not be submitted to the committee if the situation can be remedied by the Squadron CO or the Air Inspector. Anyone feeling that he knows of other legitimate wrongs being practiced, is urged to submit ideas for correcting the condition to the first sergeant of his squadron or to a member of the morale committee. The next meeting will be held within a week and all are welcome to attend.

Committee Members

Here are the members of the morale committee: Capt. Charles Horvath, Troop Commander; Chaplain Paul F. Ketchum; Chaplain James T. Kilbride; Lt. Samuel Hinson, Jr.; Lt. Joseph Marshall, Special Service; Sgt. Samuel Westock, Squadron A; M/Sgt. George B. Simpson, Squadron B; S/Sgt. Woodrow Biery, Squadron C; T/Sgt. Lester Grant, Squadron E; Cpl. Stella Stappler, Squadron G; T/Sgt. Pearl Hazedahl, 135th AACs.

Problems relating to furloughs, transportation, training, off-duty time, laundry, passes, etc., are taken up by the committee.

Three Dow Field GIs Return After Year at Isolated Post



BACK FROM A YEAR OF ISOLATION at an eight-man sub-arctic base, three former Dow Field GIs decide the location looks better on the map than in actuality. At the left is Sgt. John Moore; Sgt. Joseph Johns is in the center, and Sgt. Francis Breyne at the right.

After a year away from all civilization, three former Dow Field GIs returned last week from a remote eight-man Labrador weather station they had activated.

The three buck sergeants, Joseph Johns, John Moore, and Francis Breyne, were stationed at Dow Field for 15 months before volunteering for the isolated duty.

Sgt. Johns, while waiting to receive his rotation furlough papers here so he could leave for his home in Dallas, Texas, said:

"This is tougher than the whole year in the sub-arctic. I've a six-months-old baby at home I've never seen."

Sgt. Moore, of New York City, chimed in with:

"Yeah, we were only able to get mail in and out of the place three times during the entire year. Sweating out these few days isn't easy."

Gripes about meat shortages brought broad grins from the trio. Sgt. Breyne, of Chicago, gave the reason:

"From September until May the only fresh meat we had was from animals and birds we killed ourselves. It was mostly ptarmigan—a partridge-like bird. In May they dropped us 320 pounds of fresh meat, but it hit on a sharp ledge and scattered all over the place. We had to search to collect it. It was dirty but we washed it off and ate quite a bit of it before it began to spoil. On 1 July they landed 800 pounds more! Heck, we had no way to keep it in the summer so we had to spend a lot of time burying most of it."

The eight men, headed by a first sergeant, managed to keep out of each other's hair, although they admitted the going was rough during December, January and February. In December the sun would rise about 11 a. m. and set at 2 in the afternoon. Temperatures averaged 30 to 35 below zero during those months with a low of 52 below in January.

At Christmas three big boxes (one of them from Dow), containing turkeys, "refreshments" and a variety of presents, were dropped. One of the sergeants said:

"We have to hand it to Special Service. They kept us well supplied with anything we wanted. Our only recreation was reading and taking short walks when it wasn't too cold or windy."

"Sometimes during the bleak days one of the guys would get moody and not say anything for two or three days but we all knew enough to let him alone until he snapped out of it."

There was no illness at the station during the entire year—not even a cold. Dental fillings became loose, so early on to see no one and no one to see.

Squadron E

By Bill Anderson

Hello, fellows, this is Wm. (Atomic) Anderson spreading the atoms. Everybody wants to know who threw the bottle in the well. It was Caldonia, and it looks as if Pfc. James Bright, Harris (Swinatra) Forrest, Robert D. Johnson and Guss (Money-Bags) Reid fell in behind it and got washed away to the tune of several green-backs. Pfc. Spurgeon (Rhythm Fingers) Illery, the man who makes with the ivory melody, has a fine wax of his own interpretation. If you haven't heard the disk, treat yourself to ten minutes of something fine, by dropping in the Service Club.

Society—Mr. and Mrs. Flowers of West Virginia announce the engagement of their daughter, Juanita Flowers, to Pfc. Horace Cranford, also of West Virginia. Our heartiest congratulations on your engagement, ole man, and every good wish to you both.

Strictly Confidential—Boys, if you want to meet something all draped in stardust or want to know how to hold what you got, just see Cpl. H. T. Miller and Cpl. J. Green, who will formulate the policies of Planning & Organization, while Pfc. Bruner acts as Intelligence Divisor, and Pfc. J. Armstrong and Cpl. Wm. Macklin will instruct you in applied tactics. Pfc. Ben Savage or Pfc. Charles Stuart will transport you by vehicle to the Theater of Operations, where in the zone of Interior you await special orders to the zone of Communications, in which Cpl. Deane Good will make for you the necessary contacts, and finally you wind up in the zone of Combat, where you will combat all interference before reaching your objective. When you overcome these obstacles you are a one man Task Force. Today there are many men who don't know how to evade that rough terrain.

Room for Two—A man in Atlanta took four friends to visit a farm he owned. The visitors entered the tenant farmer's house and were a little embarrassed when they discovered he had only two chairs. They stood around awkwardly and finally the owner said: "I don't believe you have enough chairs here." The farmer took a dip of snuff, muttered: "I got plenty of chairs—just too darn much company."

Well, fellows, now that I have done all the damage I could I close, hoping that it isn't too severe as I believe this will be my last column, due to the large amount of work I must complete before the end of the year.

ENGINEER SHORTAGE

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Dr. H. P. Hammond, dean of the school of engineering at Pennsylvania State College, says the United States will be short more than 75,000 trained engineers and scientists until at least 1950.

She's Flying High



THIS SKETCH of "Mona," famed pin-up gal of the Antilles, graces the noses of six planes in that department, including that used by Vice Admiral Robert C. Griffin, commandant of the 10th Naval District.

USO Will Continue After V-J Day

V-J day will not bring to an end the work of the United Services Organizations, Lindsley F. Kimball, president, said recently in a public statement.

"Surrender of Japan," Mr. Kimball declared, "means that USO work for the men and women in the armed service of their country at home and overseas enters a new phase. The extent and mobility of the operation will be guided as in the past by the plans of the Army and Navy."

As part of its program for the future, Mr. Kimball said, the USO will provide entertainment for armies of occupation, men in demobilization camps, in hospitals and transportation camps, as well as for armies shifted to Hawaii and the Philippines.

Almost a score of full-length musicals and plays were sent to Europe by USO-Camp Shows after V-E day, and it is expected that the end of the Japanese war will bring about a similar expansion of theatrical activities in the Pacific. Canteens in the United States, however, particularly those at embarkation camps, will be gradually eliminated.

Squadron C

By Sgt. John F. Crane

Having been asked to try my hand at digging up some dirt for a column regarding our squadron, and which is something new for yours truly, I am asking all to bear with me while the ball starts rolling, so here goes.

Welcome to our new Squadron CO, Lt. Edward Schwarzkof, and we hope his stay will be a pleasant one. Our best wishes and luck to Lt. Jerome Grossman who departs leaving a good record and a host of friends.

Belated congrats to S/Sgt. Johnny Shough and his Mrs.; pass the biscuits John dear!

It is rumored that a S/Sgt. W. W. Biery is writing a book entitled "The Women In My Life." Sure must be a killer diller. (W. W. stands for Woodrow Wilson).

What Lt. whose first initial is J has increased his waist line from a 34 to a 48 since his Mrs. makes him hot muffins every morning?

Oh yeah! Looks like our ball team fell by the wayside in that game with the Officers. What's the matter, boys, afraid of a little brass? All joking aside, we have a swell team, so what say, give them a big hand and some good backing.

Recommended: Cpl. Ralph Miller's humorous book, "Parady Parade," on sale at the PX . . . some of his best.

The Stork Club has nothing on the redecorated NCO Club. It's worth a visit by all NCO's. Hats off to S/Sgt. Jimmie Maynes and S/Sgt. Joe Coe for their untiring efforts.

And so till next week when the bananas start apeeling I'll be sliding back to you.

Lt. Col. Rushing Leaves; Major Graham Fills Post

Major Lewis W. Graham, formerly Air Inspector, has been appointed Director of Personnel and Administrative Services, replacing Lt. Col. John S. Rushing, who left recently for a new post at Fort Totten in New York City.

Replacing Major Graham as Air Inspector is Capt. Herbert C. Huebner, formerly Operations and Training Inspector.

Lt. Col. Rushing and Major Graham were recently promoted to their present ranks. Col. Rushing, a former Coast Artillery and Infantry man, has been at Dow Field a year; Major Graham came to Dow Field in April 1944.

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 15 August

National Aviation Day Party, paying our tribute to the Air Force, grown to its present proportions from an insignificant beginning August 1907. Dancing, 8:30 till 12:00.

THURSDAY, 16 August

The sewing group sews at Squadron "A" orderly room at 2:00 p. m. Arts and Crafts night—make a \$5.00 gift for 10 cents, boxed and attractively wrapped, all for less than an hour. Classical music hour, 8:30 to 9:30 in the music room. List your favorite with us.

FRIDAY, 17 August

Movie of the week, "True to Life," starring Mary Martin, Franchot Tone and Dick Powell. After the movie join in or watch the experts in the game rooms on the third floor.

SATURDAY, 18 August

"Gay Nineties Party," dancing 8:30 till 12:00; variety show featuring "Sweet Rosie O'Grady," "Bicycle Built For Two," "Daisy, Daisy," etc. Broadcast 10:00 p. m. Music by Pfc. Arthur Johnson and his orchestra.

SUNDAY, 19 August

After church meet at the Snack Bar for breakfast of rolls, doughnuts and coffee. Read the Sunday newspapers or write to the home folks in our comfortable lounges. Join the big community sing at 7:30 p. m. and see the movie at 8:30 p. m.

MONDAY, 20 August

Come in and help to make up the Monday bridge group, or make an appointment for handwriting analysis.

TUESDAY, 21 August

Bingo night—win a cash prize. USO hostesses for partners. Dancing to the juke box to the latest in popular records.

WEDNESDAY, 22 August

Base dance at Dow Field: Dancing 8:30 to 11:30. Music by Sgt. Herbie Blinn and his orchestra. At the USO: Use all club facilities.



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How About Me?

With war against Japan practically over, nearly everyone in the service is wondering when he'll get his discharge.

Those with 85 points or more feel entitled to be the first ones released. . . . Men over certain ages feel the same way. . . . Younger men with lots of children think they should get priority. . . . Other men, disqualified from overseas duty, feel they weren't given an opportunity to accumulate points. . . . Some men felt it was only fair to prospective brides to wait until after the war to be married; now they may be held in the service longer because they did the "right thing."

Guys who own businesses feel the business will go to hell if they don't get a start along with competitors. . . . Fellows who never had a job feel they should get an early start to make up for lack of experience.

Some officers and men feel they were held in this country because their work was good, but goofoffs were shipped out and will therefore be discharged ahead of them. Some Wacs feel they've done their bit.

Oldsters, youngsters, veterans and rookies, officers, men and Wacs will all be shouting:

"How about me? When are they going to let me out?"

Perhaps every one of the gripes will be legitimate. But it stands to reason that everyone can't be released at one time, just as everyone wasn't inducted at one time.

Someone has to be first and someone else has to be last in receiving a discharge. For that reason there is bound to be discontentment and accusations of unfairness.

Any method, therefore, will seem unfair to some. But there has to be a method, or chaos will result along with unfairness.

As long as the Army gives out discharges as rapidly as it can, with personnel requirements and separation facilities considered, groaning about who comes first isn't going to speed up things. All it can do is make the sweating out period tougher.

Darn few guys griped because they didn't have a low number when selective service started, so there's little reason for griping now. Someone has to be first and someone last, just as some were killed in the war and others were not. It's the breaks.

They Also Served

The Discharge Button, these days, is getting plenty of publicity so that those who see it on civilians know that the man who wears it was honorably discharged from the service.

One ad, for instance, states:

"The wearers of the emblem were ready and willing to give their all, if necessary, for the preservation of their country."

Of course they were ready to give their all. And many of them gave a good portion of it. But these advertisements, many of them worded in what we believe is the wrong way, insinuate that those who were not in uniform were not ready to give their all.

We were all ready to give our all, and any insinuation to the contrary should be denied. That we were all willing to die is another question, and no doubt many who "gave their all," did so because their country demanded it of them. Like many another soldier, lots of the button wearers have said:

"I'm here because they grabbed me."

It will suit us if, following the war, the little discharge emblem which receives so much publicity today is tossed into the drawer with the rest of our souvenirs.

Some men are asked to die for their country. Others must live for it. Who can say which is the harder task?

DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

Mankind made use of a new source of power last week when atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. Waterpower, steam, and electricity, as well as explosives, have changed civilization. For that reason Cross Section's question of the week is:

"What effect do you think the new atomic bomb will have on future civilization?"

Pfc. Doris E. Carter, of Publications Section, said:



"If the secret of atomic power remains in the hands of nations that want peace, it will aid in keeping the world at peace. But if nations wanting war secure it, it will be disastrous for civilization. Let's hope that only peace-loving nations secure its secret."

Sgt. Arthur Bush, of Headquarters 135th AACS, declared:

"England and Russia will probably obtain the secret of the atomic bomb. That means three nations will have the power individually to overcome the rest of the world in a short time. This will cause such constant fear among all nations that peace treaties will be stronger and, as a result, the bomb will become an instrument of peace rather than one of war."



Miss Jane Terrio, of Publications Section, said:



"If the energy and force of the atomic bomb can be harnessed for industrial purposes it will make a much better world for the future. Of course I don't know if that will be practical, but if it is, possibilities will be unlimited. If the energy and force great enough to destroy a city could be harnessed to build or run a city, it would be a wonderful thing."

Cpl. Carlton Hammond, of Squadron "A" Orderly Room, declared:

"I'm glad we have the atomic bomb and I hope we hold on to it. If it ever fell into the wrong hands it would just be curtains for the whole world. It's a dangerous weapon and shouldn't become the property of any other nation. In the wrong hands it could change the whole world, if there was any world left to change."



Mr. Isadore (Frenchie) Theriault, a barber at the main PX, stated:



"If it's good like they say it is, it's a wonderful thing and will make peace in the future instead of war. Who will want war when he knows that his whole country can be wiped off the map in a few hours or a few days? According to the papers and the radio that's some bomb and no one will want to fool around with war on account of it."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Questions to be asked in this column are being sought. If you have one you'd like to have answered, call Ext. 281, or send it to the "Observer" and we will use it if suitable.)

The Wolf

by Sansone



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Daily—In Chapel, Masses at 1230.

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JEWISH

Friday—In Chapel, Services at 1900 by Bangor Jewish Welfare Board.

Is This Possible?

By Chaplain Edward J. Morkowski

A man of character is one who directs his life according to principles. He must be extraordinarily good-natured and noble. The principle of correct living must be engrained in his soul. He must learn charity, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty. He must be pious, not with a piety that repels, but that encourages imitation. It must not be ostentatious, but deep and sincere.

None of us is a member of the type that finds the practice of virtue easy under all circumstances, for we are as human and as American as the next man. Yet we must not permit the lust for pleasure nor the craving for wealth, nor the lure of popularity to disturb us in fashioning the masterpieces of our life.

No Alternative

When virtue or vice is in question, there must be no alternative, no side-tracking. Fearlessly we must go out to do what our conscience tells us is right, regardless of what such an action would entail.

He who has courage and skill on the baseball and football fields, must display them when it comes to the fight for purity and moral uprightness—the game that requires real manliness. It takes more courage for a young man to "play the game" or to "hit the line" against a tough baseball or football team. Though the hero in the game for clean character does not hear the applause of the spectators, yet he is cheered by many unseen exemplars.

We should take to heart the immortal words of Knute Rockne to the youth of America:

"Be men of honesty, of disciplined character, of high ideals, of courage under fire. Scorn the base and the vulgar, fight fair, and win the clean glory of an unblemished name."

Always be kind and friendly. Go out of your way to be of assistance to everybody. Be pleasant in company and enjoy yourself with others when charity and sociability call for it.

These traits of character will mark you as a gentleman through and through and win for you the esteem and affection of friends and acquaintances. You will be a perfect gentleman, as you will be every inch a man.

A soldier is left very much to himself regarding all these practices. Army life is a test for the strength of your faith and your convictions. You must remain true to your obligations regardless of what sacrifices this fidelity might require or demand.

Will You Remember?

Citizen of America

You are a conqueror!
You and your friends
Have beaten the aggressor!
How do you feel today
When the victory is new?
Are you exuberant?
Do you feel like celebrating?
Are you making plans
For new cars, a house, more gas
Steaks, and a better job?
Have you thanked God for victory?
Will you remember the years just past?
And as you plan for the future
Citizen of America
Have you forgotten
The ghosts of a million men
Who paid for today
With their lives?

J. F. B.

SPECIAL MASSES TODAY

The Catholic chaplain has announced that Masses today will be celebrated at 7:30 and 11:00 a. m. and at 5:00 p. m. in the Chapel. Today in a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church calendar.

WES-talk

ORIENTATION HOUR: "Tell 'em that I don't mind," said Sgt. Mikelk, "if I get heckled or see someone fidget near the end of the Orientation Hour. But when some 'GP' takes out his watch, stares at it, puts it to his ear, and shakes it—that gets me!"

Shortly after Sgt. William D'Entremont, Link Trainer Dept., was awarded a Private Pilot's Certificate for flying solo for 70 hours, I asked him what would happen if his airplane engine should stop in the air. "There must now be plenty of Japs with their engines stopped who can't get down and are probably starving to death," he quipped.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Soldiers, like politicians, make strange bedfellows but they soon get used to the same bunk.

TAPE: It was the 17th endorsement on a military letter and consisted of only three words. But she had to type copies of the other 16 endorsements to complete a copy of the letter for his files!

THE SEARCH IS ON: Who will be the first Chairtrooper to be demobilized? What point system will be adopted for those who have gripped the ground, fought and filed, stooped and stapled and stood or sat with feet "on-desk-so-high"? This perplexing problem has finally caught up with high Chair Corps officials, who must quickly adopt a point system for chairmen who will take it all, sitting down. First hint that plans for demobilizing swivlers with aching buttocks, came from an unusually unreliable source, who is reputed to be close to the pulse and posterior of the Chair Key-Board Command. Although frantic appeals for clarification of the rumor have poured into the 13 files of the "Mud-Gutter Gazette" office, no official statement has been issued by the editors, who say they are waiting for an official communique from CMOSH (Critical MOS Hqrs.). Speculation, however, continued to run high in chair circles as chairtroopers feverishly prodded their pencils in an attempt to figure up how many points credit they might be given for length of service in swivel and straight-back chairs. Some of the issues to be settled must deal with credit for wounds incurred while filing, stapling and falling out of chairs; number of typewriter ribbons changed, how much for cuts received while licking envelopes, credit for Orientation received in latrines and for time spent bucking the PX lines. While the 405th Typewriter Wing is clamoring for a speedy adoption of a point system, several thousand bird-clerks, known as the one-finder underwood peckers, are anxiously awaiting the word from their 055th Swivel Command.

MAIL BAG: With a few deletions and additions, the following letter is reprinted verbatim: "Dear WES-talk: I would like to have a talk with you about a personal problem but my wife just got through talking to me and her word-bath gave me cold feet so I decided to write to you, instead. Now, here is my problem. While I was stationed at Dow Field, I married a Bangor girl under none too happy circumstances. After being married for a short time, I was shipped to Goose Bay, where married life hadn't been anything to brag about either. After thinking it over for 18 months in Goose, I was shipped to Gander and then back to Bangor under the rotation plan, and went straight to the local judge to ask for an annulment but my wife's whole family and relatives gasped with amazement. I don't know of any grounds on which I should base my demand for an annulment and wonder if you would help me. This is my third marriage. Signed, an old

Super Salesman Struts Stuff



SALESMANSHIP: Sgt. John F. Crane looks skeptical as Cpl. Ralph Miller tries to sell him a bill of goods. Not content to let the PX staff unload "Parody Parade," the booklet he wrote and published, Cpl. Miller tries to boost sales in his spare time. Miller's words to well-known songs are slanted to interest Dow personnel. The booklet sells for 15 cents. A column of Squadron C news by Sgt. Crane starts in this week's "Observer."

buddy from Sq. B."

Dear Buddy: Since it appears that you were married twice elsewhere and once in earnest, suggest you try to settle down during your period of readjustment. If you can't settle down, go to your town clerk and check whether your wife's father ever had a license to carry a gun.

A YEAR AGO TODAY: After guns, munitions and supplies were landed, the Allies called upon the people of France to play their part and join up with the Allied armies advancing from Normandy. . . . In the Allied siege of Falaise, in Normandy, British planes, by mistake, dropped 800 tons of bombs in the Allied lines, causing many deaths and injuries. . . . Russian troops crossed the Bobr River in Northern Poland in a strike at Axis defenses guarding East Prussia. . . . U. S. planes bomb waterfront at Davao on Mindanao, main southern island in the Philippines. . . . Amphibious force of the Pacific Fleet establishes headquarters on Saipan Island.

ALL KHAKI AND A YARD WIDE: Sgt. Herbie Blinn, Spec. Services, who keeps looking on the score of an overture and can't tell who's winning, says there is a mad scramble for musicians every time there is a need for an orchestra on the base. His newly acquired drummer is Cpl. Phil Boylan, from Sq. A, formerly an Investigator with the 15th Air Force. S/Sgt. Fred Helbling, Sq. C, who was an Armorer in the 15th, now toots the saxophone during his spare time. Playing at the NCO Club last Thursday night, Sgt. Blinn and his orchestra could be heard but couldn't be found. Then S/Sgt. Roland Schmidt stepped aside and there it was!

AWARD OF THE WEEK: For flying a Piper Cub solo during a hazardous mission to practice how

to "idle" an engine in mid-air at a vulnerable altitude, and for being unable to get the motor started again after it stalled permanently while shooting through the breeze; for interrupting the fall of the airplane by accomplishing his objective through the means of evasive action, low-level flying on a deviating course in the face of heavy concentrations of trees, telephone poles, telephone wires and cattle, and by executing a mission unprecedented in Piper Cub cowpasture history by landing safely, and thus exploiting the possibility of taking dogs up for airplane rides and doing a few stunts to scare the fleas so they would jump off dogs and rid themselves of fleas forever, Cpl. Leland S. Reynolds is hereby awarded the "Order of the Fractured Fracture." A certificate of this award will be duly forwarded to EM concerned.

Editor's Note: Sgt. Westock invites base personnel to submit recommendations which, in their opinion, merits an award for a worthy act performed or snafu'd. Submit names with supporting evidence relative to recommendation.

Historic Week

(Continued from One)

would issue only orders from the Allied High Command.

The reply, the period of waiting for an answer, and a false report of a surrender on Sunday night brought no outward emotional signs here. It was if everyone was saying:

"So what? Even if Japan accepts the terms, it will be a long time before I go home. It was a long war—let's hope it's a permanent peace—when it comes."



This Week at the Base Theater



WEDNESDAY, 15 August—THE PRINCESS AND THE PIRATE (revival in Technicolor) with Bob Hope, Victor McLaglen and Virginia Mayo. Also "Booby Socks," a cartoon, and "In a Musical Way," an animal short.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 16 & 17 August—GEORGE WHITE'S SCANDALS, with Jack Haley and Joan Davis. Also "Wagon Wheels," a Merrie Melody, and Movietone News.

SATURDAY, 18 August—(double feature)—THE WOMAN IN GREEN, with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. Also MAMA LOVES PAPA, with Leon Errol and Elizabeth Risdon. Running time: 2 hours, 10 minutes.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 19 & 20 August—LADY ON A TRAIN, with Deanna Durbin and David Bruce. Also "Hare Conditioned," a Bugs Bunny cartoon, and Movietone News.

TUESDAY, 21 August—DANGEROUS PARTNERS, with James Craig and Signe Hasso. Also "I'm a Little Big Shot Now," a Merrie Melody, and "This Is America."

WEDNESDAY, 22 August—JIMMY STEPS OUT (revival), with Jimmy Stewart, Paulette Goddard and Horace Heidt and Orchestra. Also "Mexican Playland," a Sportscope, and "The Silver Streak," a Terrytoon.

Squadron 'G' Presents:

Wac Working in Consolidated Supply Is Called 'Pistol Packin' Mamma'

By Pfc. Constance Klink

The boys in Consolidated Supply have given her the nom de plume of "Pistol Packin' Mama," a nickname which seems particularly erroneous on meeting Pvt. Clara Geissler.

The blonde, quiet, attractive (NO question mark) Wac would seem to call forth many descriptive phrases, but not the one she has earned.

It all started when Clara first went to work in Consolidated Supply last December, and found one of her extra duties to be the care and responsibility of over one hundred guns. She said:

"I certainly didn't expect anything like that. I was hired as a file clerk and general office worker, and wasn't looking forward to any of these extra-curricular activities!"

A native of Storrs, Conn., Clara enlisted in the WAC on 6 October 1944, going to Fort Oglethorpe for her basic training.

She arrived at Dow Field on 21 December 1944 and two days later went to work at her present job.

In February her sister, Cpl. Mary Geissler, instructor at Chanut Field, Ill., visited Clara here. Looking almost enough alike to pass for twins, these sisters are two out of five members of the family serving in the armed forces. Two brothers are in the Army, and a third with the Navy.



Pvt. Clara Geissler

In September, Mrs. Geissler is looking forward to having Clara, Mary, and two of her sons home on furlough for a family reunion.

Clara attended Windham High School in Connecticut, and prior to her enlistment was working as a clerk-bookkeeper for an electrical company in Worcester, Mass.



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This is the Sunny Southland



IN A RECENT freak hailstorm in Virginia, hail stones as big as baseballs were numerous. This picture was sent to Mrs. Olga Lee (Seventh St., Old Town) by her husband, Pvt. Thurlow (Tick) Lee, stationed at Camp Lee.

G Strings Along

As we go to press—we don't know whether it's war or peace—it's all very disconcerting—we thought President Truman would make his announcement in time for G STRINGS.

It's hard to think of any news other than V-J Day, but we have heard a rumor that there's some local gossip—but where?

The rush on the fashion magazines is terrific—some of the gals seem to think they will be selecting those pale pink and blue numbers next week—guaranteed—no one will select a tan dress with brown accessories! Right?

It all calls up some odd connotations—for example, can't you just see—well, Claire Bacon, for example, prancing down the street in a pastel sheer with flowers in her hair, suddenly coming upon an officer, and giving him a very GI salute?

We certainly miss our good Plunkett—some very cheerful, and swell and dependable left with her—lots of luck, Plunk!

Inez Campbell has moved again! She's the "movinist" gal we ever did see!

Burch is looking for an over-sized photo album (jumbo style) to hold all the pictures of that photogenic sailor of hers—

Betty Ryan is trying the old "Coue" methods—you know—"Every day in every way I feel better and better"—only Betty has changed it around a bit—every morning when she gets up now—she declares—"Today I plan to sneeze only 5,999 times, instead of the 6,000 times I sneezed yesterday!"

S/Sgt. Willy is looking pretty ecstatic this week—that husband of hers she has waited for so long—is back in the States—so hold on girls—if Willy has to stay here another week planning menus before her furlough starts, we will probably be having chocolate meringue pie for breakfast, and wheaties and griddle cakes for dinner!

Phyllis Clifford has "battle fatigue" in her jaws! Poor girl—she wore herself out chewing gum in preparedness for a plane ride that never materialized. By the time she and Doris Carter reached the line on Sunday, the ATC bird had flown!

We have to go to press—so that's all for now—

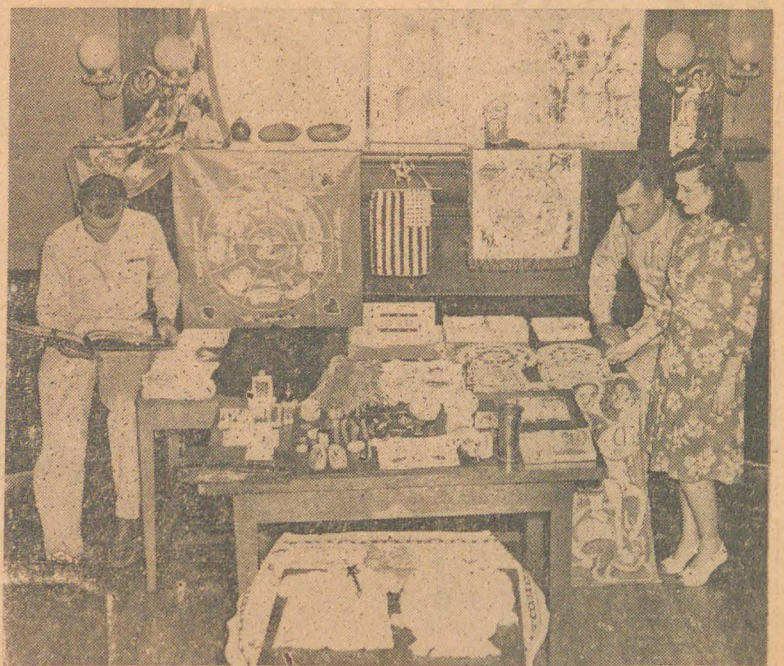
As Orson Welles used to say—"Most obediently yours"—or to be more timely—Most atomically Yours—
C. K. K.

\$2,000 Saddle Is Ready For Halsey's Tokyo Ride

WASHINGTON—A \$2,000 silver-encrusted saddle will be flown to Admiral William F. Halsey if he decides to ride Emperor Hirohito's white charger through Tokyo after Japan's surrender.

The Treasury said that the western stock saddle of blonde leather ordered for Admiral Halsey by the Reno, Nev., Chamber of Commerce has been finished. Navy will air express the saddle to the Admiral's headquarters, the Treasury said.

Servicemen's Wives Display Trophies



SERVICEMEN'S WIVES exhibit war trophies sent home by their husbands. The exhibit, held last week at the Park Street USO, contained items sent from Guam, the Philippines, Germany, France, England, Belgium, Africa, Iceland, Alaska, Mexico, the Netherlands, Ireland and Italy. Examining the display are Cpl. William MacClean, of the 725th Bombardment Squadron; Pfc. C. Merle Hofferber, of the 725th Bombardment Squadron, and Mrs. Thelma Church. The USO Wives' Club meets weekly at the Park Street USO.

Both Halves Figure For Softball Crown

Softball competition will end for Dow's National League teams on 29 August, with a tournament scheduled immediately following, according to Cpl. Lee Dalecky, in charge of the league. A full season's games will be figured in the final standings, Dalecky emphasized, stating that there had been some misunderstanding regarding the method of determining the champ.

The winner of the trophy, therefore, will be that team having the highest percentage over the whole summer, rather than in those games played during the second or first half of the season.

Squadron 'E' Leads

The Squadron E ten, winners of the first half team play, still remains ahead in the revised standings. Its two losses thus far in the season have been suffered at the hands of the Officers, 3-0, and the Squadron "A" aggregation, 1-0.

The Officers, with 6 wins and 3 losses, were 1½ games out of the lead at week's end, while "C" and 135th trailed the second place team by one-half game. Squadron F, having forfeited seven games, is out of the league, though for sake of clarity, it will continue to be listed.

Although hostilities in World War I ended on 11 November 1918, the peace declaration was not completed until the FALL autumn of 1921.

Pilot's Grill Owner Picks New Location

Closing of the Pilot's Grill, located on Hammond street in the center of the approach to northwest-southeast runway, has been postponed from 25 August to 2 September, according to announcement made this week by Mr. Paul Zoidis, its proprietor.

The present structure will be moved to a location on an adjoining lot and an addition built to it. If all goes as planned, Mr. Zoidis expects to have the old building reopened early in October. The addition, containing new kitchen facilities, will give the completed grill twice the seating capacity it now has.

Parking space now in use will be expanded by filling in the site of the present building, by more grading, and by opening an Odlin Road entrance.

Considered an aerial traffic hazard, the present building is being moved as a safety measure.

Softball Standings

Here are the standings as of Sunday, 12 August:

	W	L	Pct.
Squadron E	8	2	.800
Officers	6	3	.667
Squadron C	6	4	.600
135th AACs	6	4	.600
Squadron A	5	4	.556
Squadron B	5	5	.500
8th Weather	3	8	.273
Squadron F	1	10*	.091

*Forfeited seven games.

'E' Softballers Bow 1-0 to 'A' Team

Playing a brand of all they've seldom displayed in previous games, the Squadron "A" ten, with the addition of two new pitchers, knocked off the league-leading Rileymen of "E," and a fighting "B" team, in a double-header played at the parade grounds last week.

The first game, a 1 to 0 thriller in which Joe Crooks scored the only run, saw Clements of the winners tie up the usually potent Squadron E batsmen with three hits. In the first game between those two teams this season, both pitchers were equally effective, but by heads-up ball playing and the bunching of two hits in the sixth, the Adams-led "A" men scored a major triumph.

Play Two Extra Innings

A base on balls to Kochis in the ninth inning of their scheduled seven-inning tilt was all that was needed to give the rejuvenated "A" team its second win of the season over the hard playing "B" ten. Kochis advanced to second, third and then home on Wagh's wildness to end the ball game. Hagen, tossing for the "A" team in his first start, proved too much for "B" hitters, who garnered only two hits for their two runs. The game ended 3-2.

Officers Tag 'C'

With Lt. Van Peursem blanking the Squadron C team on four hits, the Officers pounded out ten hits for a total of nine runs. Never threatened, the Officers' team looked better than ever in its overwhelming victory. As the second place team, the Brass poses a threat to Squadron E, now

Accident Toll Highest In Off-Duty Hours

ELGIN FIELD, Fla.—"Recreation after duty hours can easily become wreck-reaction if little or no thought is given to common sense safety practices," according to Capt. Maurice Nold, Command Safety Officer at Elgin Field.

Swimming, fishing, taking a walk, and having a few beers are fine ways of relaxing, but when one notes that 53 per cent of all disabling injuries to military personnel recorded during the first half of 1945 at the AAF Proving Ground Command occurred while off duty—then it's time an effort was made to use some sense in activities.

The principal causes of these accidents are attributed to the driving of privately owned vehicles, with motorcycles rating the highest considering the relatively small number of machines involved. Off-duty athletics, including scheduled squadron athletics and water sports such as swimming, boating and fishing, rank second as a cause for the accidents. Falls, hand tools, firearms and horseplay also take a toll during off-duty hours.

almost sure winners of the Squadron trophy.

8th Falls Again

Following its humiliating defeat by the Squadron "A" team, the "E" boys set upon the hapless 8th Weathermen and walloped them to the tune of 6 to 1. With Cranford pitching, the "E" team went all out for victory with five runs in the first inning and six in the fifth. Faughnan was the losing pitcher.

Male Call

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

