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AAF Veteran Lauds Heroic **Ground Forces**

Transplant GI Joe from the Air Forces to the Infantry one of two conditions may develop. The soldier will either become so absorbed by the strength and striking power of the "Queen of Battle" that he will soon forget his previous allegiance, or he will hold himself aloof from the resourceful doughboys and maintain a dignified "show me" attitude. S/Sgt. R. Gessay, 24year-old Air Force communicatechnician from Philadelphia, Pa., decided upon the latter attitude when he was attached to an Infantry division and returned to his former command with heaps of praise for the valor and "guts" of the slug-ging foot soldiers.

Landed in Africa

Landing at Port Lyautey, in Africa, in the Fall of 1942, Gessay was placed on special duty with the line troops in order to coordinate communication with ground-supporting aircraft. From the hills of Tunisia, across the Mediterranean to Sleily, and into the mountainous regions of Italy, S/Sgt. essay followed the hiking, ghting doughboys. He watched them ferret wily Nazis from their rocky lairs in Sicily, destroy tanks with their rocket launchers in Italy, say them returned to field hospitals wounded and dead after being caught in the withering cross fire of an enemy stronghold. The Air Force soldier endured the rigors of battle with his front line comrades until his unit was almost annihilated when they hit a land mine in Sicily. Badly wounded, S/Sgt. Gessay was hors d' combat for a while and later joined the Fifth Army in Italy.

Air-Ground Fire Terrific

"Nothing is more devastating," Sgt. Gessay declared, "than the simultaneous fire power of heavy bombers dropping their eggs, the artillery joining with their salvos and the Infantry spitting flames at an enemy installation. I saw pill boxes shattered to bits, parts of mountains come tumbling down and thickly wooded areas razed when the three combat groups concentrated on a given sector." "But," he continued, "resourceful and rugged as the ground forces are, I have heard them shout and erazily when formations of fighters and bombers emerged from the clouds to give them support. The doughboys may kid the Air Corps GIs as "glamour boys", but they sure have plenty of respect for us when our pilots scream defiance at ack-ack and wipe out enemy nests as though they were that many flies. "In spite of the individual effectiveness of the various arms and services," the veteran concluded, "the sure road to victory depends upon every branch of the Army conducting its campaigns with the full realization and appreciation that they are not alone in this fight."

SHORTHAND CLASS TO START

A class in Gregg Shorthand, Typing, and Military Correspondence is being initiated and will start as soon as all applieations have been received and books can be obtained.

High Bond Quota Spurs Drive

"TWO ACES MAKE A GOOD PAIR"



Photo By M/Sgt. H. Hendorson, MAAF Photo Section

Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, CO of Millville Airfield and Major Richard I. Bong, South Pacific ace, are pletured here exchanging notes during a recent visit by the noted combat pilot. Having totaled 27 Nip planes to his credit Major Bong was returned to the U. S., and is presently making a whiriwind tour of various airbase installations. Seen but not heard in the conversation is Marge, Major Bong's flancee and constant companion during the veteran's thrill-packed aerial engagements.

Major S. G. Huey Receives Promotion | NEWS DIGEST

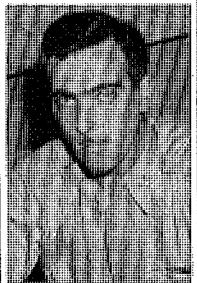
It was a silver leaf and a promotion to Lieutenant Colonel for Major Stanley G. Huey, Director of Maintenance, it was announced this week by the War Department.

A veteran fighter pilot, the Colonel was returned to the United States after distinguishing himself in combat against the Japanese during the North Pacific and Aleutian campaigns.

Born in Seattle, Wash., 26 years ago, Col. Huey attended

ed school in his native city and p was graduated from the Univer- the latter part of 1940. He was sity of Washington in 1940.

Joining the Air Corps upon Defense theatre. Huey received his pilot training in the West Coast Training Command and carned his wings in



LT. COL. S. G. HUEY

later assigned to the Alaskan

war Alaskan skies in P-36s and P-40s. He received his baptism of fire shortly after the Nips attacked letins the editors of the publica-Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians. Having participated in innumerable missions and sorties into enemy-held skies he was returned to the United States.

Assigned to MAAF in September, 1943, Col. Huey was appointed Commanding Officer of a Sub-Group tactical outfit attached here. In April, 1944, he assumed the post of Base Commander and held this position until the arrival of Lt. Col. Watkins.

From his varied experience as pilot and administrator, Lt. Col. Huey was instrumental in formulating the plans and training program for the RTU pilots here.

For meritorious service while in combat the Colonel was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal.

AVAILABLE DAILY

News-hungry GIs too busy to keep abreast with the growing rumble of world events are having their appetites satisfied these days by the appearance of a daily radio and press mimeographed news digest, prepared and distributed by the Base Intelligence Office.

Compiled and edited by Capt. Oraștes S. LaPolla and Cpl. James Nicholson the sheet covup-to-the-minute developments at home and abroad and found Col. Huey patrolling the devotes space to maps, sports and special feature highlights. Availing itself of radio flash bultion are in a position to scoop metropolitan newspapers in disseminating the news at this base.

> Primarily published for the purpose of soldier orientation the paper is creating an increasing interest in current affairs.

SOLDIER DIES HERE

Private Robert J. McGraw of Millville Airfield, 20, died early Tuesday morning, 20 June 1944, of natural causes at England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J. Present at his bedside were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McGraw, of Middletown, Pa.

An Air Force Mechanic, the soldier was assigned here re-cently from Camp Springs, Washington, D. C.

VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

A \$10,000 quota of war bond sales to military and civilian investors at Millville Army Airfield has been decided upon by the Second Service Command, it was announced today by Lt. Ralph J. Buck, Base War Loan Officer.

Although present purchases indicated an encouraging sign that the high allotment for this post may be reached Lt. Buck nevertheless, urged, every officer, enlisted man and civilian to "dig down and buy until it hurt." Asserting that this drive is the "Invasion Loan," that series E bonds are the "peoples bonds," the officer renewed his plea for an all out effort to put Millville Airfield "over the top" in total sales.

Calling upon all personnel to

purchase bonds in proportion to his income, Lt. Buck pointed out the facility with which certificates may be secured here. The Base Finance Office is ready to sell and issue over the counter bonds in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. A request at the Personnel office, Base Headquarters, for an increased or orgiginal allotment for bonds will be immediately forthcoming, he continued.

So that individual "off-post" purchases by base personnel can be credited to the soldier or eivilian and included in the total computed aggregate, the Bond Officer requested that propriate affidavits be obtained and signed at the Post Engineers, Base Quartermaster Office, Unit Headquarters, Officers' Club and Unit Supply Section.

Lt. Buck declared that no undue pressure to support the Fifth War Loan drive will be made by his office. "We rely upon the patriotism, devotion and loyalty to this nation by all our personnel to help us reach our goal. We appeal to all members of this command to remember though, that by sacrificing unnecessary luxuries today and buying more and more war bonds instead, we are pledging our faith to the soldiers and sailors who are in the ront line tyranny and oppression."

MAAF COMPLIMENTED

A group of ranking commercial airline representatives paid MAAF a whirlwind visit this week. After being guided by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins through various base installations the offleials expressed high admiration for the efficiency they found here.

THANK YOU

The generous contributions the soldiers and civilians of Millville Army Airfield has made the printing of THUN-DERBOLT possible. Your donations are deeply appre-ciated by the editors of this newspaper and we, in turn, promise to continue disseminating MAAF news honestly, fearlessly and objectively.

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EDITORIAL

No event in modern history has so stirred the world as the epochal invasion of France by the liberating armies of the United Nations. To some D-Day may be viewed as a distant drama of clashing armies to which they have taken sides and root for their team from their back porch, others may see it as the beginning of the end to years of personal discomfort, but to the soldiers of Millville Airfield H-Hour marked the moment where each of us caught our second wind and renewed with increased vigor our labors and duties at this military installation.

Our primary purpose is to train combat pilots in aerial gunnery for overseas replacement. Whether we are a cook, a clerk, an armorer, or supervisory pilot, we know that we are temporarily stationed here to keep those airmen flying. Now, more than ever, the youth, enthusiasm and skill of combat pilots are needed in the mounting fury of the worldwide struggle. Technical and administrative personnel will also be needed as replacements to fill gaps as the Allies surge deeper into enemy occupied lands. To keep our airmen aloft and to maintain the highest degree of training efficiency and preparedness for all personnel is our immediate contribution to the fateful battles being waged by our comrades in arms.

BUY WAR BONDS

The news that so high a quota has been set for the sale of war bonds, here, is no mean task for any base the size of Millville to meet. But the Fifth War Loan officer exhudes confidence that July 31 will find MAAF way over the mark in aggregate sales.

No unnecessary salesmanship is necessary to soldiers. They, above all, know what purchasing bonds and winning the war will mean to them personally. They don't have to go far either to see what Uncle Sam does with the borrowed money. From head to foot we are equipped with GI clothes, our stomachs are filled with GI food, we work with GI equipment, get paid with GI funds, our families receive GI dependency benefits, our planes and shells and desks and pens are GI. And GI means GOVERNMENT ISSUED-We guess and that's where our war bond money goes. that's the reason Lt. Buck, the War Loan officer says, "sure we'll go over the top!"

Grom the Pulpit

By Chaplain Horace M. King

much in the way of results, voices the gratitude of the men which is prayed without think of the base to Father William

ing."
"No sin is ever a virtue because it is a little sin."

Many persoos miss the mesthey have preconceived the Jewish services. words which God should say to ence between listening and die at San Antonio, Texas, two featating. God's messages always tures of our Base Chaplain's come through when we do our

Few men ever think they do not need God, even these come upon life's circumstances sooner or later which reveal their error. The importance of attending religious services might well receive, on this field, it's appropriate emphasis. As officers and enlisted men sense the vital worth of participating in religious services they will find a way to attend every Sunday. Men of the Protestant faith can take over on the line and in offices, for men of the Catholic faith to attend the Catholic Mass at eight o'clock and vise versa.

The "Thunderbolt" in behalf of the field says, "Thanks, Sgt. Walter Snellenberg" for your hymn leadership and solo singing at general services.

With full recognition of their Red Cross Building. excellent and esteemed service

prayer ever produces and personal interest, this paper A. Sweeney and to Rabbi Ben Their warm friend-Z. Steindel. liness and understanding have enhanced their signal contribu-God for them, because tion through the Catholic and

While attending the Air Corps There is a vast differ- Chaplain Transition Conference work, which were initiated at Millville Army Air Feld, will be considered by the conference. One, the prayer meditation at 1203 daily, ealled God's Minute, and the other, the "State Friendship May," which uniquely oresents in pockets back of flags of the various states, lists of men from those states.

Chaplain Maurice Reynolds, First Air Force Chaplain, as-sures that he will have a Chaplain to report to his field for duty during Chaplain King's temporary absence. The full program will go forward uninterrupted.

Religious Service Sunday at the Chapel.

0745—Confessions

0800-Catholic Mass. 0915 - General Protestant Service.

Wednesday at the Chapel-

1930-Jewish Services.



Dear Editor: All this and that, too . . . urging the EM to save part of their pay for the future . . . just isn't . . , on this base. Most bases and camps have a Postal Money Order Service as a convenience for the boys to mail a part of that hard-earned eash back home for that long-awaited future. How about using your influence in getting us this service?

Signed An EM

Dear Editor:

It seems that something should be done to have a resting place for us GIs on the flying line. With weather permitting for fly ing we are on the line from 5 A. M. to 9 P. M., and in case of night flying until 11 P. M. Our long duty hours has reduced our free time to practically nothing and at the end of a day we are in no mood to do much of anything but to get sleep for the next day's grind. We all have wives, sweethearts or families who look forward to our letters and under the present conditions most of us have had to let our letter-writing go. While our ships are in flight we do get a breather which would be an ideal time to write those we love. It is hoped that some kind of facilities could be obtained for our use.

Signed, R. C. M.

Letter to the Editor:

What's a newspaper without a gripe column. If this paper is as good as its cracked up to be, we might just as well have a spot where the G. I. can blow his top.

My gripe is the way that the G.I.'s mess up this Post general-Take any spot you want and give it a close once over and you'll see what I mean. We get a good radio from some kind-hearted civilian and what happens, some joker puts his feet on it and scratches the finish off of it and to complete the job lays a burning eigarette on it and brands the cabinet.

Then look at the way some of the wise guys slop up the Post theatre. Every day the place is cleaned up and left in first class shape. Along comes Sloppy Joe and tosses a butt on the ground. He is in too much of a rush to fleld strip his eigarette. He then heads for the latrine and does the same thing.

What burns me up is why some of the boys can't act the same on an Army Post as they do at home. Anyway I'd like to go home with some of you guys and see what happens to you at home when you flick a butt on the floor, eat a piece of candy and toss the paper wrapping on the rug, and plunk your "dogs" on the best piece of furniture.

Pfc. BILL HARPER.

NEW LEGAL OFFICER

Lieutenant Daniel Eisenberg, a practicing attorney in civilian life, was appointed Base Legal Assistance Officer, it was announced this week by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, Commanding Of-

A graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Lt. Eisenberg was admitted to the New York Bar in Army Air Force.

Off the Book Shelf

By KATHERINE O'CONNOR

A BELL FOR ADANO is the first novel written about the Allied Military Government-the locale being Sicily. The Italian-American Major Joppolo is faced not only with the military rule of the town but also the winning of the confidence of the Fascist ridden populace. Climaxing the story is the ringing of the bell of Adano (acquired through his tircless efforts) at the very moment of the Major's departure, the reason for which is a story in itself. John Hersey accompanied the American Invasion Forces to Sicily and has gained acclaim for two other books-MEN ON BATAAN and INTO THE VALLEY.

Somerset Maugham's new novel, THE RAZOR'S EDGE, has quickly gained top listing among the best sellers. Told in the first person the story is one of human relationships and a search for faith. In an endeavor to find the meaning and value of life, Larry, a filer in the First World War, becomes a world traveler for ten years, in the course of which he arrives at a decision and a mode of life. In contrast to Maugham's other writings the characters are American prototypes of various groups.

HOTEL BERLIN '43-Vicki Baum's latest-is a wartime version of GRAND HOTEL. The most important hotel in Berlin has become the headquarters of Gestapo and Nazi officialdom, the social hub of the capitol, as well as the hideout of Richter, an underground worker, who thus far has escaped execution. Under one roof has gathered a colorful cast of characters including a famous general recalled from the Russian front, an actress (Heroine of the story), an interned English writer, and a filer, in addition to Richter. This combination of personalities and setting results in action that is melodramatie.

News From Home

Cheyenne, Wyo. (CNS)-Mrs. Mabel Warren stepped into a telephone booth and dialed the city hospital. The operator took ten minutes to put the call through. In the meantime, Mrs. Warren gave birth to an 8-pound baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing well now, thank you.

Chleago (CNS - Rosemary Karier found a wallet on the street. Inside, she found the name of the owner and nearly \$1500 in cash. She returned the wallet and in return received 25 cents from the grateful owner.

Detroit (CNS-The police are holding a pony on a hit-and-run The frisky little charge here. fellow is charged with ignoring a red light and running down two pedestrians.

Dixon, Cal. (CNS)-A local newspaper ran this exciting ad: Owner of a truck would like to correspond with a widow Object: who owns two tires. matrimony. P. S. Send picture of tires."

Hollywood (CNS) - It's okay with the Hays Office if Dorothy Lamour parades around the screen scantily clad in a sarong. But Dotty has been forbidden to pose in a sweater.

woman Vivian Tinnel the cuffs on his wrists and led him away to the station house.

Minneapolis (CNS)-An elderly man dashed into police headquarters. "I've been robbed." he told the desk sergeant, "of \$309 on Washington avenue. The sergeant looked up from his blotter. "When did it happen," he asked. "Ten or twelves years ago," his visitor replied casually.

Monroe, Utah (CNS)-Citizens of this town are restrained by an old ordinance from dancing together in public places "unless daylight may be seen between the partners."

New York (CNS) - Harry Marrin was fined \$250 and jailed for five days hecause, according to a Manhattan magis-1937 and pursued his legal trate, "your transactions in the career until his entry into the onion black market smell to high heaven."



Has the worry-bird thrown you for a loss, because you don't' think you're getting the full story about things at home? See your Red Cross Field Director . . . he'll put the Red Cross Chapter in or near your hometown on the trail, and get the real story back for you in a jiffy!

Chances are the news will be a lot better than you thought, and you'll soon be "whistling while you work." That's the way it works out in most cases. One of our greatest military leaders said, "Nothing disrupts an Army so quickly as no news ... bad news, or worry . . .

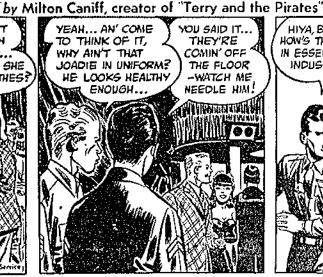
If there is trouble at home and help is needed, the Local Red Cross Chapter will try to start the ball rolling. There's no need for you to feel helpless because you're so many miles away, and the American Red Cross will keep you well posted on what's going on.
Over 3,800 Red Cross Chap-

ters, covering every square mile Indianapolis (CNS) — When a of America, are linked closely drunk on a street car invited together with Red Cross Field her to sit on his lap. Police Directors stationed all over the world, wherever there are GIs. This is an extra link that the people of America and the War Department have set up between you and your home . . . so take advantage of it.

Whenever you're in trouble, even if it's only a pet gripe bothering you, drop in on the Red Cross Field Director on this post. He can't work miracles, but he can do a lot, and he has wonderful resources at his finger tips to call on. He can also give or get for you all kinds of information which you may need. Get to know him . . . he's here to serve you whenever possible.



Male Call WHAT'S I ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS HERE? GHE HAD SOME RICH 4P ON THE STRING.. DANCIN' WITH WHERE BLGE DOES SHE OFT ALL THEM CLOTHES? A CLINKIN'







Peripheral

A gentle accolade to those dauntless linesmen who stuck by their tools during last Sunday's ennervating heat and violent rain at night and kept those Thunderbolts flyin'. Commended for their devotion to duty, the maintenance, communication and armament men expressed the same thought-"It's much hotter and stormier on the beaches of Normandy and Saipan!" . . . Antong the more colorful GI's soldiering here is Pvt. Guy E. Long of Rockford, Ill. . . . A rather unique chow hound and gourmet is the dogface . . . He satiates his ravenous appetite by consuming enormous quantities of light bulbs, razor blades, chinaware and other critical material shortages. The War Production Board will please note that the latest intelligence regarding the soldier states that he is about to undergo an operation for "undisclosed" reasons at an Army general hospital . . . It seems there is one sure way of getting ahead in the Army. Order a baby daughter from the GI stork . . . Recently a baby girl arrived at Major John M. Yancey's home and shortly thereafter he received his gold leaf. Several days ago a feminine charmer arrived at the Dodd household and sure enough along came his promotion to Major . . . Speaking of "Ill chillun," congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Seymour B. Gostin on their recent addition . . . How many of you know that a slew of MAAF calibre 50 water-cooled machine guns are displayed on the boardwalk at Atlantic City helping the War Department's WAC drive . . . And that Chaplain Horace M. King is leaving this week for a conference of Army clergymen at San Antonio, Texas . . . That during the Captain's absence 1st Sgt. Angellis will hold nightly GI gripe sessions . . That MAAF's "Golden Boy", Lt. Joe Coccia, decided to pursue baseball rather than piano thumping as an extra curricular base activity . . . And that wedding bells are ringing this week for Lt. Reuben R. Redfield of Budget and Fiscal activities . . . The good Lieutenant will soon be up to his neck in domestic exchequering . . . For good original entertainment catch a USO show frequently presented by Lt. Nat Fine at which time he demonstrates his psychical prowess by charming and hypnotizing his soldier victims . . . A special communique from the Millville-Vineland telephone operators jingled for all EM to attend a dance sponsored by the gals at the Post Theatre, June 28, at 2030 . . . And in line with swell entertainment take a tip and attend the Vineland USO sponsored Barbeque Supper, Sunday, June 25, somewhere deep in the wooded areas surrounding that city. portation leaves for the affair 1730 from Base Unit Headquarters . . . The Post Theatre officer has come to the rescue of GI Joe suffering from "washboard seatitis" contracted from attending too many movies. An investigation revealed that it was caused by the slots in the seat . . . Last week Lt. Jaworek, Special Service Officer, made a trip to Reading Army Air Field and picked up 168 new seats for the local theatre. "Washboarditis" has seen its last days here . . . And we are pleased to announce that the long awaited orientation film, "The Battle of China," will be presented at the Post Theatre during the last week of June. Critics hall this documentary cinema as a "must" for all theatregoers. The picture will be shown a sufficient number of times to permit all personnel to see the heroic struggle of our oriental Allics.

DACE THEATRE PROGRAM

Army-Navy Screen Magazine-No. 29 Thursday, June 29 THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN Frederic March, Alexis Smith, Donald Crisp

RKO Pathe News No. 86

Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray, Edward G. Robinson

"Maggie Had a Pair of Drawers"



Photo by M/Sgt. Henderson, MAAF Photo Section

Lt. Pettengill, RTU pilot, checks target for his color hits after completing Aerlal Gunnery Mission.

Prizes, Promotions For AAF Personnel

Ingenious soldiers and civil-1 promotion can do so by submiting original ideas on how to improve the Army Air Forces, it sary processes, improvement of was officially announced this

Beneficial suggestions presented by the military personnel and adopted by the Board of Awards may merit a recommendation for the Legion of Merit award, imditional stripe for GIs or a change of color in insignia for officers. Civilian employees of MAAF will receive a cash reward in direct ratio to the worthiness of the idea.

Plans are welcomed which ians at MAAF looking for easy may result in the conservation money or a recommendation for of manpower, material, time or space, elimination of unnecesconditions affecting safety, health and the general welfare of the Army Air Forces.

Suggestion boxes are located in the General Mess, Post Exchange, Dispatchers Office-Motor Pool, Base Headquarters, and mediate consideration for an ad the Post Engineers equipment yard.

Resourceful personnel, it was added, are assured of every consideration by the awarding body sitting at Camp Springs, Washlington, D. C.

"Look Like What You Ain't" Camoufleurs Warns EM

training program in military hicle can be disguised, demon-concealment was initiated this strations in the right and wrong week for all enlisted men by the method to dig fox and spider Base Plans and Training Office holes, and a host of other screen in cooperation with a group of and cloaking devices. Camouflage experts assigned here by the First Air Force.

camouflage area across the field two-hour lecture at the post from the Tow Target section the theatre in camouflage orienta-First Air Force contingent is tion. The students are rudely now conducting daily classes in reminded of what an absence of subjects embracing every ele-ment of concealment disciplice, are suddenly fired upon by a Upon conclusion of the course disguised sniper less than 15 examinations will be held and yards from their victims. The tered in the soldier's personnel record. GIs failing to qualify undisclosed. will repeat the course until they achieve a satisfactory grade.

Camouflage experts assigned Preceding a conducted tour through the fixed placements
Having built a permanent the soldier-students receive a appropriate remarks will be en-students hear the shots, see the smoke, but the assailant remains

The lecturers finally conclude with a timely warning that re-Comprising over an acre of ports from all theatres of comland the camouflage area con-bat operations reveal that a tains such installations as a knowledge of camouflage techsimulated combat bivouse, a nique and control by all memclay model of a medium bomber, bers of the armed forces will which, incidentally, took over drastically reduce casualties and four truck loads of sand to destruction of supplies.

KEEN COMPETITION SHARPENS R. T. U. AERIAL GUNNERS

By CPL. W. B. URQUHART

Give the MAAF eagles a stretch of fair weather and then watch 'em sharpen their gunnery claws. The recent stretch of favorable atmospheric conditions has proved a boon to the present class of RTU pilots. All indications reveal that they are about to hang up an enviable and enduring record in marksmanship.

Competition in aerial sharpshooting is plenty keen among the airmen and scores fluctuate so sharply that the pilot leading his class today may be hugging the cellar tomorrow. Every emotional, physical and human element of which man is constituted enters into the pieture when the trainee is firing at his clusive tow target.

Leading his class these days is Lt. Frank E. Pettengill, of Vineland, New Jersey. The 24-year-old local birdman is typical of his fellow pilots in his eagerness and enthusiasm to establish an unbeatable average in target scoring. Lt. Pettengill's background may be of immeasurable aid in reaching that goal. A lifelong gunnery enthusiast the pilot was an active member of the Vineland Rifle Club and received invaluable training in straight shooting.

In qualifying pilots as graduate gunners the Plans and Training Department of MAAF doesn't gamble with a student's During the 80-hour course in learning to fly and fight in battle-tested Thunderbolt each man is under the strictest of personal surveillance by his supervisory pilot. Unless the pilot-traince learns to fire effectively and accurately he is bypassed when his class is grad-

The supervisory pilots, most of them returned from combat theatres of operation, know the importance of pre-battle gun-"Take to camouflage and live! build, five swinging flat tops Expose yourself and die!" With constructed so ingeniously that this grim warning an all out any type of heavy weapon or vertice in the early days of the war bidle can be discussed demonwithout benefit of such scientific schooling. They are now resolute in sending overseas only those students who, sav: for actual combat experience, have grasped the knack and art of precision shooting.

NEW MASTHEAD

An original design drawn by Sgt. Harold W. Tilson, of the Ordnance Department, will appear on THUNDER-BOLT'S masthead in the next edition. The intricate art work, depicting the mood and purpose of Millville Airfield, required extensive preparation and was completed shortly after this issue was printed.

SPORT

By T/Sgt. Lamont R. Dickey

Possessing a versatile background, Lt. Joseph D. Pishioneri, Base Physical Instructor, is the logical man to put us on the sports map. Poe attended Lincoln High School in Elwood City, Pa. During his high school curriculum, he played four years of varsity football, basketball and three years of semi-pro baseball in an industrial league. Following his sporting career, the Lieutenant attended Salem College, West Virginia, from 1937 to 1941 and majored in Physical Education. A four-letter man in College, he played varsity football, baseball, basketball and was a member of the boxing team.

Not one to confine himself to a few activities, he became a qualified Red Cross swimming instructor and an expert at first aid procedure. In the years 1939 to 1940, he was a member of the All-Conference football and baseball

July, 1941, was an important date for the Lieutenant. He was inducted at Ft. Meade, Md. Shortly thereafter Pyt. Pishioneri was transferred to the West Coast where he played football and baseball for March Field, California. In 1942 he managed their baseball club. From March Field, his army travels took him to Bradley Field, Conn., where he continued his athletic endeavors. Here as in the past he soon found himself at the reins of the ball club.

Climbing higher up the ladder, Joe attended OCS at Miami Beach, Florida. After being commissioned a 2nd "looie" he was transferred to Mitchel Field, N. Y., and then to us.

Presently, Lt. Pishioneri is pounding the "Flyers" into shape. He expects a fair baseball season but when asked about the coming basketball campaign, the Lieutenant lights up and predicts a brilliant future for MAAF's cagers.

Speaking of basketball, if trying means anything, MAAF should boast one of the top-notch schedules in this part of the country. No less than thirty-five letters have been sent to leading colleges in this vicinity requesting games . . . Round one of a local feud has been won by Capt. L. C. Davis and Lt. J. L. Gunkelman. It seems they are engaged in a fight to the finish with Major W. C. Johnson and Lt. D. Titus over their ability as a tennis doubles team . . . Pvt. John J. Ryan of the old Sub-Depot is back in harness again. After several years lapsing since he played in the International League, he is currently covering ground for the Sub-Depot softball team . . . The Softball League is rapidly developing into a hot-bed of action with teams representing Ordnance, Base Headquarters, Communications and the Sub-Depot showing well balanced clubs... Just between you readers and yours truly, the "Flyers" have a fine team and deserve a little support at their games. How about it?

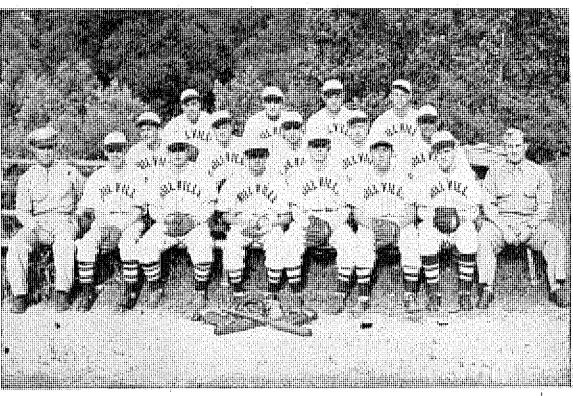
Professional baseball has come to the aid of the dogface by donating baseball equipment. Ford C. Frick, President of the National League controls the funds and has done an excellent job in the disposal of the equipment.

So far the "Frick Fund" has distributed two types of The large kit contains equipment for a complete The small kit contains three professional bats and 11 baseballs.

GIs doff their caps to Ford Frick, et al., for the good work it is doing to prepetuate the national pasttime.



MAAF "FLYERS" MAKE DEBUT



The Millville Army Airfield "FLYERS," the first organized team to represent this base in any sport, paused recently from a strenuous training session to be graphically documented in their new uniforms furnished by the Special Service Office. Coached by Lt. Joe Pishioneri, Base Physical Instructor, the "FLYERS" are being hailed as a powerful threat to local ball teams. Members of the club shown above are: Left to right-(First row) Lt. J. D. Pishioneri, Cpl. W. B. Urquhart, Pfc. S. P. Kane, Pvt. V. P. Spence, Cpl. R. E. Doty, Pfc. H. F. Yanowitz, Cpl. R. L. Johnson and Lt. T. E. Jaworek, Special Service Officer. Second row: Pvt. J. E. Grevas, Pvt. J. J. Falatko, Cpl. F. A. Zangle, Pfc. D. W. Patterson, and Sgt. G. A. Levitsky. Third row: Lt. B. S. Glassman, Lt. Joe Coccia, Sgt. R. W. Studwell, and Pvt. W. B. Richards.

"FLYERS" SWAMP STATE FARM "NINE"

Fielding a strong hitting combine, the MAAF "Flyers" overpowered the Leesburg State Farm club Tuesday evening 18 to 1. The Air Force nine jumped to a 40 lead in the first inning. After Spence, Johnson and Studwell drew free tickets to first base, Falatko poked a slow roller to third, scoring Spence. Freeman, next up, lined a long triple to right field scoring Josnson. Studwell and Falatko. Levitsky struck out to end the army half of the frame.

The "Flyers" counted one more run in the second after Kane hit a towering triple to right field and tallied as Spence rolled out short to first base.

Three consecutive walks started the local nine off to a big third inning. After Coccia, Studwell and Falatko were put on base via the base on balls route, Freeman smashed out his second triple of the game to left field to account for three men in front of him. Urquhart quickly hit a line single over second base to count Freeman. Kane, next up, hit a double to score Urquhart. Kane scored the last run for that inning as Coccia dumped a Texas leaguer.

The State Farm hung up their lone run in their half of the third inning. Hampton walked and later came in on

Arrington's single to left field. Picking up momentum, the "Flyers" tallied seven more runs in the top of the fifth. tallied seven more Urquhart, safe on an error by Billy, advanced to second on a wild pitch and stole third. On an overthrow to third Urquhart counted the first run in that inning. The next two men, Kane and Spence drew bases on balls. Coccia rapped a sharp single to left center to score Kane. Studwell drew another base on balls to load the sacks Here Freeman, who led the local attack, lined a ringing double along the left field foul line to push across Spence and Coccia. Levitsky got his first hit of the game, lining a double to centerfield to send Studwell and Freeman home. Levitsky lit home after a base on balls was issued to Spence to force him in.

The last inning was used by Coach Pishioneri to try out some new talent.

BOX SCORES MAAF "Flyers"

ı	MAAF "Flyers	S''		1
ĺ	-	Ab.		H.
l	Kane, rf	3	3	2
١	Spence c	2	$\frac{3}{2}$	10
١	Spence, c	2	0	0
ı	Coccia, ss	3	2	2
Į	Coccia, ss	2	3	0
1	Ralatko n	2	2	1
ı	Freeman, lf	4	3	3
ı	Levitsky, 1b Urquhart, 2b	$\bar{4}$	0 2 3 2 3 1 2 0	0 2 0 1 3 1
ı	Urquhart. 2b	$\bar{2}$	2	1
ı	Temple, p	$\tilde{2}$	0	0 1
ı	Doty. 2h	0	0	0
1	Yanowitz, rf	0	0	0
١	Greaves, lf	1	0	0
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١	Blake, ss	3	Ö	1 1
·Į	Harmon, 2b	3		1
1	Arrington, rf	3	0	
١	Sniriey, 16	2	0	1
١	Reeves, ci	2	0	0
	Billy, c	3	0	0
	Shirley, 1b	3	0	0
;	Casper, p	U	U	0
;	Holmes, p	3	0	1
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	Triples—Freeman, 2;			
	bles—Freeman, Kane			
)	Levitsky. Struck out-	by	era Tak	ıat-
ı	ko 6, by Temple 2, 1	by i	1011	nes
5	7. Base on balls—o			
	3, off Holmes 1, off	Cas	per	13.

MAAF "Flyers" Kane, rf Spencer, c Coccia, ss Freeman, p Johnson, cf Studwell, 3b Levitsky, 1b 3 Greaves, If 5 Urquhart, 2b 4 Totals38 Owens-Illinois Ab. R. H.

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Dover, rf	4	0	
Heminghaus, ss	. 3	1	
Champion, If	2	0	
Moroney, 3b	2	0	
Rambo, cf	4	0	
Mossman, 2b	. 4	0	
Blandino, 1b	. 3	0	
Vince, c	. 3	0	
Gubbine, p		1	
aTyler, lf	. 2	1	
bSkalasky, 3b			
eVansack, 1b	. 1	0	
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.33 a-Batted for Champion in 6th. b-Batted for Moroney in 7th. c-Batted for Blandino in 9th.

ONIZED CLUB BOWS TO FLYERS 6-3

Serving up a four-hitter, Sgt. Harold Freeman pitched the MAAF "Flyers" to their second straight victory by turning back the Owens-Illinois club 6-3 last evening on the Onized field. Freeman was master of any situation throughout the game and went the route without issuing a base on balls.

The Air Base nine counted their first run in the second inning. Levitsky singled past third base and scampered home on Urquhart's long double to center field. The Onized Club came right back in their half of the same inning to tie up the ball game. Moroney was safe at first after Spencer lost the third strike. On the next pitch he went down to second as Spencer again let the ball get Spencer again let the ball get away from him. On a wild pitch, Moroney went to third and later tallied as Mossman grounded out short to first.

The "Flyers" put the game on ice in the top half of the sixth inning. Studwell drew a base on balls and was safe at second as Levitsky bunted and reached first on an error by Blandino. Greaves rapped a sharp single to left field to send Studwell across with the second run of the game. Urquhart slashed out his second hit Ab. R. H. of the game to score Levistky. 1 Smashing a single to right 2 center, the next man, Kane, ac-1 counted for Greaves in front of him. Spencer's single sent Urguhart and Kane across the plate to end the scoring for that inning.

Combining an error by Coccia, a stolen base by Gubbine and a single by Heminghaus, the home team counted another run in the last of the sixth. Singles by Tyler and Skalasky pushed the final run for Owens-Illinois across the pay slab in the bottom half of the ninth inning.

POST SOFTBALL LEAGUE **STANDINGS**

	w.	L.	Pct.
Sub-Depot	.2	0	1.000
Communications	.2	0	1.000
Base H. Q	.1	1	.500
Guard S. Q	.1	1	.500
Ordnance	.1	1	.500
Medics	.1	1	.500
Officers	.0	2	.000
Quartermasters .	.0	2	.000
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