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## Work Started On Servicemens' Recreation Hall

Construction of the long awaited Servicemens' Club and Base Library started this week and a formal opening is promised within seven weeks, Base officials announced today.

The recreation building will be furnished with a hard linoleum floor, kitchen facilities for hot over-the-counter meals, reading and writing tables, lounging chairs, couches, a dance floor and powder room. As modern as tomorrow, the club will have no overhead lighting, but will be illuminated by floor lamps. The library will be equipped with easy chairs, rugs, and study tables.

Both projects are being erected with funds raised during the off-base tour of "Prop Wash." In addition, several individuals have made large contributions, but have asked that their names be kept anonymous.

The cafeteria section of the Club will be operated by Post Exchange Officials, but the actual administration will be under the jurisdiction of the Special Service Office. A hostess will be on hand to aid the recreation program.

## Base Personnel Top Bond Quota

Military and civilian personnel of Millville Army Air Field smashed every previous record in war bond purchases during the Sixth War Loan Drive, Lt. Ralph J. Buck, Bond Officer announced this week.

Cash sales to civilians amounted to \$1706.25, while officers and enlisted men rang the register for \$13,410. Class A Pay Reservations were recorded at \$5,448.25 and Class B allotments tallied at \$10,293.75. Total sales from all sources went over the \$25,000 goal by \$5,858.25.

## ONE GI OUT OF EIGHT PLANS OWN BUSINESS

Washington (CNS)—One enlisted man out of eight plans to operate a business or farm of his own after he is discharged from the services, a recent survey conducted by the I & E Division, ASF, indicates.

Among enterprises listed by servicemen who plan to work for themselves are manufacturing and wholesaling; construction or contracting; retailing food, automotive parts, including repair services, restaurants, etc., transportation, communication, utilities.

## 740 in One Battalion Awarded Bronze Star

ETO (CNS)—Bronze Star Medal awards to more than 740 infantrymen of one battalion of the U. S. Army's crack 1st Division for "heroic achievements" on D-day in the invasion of Normandy has been announced by the War Department.

## USO VARIETY TROUPE BILLED AT THEATRE MONDAY EVENING

The Special Service Office announced today that an all-star variety USO show will be presented at the Post Theatre, Monday, January 8th at 1915.

Featuring a troupe of well known Broadway musical stars and hoofers, the two hour show will include James Reynolds, m.c. and comedian, who got into show business 35 years ago because he didn't want to get up mornings. His first job was with a musical comedy show that made one night stands and he found himself getting up at 4 A. M. to make jumps to the next town.

Other members of the Tabloid Troupe are honey-blonde Sigrid Lassen, singer, vivacious Charlotte Joyce, dancer, Henry Hillman, impressionist, and Jack Shields, who comes right from the Bellevue Stratford in Philadelphia to make music for us with his accordion.

## ALUMNI PILOT BAGS 12th NAZI

Major James N. Poindexter, a former member of a Thunderbolt squadron attached to Millville Army Air Field, bagged his 12th German plane last week, according to a letter received by his wife.

The Texas-born airman, who attained an excellent average here in all phases of gunnery, kayoed his 11th Jerry in a low-level attack on a German airfield. The 353rd Fighter Group, of which he is a member, accounted for 17 planes of all types in this operation bringing the group total to more than 400. Dispatches from the front reveal that many RTU pilots of later classes who were trained in bombing-gunnery here, are members of the same unit.

Since going into combat Major Poindexter was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Silver Star.



Maj. Poindexter

## VINELANDER DONATES GUNNERY TROPHY



Public-spirited Adolph Silverman (left), a Vineland merchant and civic worker, proffers the "Silverman Gunnery Trophy" to Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins. The trophy will be permanently kept on the base, the Base Commander declared, "for the purpose of stimulating greater interest and proficiency among supervisory pilots in all phases of Bombing and Gunnery." Periodically the name of the instructor who tallies the highest all-around average in Bombing, shooting and flying safety, will have his name inscribed on the plaque.

## OFFICER APPEALS FOR ALL-OUT AID TO 'MARCH OF DIMES'

An appeal for support of the "March of Dimes" Program was made this week by Lt. Ralph J. Buck. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will conduct its annual drive for funds from January 14 to January 30, 1945.

Lt. Buck stated that he was sending a letter to each department head requesting that he collect a dime from every member in his section. "We saw and felt the terror of the dreaded disease when it struck here last summer, the officer declared, "therefore, I feel certain that the response from our personnel will be unanimous."

## EIGHT TOP AIR ACES ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY

Washington (CNS)—Of the 19 top-scoring aces of the American Air Forces, eight still are on active duty, with opportunities to increase their totals. Six others are in the U. S. on leave, serving as instructors or recuperating from illness; one is a prisoner of war; one is dead and three are listed as missing in action. Leading the list is the Army's Maj. Richard Bong, with 40 enemy planes shot down. In second place is Cdr. David S. McCampbell, with 34. Maj. Bong still is on active duty; Cdr. McCampbell is now on leave.

## Congress Gives Priority to Vets In Surplus Property Sales

By Camp Newspaper Service

What a chance has a World War II veteran—whose only capital is a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights—to successfully establish himself as a small businessman after his return to civil life?

Recent developments in the nation's capital throw some light on this question although they by no means tell the whole story.

"The Board (Surplus Property Board in the Office of War Mobilization, created by the act) shall prescribe regulations to effectuate the objectives of this act to aid veterans to establish and maintain their own small business, professional or agricultural enterprises, by affording veterans suitable preferences to the extent feasible and consistent with the policies of this act in the acquisition of the types of surplus property useful in such enterprises."

### No New Regulations

That is all the act says with reference to preferences to veterans. The drawing up of regulations is left to the Surplus Property Board, which hasn't been appointed yet, hence no regulations.

Certain other advantages extended by the act to small business generally also will benefit veterans. One of the stated objectives of the act is to "discourage monopolistic practices and to strengthen and preserve the competitive position of small business concerns in an economy of free enterprise."

The Smaller War Plants Cor-

## Silverman Trophy Starts Intra-Base Gunnery Rodeo

Base supervisory pilots, long accustomed to vie for top scores in gunnery, will now have their name inscribed on the plaque of a trophy donated to Millville Army Air Field by Adolph Silverman, a well known Vineland merchant and civic worker. The rules governing the competition will be announced later by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins.

The intra-mural gunnery contest among the airmen will steal a leaf from the bigger show, the First Fighter Command Gunnery Meet, in both purpose and principle. The theory being that old timers, stimulated by the race, will learn new tricks, which they as instructors can pass on to fledglings about to face the enemy.

Plans and Training officials were enthusiastic about the donation of the Silverman trophy. Major Gilbert O. Halsey, Director of Training, declared that "undoubtedly the boys will have an added incentive to tally high scores in bombing and gunnery," Major Jerome C. Simpson added that the idea was "splendid" and "will be a shot in the arm for both supervisors and trainees."

poration, which is primarily concerned with small business (250 employes or less) is given certain responsibilities to see that this objective is translated into accomplishment.

### Loans

SWPC is authorized to provide loans to small businessmen for the acquisition of surplus property; to purchase surplus property for resale, lease or rental to small business; to locate surplus property for individual purchasers and to provide assistance in determining the needs of small business for surplus property.

Under such an arrangement the average returning serviceman—SWPC estimates he will have at his personal command between \$2000 and \$5000—would be freed from all the problems that surround the ownership and management of industrial property, such as maintenance, real estate, taxes, public liability, and the need for compliance with local laws.

### Capital Utilization

Even more important, he would be able to use his limited capital for current operations instead of tying it up in field assets, such as real estate, which is one of the most frequent causes of early failures in small businesses.

One of the most important aids to veterans who contemplate going into business after the war is the free technical advice which SWPC will supply on request.



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## A PINT OF BLOOD

We probably could sit down and write a heart-rending piece on the slugging doughboy who is giving his life and limb from Europe to Asia so that our way of life can be perpetuated here. The sob yarn would be read by a few and probably forgotten immediately thereafter. Therefore, we are going to pound out an appeal in plain English for a cause that needs no spell binding writing to sell. Brother, we want your blood!

Many of the kids we were playing around with yesterday are getting shot up in Belgium, China, and elsewhere. Many of them can and will be saved if Army doctors can infuse your blood in them. That is the issue, nothing more!

Captain Thomas W. Alsobrook, Base Surgeon, has promised us that he will turn over an office in the dispensary to the Red Cross so that these blood banks can be taken. The Red Cross will send down a mobile unit at such time that we can definitely assure them sufficient donors.

Incidentally, we read that over 200 officers, enlisted men, WACs, and civilians filed into one of Mitchel Field's hangars and gave their blood that is needed so acutely at the battlefronts. The donors at Mitchel ranged from Generals to Privates and before the day was over more than 75 persons had to be turned away because of the mobile units inability to handle all the blood offered. We salute our cousins at Mitchel Field and will try to match their enthusiasm.

The editors of THUNDERBOLT will start taking names immediately. Drop into our office and let us know your type blood. Do this now! If we can assure the Red Cross one hundred donors we can set a definite date for the mass blood donation.

## Roll Up Your Sleeves

Well, the newspapers have temporarily abandoned work on their Victory Edition, conversion to peace time industry has abruptly halted, less food and more inconvenience is promised us by the Government for 1945. Visions of sugar plums that danced in our heads in September have vanished. We have a rough job ahead and we know it. Our task here is to keep planes flying and keep our airmen in fighting shape. Let us knuckle down tight, do our job, and turn a deaf ear to the Pollyannas that want to poison us with complacency.

FROM

THE PUMPIN'

By Chaplain Horace M. King

### OUR VICTORY IN 1945

Comes sweeping in this New Year 1945! What brings this newcomer with its welcome to each of us? With what hopes do we greet 1945? Yes, it will carry us one year nearer the final days of global fighting. It will find each with one year less to his credit in years to be spent. Nevertheless, "Enter 1945, we greet thee!"

Isn't it great that we cannot comprehend all the problems, sorrow or anguish which it holds in store for us? Isn't it great that we cannot foresee all of its happy surprises at once? They may then spread their delight over many days as the new thrills come unexpected. We live expecting the best.

### Promise and Purity

But the greatest thing about this fine new year is the fact that it is unstained by sin, calamity or disaster and unsoiled by animosity, jealousy or criminal thoughts. It comes in with beauty and wholesomeness. It appears with promise and purity. For each individual 1945 is a treasured asset. He may keep it as such or allow

it to be poured out fruitlessly and spoiled thoughtlessly. Thus, what responsibility and opportunity are borne in on the wings of 1945. It has circled the field, the runway is cleared and now it makes its happy "safe landing."

### Helpful Living

What would we like to do with 1945? We want to overflow the new year with joyous, unselfish, helpful living. We want to keep the new year unblemished by deeds or desires unholy or to be regretted. We want to enrich the new year through genuine, worthwhile, shared experiences with God and our fellowmen.

To a God-approved 1945 we devoutly commit ourselves—that will be our victory.

### Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,  
Dear Father, let it be  
In working or in waiting  
Another year for Thee;

Another year of progress,  
Another year of praise,  
Another year of proving  
Thy presence all the days,  
(Army & Navy Hymnal)



Dear Editor:  
I just returned to the States after spending several years in Malaria gulch, the South Pacific. During that time I saw about fifty white girls, and they were nurses. Now I read in THUNDERBOLT that some dame wants you to locate a guy for her. If some of the boys I left on the islands were to read that letter they'd pound their chests. I'm six feet two inches tall, and speak in a soft, Hoboken drawl. Can I get that baby's name?  
Signed,  
BOOZHIE.

(Editor's note): So far we haven't heard from Ralph B. We will keep the lady's name a trade secret for two more editions. If our "lover" doesn't make his presence known by that time we will start accepting bids. We're the best newspapermen money can buy.

Dear Editor:  
Someone ought to wake H.H. up and tell him he is in the Army. I wonder if he ever had his breakfast served in bed as a civilian. He's got a lot of crust asking the boys in the mess hall to carry the leftover coffee down the line. Maybe if he got up in time he wouldn't be gripin' about things. We boys in the Mess Hall try our darnest to give the fellows the best of everything. But all this mamby-pamby business is just that much bologney.  
Signed,  
A MESSMAN.

Dear Editor:  
In view of the fact that so many of our friends are being wounded all over the world, don't you think it would be a good idea if some of us were to give our blood to the Red Cross. THUNDERBOLT usually crusades for worthwhile causes, here is a chance to start pitching.  
Signed,  
S. J.

(Editor's note): THUNDERBOLT will start pitching immediately. See editorial!

## WE, TOO, ARE PROUD

They say the stars are big and bright  
O'er Texas' rolling plains by night,  
And that the moon is silv'ry clear  
Along the Wabash, far from here.

They praise the sunsets of old Maine,  
A winding California lane,  
And to the Heavens lift their eyes  
When speaking of those Western skies.

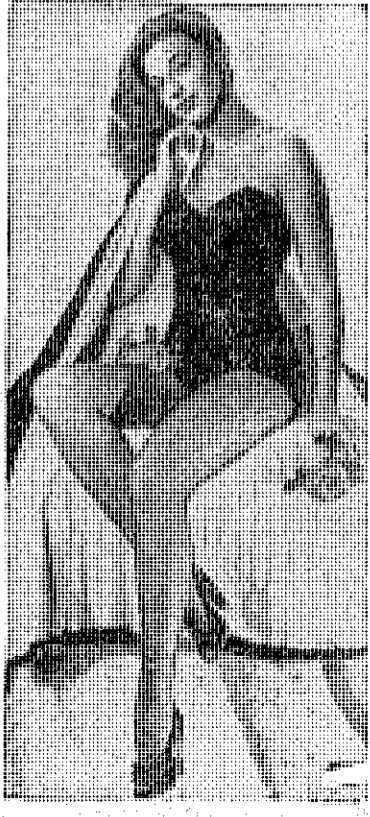
But soldier, upward turn your face,  
Some clear, cool night, right on this Base.  
You'll see a thousand twinkling gleams,  
Answering the fingered searchlight beams.

The sunset sky is gold and red  
Before the stars are overhead;  
The rising moon, an amber ball,  
Paints the autumn leaves that fall.

Oh yes, we too have winding lanes,  
And flowery hills and summer rains,  
So, boys, no matter where you roam,  
Remember this, your "other" home.

SGT. T. HIRSCHBERG

## WHY DOGFACES GO AWOL!



## Wives... Help Wanted, To Make Surgical Dressings!

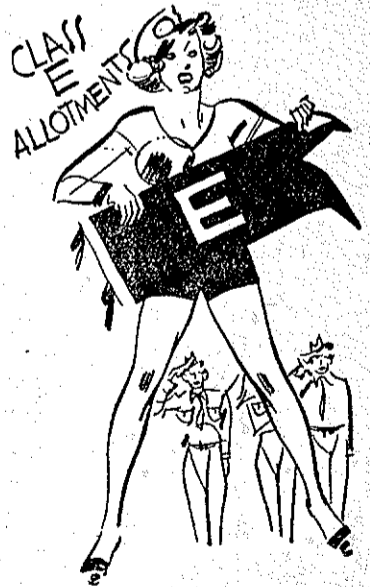
The Army and Navy depend on Red Cross volunteer workers all over the country for their supplies of surgical dressings. Millions and millions are turned out every year. The production of all the bandage factories in America is only a drop in the bucket compared with the actual need. Hence the work of making these dressings is not only important, but it VITAL to our Armed Forces.

Our forces suffered heavy casualties during the recent German drive on the Western Front. The stepped-up Philippine campaign has also taken its toll of American casualties. All this has resulted in substantially higher surgical dressing quotas for Red Cross. These are quotas that MUST be met, and met on time, because open wounds call for surgical dressings and plenty of them!

Wives of Millville Army Air Field personnel who are able are splendidly meeting this urgent call by producing surgical dressings right on the post. But they need MORE help, and wives of all officers and enlisted personnel who can possibly manage are urged to help out in this important work. No training is required, and the work can be learned in just a few minutes.

Thanks to Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, the Red Cross Army Auxiliary has its own comfortable and convenient quarters on the post. The building is open Mondays from 2 to 5 P. M. Come out and lend a hand... it's the least that can be done for our wounded boys!

## Pay-Dates



IF YOU want to sent a monthly check to some honey like this Russell Patterson girl—or even to a bank or insurance company f'instance—you can do it by a Class E Allotment. This is not to be confused with allowances that are made for family dependents. The money is deducted from your pay and the checks are mailed out promptly in the U. S. Allotments can be chopped off whenever you want. Class E payments go on if you're captured, interned or reported missing. How can you lose? Your good old First Sergeant or Company Clerk can give you all the dope on this.

**Male Call**

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



**Air-Ground Co-operation**



**INFORMATION \* CLICKS**

Question: What, in your opinion, will be the biggest headline in 1945?

**Answers:**

**CPL. MILTON KAUFMAN** (Bronx, N. Y.) Cook in Officers' Mess.

"There probably will be many outstanding headlines during the coming year, but 'Germany is Defeated' will look the best to me. We can't miss knocking them out of the war this year."



**CAPT. CHARLES F. GARDNER** (Winters, Texas) 537th Operations Officer.



"It probably won't be in all newspapers but I want to see the 'THUNDERBOLT' come out with, 'Training Discontinued at MAAF.' That will mean the finish of the war, I hope."

**MRS. RULON C. PEEK** (Millville, N. J.) Base Telephone Operator.

"We all are sweating out the end of the war, and I think the biggest headline for 1945 will be, 'Johnny Comes Marching Home Again.' It certainly is not impossible with so many men like my husband doing the job. You'll find me praying for such a headline."



**S/SGT. JOSEPH C. FARMER** (Omaha, Neb.) Communications.



"The most significant headline would be, 'Millville Army Air Field converted into a cow pasture, GI cattle to roam fields.' That banner would indicate that there is peace on earth once again."

**The Peripheral Road**

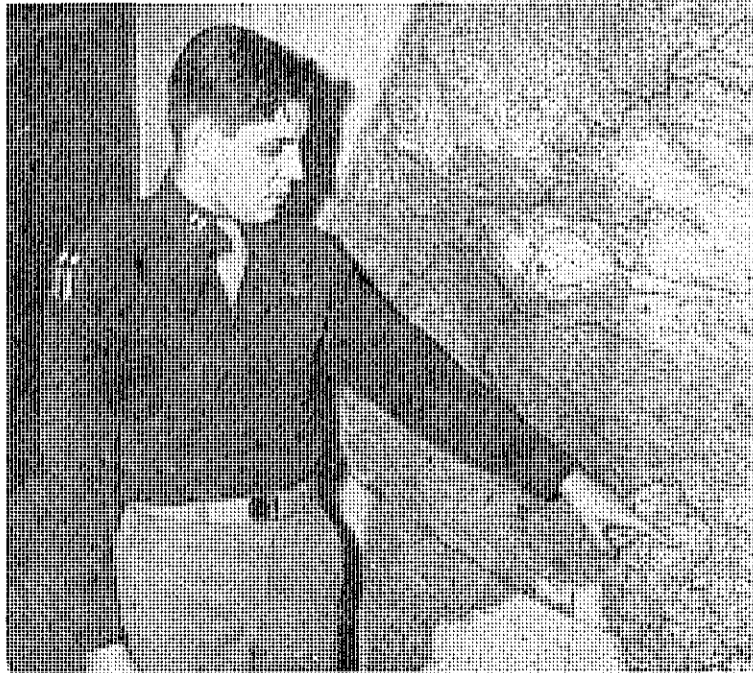
By Cpl. Joe MAAF

**THE STAR SPANGLED MASSES**

The First Air Force will celebrate the fourth anniversary of its organization on January 16, 1945. Happy Birthday! . . . Brooklyn-born Lt. Johnny S. Shaw, a member of the hot rocks (CCTS boys), married a beautiful Southern belle last week. The little lady is from Columbia, South Carolina. Wait until the goils from the banks of the Gowanus hear of it! . . . And talking about Dixie reminds us that Cpl. William J. Smith received a 90 day furlough to help out the boys on the cotton plantations . . . Some bright young man ought to write a book on "The Social Impact of Military Installations Upon Neighboring Communities" . . . Why? Well, bless my GI back and call me Cupid. During the last fortnight Pfc. Frankie Hotz betook himself a belle from Vineland, Cpl. Jimmy Barron is honeymooning with a young lady from Millville, Pvt. Anthony Crispino asked Miss Gloria (Embraceable You) Giordano, of Vineland, to be his one and only, and right here on dear old MAAF Lt. William C. Seale promised to love, honor and obey Dana (legal eaglet) Moore of Bridgeton . . . While all of the above was taking place T/Sgt. Stanley Gonsior, a vet gunner who participated in the historic mission over Rome, received an honorable discharge . . . Lt. David G. Peterson, formerly with the Psychological Warfare Branch of the War Department in France, was named Unit Adjutant. Lt. William W. Smith will return to rag dragging . . . For sheer fortitude our cap is doffed to M/Sgt. John J. Witham of the office of Maintenance and Supply. After putting in a day's work in his section he hot foots it up to Philly where he plods away with slide rule and trigonometric equations at the Engineering School of Villanova College, then he rushes back to Millville to whisper sweet nothings in the ear of a local lassie to whom he announced his engagement recently . . . A chubby man with a twinkle in his eye and a constant smile on his face bid a sorrowful clientele adieu last week. Captain Harry N. Taylor, physician, advisor, friend of GI Joe, was assigned to a new outfit. We will never forget a bitterly cold night last winter when the road to Vineland was covered with a sheet of ice. There speeding along at breakneck speed was "Doc" Taylor. When we later asked him where he was going, he smiled proudly and said, "have a drink. I just delivered a baby boy to one of our soldier's wives." . . .

. . . This column is interested in your vital statistics. If you are going to be married, have ababy, go AWOL, or become a teatotaler we would like to hear about it. Drop in and give us the facts.

**THE "HUMP"**



Recently returned to the U.S.A. after flying and fighting over the jagged peaks of the Himalayas, Captain Richard L. Burns, who flew P-40s and P-47s in the CBI theatre, is shown here pointing to the exact location of his aerial battles over the famous "hump."

**PAINLESS DENTISTRY**



Commonly called "molar alley" and "cavity chamber" the traditionally dreaded dental office has doubled its business during the last two months. One doesn't have to burn the woods and sift the ashes to find the reason. Here is visual aid for those interested in causes. Blonde, pretty, and twenty-one, Idella G. Kotler, a dental hygienist and recent graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, has been added to the "yank-em" staff. She is pictured smiling pleasantly while applying the nerve-shattering drill to the jaw of Lt. Kenneth G. Sack, Captain Michael Bass, boss of the dental detachment, stands by to insure against buzzing the wrong ivory. Idella claims that she is absolutely at home in the "grinder bowl." "My husband," she says, "is a dentist, and is presently with a general hospital unit in France."

**CBI Airman Recounts Saga Of "Merril's Marauders"**

The world was amazed last May when they read the almost incredible account how Merrill's Marauders trekked across the mud, jungle and mountains of Burma to surprise and capture the Jap-held airbase at Mitchenow. But, what wasn't commonly known was the role the Army Air Force played in giving General Merrill's slugging infantrymen air support, and the job they later accomplished in holding off the Nips during the 75 day siege of that strategic installation.

To Millville Army Air Field from operations over the famed China, Burma, India "hump" came Captain Richard L. Burns, of Lumberton, New Jersey, this week, and gave a blow-by-blow description of that epochal struggle in the wilds of the Orient. The 24 year old airman, now a Thunderbolt instructor here, spent almost 18 months patrolling the skies over the Himalayas, engaging Japanese aircraft when they swarmed in over the Ledo road, and fought brilliantly in the life and death struggle of Mitchenow.

**The Siege of Mitchenow**  
"After the Marauders caught the buck-toothed sons of heaven with their pantaloons down at Mitchenow," the Captain said, "they beat a hasty retreat to the hills, but later returned in strength and laid siege to the base. Our Group, known as the Red Devils, was assigned to give

the ground forces support. Most of the time there was hand-to-hand fighting going on between our troops and the Nips. We had to fire on the enemy from over tree tops to get pin-point accuracy. We also had the nerve-shattering job of dive bombing within 55 feet of friendly troops. Many times we released our load and held our breath until we learned for sure that we hit the right guys.

**No Rest For The Weary**

At that time we flew over five missions a day. We tried to catch some sleep at night, but the Japs did most of their dirty work after sun down. We would no sooner hit the sack when bingo we had to make a dive for a fox hole. Nevertheless, the next morning we were out over the hills again. Both the pilots and the ground crews ate nothing but C rations. It was the roughest living I ever experienced, and I hope to heaven I never have to fight under those conditions again. On the 75th day," Captain Burns continued, "General Wessel's troops, composed of Chinese and American soldiers, came to our rescue."

# SPORTS



## MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Sgt. Willis B. Urquhart

### WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE

Someday, long after this war will belong to history, I am going to gather my kiddies and tell 'em a story. It will not be a yarn of heroism or valor on the battlefield, but a simple tale of a group of GIs and Officers who helped Millville Army Air Field step out of its athletic swaddling clothes.

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I will tell them of the cold days in the winter of '43, when the boys sat around pot bellied stoves and dreamed of having a post gymnasium. And how some of them said, "why wait for strawberries to grow in our back yard, lets do something now." So they organized a basketball team among the various squadrons on the post and played nightly in local high schools and "Y's".

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Then the ice thawed and the birds returned from the Southland, and a group of baseball enthusiasts, bedecked in white uniforms, and calling themselves the "FLYERS," sallied forth to represent their airbase on South Jersey's sand lots. And in spite of many setbacks they finished the season with nine wins and 12 losses. It wasn't bad for a young base with progressive ideas. And, if it did nothing else, it made a great number of people MAAF conscious and helped cement a warm friendship with the denizens of Cumberland County.

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I will also relate to my brood the tale of a hard punching gang of boys from the Communications Section who took top honors in the Soft Ball League. Long hours on the line and the constant turnover in personnel made it plenty tough to keep the league clicking, but the "Dots and Dashers" stuck it out to the bitter end.

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Other personalities began to get billing on the sports marquee. There was that young lieutenant, William J. Miller, who made a deep impression upon us. He returned to the U.S.A. after spending 33 months fighting Japs, malaria and boredom in the South Pacific, and the first thing he did after being assigned here was to fondle a basketball in his hand, and almost tearfully cry, "boy, this feels good." We found out that he was a first rate dribbler in his hometown, and Lt. Pishioneri gave him an opportunity to work out with the "Flyers."

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Yes, folks, that's what I'm going to tell my kids, and if they ask me what I was doing all that time, I'll have the pleasure of saying that I was always around in heart and mind rootin' for our boys.

### PENCIL PUSHERS PACK PLENTY PUNCH



From the chair-bound offices of the Personnel Section into the ring at the Base Gymnasium stepped Sgt. Chauncey Kurston, (against the ropes), weighing 160 pounds, and Cpl. Patsy M. Foe, 158 pounds, to dedicate the opening of the boxing season at MAAF. The two lads mixed it up lightly, but Lt. Joe Pishioneri (center) was on hand to watch for strict compliance with the Marquis of Queensbury rules.

### "FLYERS" BOW TO DOVER QUINTET IN TOURNAMENT GAME

With six wins tucked under their belt in ten starts, the unpredictable "Flyers" were handed a 57-51 trouncing last Friday night, by the Dover AAF eagles in the opening game of the First Air Force Basketball Tournament.

The Delawarites played a highly spirited game, taking advantage of all defense gaps on the court to eliminate the "Flyers" from the FAF Tourney. Millville's clan will continue facing other clubs not in the inter-base competition.

The first quarter found the local dogfaces in complete control, tallying 17 points, and holding their opponents to five field goals. Lacking punching power, the "Flyers" were trailing at half-time 26-29. Lt. Pishioneri applied the revolving door practice by sending in fresh players in a vain hope to find a clicking five.

It was not until the last minutes of the third period that the Pishionerimen were able to locate the hoop. During the early seconds of the final quarter the crowd was brought to their feet when the Millvillites intercepted the ball and streaked down the floor to go out in front, 45-44. This lead was smashed by a withering counter-attack by the Dovermen, who remained out in front for the rest of the contest.

### Recapitulation

	Field	Foul	Total
Dickey	74	21	169
Whetsel	75	19	169
Freeman	52	15	119
Studwell	35	13	83
Nichols	19	18	56
Bojanowski	9	1	19
Urquhart	8	2	18
Wilkins	3	5	11
Smith	4	2	10
Falatto	3	0	6
McCleary	2	2	6
Miller	1	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>670</b>

### 536th Officers And Communications Tie For "Hoop" Lead

A well synchronized quintet of eagers from the Communications Section smashed its way into the intra-mural basketball lead this week by crushing the Tow Targeteers, 63-30, and then stopping a powerful group of passers from the 537th Officers Club, 29-20.

Only five games were played during the holiday week, and the 536th officers, who have been grounded for the past fortnight, are being crowded for top billing by the relentless "Dots and Dashers."

The flashy Base Shops combine, playing heads up ball, have uncorked a serious offensive in the last few days to reach second place in the hot league race. The machinists struck their hardest blow against the 536th Officers by nailing them 46-25. Their next move was to overpower the Base Headquarters group, 30-26. The wheels from HQ, incidentally, are still groping for their first victory.

#### Team Standings

	Won	Lost
536th Staff Officers	3	0
Communications	3	0
Base Shops	3	1
Ground Officers	2	1
537th Staff Officers	2	2
Base Operations	2	2
Tow Target	1	2
Air Corps Supply	0	2
Quartermaster	0	3
Base Headquarters	0	4

### "Flyers" Defeat Ft. Hamilton in Freak Contest

It was a nip and tuck affair from beginning to end last Tuesday night when the Ft. Hamilton basketball team, traveling from Brooklyn, were edged out by the "Flyers" in the closing seconds of the contest.

Both teams unleashed a barrage of shots that had the spectators sitting on pins and needles. At the end of the first quarter, Millville was trailing by a lone point, with the same court attack that marked the first period by both teams, found the clubs deadlocked with a 25-25 count at half time.

With either club unable to crack the other's defense, the third quarter failed to determine the better team. Only three seconds of play remained in the game when the "Flyers," trailing 42-45, scored a field goal as the final whistle blew.

The game was officially awarded to MAAF when a substitute for Ft. Hamilton failed to report to the referee, and consequently a technical foul had been committed. The shot was made by the local club to tie the game 45-45. Ft. Hamilton's failure to complete the overtime of three minutes required, forfeited the contest 2-0 in accordance with National Basketball Rule Book.

### BASE THEATRE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JAN. 7	LAKE PLACID SERENADE (F)
	Vera Hruha Ralston, Vera Vague, Brad Taylor
	Star Bright ..... Musical Parade
	RKO Pathe News ..... No. 37
MONDAY, JAN. 8	MINISTRY OF FEAR (F)
	Ray Milland, Marjorie Reynolds
	March of Time No. 4 ..... Inside China Today
	Gandy's Dream Girl ..... Terry-Toon
TUESDAY, JAN. 9	THE THREE CABALLEROS (F)
	Walt Disney Special Feature
	Army-Navy Screen Magazine ..... Issue No. 43
	Dark Shadows ..... Two Reel Special
THURSDAY, JAN. 11	GUEST IN THE HOUSE (M)
	Anne Baxter, Ralph Bellamy, Ruth Warwick
	RKO Pathe News No. 38 ..... Weekly

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