

# GUNNERY RODEO STARTS

## First Air Force Marks 4th Year As Training Unit

This week the First Air Force, with bombing and fighter bases strung along the East Coast from Maine to Florida, embarked on its fourth year of training officers and enlisted men for combat duty in every theatre of operations.

Commanded by Major General Frank O'D. Hunter, with headquarters at Mitchel Field, New York, the First Air Force has been hailed for continuing the job of filling the air with splendidly trained, physically fit pilots and crews. Approximately 52,850 officers and men constitute the entire personnel of this command.

### Change in Mission

Writing for the Army Navy Journal, General Hunter declared, "When strategic operations in the late spring of 1944 opened the Allied Nations' full-scale offensive, the I Fighter Command eased up its extensive defense operation of the East Coast's aircraft warning system, and turned to concentrating on the training of fighter pilots—receiving newly commissioned pilots for schooling in the tactics and techniques of air battle.

At 13 First Air Force bases fighter pilot training consumes a rigorous four-month period of work. Four bases devote their efforts to basic training, four to advanced training, two others combine both basic and advanced training of operational training units. One base is charged with indoctrination training of fighter pilots returned from combat theatres around the world to fit them into our training system as instructors and training supervisors."

### Brazilian Pilots

General Hunter also revealed that at Westhampton, N. Y., a complete unit of Brazilian pilots and enlisted men had been trained and were assigned overseas. And that 2,000 Medical Department officers and 10,000 enlisted men were also trained for overseas duty.

"Our combat air forces overseas are depending for replacements on the air forces here at home," the General concluded, "and the First Air Force is determined not to let them down before the achievement of final victory and lasting peace."

## BINGO PARTY & HOP AT OFFICERS' CLUB

A bingo party, buffet luncheon, and dance will be held at the Officers' Club, Sunday afternoon, for the benefit of the Camp and Hospital Fund of the local Chapter of the Red Cross.

## Guiding Destiny of First Air Force



L/R. Major General Frank O'D. Hunter, Commanding General of the First AAF, and his Chief of Staff, Brigadier General C. H. Caldwell. The Commanding General and Chief of Staff are charged with the responsibility of maintaining the air defense of the vitally important eastern seaboard, and to keep pace with the accelerated replacement training program of the Army Air Forces. Both officers are veteran pilots, and Maj. General Hunter distinguished himself by introducing the P-47 Thunderbolt into action against the enemy.



## Here's Dope On Income Tax: You Probably Won't Pay Any

By Camp Newspaper Service

The American soldier has a lot on his mind right now, but one thing he probably won't have to worry about is filing an income tax return for 1944.

While March 15, 1945, will bring a financial headache to most U. S. civilians, including hundreds of thousands who did not pay a tax before the war, the vast majority of service men and women will be exempt.

As a general rule, military personnel whose service pay was less than \$2,000 during 1944 will not be required to file a return. That includes, roughly, enlisted personnel and officers up to and including the grade of 1st lieutenant.

### Other Incomes

However, military personnel who had income from civilian sources may have to file a return.

First lieutenants who are receiving longevity or other added pay over and above their base pay and non-coms in the higher grades who are receiving longevity and other additional pay which brings their total military pay over the \$2,000 limit, also will have to file a return.

Military personnel who did not file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax at any time during the year 1944, and who had civilian income not subject to withholding tax and of a sufficient amount to push the total military and civilian income over the \$2,000 mark, must file a re-

turn on or before Jan 15, 1945. Those whose military income was in excess of \$2,000 during 1944 also must file a return by Jan. 15, 1945 if they did not file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax during 1944.

### How Computed

For the purpose of computing the amount of tax owed, the first \$1,500 of military pay is exempt. Also exempt are contributions by the government to family allowances and money received for subsistence and quarters. However, any refund of taxes owed on the 1943 declaration should not be deducted from the 1944 tax liability.

Service personnel should use Treasury Department Form 1040 in filing their return for 1944. The full amount of the tax due for the year must be paid at the time of filing this return, except that those unable to meet their tax payment may request deferment by submitting a letter to the Collector of Internal Revenue with their return.

Those who expect to have taxable income in 1945 should file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax (Form 1040-ES) for that year on or before March 15, 1945.

Military personnel who believe they are affected by the income tax have been advised at most posts to discuss their problems with their legal assistance officer.

## Thunderbolters To Receive Bonds, Cash, Medals and Party

A month-to-month Bombing and Gunnery Rodeo for Millville Army Air Field's combat-wise supervisory pilots and their CCTS fledglings has officially started, Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, Base Commander, announced this week.

## Noted Historian To Deliver Talk

Stringfellow Barr, president of St. John's College, Baltimore, Md., and one of the nation's most distinguished historians, will deliver the second in a series of Orientation lectures on current war problems and post war planning, Thursday, January 25, at the Base Theatre.

One of the nation's foremost scholars, Mr. Barr's academic education was supplemented by interesting years spent in England as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford, in France as a student at the University of Paris, and in Belgium doing post graduate work at the University of Ghent. He went abroad not as a tourist but rather as one who wanted to know first hand the people of Europe. He learned their ways, their habits of thought, their feelings, and their outlook on matters of public interest.

### History Prof.

Upon his return from Europe in 1923 and up until the time he assumed the task of College President, Mr. Barr was a Professor of modern history at the University of Virginia and Visiting Professor of Liberal Arts at the University of Chicago.

In 1935 he published his "Mazzini—Portrait of an Exile," which received the unanimous praise of book reviewers. Since 1938 he has been a member of the Adult Education Board of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Presently a member of the First Air Force's Writers' War Board, Stringfellow Barr comes to Millville Army Air Field recognized as one of the East's foremost authorities on world affairs.

## 40 GIs INVITED TO CLUB MORROCO

An urgent call for forty GIs who would like to dine and dance at the Club Morocco, in Philadelphia, Friday, January 26, was sounded today by the Special Service Office. Bus transportation will leave the Post Theatre 5:00 P. M., and will stand by until the merry makers have had their fill.

Cash prizes and war bonds will be awarded to the CCTS pilot tallying the highest average; top-scoring instructors will have their name inscribed on the Silverman Trophy, and they will also receive an individual medal. The staff group attaining the highest collective score will be feted at a party paid for by the losers.

### Training Program

The entire program, Major C. O. Halsey, Director for Operations and Training, explained, was designed to stimulate greater interest in the primary mission of this base and to accelerate the stepped-up combat pilot training program of the First Air Force. Major Jerome C. Simpson added that normally Millville field targets are much more difficult to center than enemy aircraft, and that these gunnery jousts would be of immeasurable aid in motivating the airmen to perform some brisk and fancy shooting.

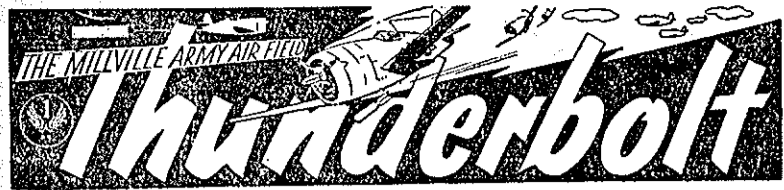
### Heats Broken Down

The heats are being broken down to aerial gunnery, ground gunnery, dive and skip bombing. Scores will be determined from the missions fired up to and including the last day of the month. The winner will be determined by the highest average of the five best missions of each pilot. The rules also state that a minimum of 75 percent of the total ammunition allotted must be expended before the shooting can be counted as a mission.

Instructors and students alike expressed enthusiasm for the Rodeo. Lt. Paul Hurter, a veteran fighter pilot, now a supervisor here, declared that the idea of a Rodeo was good enough to be made "SOP" at all gunnery bases. Lt. Frank Collyer, a CCTS airman, felt that the competition would prove a boon to bombing and gunnery averages.

## MARCH OF DIMES GAINS MOMENTUM

The fund raising campaign of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation marched straight into the hearts of MAAF personnel and the register rang up the total of \$296.57. Lt. Ralph J. Buck, Officer-in-charge, announced this week. As an extra-stimulus to the drive a base-wide raffle will be held soon, with prizes ranging from a \$25.00 to \$50.00 war bond to be awarded the winner.



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## Your Ideas Are Worth Money

No dearth of originality exists at Millville Army Air Field. Every day hundreds of officers, enlisted men and civilian workers pass some comment on how their individual function, or the Base generally, can be improved. Those thoughts you glibly sound off with are worth money.

The War Department Suggestion Program, "Ideas for Victory," was launched almost two years ago to solicit active suggestions from all its employees and personnel to increase the quantity and quality of performance, for eliminating unessential methods, routine, and for improving safety practices. Since that time over 109,011 suggestions have been recorded for which awards totalling over \$230,000 have been made.

The Base suggestion committee strongly urges members of this command to put their ideas down on paper and drop them into boxes conveniently located at key spots on the post. These suggestions will be given the utmost consideration. Military personnel may, as a result of their contributions, receive recommendation for promotion, citations, and the Legion of Merit award. Civilian employees can obtain prizes up to \$250.00 from the local committee, and \$1000.00 if the idea is adopted by higher headquarters.

Here are some typical suggestions which resulted in cash rewards. "That the government pay typewriter repair bills once a month. This eliminates necessity for issuing individual purchase orders for each repair job. A cardboard identification tag to be placed inside each piece of baggage accompanying enlisted men. This tag is in addition to the two outside baggage tags. Weekly digest of publications. This brings current directives, circulars, orders, etc. to the attention of those concerned. That suspense file system be adopted."

The Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff, and the Commanding generals of the Forces, knowing that your thinking will help win the war, have expressed their wholehearted support of the program. **START THINKING NOW!**



By Chaplain Horace M. King

### WE PRAYED

Last Sunday in a little chapel We humbly knelt to pray God's guidance, naming one by one Our men who have gone away.

There in that quiet, holy hour With music sounding low, We asked God's love to be with them Wherever they might go.

(Mrs. S. B. Powell)

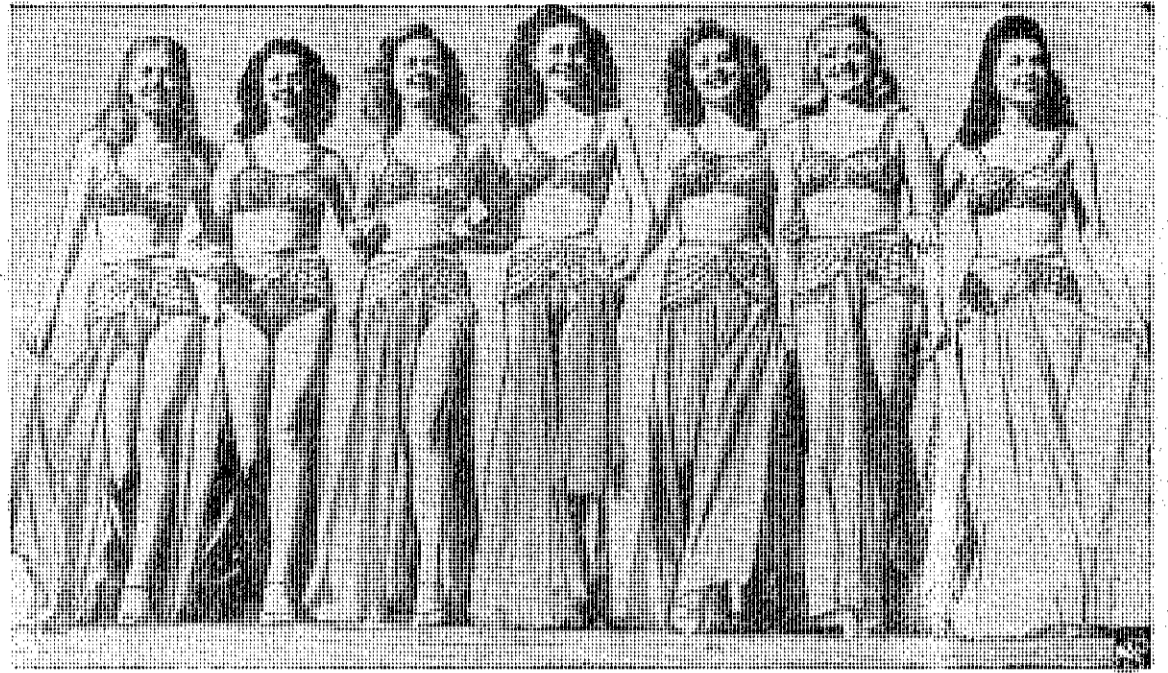
There is the hymn which begins "Take time to be holy, speak oft with Thy Lord." It links godliness with prayer. The holy days, the chapel, the minute of meditation, the call to worship—all these are aids to thoughtfulness of our relationship to God. They are also invitations to remember others in our concern and prayers.

Certainly we would not and should not forget our men on the many distant battlefronts and defense zones. Our inability to hear the thunderous roar of big guns and the crack-crack of smaller arms or the swish-boom of explosives will not prevent us from a sense of relation to them and an inescapable responsibility to them and for them. Our prayers and our unstinted aid may well go out for them during these days.

The seriousness of the total picture has still to break in upon some of us. We do not see how completely we are involved. Our obligation does not end with praying for those in peril or for those safe at home.

We are all called to know what the war is all about and what are the ways out and why there are ways out. When we seek these answers and honestly link our best efforts with others who are so seeking and working we find ourselves thinking if not saying, "Let us pray."

## BABES LIKE THESE TO DEDICATE OPENING OF SERVICEMENS' CLUB



Dear Editor:

Now that "Sally's" has kicked the bucket, may I deliver the parting eulogy? Sally's treated us GIs well when we needed her. She was a good and loyal friend. Long after we leave Millville Airfield we'll remember her warmth and kindness. On cold nights she waited for us to come off the line, on warm nights she was around to make us comfortable. We GIs will probably love the new Servicemen's Club, but "Sally's" was our first crush.

Signed,

An Appreciative Soldier

Dear Editor:

I happened to be present when your reporter asked one of the fellows in my department what he thought of marriage during war time. He didn't ask me, so I'll tell you myself. I think only guys with rocks in their head would take so serious a step when there is a war on. I'll bet a fin that divorce lawyers are going to rake in a fortune after the shooting is over. Life should be stable and secure before one takes a wife. Marriage is a sacred obligation, and should not be treated as a lark.

Signed,

G. G.

(Editor's note): The two wheels on THUNDERBOLT are disqualified from engaging in any controversy over "marriage in war time." We both "done" it. But, we would like some strong advocate of the question to retort to G.G. Here's a chance for the lovely ladies in the balcony to get into the discussion. Come on in the heat is on!

Dear Editor:

What ever did happen to the idea of naming the streets on the Base?

Signed,

F. N.

(Editor's note): We learned from Hq. that naming streets is a long and involved process. We urge you to be patient.

## USAFI BECKONS BASE STUDENTS

An all-out back-to-the-school movement has been formulated by the Base Education-Information Office, with a whole parade of educational opportunities now available for local officers and enlisted men.

Plans are underway for the military personnel to complete their high school and college education by, a). Institute correspondence courses, b). University extension correspondence courses, c). Self Teaching courses, d). Off-duty classes.

### USAFI

The United States Armed Forces Institute will help you in every way possible. You are worth more to Uncle Sam when you know a subject well than if you are half-learned. Call, visit, or write to the Base Education-Information Officer in building T22 for further information.



**GLOBE-GIRDLING FLASHES**  
MILLVILLE AAF, N. J. — Sprightly new curtains are beautifying the consolidated mess-hall. They are the latest project of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council. Made by the Base's own Red Cross Auxiliary, they make the food taste better, according to admiring diners!

**ITALIAN FRONT**—Red Cross Field Director Laurence R. Kempton substituted for the stork 3:30 one morning by rushing a mother under artillery shelling to the nearest civilian hospital. Grateful Italian parents named their 7½-pound bambina Rosa Crusa (Red Cross in Italian) Lauretta in appreciation!

**BRONXVILLE, N. Y.** — An Army carrier pigeon flew in the open window of a home and refused to leave. A bewildered housewife called the local Red Cross Chapter for advice. Red Cross called nearby Fort Slocum and got this advice, which was passed on to the pigeon's hostess: "The pigeon is probably tired and hungry. Feed him some milk and sugar and he'll probably go on his way." It worked, but first the pigeon dawdled for a while probably thinking up some excuse to give for being AWOL!

**GUAM**—A Marine captain reported that an LST skipper was almost too worried to land his ship during the invasion. He had waited three weeks for news about his wife, expecting a child. Just before the take-off, a radio man brought him this message, relayed by Red Cross Home Service: "Son born. Mother and child well." He jumped and shouted, "Now I can land this ship on a pebble!"

## Pay-Dates



THIS Russell Patterson gal is giving her own idea of a Personal Transfer, and it's not bad. The Army's system for transferring a few smackers is a good deal too. You can send money anywhere back home without paying a fee for the service. And there's no danger of loss or destruction en route. Your Personnel Officer gives you a receipt and sends instructions for payment. About ten days later the check is mailed out in the U. S. Smallest amount that can be sent by PTA is ten bucks. See your neighborhood First Sergeant for further details about Personal Transfer Accounts.

## News From Home

**Boston (CNS)** — This sign hangs in the window of a South Boston pet shop: "Cats Trained to Scratch Your Back."

**Brooklyn (CNS)**—A sport-loving thief stole a Third avenue streetcar from a car barn in the Bronx and sped madly downtown tooting the horn like a fiend. The madcap motorman never was apprehended but the stolen streetcar finally was found abandoned in Brooklyn.

### Male Call

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



### Cold Dressing



### INFORMATION CLICKS

Question: Do You Approve of War Time Marriages?

**Answers:**  
**S/SGT. PAUL (CURLEY) KONSKI**, (West Orange, N. J.), Orderly Room.  
 "Emphatically no. Its detrimental to the war effort! I make up the morning report for the outfit, and whenever a married GI AWOL his excuse is, 'I had to see my wife.' My work would be a snap were it not for lovers going over the hill. Yeh man, I'm single."



**T/SGT. CHARLES SEGER** (Chicopee Falls, Mass.), Ordnance Sect.  
 "I strictly believed in bachelorhood until I met my one and only. A man can change his mind, can't he? I am glad I did, because there is nothing like being married, come war or peace."



**MISS MARCELLA ETTINGER** (Millville, N. J.) Post Exchange Office.  
 "I certainly do... 'Amor Omnia Vincit.' Wanta borrow my latin pony? The success of marriage always depends on the individuals involved, and war sorta speeds up romancing. If I find 'my man' I'll take the vows in spite of the obvious consequences."



**LT. HAROLD LEIN** (Los Angeles, Calif.) Communications Officer.  
 "By all means. I've nurtured many a romance among the 'Dots and Dashers.' During war, not only must we produce — but reproduce. "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"



## The Peripheral Road

By Cpl. Joe MAAF

**HUBA HUBA**  
 Cpl. Mack Iworsley is credited with the best quip of the week. He was overheard remarking that "looking at the Base from the theatre, all those fences around the roads make it look like a huge pin ball machine" . . . One GI to another—"Hey, bub, do you know who the first guy was to wear an oak leaf cluster?" Second GI, "No, who?" First GI, "Adam" . . . Cpl. "Tex" Doiron, of the Message Center, frankly admits he is looking for a wife . . . S/Sgt. Wally Snellenberg was officially commended this week for his outstanding contributions to "Prop Wash" . . . Tow Targeteer's contributed fifty dollars to the March of Dimes and were among the first to volunteer for mass blood donations . . . Pvt. Jimmy Hanrahan, Irish as Paddy's pig, used to deliver soap box orations to the Spanish speaking citizens of Harlem, New York, in their native tongue . . . Major Francis Spiller, just returned here from the European Theatre of Operations, and assigned as Personnel Officer, was formerly with a hard-hitting airborne service outfit . . . Cpl. Paul K. Beebe, Signal Corps, helped the public relations program by marrying Miss Effie Reeves of Millville. Chaplain King tied the knot . . . The Diamond Dust-ers of Vineland announce their sponsorship of a skating party on January 23, at the Rollerdom at Franklinville. The Special Service Office is now taking names and will provide transportation . . . Cpl. Dominick DeCecco, Photo Lab, will be soon taking pictures of his new born son. Father and baby doing well . . . Those Wednesday night dances at the Vineland USO have accounted for 11 percent of the marriages between local dogfaces and the gals of Cumberland County . . . A letter from far off Kiska in the Aleutians tells us how welcome THUNDERBOLT was in those frozen tundras . . . S/Sgt. Johnny Karaffa sent a copy of the local rag to his brother up there, and he in turn forwarded it to some of his buddies in the polar region . . . S/Sgt. Reuben Alexander of the Communications union, married December 15, makes love to his wife in code . . .

### THE EYES AND EARS OF MAAF's AIR LANES



Left to Right, Sgt. Hyman Tash, 27, of St. Louis, Mo., and Sgt. Richard M. Collmer, 25, of Columbus, Ohio, keep their eyes glued and the chatter steady as they guide Thunderbolt-ers to a safe landing. This is only one of the many duties of the Control Towerites, who keep vigil 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### "Wilco and Roger" Punctuate Symphony of the Airwaves

Millville Army Air Field's traffic cops have been blessed with an assortment of names, but the books call 'em The Army Airways Communication System Detachment. They deserve so imposing a monicker—they have earned it the hard way.

In MAAF's complex life the high tower with the crooked staircase is usually taken for granted. Most folks hear that its the section that handles the landing of planes, but little more.

**Globe Girdling System**  
 What isn't generally realized is that the building with the funny legs is part of a gigantic globe-girdling radiotelegraph system involving about 600 stations averaging more than 5000 contacts every hour. And that the operators, who are indeed the highway patrolmen of the airlines, not only man the "stop-and-go" signals from Millville to Lingay-en, but also post the aerial high-ways with signposts in the form of radio beams and markers, engage in air-to-ground communications, and perform a host of lesser, but still vital duties.

S/Sgt. James E. Duke, of Harrisburg, Pa., one of the local "cops" will tell you that the boys who launch a thousand ships without a slip have a rough job. "Sure," he says, "everytime one of those Thunderbolts starts circling the field we know that the pilot's life is in our hands. When we tell the birdmen where to sit down we can't be guessin'. There's no margin for error in this racket.

**Alert, Intelligent and Calm**  
 Indeed there is "no margin for error" in the AACs busi-

ness. Students selected for assignment as control tower operators must be in top physical condition, alert, intelligent, and as S/Sgt. Chester D. Ebert of Mekena, Illinois, explains it, "on he ball ever second of the time they are on the job." The constant chatter that fills the tower must be steady and calm even under the most trying conditions. "It just won't do," says Lt. Sam Leppo, officer-in-charge, "for an operator to start screaming hysterically if he sees a pilot coming in for a landing with his wheels stuck. Our boys are trained to give instructions calmly and firmly. That is why all AACs operators receive blind-flying instructions in cockpits of link trainers. They simply have to get the feel of what its like to be up there."

**Rank vs. Books**  
 In recognition for their highly skilled contribution to the Army Air Forces AACs GIs are usually non-commissioned officers. They enjoy, however, much more authority than their rank would indicate. Sgt. Richard M. Collmer, of Columbus, Ohio, summed it up this way, "those pilots can ordinarily throw their rank at me, but when they're coming in for a landing we can throw the book at 'em if they ignore our instructions." Then he paused for a moment and reflected, "I wouldn't try it though."



TUCK FAULKNER



# MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Sgt. Willis B. Urquhart

## THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

Sgt. Frank Deblois in his weekly CNS Clip Sheet Sport's column, "Warmin' the Bench," writes as follows, "Professional baseball is walking the gangplank. The only thing that will save the game now is a Presidential Green Light similar to the one President Roosevelt gave it two years ago when he said "go ahead" and play.

In the wake of the President's call for National Service and additional legislative methods to force the nation's 4 million 4Fs into war plants, baseball is in a bad way. There are 281 4F players in the big leagues. Without them the game seems doomed.

There is little chance that Washington will halt baseball entirely, the way it stopped horse racing. But there is a strong possibility that there just won't be enough players to go around. One thing is certain: Ball players are going to be very reluctant to leave war plants and farms to scamper around on the diamond before stands full of jabbering fans.

The major league magnates, registering optimism, are grinning like gargoyles but they aren't fooling anyone. "Its a long way till April," one club owner said hopefully, indicating that by the time the season begins on April 17, everyone will have forgotten all about this problem. Fortunately few people share this attitude.

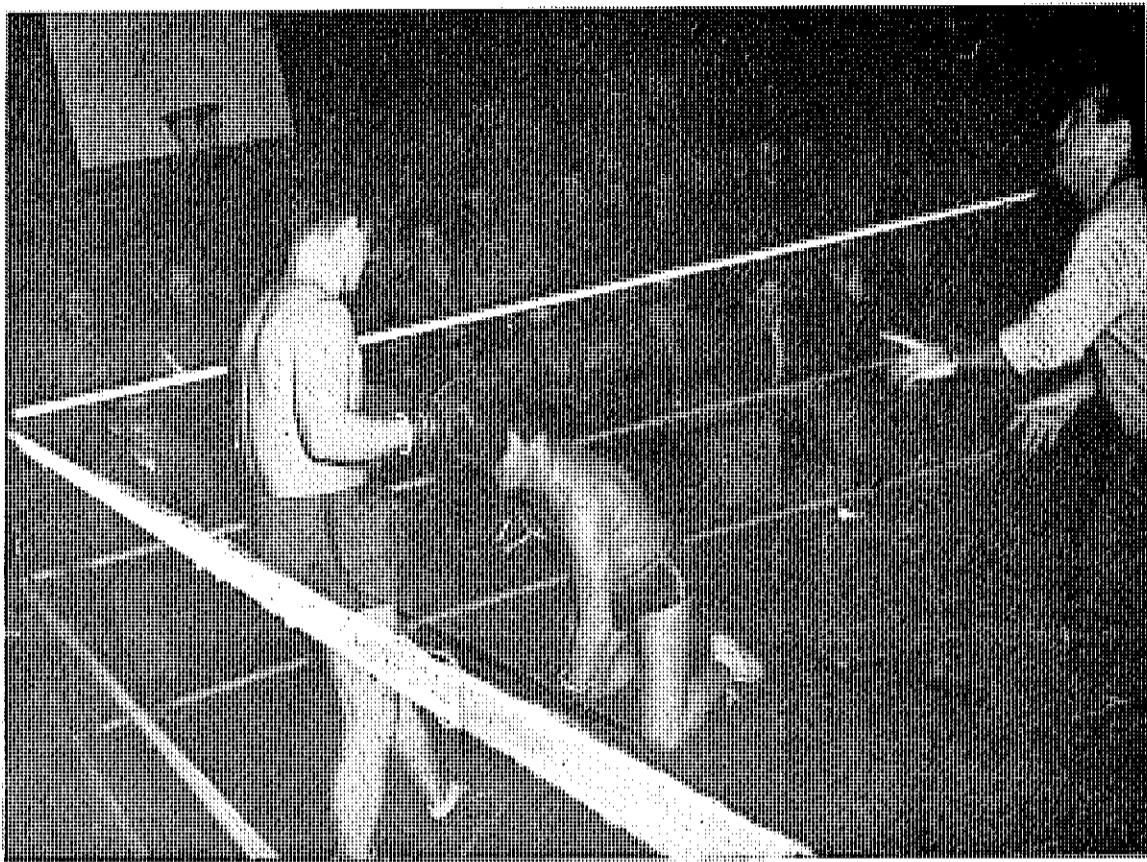
Right now baseball can do itself and the nation a favor by facing the future honestly. If the big leagues can field 16 teams next year, swell. If not, so what? Things are tough all over."

This is so far one of the most forthright statements from a sports writer on the hot subject of wartime baseball. Most of the scribes have been doing a lot of double talking. In one paragraph they are all for banning baseball, racing, and professional football, and in the next they start screaming that the nags are still running in Great Britain. We say, "so what!" to that argument. It's high time that Mr. Average Citizen shook himself loose from his doldrums and awoke to the fact that there is a tough war on. And all the phoney arguments that soldiers in fox holes need big league baseball for their morale is just that much hogwash. The best thing Americans can do for the kid's state of mind over there is to forget "pleasure as usual," get behind the war effort and get the boys home.

### POTPURRI

In his Blue Plate Special Sgt. Frank Deblois tells us that "Babe Ruth, the world's finest fat man, has been named the greatest athlete of the past quarter century by the Connecticut Sports Writers' league . . . One man who doesn't think the Babe rates the award, however, is Hub Pruett, ancient Red Sox pitcher who fanned Ruth 16 of the 18 times he faced him one season. On the 17th time, the Babe popped up, and on the 18th he slammed one out of the lot . . . Sgt. Hec Kilrea, veteran hockey star, was wounded in action in France while serving with the 1st Army . . . Latest sports hero killed in action is Cpl. Joe Routt, Texas Aggies All-American guard in '37 . . . Pete Gray, one armed outfielder of the Memphis Chicks and now the property of the St. Louis Browns won the annual award of the Spokane Sportsman's club which includes a one-grand war bond . . . Cpl. Fritz Zivic, the old thumb and elbow fighter, came back to Madison Square Garden on a recent furlough from Normoyle AAB, Tex., and beat Billy Arnold, 17-year-old Philadelphia lightweight sensation in an 8-round bout. Civic looked good, Arnold very bad indeed . . . The 2d AAF Superbombers finished their gruelling 15 game football schedule by dropping a 13-6 game to mighty Randolph Field in New York . . ."

## TEMPORARILY GROUNDED



T/Sgt. Stan Ogle stands ready to throw his rank and terrific right hook at Pfc. Tony Florito after the latter was felled by the Sergeant's Sunday punch. This was only one of the three thrilling bouts marking the entry of leather pushers in MAAF's sports' parade. Lt. Joe Pishioneri, referee, lifts his finger to insure strict compliance with the rules of the contest.

## G.I. PUGS OPEN FISTIC SEASON

Millville Army Air Field's long dormant fistic artists blazed into action last Saturday at the Base Gym and sparked the hope of organizing an intramural Golden Glove Tournament.

What originally was intended to be a friendly sparring bout between Cpl. Patsy Fao of Connelville, Pa., and Cpl. Paul Stahl of New York City, developed into an all-star boxing show with plenty of fuss and feathers. The final card brought together Pfc. Tony Florito, Bristol, Pa., and T/Sgt. Stanley Ogle, of Marquette, Michigan. Pfc. Allan Parker of Ridgewood, N. J., an innocent bystander, found himself drawn into the fray against Pvt. Claude Valentine. A high pressure publicity campaign packed the gym with a capacity throng of military and civilian fight fans.

The opening bout between lightweights Valentine and Parker was called a draw. What Parker lacked in aggressiveness he had in guts, boxing skill and punching power. Valentine, a rugged lad, stood toe to toe with his opponent and influenced the judges to split their verdict.

In the next contest T/Sgt. Ogle's powerful left hook and right cross proved too much for Pfc. Florito. The Pfc. was in there, however, throwing all the punches he could muster. Ogle received the nod. In the main event Cpls. Stahl and Fao slugged it out to a no decision match.

Lt. Joe Pishioneri acted as referee, and Major Francis Spiller and Lt. S. R. Nemarow served as judges. The boxers used 12 ounce gloves, and each round was of two minute duration.

## Intramural Cagers Fight Deadlock

In the last two weeks competition in the MAAF cagers league stepped up to a new high. The official standings to date finds the 536th Staff Officer's and the Dots and Dasher's dead-locked for first place. Both teams are undefeated.

In recent games the Ground Officers took the measure of Base Shop 63-30; 635th Staff Officers downed the 537th Staff Officers 19-14 and Base Headquarters won their first triumph by turning back Air Corps Supply 47-21.

Attendance figures revealed that interest in this newly organized league is soaring steadily. One mark against the league is the inability of a few teams to show up for scheduled games. The QMers for instance, are probably always taking inventory of GI winter underwear.

League standings make it apparent that it will be a real "knock-down-and-drag-out battle."

Standing:

	W.	L.	Pct.
536th Staff Officers	5	0	1.000
Communications	4	0	1.000
Base Shops	3	1	.750
Ground Officers	3	2	.600
Base Operations	3	2	.600
537th Staff Officers	2	3	.400
Tow Target	2	3	.400
Base Headquarters	1	5	.200
Air Corps Supply	0	4	.000
Quartermaster	0	4	.000

## Capt. H. J. Allbee Crowned Champ Ping-Pong Player

Captain Harold J. Allbee, master of any Army Regulation, carved a new niche in his escutcheon this week, by being crowned Paddle Ball Champion of Millville Army Air Field. The Captain took title to the ping pong throne by trouncing Pfc. Julian Scher, Czar of the EM division, 21-14, 21-17, before a capacity crowd at the Post Gym.

Superb back hand smashes by the champ kept the GI conqueror constantly on his toes. The first game was never in doubt, as the Captain pinged his way into an early lead and progressively increased his score. In the second tilt, however, the issue remained in doubt until the officer lashed out suddenly with four straight points to win the game.

## "FLYERS" BLAST FT. DIX, 63-36

Playing a vastly improved defensive game, the "Flyers" took their fifth consecutive tilt, Wednesday night, by downing the Ft. Dix quintet 63-36, on the latter's court.

Ft. Dix opened the scoring with a field goal and battled on even terms with the "Airmen" through the first quarter. In the early part of the second frame, the "Flyers", rolled into high and their holding tactics tightened up the score like the purse string of King Midas.

	Fld.	Fl.	Pts.
Dickey, F	10	2	22
Pishioneri, F	0	1	1
Whetzel, C	5	1	11
Studwell, G	4	0	8
Freeman, G	4	3	11
Bojanowski, C	2	1	5
Peterson, F	1	1	1
Smith, F	1	0	2
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