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COMMENCEMENT DAY AT MAAF



Grouped in front of the little white Base Chapel after graduation exercises last week, are members of the latest class of student gunnery pilots. Having attained the highest cumulative bombing and gunnery score in the annals of the Base, the pilots were warmly congratulated by Base officials. Individually honored by Lt. Col. Louis T. Houck for scoring the highest overall score is Lt. James J. Izard, of Roanoke, Virginia.

Sharp-Shooting Hot Rocks Climb On Tokio Bandwagon

A bronzed, thoroughly trained class of 55 P-47 Thunderbolt student pilots graduated last week at the Base Chapel after having attained the highest aerial gunnery average in the history of Millville Air Field. Lt. Col. Louis T. Houck, Supervisor of Flying Training, hailed the achievement of the group, and presented them the First Fighter Command Gunnery diplomas.

Col. Houck briefly reviewed for the graduates the accomplishments of previous classes, and urged them to remember the lessons learned here while blasting ground and aerial targets. "Yours has been the most successful class ever to leave this Base," the Colonel declared, "and we wish you straight shooting and happy landings wherever you may be sent. I hope with all my heart," he continued, "that you will all return soon to this Base, and help us train other fledgling pilots in the art of 'Thunderbolting'."

Virginia Triggerman

Leading his class in individual scoring was 23-year-old Lt. James J. Izard, of Roanoke, Virginia. A graduate of Princeton University, the gunner claims that he did plenty of shooting back home, and drawing a bead on elusive aerial towed targets came naturally. The Virginian also shot expert with the pistol.

Following the address by the Supervisor of Flying Training, the airmen were congratulated by Captain Charles P. McCabe, Commandant of Student Pilots. Captain McCabe asserted that the trainees demonstrated a willingness to cooperate and learn, which was evidenced in

every phase of their schooling.

The invocation and benediction for the fliers was delivered by Chaplain Horace M. King. An organ postlude, a medley of tunes including the "Army Air Corps" song, and "Into the Air, Army Air Corps," was played by Pt. Norman W. Townsend. "Lord, Guard and Guide the Men Who Fly," was rendered by Cpl. Marlin G. Bunfill.

BIG WHEELS TO SPIN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

If members of the First Three Graders Club wore vests, their popped buttons would be strewn from here to Millville, TO furnishing necessary T, of course.

The reason for such pride is the announcement of the Wheel Club's new show to be held Wednesday night, June 27.

Gerry Lilly's band (plus his "Girl Friday") will furnish his usually scintillating musical treats, and a troupe of eight—yes, we said eight—actors and actresses will present a revival of the old-time cabaret show, reminiscent, some say, of the long-gone Minsky revues.

GI TREASURY BULGES AS PX PROFITS SOAR

Millville Air Field's Central Trust Fund is \$1,298.81 richer this month, thanks to the Post Exchange (which in turn, thanks its customers). The Fund is the "bank" used to further morale facilities on the field.

Last month the PX poured into its coffers an amount which tripled that of the same period last year, \$34,000. The unprecedented business boom is having a direct affect upon the expansion and improvement of the GI general store, and renovations and improvements have already been undertaken.

Lt. Melvin J. Triester, PX chieftain, announced that heading the list of additions to the emporium is the Open-Air Refreshment Center, a screened in garden where personnel will be able to imbibe and eat in an atmosphere similar to the Rue De La Paix of Paris.

New Service Group Here For Training

A large contingent of leather-faced GIs and officers arrived here last week from Oklahoma for further training, and eventual overseas assignment, Base officials announced today.

Attached to the Post for rations and services only, the group will maintain their own administrative control. Organized as a unit to perform heavy Air Corps echelon duties, they will undergo a rigid curriculum here, prior to shipment.

Thunderbolters Place Third In Interbase Gunnery Rodeo

Millville Air Base, one-time winner of the I Fighter Command Bombing and Gunnery Meet, plunged to third place in the latest inter-base rodeo, held last week at Oscoda, Michigan. Tallying a collective score of 33.3, Selfridge Army Air Base's crack gunners stole the show, and the Michigan field was crowned new Champion of all First Air Force Thunderbolt Bases.

Fortress Engineer Tells of Avenging Kin in Nazi Skies

Back from the blood-stained skies of Europe, where he completed a mission of personal vengeance, to Millville Airfield, came T/Sgt. Jessie Birnbaum, a 21-year-old Flying Fortress Engineer from Passaic, New Jersey. His medal-studded chest revealed only his official feats for the Army Air Forces, but failed to divulge a grim story of Nazi bestiality, and the crusade of a bitter gunner.

Rankling in the breast of the red-headed Passaic youth was an implacable urge to heap the same kind of destruction and dread upon the Germans as they unleashed upon his grandparents who had fallen victim to Hitler's racial fury.

Impressions Fauned

T/Sgt. Birnbaum was young when he heard of this tragedy. As he grew older world events fanned the fire of his hatred, and when America went to war with Germany, he rushed to join the Air Forces as a gunner.

As a crew member of the "Birn Bomber," which the boys affectionately dubbed his multi-engined ship, Sgt. Birnbaum was forced to sublimate his combat aggressiveness for coordinated team work. The eggs of the "Birn Bomber" plastered German cities, industries, and the war potential of the Third Reich—but the personal thirst of rendering "an eye for an eye" remained unquenched.

Sweet Revenge

On his last mission over Berlin, the itch of revenge reached a fever pitch. His plane winged its way over the target, dropped its bomb load and then ran smack into an impenetrable hail of ack-ack. The bomber shook as though it had convulsions, and rocked crazily as its pilot turned homeward. Suddenly from behind a formation of clouds two ME-109s zoomed in for the kill. As the Luftwaffe pilots turned their guns toward the stricken ship Birnbaum drew a bead on the Nazi closest to him. He aimed hard and fired straight. There was a burst of flame, and the enemy plane plunged wildly to the ground. The other pursuit plane vanished from sight. The "Birn Bomber" returned home like a singed chicken, but every member of the crew was elated that their "wild-eyed" gunner had his day of reckoning.

Captain Lawrence J. Ritter and Lt. R. H. Mushlit, veteran Millville ground and aerial marksmen, were nosed out by Dover Airbase for second billing. The Delaware fliers worked their deep-bellied Thunderbolts expertly, and accounted for 23.9 percent to the local clan's 21.3 average.

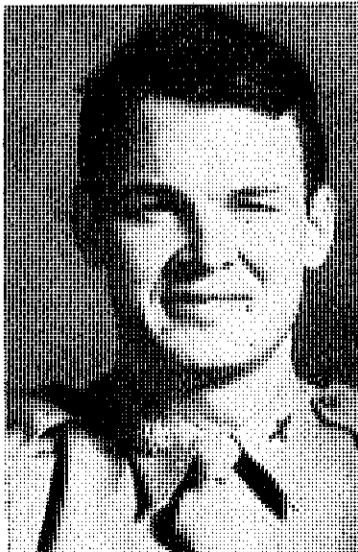
Captain Howard S. Askelson, battle-wise Selfridge Thunderbolter, took top honors in the individual jousts by crackling out a score of 35.7. He was followed closely by Lt. J. Blood of Dover with 30.8, and close on his heels was Capt. Larry Ritter with 30.4 percent.

Lively Tourney

Lt. Col. F. L. Grable, Gunnery Meet Operations Officer, reported that the latest Meet was marked by the keenest rivalry, and most spirited shooting in the records of the I Fighter Command gunnery classics. Held periodically at various First Air Force P-47 installations, the rodeo is designed to teach oldtimers new tricks, which they, as instructors, pass on to fledgling Thunderbolt triggermen.

Last September Captain Robert H. Beggs took second prize in the first Meet. A few months later he copped the championship at Suffolk. Millville's Lt. John W. Hyson returned from the third affair with the coveted Thunderbolt Gunnery Trophy in December. Norfolk Airbase scratched out Millville and Dover in a lively contest last February. Five Bases entered the Meet last week for a two-day tournament.

NEW UNIT EXECUTIVE



Assignment of Major James F. Kirkendall, 25-year-old former P-47 fighter pilot, as Unit Executive Officer, was announced last week by Lt. Col. T. H. Watkins, Base Commander.

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Mauldin Said a Mouthful!

When S/Sgt. Bill Mauldin, Pulitzer Prize cartoon winner, was asked recently to discuss some of his thoughts about GI attitudes he contended that "a soldier's mind is his own property and the one thing that should be left comparatively free in his newspaper." He had raised this point, he said, during a talk with General George S. Patton, Jr., when the general took issue with his hobo-like figures and gives in The Stars and Stripes.

Censorship of any kind has always been odious to the American people, and Joe Yank has carried this antipathy with him from his home to his barrack. Therefore, any camp publication, no matter how small the installation, assumes an important role in the life of the soldier. The post paper is the scepter of GI Joe's sovereignty as a human being. It is his assurance that he is not a mere serial number in a personnel file, but a God-made creature with blood, flesh, feelings, and—ideas. Suppress his newspaper, and the soldier is through as a vibrant, thinking warrior. Instead he becomes a knaki-clad robot, blindly following orders, and a certainty to crack up when faced with adversity.

This does not necessarily imply that a soldier's organ should defy constituted authority and abandon the fundamental precepts of discipline and good conduct. It does mean that news stories, editorials, and reader's opinions should be published without fear of arbitrary blue penciling by some self-appointed solon. If a story states the facts, if the editorial reflects an honest desire to improve the post, and the reader submits an opinion which will benefit the majority, then by all means it should be free from censorship.

We firmly believe that an Army newspaper should reflect both the voice of command, and the voice of those subject to that command. It should function as the clearing house for ideas, act as the forum of free, democratic discussion, and serve every member of the Base with a passionate devotion. Once the base journal fails to perform these duties, the need for its existence is over, and it should be discontinued.

It is also imperative that camp newspapers be sent home. Unless our folks read for themselves what other GIs think, the powerful pressure of public opinion will have no effect upon the lawmakers.

The soldier's press is his sacred property—let it remain free!

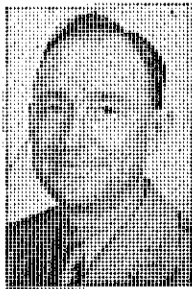
FROM

THE PULPIT

By Chaplain Horace M. King

"Good ole Summertime"

When the winds were biting and the temperature was dropping we wanted the "good ole summertime." It is here now in due vehemence, and we are sweating it out.



Summer-time means vacation time to many a person, but it will not mean vacation to many of us. A majority vote easily would be cast in favor of war termination rather than a brief vacation for a few or all of us.

But even though we do not go on vacations we sometimes send our religious habits and moral standards off for a vacation period of brief or long duration.

The Result

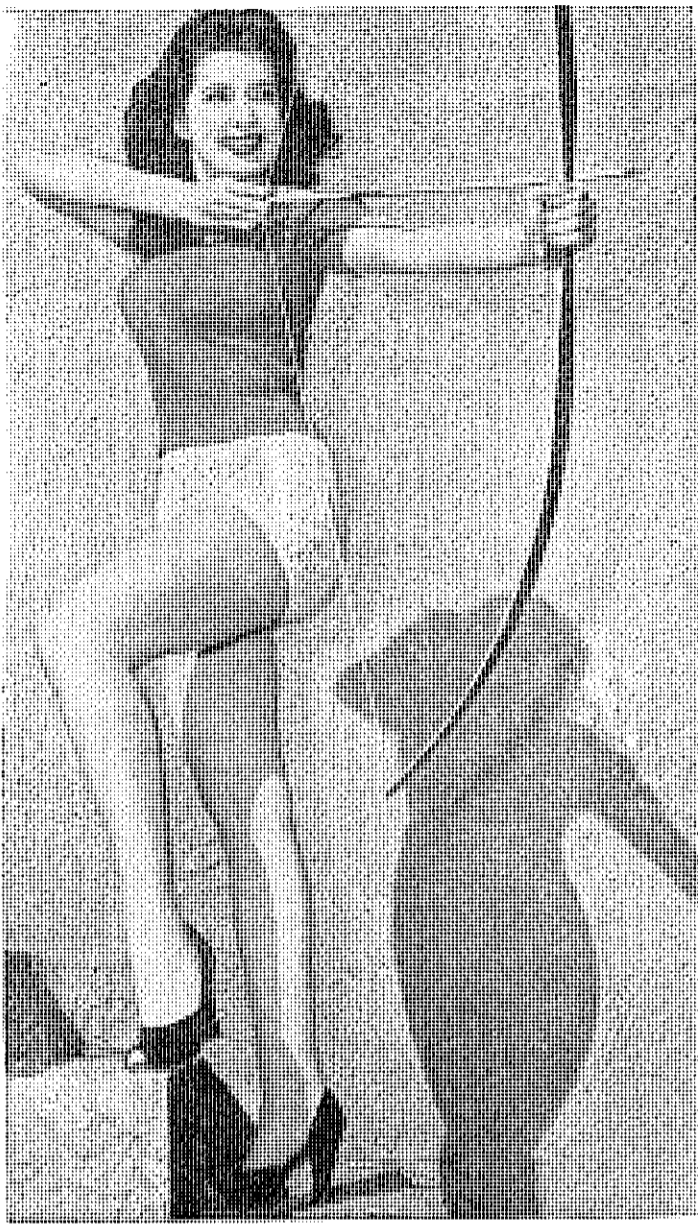
Then things begin to happen. Then the values of wholesome habits and high standards become evident. Then we wonder how we dared to think that religion could be set aside or sent off for a while. "People who live in glass houses should not throw stones." Sunshine-members and good-weather-converts need more than parasols to keep off consequences when their religion goes on a vacation.

Prevent that summer slump in morals and chapel attendance. Let us all make good in the "good ole summertime."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Catholic Mass, Sunday0800
Confessions, Sunday0745
Protestant Service, Sunday .1000
Jewish Services, Friday Evening
in Millville. Transportation
leaves the Chaplain's Office
at 1900.

DRAWING A BEAD ON A GI BEAUX?



Dear Editor:

Last year Thunderbolt helped secure rooms for GIs at Atlantic City over week-ends. Is there any possibility of you doing a repeat performance this season? All reports indicate that the resort is going to be twice as crowded this summer.

Signed,
Sgt. A. G.

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Dear Editor:

I was looking through some old pictures, and came across a few of the GI Beer Bust we had at Range A Lake last July. The few of us who are still around to remember it, still think of it as the best time we had in the Army. I believe it was the officers who threw the shindig for us. Maybe the brass hats are broke this year, but do you think you could swing a little publicity along those lines, so that we could have another one of those affairs. Frankly, I don't care who pays for it.

Signed,
Rocky.

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Dear Editor:

Several of us heard the first broadcast of "Thunderbolt News-reel," and we thought you had a mighty fine program. The boys discussed the new radio show, and thought it would probably be a good idea were you to spot some local talent in between the stories. We are sure that there are many boys who can sing, whistle, or fill in somehow, so that the production would have more life to it.

Signed,
Cpl. R. B.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS

GRATUITY PAY

One question frequently arising in the completion of a Personal Affairs Statement is that of Gratuity Pay. When we ask who has been designated as beneficiary for this Gratuity Pay, the answer often is, "What in the heck is that?"

And it's no wonder. Most of us came in the Army so fast that we don't know what they explained to us and what we signed anyway. As a matter of fact, they probably skipped an explanation of Gratuity Pay so as to get on with the sales talk for life insurance. You can guess why—the Gratuity Pay is free, but life insurance costs money.

A Present

The "Gratuity" is a gift from the Government. O.K. you say, but how much is in it for me? Well, the amount is equal to six times the monthly pay the soldier is receiving at the time he kicks off. (Of course, if he is in a non-pay status for any reason at the time of his death the amount would be nothing. For example, if he was AWOL six times zero equals nothing). Sure, the Gratuity Pay includes fogies, flying pay and overseas pay as well as the base pay, but death must not be due to a man's own misconduct. This last goes for both G.I.'s and Officers. That's the only catch to the whole deal.

The best way to make sure that the money is paid promptly is to be sure your records are up to date. If there have been changes at home, stop in and give us the right dope as to who is entitled to the dough and where it should be sent. If you are married (happily or otherwise) your wife comes first, followed by your children if you have any. Single men may name their parents, sisters, brothers, and in some cases their more distant relatives. Stay alive, and save us work!

Pooch Bites Pilot

In spite of the journalistic axiom that if a dog bites a man it isn't news, we report that Lt. Joseph Dunfee, veteran heavy bomber pilot, and presently a tow targeteer, was bitten on his wrist by a pure bred dog-face.

To complicate the incident, the pooch is owned by a Vineland cop, whose sworn duty it is to prevent such occurrences. Nevertheless, Lt. Dunfee is still on duty, and will not dog it until the rabies report is returned from the State Department of Health.



"He asked me what I had that his wife didn't—
So I showed him!"

Male Call

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

Side Issue



INFORMATION * CLICKS

QUESTION: "What Kind of Law Is Most Needed for World War II Veterans?"

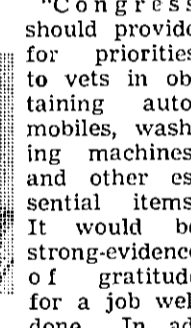
Answers: S/Sgt. Joseph N. Tomcik, Akron, Ohio, (Dispensary).

"Security for the future is what we're most concerned with. No direct relief, but easy financial assistance to achieve this security. For each year in the service since Sept. 16, 1940, the discharge should be given a certain sum.



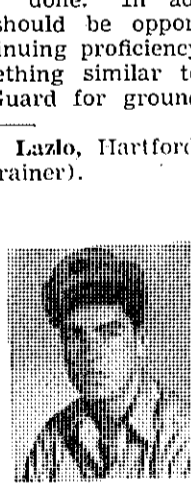
F/O Milo J. McCune, Sheffield, Ill., (CCTS Pilot).

"Congress should provide for priorities to vets in obtaining automobiles, washing machines, and other essential items. It would be strong evidence of gratitude for a job well done. In addition, there should be opportunity for continuing proficiency in flying, something similar to the National Guard for ground training.



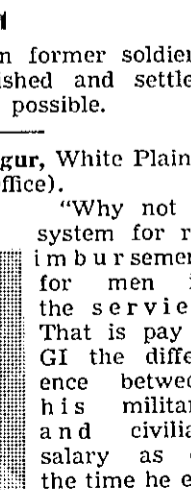
Sgt. John J. Lazlo, Hartford, Conn., (Link Trainer).

"The GI Bill provisions for loans should be eased and extended. A veteran should have a minimum of red tape in obtaining needed money to get a fresh start. A post-war prosperity is dependent upon former soldiers getting established and settled as quickly as possible.



Sgt. Fred Segur, White Plains, N. Y., (Post Office).

"Why not a system for reimbursement for men in the service. That is pay a GI the difference between his military and civilian salary as of the time he entered the service. Those who were not drafted were granted a type of 'wage bonus' in their jobs, while those who entered the armed forces accepted the prescribed modest scale.



The Peripheral Road

By Cpl. Joe MAAF

SUMMER INTERLUDE

The tropical heat wave that enveloped local environs recently touched off our curiosity about the water system hereabouts, and what we learned may never quench your thirst, but the facts are nevertheless refreshing. Did you know that an average of 95,000 gallons of water is pumped here every 24 hours, and that on pre-inspection Fridays over 114,000 hit the high water mark? And add this to your tank of knowledge:—The main pumps, at full capacity, draw 600 gallons of pure aqua-pura every minute. The liquid gushes from two wells 180 feet deep, and this water strata is of valley forge, Pa., origin. Two huge underground vats, 40 feet wide, and 10 feet deep hold the H2O in reserve for showers and the Mess Hall...

JUNE BLOOM: Cpl. Harry Dommir's ears are still ringing from last week's wedding chimes. His new allottee hails from Buffalo, New York... The ravishing smile adorning Marion Binz's countenance these days can be attributed directly to her husband's recent return from the wars... Sgt. Loren Yeager, of Chemical Warfare, added another dependent last week on his personnel card. This time it was a baby girl weighing six pounds right on the nose... While at the Ground Forces Rest Palace on Lake Placid, Pfc. Johnny Koban overheard one GI telling another that at Ausable Forks a group of girls rioted when they saw a man. Packing a lunch, the adventure-craving Koban caught a lift to the scene of the harem-scarum. But, alas, there wasn't a femme in sight. The lonely GI got caught with his pantaloons down, and was forced to doughfoot it back to camp—28 miles away.

From the high seas of the Pacific comes poetic greetings from Sgt. Ted Hirschberg... Transferred to Texas was Lt. Ralph Buck... Due back from AGO School is Capt. David I. Walsh, the Adjutant... Off for a highly restricted course is T/Sgt. Lamont Dickey... Safely arriving in jolly England last week was Sgt. Mack Iworsley, formerly with Special Services... Seen in Bridgeton with a honey was Sgt. Phil (I-must-go-home-on week-ends) Rudolph... Down from the clouds as a B-24 navigator into the Stat Section came Lt. Sid Herman... Double blessings and joy came to the home of Cpl. Don Patterson last week when his beautiful wife presented him with twins... The Millville Airfield barbers do a total of 500 clips weekly... A PX Mobile Unit will make Sunday jaunts to Range A Lake... S/Sgt. Paul Konski, the movie addict, entered a cinema recently and sat down unceremoniously on another theatre-goers birthday cake...

SOLDIER IDEAS WIN EXTRA FURLOUGHS

(ACS)—Among the historic items that have been blasted in this war is the old notion that "you ain't supposed to think in the Army."

The War Department is not only urging GIs to submit ideas but is rewarding soldier suggestions with special furlough, commendations, promotions, preferred assignments and, in some cases, the Legion of Merit. Thousands of Army men and women of all ranks and stations have already scored in the "ideas program."

It's not necessary to be an inventor or a mechanical expert to win recognition. Some of the simplest ideas ring the bell. More efficient methods in paper work, better ways of marking things and new methods of loading packages click as well as

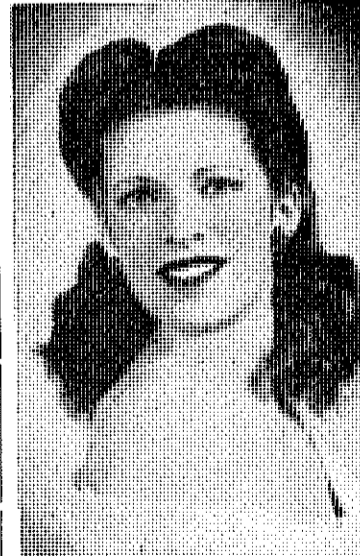
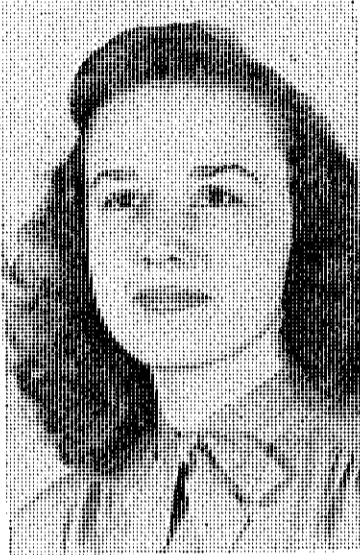
BASE RADIO SHOW OVER WSNJ TODAY

The second broadcast of "The Thunderbolt Newsreel" will be presented today at 1105 over station WSNJ in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

As an added feature Cpl. Grayson Enlow will recite a bit of poetry, S/Sgt. Wally Snellenbury will render a vocal solo, Cpl. Don Wowler will offer a religious melody. Pfc. Norman Townsend will accompany the guest stars at the piano, and Lt. Syd Nemarow will act as narrator.

technical improvements on field pieces, equipment and vehicles. Anything that will increase safety and efficiency, anything that will save time, effort or money, or improve morale is worth submitting.

"My Queen" Final Entries



The avalanche of lovely ladies in the photogravure section of Thunderbolt comes to a ceremonious ending this week. Early next week the judges will gather to pass their judicious opinion on the most beautiful "Queen" of Millville Army Air Field. In the next edition their pictures will be published and prizes thereafter distributed. Now for the final contestants (upper left to right). Mrs. Charlotte De Weil, working spouse of PFC. Henry C. De Weil of Bloomfield, New Jersey; Mrs. Barbara Armstrong, best gal of Jack Armstrong. The sweet young thing hails from Minerva, Ohio; Mrs. Pat Gague, mother of two kiddies and wife of Pvt. Henry Gague of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Lorene Davis, mother of two children, wife of Sgt. Robert P. Davis, Festus, Missouri; Miss Mitzie Travers, fiancée of Cpl. Adrian L. Haas. The photogenic gal stems from New York City, where she is a model; and Mrs. Mildred Herman, wife of Lt. Sid (a-fact-is-a-fact) Herman. His charming partner is an editorial assistant in a New York publishing house.



MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Lt. Syd Nemarow

PIGEONS AND PEOPLE

One sunny day last week a messenger approached the office of the PT Department and politely asked where he could park a crate of pigeons. The gag-wary habitues of the sweat palace told the guy off in no uncertain terms, and ended the incident by telling him to go blow the birds out of his flutter valve. The disconcerted courier viewing the bulging muscles of the "Peeteers" didn't deign to argue with them, and proceeded to deposit a huge pigeon coop right in the middle of the sweat palace. The dumb-founded gymneers almost keeled over when they beheld the sight, and actually hit the floor when they read an attached note saying, "Please Care For and Water Birds. See You Soon, Signed Lt. John P. Reagan."



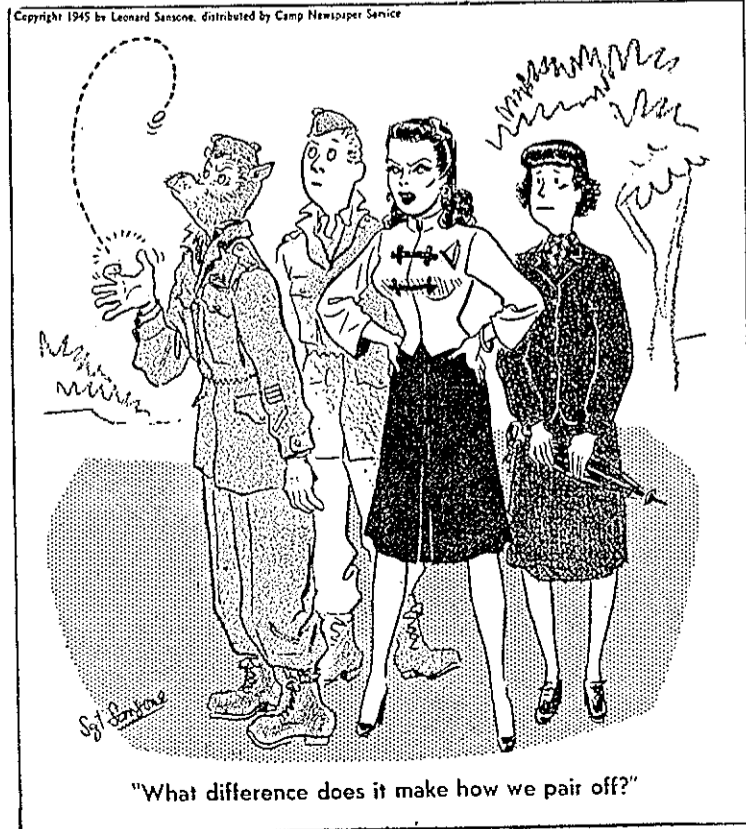
And thus it was, with feathers flying, that 26-year-old Lt. Johnny Reagan, a six-foot-four pigeon-fancier made his entrance as the new Physical Training instructor of the Base. What followed later will go down as a local classic. Needless to say, the entire "muscle and fibre" staff changed their pet gripe-term from "chicken" to "pigeon."

Lt. Reagan greeted me with an enthusiastic "huba-huba" and carefully related his pigeon-of-a-different feather story. It seems as though Johnny, who hails from Boston, always had a yen for birds. And when Uncle Sam clipped him into the service they assigned him to the Air Corps as a pigeon officer. Later he found himself in the Carribeah training birds for emergency communication service on bombers patrolling the South Atlantic. Lt. Reagan says that in this area of operations there are three different types of homing birds, the Trinidad pigeon, the Port Rican pigeon, and the Florida pigeon. (We know some too).

The precious doves are part of the ship's crew, and if the plane is forced down, the bird will deliver a message back to the home base advising rescuers of its exact location. To function thus the birdies undergo a rigid training program, and though they may chirp like all get-out they are soldiers to the last squawk. As a matter of fact they carry serial numbers, are entered on the morning report, go on sick call, and complain about GI backs. The most dangerous foe known to Army pigeons are hawks. These falcons have a nasty habit of birdnapping. To meet this threat, each poultry station is equipped with anti-hawk ack-ack guns, and pity any yard bird who would dare steal Uncle Sammy's fryers.

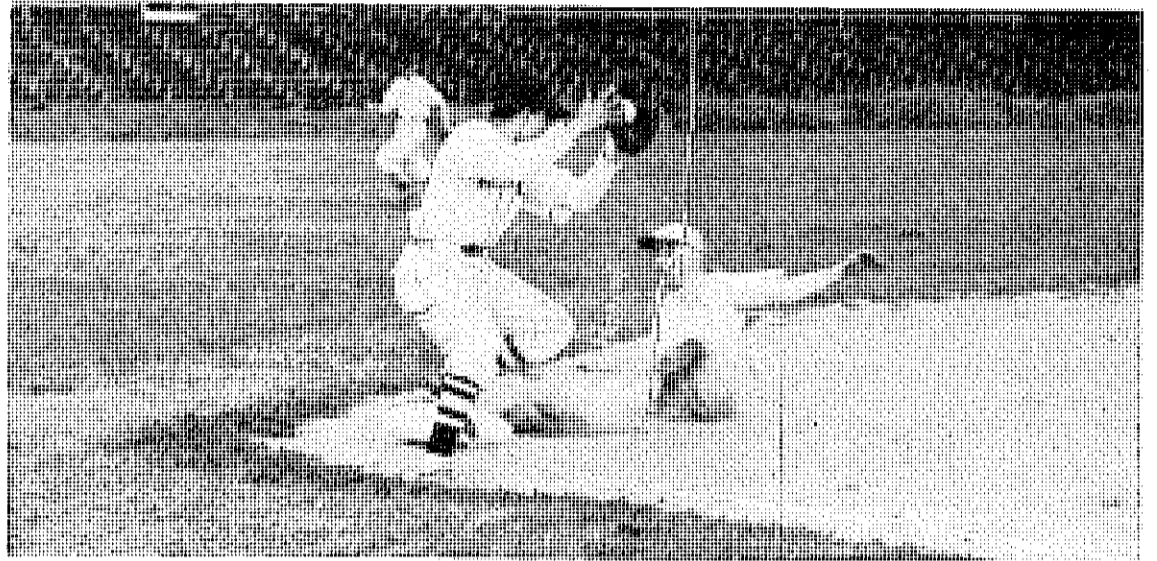
Reagan's pigeon shed is part of the Gym's standard equipment now, and the good "looney" is willing to answer any fair question concerning his fowl.

The Wolf by Sansone



"What difference does it make how we pair off?"

FAST ACTION ON PHILLY DIAMOND



Diminutive PFC. Frankie Acosta, speedy "Flyer" third baseman, is shown performing two feats at the same time in a recent tussle with the Philadelphia Marine Depot. Not only did his catch beat the leatherneck to third sack, but he is also looking at the sliding doughfoot bite the dust. The home team nipped the Marines, 3-1, in that affair, and demonstrate increasing striking power as the season grows older. Latest "Flyer" victim, the Kimco Club of Vineland, toppled 7-2, in a sizzling engagement Wednesday night.

RAG DRAGGERS SWAMP BASE SHOPS COMBINE IN COMEDY OF ERRORS

Time was when an intramural softball game had all the earmarks of the sport. Life is fast these days, and before we realize it seasons pass, and summer scores take on the figures of the gridiron. Take, as a case in point, last week's debacle when the Tow Target rag draggers overwhelmed Base Shops to the symphonic tune of, 33 to 3.

The tricky targeteers didn't know how or when to stop. They started the merry-go-round in the first frame with four hits, reached a high water mark in the second session with nine runs, and galloped home with a total of 19 well-placed bingles. The Shop outfit hammered and hammered in vein, and could only muster nine scattered safeties for the entire afternoon's work.

Homers by Sinclair and Chiodini topped the Tow Targeteer's efforts, and outfielder Brenner sparked his outfit with four safe tallies. The Shops' batting was a hit-or-miss affair, with accent on the misses.

High Gear
This week will see the Base tourney entering high gear. On Monday Base Shops face Air Corps Supply. The latter outfit has had a thorough going over, recently, and promises to show signs of rejuvenation. Tow Targeteers tangle with Communications on the same night. Thursday, the Air Inspectors cross bats with league-leading PLM, and the following Monday Base Officers lock horns with F.L.M.

Throughout the fray, which incidentally is going at a very slow pace, the coveted trophy is perched in the PX for all contestants to view. At summer's end the prize will be presented the winning organization.

STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
P. L. M.	6	1	.857
Air Inspector	3	1	.750
Base Officers	5	2	.714
Tow Target	4	2	.667
Communications ..	2	1	.667
Ordnance	2	1	.667
Base Shops	2	1	.667
F. L. M.	1	2	.333

ACE GLASSERS BLOWN APART BY AIRMEN 13-1

A group of spunky Vinelanders learned the hard way last week that men who work in glass houses should be careful how they throw softballs around. The price they paid for this lesson was a 13-1 trouncing handed them by the Base Softball Team.

One of the hottest batteries of the season, Duiser hurling and Trojka catching, kept the silica blowers in a state of turmoil for seven torrid innings. Lt. Peterson, Pvt. Gruver, Sgt. Dickey and Ellenberger added to the Vinelanders discomfort with two hits apiece. The local clan suddenly burst out in the fourth frame and collected four runs. They repeated themselves in the fifth, and added five more in the remaining innings. The Ace Glass unit scored their lone tally in the sixth to spoil a shutout for Duiser.

Having faced some of the toughest opposition in this part of the country the Base team has recorded six wins and five losses.

Swimming Sessions At 'Range A Lake'

Motivated by the old time Air Corps documentary film, "Swim and Live," the Post Physical Training Section is formulating plans for an intensive drive to teach every officer and enlisted man here the fundamentals of floating, diving, and swimming. Classes will be held at "Range A Lake," and expert instructors will be on hand during sessions.

'FLYERS' AND DOVER TIE AFTER NIGHTCAP PITCHING BATTLE, 6-6

A speedy, hard-hitting nine from Dover Airbase came close to snatching a win from the "Flyers" last week, but the local clan's recuperative power saved the day for the airmen, and the game was tied up at nightfall, 6-6.

Lefty O'Neil's usual powerful wing showed signs of diminishing returns, and after allowing nine hits was relieved by Pfc. "Fuzzy" Scher in the fourth frame. The huge-framed Scher knuckled down tight, and held the Doverites to two scattered blasts.

For the first time this season the MAFFers successfully executed a well-timed squeeze play. The feat took place in the third session when O'Neil and Liberato joined forces to trick the opposition, and started a five-run rally.

A miraculous tumbling catch by Liberato in the closing phase of the ball game brought the crowd to their feet. This game also marked the debut of S/Sgt. Harry Ressler, formerly a first string catcher in the Pony League. The new member of the battery accounted for three hits, one run, and five outs in his premiere contest.

Earlier in the week, the Flyers nipped the U. S. Marine Depot from Philly, 3-1. Willow Grove also fell victim to the rising Millville juggernaut, and tumbled, 13-8. The Port Norris Delport Club bit South Jersey dust to the melody of, 17-6.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Theatre Program

Sunday, June 2—
"Back to Bataan"
John Wayne, Anthony Quinn
Tuesday, June 26—
"East Side of Heaven"
Bing Crosby, Joan Blondell
Thursday, June 28—
"The Corn is Green"
Bette Davis
Friday, June 29—
"Hitchhike to Happiness"
Dale Evans, Al Pearce

Service Club Activities

Sunday, June 24—
"Open House"
Monday, June 25—
"Recorded Rhythms"
Tuesday, June 26—
"Dancing Classes"
Wednesday, June 27—
"Sweetheart Nite"
Thursday, June 28—
"Club Kibitzers"
Friday, June 29—
"Bridgeton GSO" Dance"