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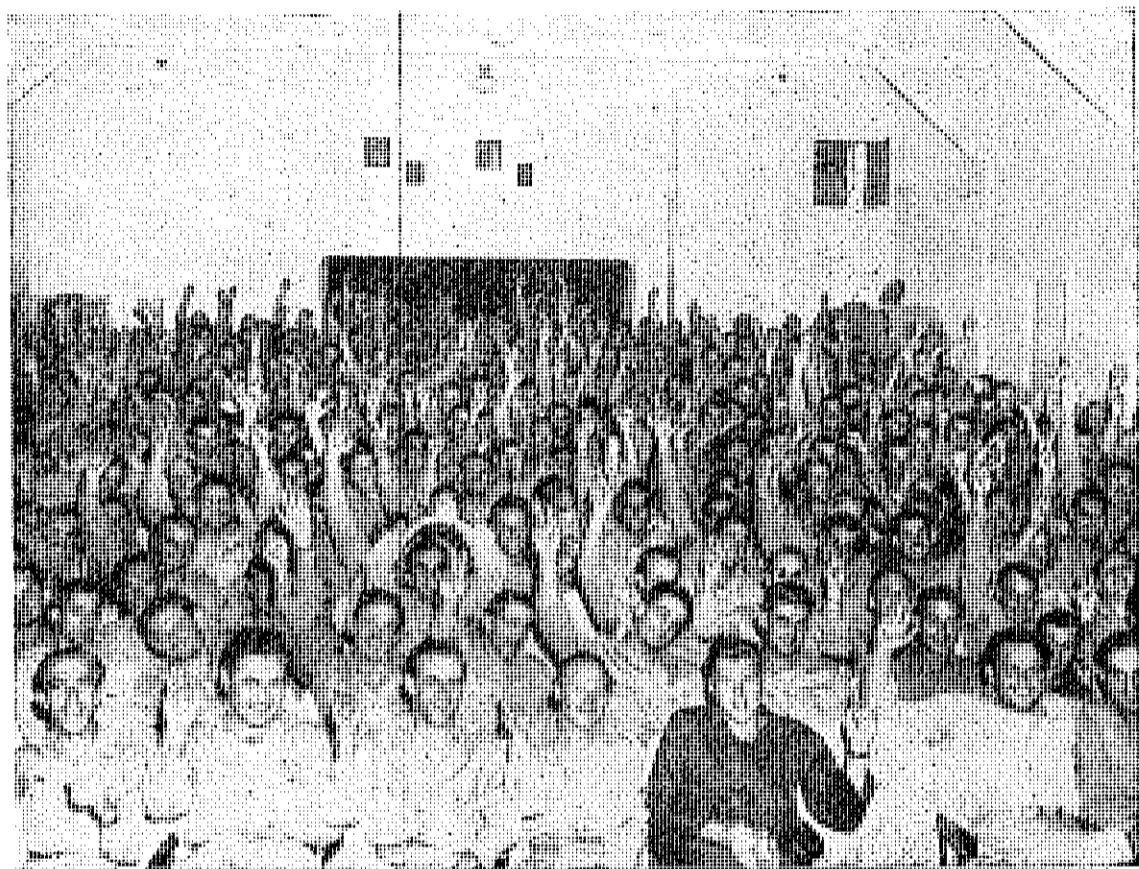
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DRASTIC CHANGES LOOM

PEACE—ITS WONDERFUL



Over 300 officers and enlisted men, the first group of discharges with over 85 points, jam-packed every corner of the Base Theatre to cheer wildly the news last week of their return to civilian life. They listened eagerly as Base officials, headed by Lt. Col. J. C. Meyer, bid them farewell, and pointed out the rights which they earned under the G.I. Bill of Rights, and other State and Federal veteran aid laws.

Senate Considering GI Clothing Bonus

Washington, D. C.—The Army Times announced that a bill is under consideration by the Senate Military Affairs Committee to provide each discharged serviceman with coupons worth \$150 in exchange for civilian clothing.

The coupons would be issued only to those hereafter discharged, and the bill would not be retroactive. It was also stipulated that the certificates would not be given to officers above the rank of Major.

STAGE DOOR CANTEN TENDERS HUGE PARTY FOR BASE PERSONNEL

The Special Service Office announced today that the Philadelphia Stage Door Canteen will tender a sumptuous affair for the exclusive benefit of local G.I.s in their Quaker City den, Sunday evening, September 9, 1945. A score of stage and screen stars will be on hand to squire the local gentry about, and a long schedule of fun is promised. Transportation will leave from the Orderly Room at 1915.

American Repatriate Bares Life In German Internment Center

After living on a diet of brown bread, sauerkraut, potatoes and turnips for more than 18 months in a German prison camp, Lt. John Tew, 24, of Westfield, N. J., Flying Fortress Navigator, was assigned to duty at Millville Army Air Field.

When his plane was shot down by German fighters at Schweinfurt, Germany, on October 14, 1943, Tew managed to bail out, but was immediately captured by German soldiers. During the next few weeks he was shuttled back and forth across the Reich in barred box cars along with other American and British airmen until they reached a permanent camp some distance south of Berlin.

On a cold, blizzard night in January, 1945, the entire 8000 internees were routed out of bed at midnight, and forced to start on a 100 mile hike to escape the advancing Russian Army. The Reds were only 40 miles away and "coming up fast." Through the bitter cold and snow the fliers trekked wearily for five days and nights while many sick and wounded fell by the roadside, and others escaped their captors through the thick woods which lined the path of their march. Finally they reached a railroad junction and were loaded into box cars in which they travelled for three days, under-

going a heavy American air raid in Regensburg, until they reached Mooseburg, 40 miles north of Munich. Here the men were interned with 85,000 other Allied war prisoners.

Freedom In Sight

Toward the end of April the prisoners began anticipating freedom as they knew General Patton's Third Army was advancing in their direction. After a futile and listless attempt on the part of the Germans to evacuate their prisoners once more, they gave up and waited.

On April 29, a pitched battle occurred in the environs of the prison camp between an American armored outfit and remnants of an S. S. tank battalion. Lt. Tew watched the engagement from a slit trench, and at the end of three hours of fighting the Americans raised the Stars and Stripes upon a nearby church steeple. It was the first American flag Tew had seen in over a year and a half. A short time later American tanks entered the prison stockade and the Allied war prisoners were finally liberated.

DEMOBILIZATION FORCES INTEGRATION

A series of sweeping orders from higher headquarters has shaken Millville Air Base to its very roots, and current demobilization has ushered in a new era here. From day to day established practices and features disappear, and

UNCLE SAM OFFERS VETS NEW BENEFITS IN REGULAR ARMY

The tall man with the top hat dusted off his pre-war "I Need You" sandwich sign, and announced this week that enlisted men are now eligible for discharge from the Army of the United States if they reenlist in the Regular Army.

Uncle Sam also listed a long line of benefits which would accrue to those signing up for a three year hitch. Boiled down to the marrow here is the story:

Old time Regular Army soldiers who became part of the Army of the United States when America went to war may now join the Regular Army again in the highest permanent grade they held prior to Pearl Harbor. Simultaneously they will be transferred in their highest temporary rank in the Army of the United States. G.I.s who entered the service since the formation of the Army of the United States may now enlist as privates in the Regular Army, and will simultaneously be transferred in their temporary grade in the Army of the United States.

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There was no hint in the ruling on the probable duration of the "emergency" or Army of the United States. Congress alone has the power to perpetuate or discontinue it. However, well informed sources here point out that there is a strong likelihood of the Army of the United States continuing indefinitely, thus proving a boon to G.I. "career" men.

Base Headquarters also revealed that Maj. J. F. Kirkendall has been named Recruiting Officer, and that immediate steps will be undertaken to place the necessary administrative machinery in operation. Captain David I. Walsh, Base Adjutant, asserted that men accepted in the Regular Army are in line for immediate furloughs and reenlistment allowances in accordance with their length of service.

EXTRA!

Col. Joe L. Mason, Base Commander, announced today that Monday, Labor Day, will be an official Base holiday. Only vital services will remain open. For the rest the longest period of non-furlough or pass liberty in years, from Saturday noon to Tuesday reveille, will be observed.

what Base Headquarters terms "a period of integration" has officially begun.

More than 300 officers and enlisted men were transferred to separation centers a few days after Japan surrendered, scores of others have been assigned to overseas units, and many soldiers disqualified for foreign duty, left this week for jobs as administrators, clerks and cooks with the Army Service Forces. A serious manpower shortage has developed in various base departments, and no relief appears in sight.

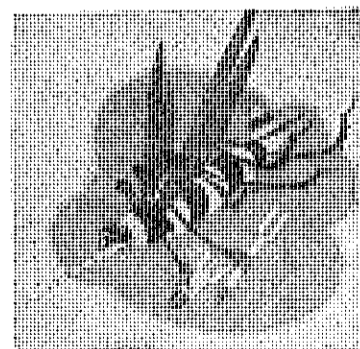
New Work Week

Simultaneously with the announcement that flying training will continue on a 44 hour week basis, word arrived here that the ruling included all civilian and military personnel. Saturday afternoon and Sunday are officially "free" days, and only a skeleton crew will man the Post.

The Personnel Office, harried by a rush of work transferring men, preparing pay rolls, and adjusting allowances, would make no prediction as to the time or score of the impending adjusted discharge rating. "Everything is in the hands of higher echelon," Captain Rawlings, Personnel chieftain, declared. "As soon as we get word here we will start processing the next batch of discharges."

Base officials, in the meanwhile, have urged members of this Command, to pay no heed to rumor mongers who predict that Millville Air Base will be deactivated shortly. "The future of this installation," one spokesman said, "is in the hands of the War Department."

OFFICIAL INSIGNIA



Col. Joe L. Mason announced today that the above unit insignia, created by Capt. H. L. Fogg, who has recently been discharged from the service, has been approved by the Army Air Forces as the official emblem of Millville Air Base. Immediate action will be taken, HQ declared, to obtain patches for wear on all outer garments.

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THE ROAD AHEAD

Countless thousands of servicemen preparing to return to civilian life are filled with doubts and worry about their future. For the most part many of them assigned more than four years to Uncle Sam, and during this period did more than merely grow older. The very pattern of their lives was altered, and pre-war standards changed rapidly. Few feel that they will be satisfied to return to what they had. Their argument is that they invested a substantial part of their youth to securing our nation, and will clamor now for a just and equitable profit.

We feel, however, that the road ahead for ex-servicemen is not entirely cloudy. New economic frontiers are bound to open everywhere. And G.I. Joe, utilizing the spirit and resourcefulness which carried him through days of wartime agony will be able to overcome the insecurity of civilian life, and eventually find his proper niche in society.

The problem of reabsorbing ex-soldiers in a peacetime economy is not the serviceman's alone. He will need the all-out aid of his community, State and Federal Government. The G.I. Bill of Rights is a step in the right direction, but its present provisions are sound in spirit only, not in what it purports to accomplish.

How the government can achieve full employment we do not propose to suggest. We glanced at a copy of the Murray Bill for Full Employment, and read comments of its critics. Here are both sides of the story. Senator Murray recommends government spending if an annual survey by the President shows non-Federal spending will be insufficient to provide jobs for all. Say the opponents: Government spending will cause inflation, and industry, free from government interference, can secure a job for everyone. Whatever the outcome of the debate, many soldiers are plenty upset about going back to an economy seriously dislocated by the sudden cessation of Army contracts, cutbacks, and mass layoffs.

The next few months are going to be replete with haggling, discussion, and little action. Democratic processes are notoriously slow. But, we have faith that the good will of the American people plus an enlightened and progressive Congress will not let G.I. Joe down. Have courage!

FROM THE PULPIT

By Chaplain Horace M. King

Commonsense Bill of Rights

Monday morning as I sat in the theater and heard Sergeant Urbont give a most excellent and earnest explanation of the "G. I. Bill of Rights," I could not but think of a Commonsense Bill of Rights which we may actually use on this Air Base. It might include such items as:

1. **Fairness** the one to the other. There's room to show more consideration for the other fellow. Most of the annoying restrictions grow out of some very selfish or thoughtless breach of fairness. Not as much as a week ago men made license of liberty and deprived thirty-one persons of their just freedom. Many of the men are eager to use that fine judgment to use foresight and take no step or privilege which will punish or hurt any one.



2. **Each man possessing a worthy personal goal toward which he drives with joyous enthusiasm.** The way to keep others from thinking for us is to do our own thinking ahead of time. We may not know where we are being sent or why but we can know our own hopes and the controlling purposes of our lives.

3. **Give home priority over war.** Without ceasing to be alert we can begin emphasizing a new question, "How is this choice going to affect wholesome home life?" There is no substitute for "practicing" the principles for which we have been and are sacrificing. Greed for money and for influence threatens the foundations of happy homes and goodwill. The constant clamor of vested interests is daring to push the sanctity of the home into the background, out of its rightful place. Commonsense protects the home which is the great protector of good judgment. Every individual has a right to a God-honored home.

If there are merits in such a Bill of Rights let us endorse those values by act and attitude.

A LOFTY AMBITION



"The mills of God (and the Government) grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small."

The lapse into slightly revised lyric prose is justified when one stops to consider that attempting to keep up with the present-day melee of TWXs making for rapid demobilization of Army Air Force personnel might even lead to a padded cell.

But no better cell can we think of than one padded with discharge papers.

First, may we point out the latest (and by latest, we mean within the last 48 hours) directives governing release from active duty. Except for men in 16 critical MOS classifications, the following minimum scores are set up for officer personnel: Captains and over, 70 points; First Lieutenants, 58 points; Second Lieutenants, 42 points; Warrant Officers, 65 points; and Flight Officers, 36 points. Again excepting those officers classified in one of the critical MOS brackets; all officers having reached the age of 42 may be released regardless of point scores. Virtually all officers being released under this directive are returnees.

No Seers

The minimum score for enlisted men in the AAF is 85 points; for enlisted women, 44 points. And here is where the "mills grind slowly," part of our lapse comes into consideration. Not being clairvoyant, we can't predict a thing—but long years in this man's Army have given us a blind faith in the powers that be, and hence the maintenance of a comparatively high critical score for enlisted personnel must be for a very good reason. Blind faith granted, we've attempted to do a little logical reasoning. Everyone is aware of the fact that the number of officers in the AAF is way and above the normal ratio to the number of enlisted personnel. That situation was an inevitable one because all pilots, co-pilots, navigators and bombardiers were commissioned in addition to the vast number of ground, liaison and other administrative officers requisite to the Air Forces.

Conversion

In the new peacetime conversion of the AAF, such a preponderance of officers is no longer necessary, hence the tremendous process of demobilization starts with the release of officers whose jobs are no longer vital to the prosecution of the war and now have indicated a desire to return to civil life, and naturally, who possess the required number of points commensurate with rank.



Base to Organize Official Orchestra

An intensive drive to organize a full time dance band and orchestra has been begun by the Special Service Office, W/O James Welch announced this week. All officers and enlisted men who have had experience with wind, brass or percussion instruments are urged to volunteer their services immediately. The Special Service Office, at the Base Theatre, will provide the instruments for the proposed blow-N-peck outfit.

Vets Get First Call On Civil Service Jobs

Washington (CNS)—Receipts of applications for Federal jobs from persons who are not veterans or have not worked for the government before have been stopped in Washington.

This means that—from now on—ex-servicemen are going to get first call on all Civil Service jobs. "The Federal Government as an employer," the Civil Service Commission has announced, "must set the example in providing the members of the armed forces with the maximum possible opportunities in employment."

Dear Editor:

For several months I have been agitating to get someone here to set aside a building for a "Hobby Shop." So far nothing has been done. Moreso now than ever there is a crying need for healthy diversion. Certainly there are many here who would like to spend evenings painting, modeling, wood carving, and exploiting hidden talents. Can your paper bring this suggestion to the proper authorities?

Signed,
PFC. J.J.L.

Dear Editor:

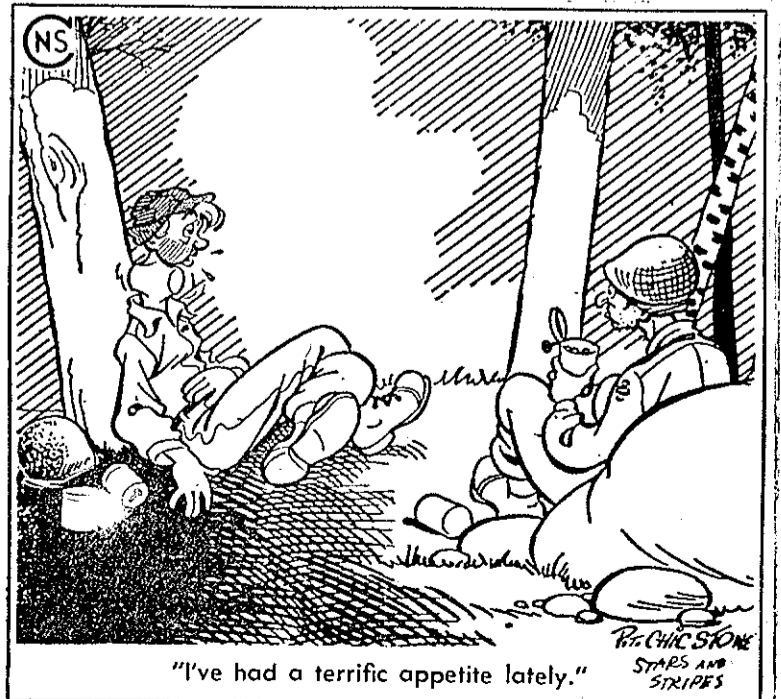
Movies are my favorite form of recreation, but if the present crop of Hollywood stinkers don't stop popping up at the G.I. theatre, I'm going to start playing marbles again. For the past month the shows have been getting poorer and poorer, and the soldiers, for want of better fun, have to sit through the nonsense.

Signed,
SGT. F. R.

Dear Editor:

Just for the record I would like to state that I am opposed to the point system of discharges. Such elements as dependents, age, physical condition, and contribution to the Army as far as your job is concerned is not taken into consideration. I say "first ones in, should be the first ones out. The fellows who earned battle stars, and overseas credit, didn't ask for that type of service. Army luck, or lack of it, was the cause of their shipment to combat zones.

Signed,
ALMOST 37



Male Call

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



RETURNING SOLDIERS NEED JOB KNOWLEDGE FOR BUSINESS FIELD

By Camp Newspaper Service

Thousands of servicemen are thinking of going into business for themselves when they get out. Since some 500,000 small businesses have closed up during the war, there would appear to be, on the surface of it, plenty of opportunity.

There are such opportunities, though not necessarily as many as that figure would indicate. Half a million boarded-up retail shops, filling stations, dry cleaners and whatnot do not add up to half a million enterprises in which ex-G.I.s will be able to engage.

Know Your Market

According to Dun and Bradstreet, there are four important elements to be considered in entering the retail trade; (1) personal aptitude, (2) selection of location, (3) knowledge of the line you select, (4) working capital.

First of all, a small merchant should be friendly, neighborly, and able to get along well with people. He must have courage and stamina, for things may not go well at first. He should know instinctively the attitude to take toward his customers.

Selection of a location is all-important. People living in the soft coal community of Uniontown, Pa., will have different wants from those in the farmlands of Minnesota. Stock which moves quickly in a shop on New York's lower East side will gather dust on Park Avenue. The prospective merchant must decide where he is going to operate. What are the post-war prospects of industry nearby? Will the store be located on a highway, a side street, or an alley? Will there be seasonal slumps for any reason?

Know Your Stock Room

An ex-serviceman going into business should understand the line he proposes to enter. That means he should know how to buy, sell, and manage. If he is inexperienced, he might do well to find an experienced partner. He will have to know what types of merchandise to stock, prices, source of supply, seasonal factors, how to keep an inventory, sizes. For example, men are bigger in Texas than in New Jersey; larger sizes would have to be stocked.

DON'T PACK YET, JOE

Washington (CNS)—You may be in for the "duration plus 6," but that doesn't mean you'll be discharged within half a year of Japan's surrender. The war will be officially over upon conclusion of a peace treaty, upon a Presidential proclamation, or by a joint Congressional resolution. World War I didn't end officially until almost three years after the last shot was fired. Meanwhile, the draft will continue.

The Peripheral Road

By Cpl. Joe MAAF

THE ERA OF RECONSTRUCTION

The following ballad was written by a pilot here who claims that he will match his private life with any man:

"What Ho! Aaft and abeam
There splits the Air, a woman's scream
A "scream"? Nay, neigh! A "beller"—
"Heller's beller," as her feller
Mounts the cellar stairs—
With hairs
Of Dark and lustrous hue
(Me? Yes, you!)
Dangling from his bloody fingers
Reaches the top—stops and lingers
What thinkest thou of thy foul deed?
Don't you have a weed
For prayer, and grief; and supplication?
Thou cannot outwit a nation
Bent on avenging Audrey's death
And soon you'll feel its burning breath
Upon your neck . . .



EAST IS EAST—GIs assigned to occupation duty in Japan will be in for a big surprise if they try that old wolf whistle technique on the famed Geisha gals, according to a story in Yank.

The usual contact with Geishas is anything but the quick slap and tickle imagined by G.I.s. It is as formal as an English garden party and, to the uninitiated, just about as boring. You sit cross-legged at a low table, and the Geisha serves you tea and maybe sings a little. She also talks and laughs. The singing, talking and laughing are all done according to very exact and refined traditions. You take off your shoes when you enter the house; that is about the only thing that fits your original ideas . . .

NEWS AND COMMENT: It is truly written that the Quartermasters deliver the goods. To Captain and Mrs. Teddy Gaylor's family a bouncing son arrived this week. The Captain immediately made out a hand receipt for the kid. Incidentally, Captain, where are the cigars? . . . Sign on the Flight line—"If it moves—salute it, if it doesn't move—pick it up; if its too big—paint it!" . . . Captain Mathew A. Wagner returned here last week from a Texas gunnery school to find that all his bridge partners are either transferred elsewhere, or back in mufti . . . S/Sgt. M. Schey sends along word of his roughing it in Indiana . . . A Miss Betty Norwitz of Philadelphia is looking for Cpl. Irv Reitman. Please contact Thunderbolt immediately! . . . The cafe society of the Big Wheel Club now spend their evenings giving the uninitiated a "Navy Pilot's Examination." They extend the victim's left hand and place matches in each finger. Then they light the matches, and the hand blazes like candles near a bier," whereupon the gang starts singing, "Happy Birthday To You—Happy Birthday To You" . . .

Vet Rated Officers Eligible for Mufti

All flying officers, weather officers, navigators and bombardiers, who have had over one year of active service in the Army Air Forces, are now, upon their own application, eligible for discharge, Captain O. D. Rawlings, Personnel Officer, announced this week. "However,"

Captain Rawlings added, "this ruling does not apply to those officers who have heretofore declared that it was their intention to remain in the service. Approval of their application by higher headquarters will be required in those cases."

A LATIN FROM MANHATTAN



Cpl. Manny Schneider has been toying around with the idea of becoming a press agent after he is discharged, and sold us the idea of using this picture of Nana, a member of his family, to break the ice. Nana, dear Joe, hails from Venezuela, and is a partner in the well known dance team of Lari Wirth and Nana. We hope that as a result of this publicity the artists get plenty of booking. Our fee is only 10 percent. What's yours?

"I'll Take Manila," Says Airbase Reporter In The Philippines

By SGT. DON LARRABEE
(Thunderbolt War Correspondent)

Trucks, jeeps, newsboys, night clubs, odors, restaurants, holes-in-the wall, men and women, hundreds of G.I.s—people going someplace, and everyone with a purpose. Manila has taken the guise of any American metropolis. There's activity on its mud-packed streets. There's ruin here, and heat, and torrential rain, but there's also a certain vibrance and a spirit of being reborn. That spirit is gaining so in momentum under the impetus of a defying will that no one any longer looks back to the dark days of Jap occupation, only to the peace and independence that is the promise of the future.

THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES are happy again, but so are the majority of the American soldiers who've been sent here. For many of the Yanks, it is the first touch of civilization in many months. For the first time, some of them are hearing native peoples speaking their own language. They are seeing American movies in a city theater instead of a jungle dugout, attending major sports events in a real stadium, dancing to American swing, played righteously by Filipino bands using stock orchestrations from New York. And they are finding companionship in the num-

bers of Army nurses, WACs, Red Cross workers and American girls who lived through the torture of Jap occupation—companionship and an unexpected touch of home.

WE TOURED THE HOTEL, surveyed the ruins of General MacArthur's former rooftop apartment overlooking Manila Harbor, and exchanged predictions on the war's end.

MANILA, ITSELF, RADIATED below us, seemed a metropolis, but as we looked down from above, we know that beneath those lights was the ruin and rubble of a once-proud city. But, the lights were on again and no one questioned that.

APTITUDE TESTS FOR SERVICEMEN PLANNED

An aptitude test for servicemen to determine the vocation for which they are best suited will be held at a nearby university sometime this week, the Information and Education Office announced today.



MAAF-SPORTS LOG

By Lt. Syd Nemarow

TWILIGHT

Cpl. Fuzzy Scher, the "Voice" of the Flyers, returned from the road this week to find his vaunted ball club reduced to a shadow of its former substance. The genial baseball manager wrung his hands in despair when he heard the news that his nine stalwart players were, for the most part, back in their zoot suits. "What happened?" moaned the guiding genius of the diamonders? "Where am I? The place looks like a ghost town!" A kindly G.I. passing by nudged Fuzzy, and politely whispered, "wake up, brother, the war is over."

Fuzzy, shaken by the announcement, immediately made a survey of the survivors, and summarily issued a statement to the press that "we can't go on with two men!" And so, with tears and loud wailing, the Millville Airfield Flyers has ceased to exist. "Sic Transit Gloria Mundi." It wasn't a bad season, it wasn't a good season. It

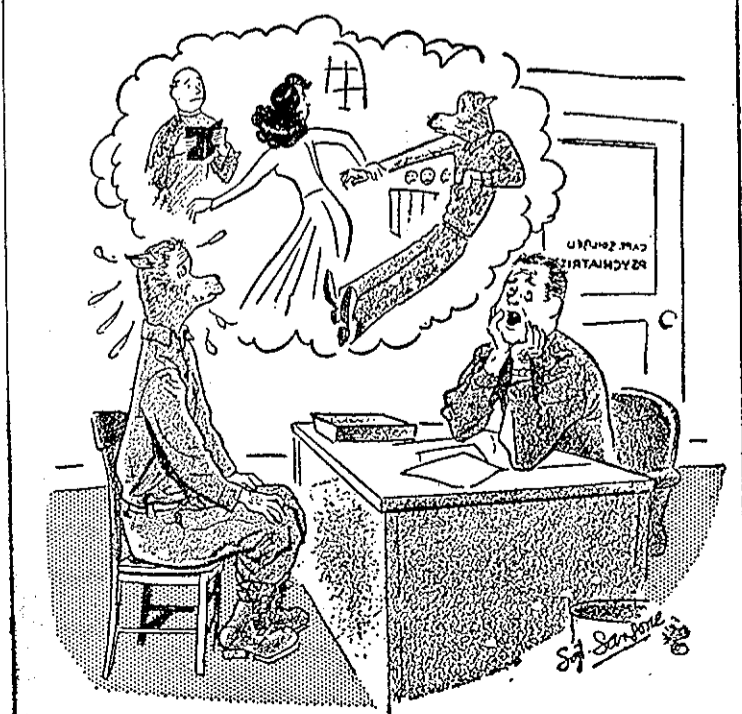
was thrilling to watch the boys corner a potential player, give him a dusty uniform, and practically kidnap him away from his duties to play ball. The last days of the war were chuck full of accelerated training, and baseball simply had to take second billing.

Men like Tony Sagona, Doc Wortman, Lefty O'Neil, Correa, Furgione, Pasley, Cain, and Liberato, will long be remembered for their contributions to the local clan. They had little time for practice, and somehow managed to keep the ball rolling. Furgione, at bat 34 times, ended the season with a .500 average, which is a remarkable feat considering all the factors involved in getting time off. Joe Acosta didn't do badly either. He was at bat 60 times, and knocked out a fine average. To a great bunch of boys we say, "good show."

However, as the curtain rings down on the baseball season, the entire sports picture appears to have reached a finale. It will take plenty of operating and ingenuity on part of the Gym staff to keep athletics alive here. Incidentally, it just occurred to us, without baseball, softball, tennis, and track competition, what are we going to write about? Ho hum! Lets put out the lights and go to sleep.

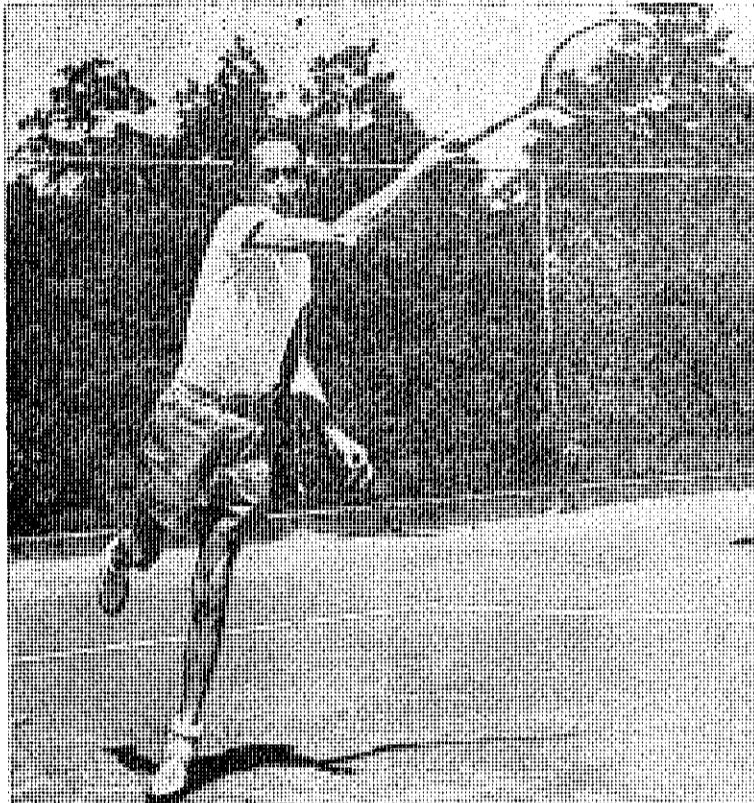
The Wolf by Sansone

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"Do you have this type of nightmare often?"

THE END OF A RACKET



Larruping Banos, the Mexican tennis flash, who organized the Base Net Club, is saying "adios muchachos" to his amigos. He ended the season last week by arbitrarily announcing that he was going to leave the Army and enter the State Department. There were no strings attached to the statement, so the gay caballero may soon be saying "love all" to Mr. James F. Byrnes.

Strong Coast Guard Nine Sinks Flyers In Twilight Tilt

By Cpl. Bill Bahr

The Base "Flyers" suffered mortal pains when they were thoroughly pasted last week by the Coast Guard Buster Brown boys, 12-1, at the local Millville Municipal Stadium.

Even the common gaffer knows the first requisite of a hurler—splicing the dish with a reasonable number of strikes—but the inability of the MAAF mound corps to fathom the adage, spelled doom to the hustling but somewhat riddled khaki clouters.

A long-shanked Coast Guard pitcher named "Foti," whose nom-de-plume has graced some of the better semi-pro teams in this sector, completely mesmerized the local gentry, and until the final frame had our heroes calcimined. Lt. Pat Pasley, a bright spot in the dimmed MAAF baseball picture, aroused something that sounded like a slight gurgle from the sparse gathering, when he laced a double to deep center early in the seventh frame. The Lieutenant eventually scored on Rissell's scratch infield "bloop," to provide the only consolation of the day.

Reasons For Slump

Deserving as the Guardsmen are of their laurels, nevertheless the "Flyers" were hurt through demobilization, and sometimes looked as hopeless as Cpl. "Fuzzy" Scher reaching for a comb. However, the lads never stopped trying, which is something that can be inscribed on their tombstones.

Faced with such obstacles as available transportation, time-off from "essential" jobs, miserable weather, and poor support from the rooting sections, the season was frequently spotted with brilliant games, and sensational contributions by individual players. It saddens this scribbler to inscribe herewith that the Millville "Flyers" had the potential of organizing the best ball club in the 1st Air Force, a fact that was wombed from many an opponent's noggin. But through somewhat misty eyes, they were somewhat displaced in the field's shuffle. It's encouraging for some of us to know that we won't have to say, "... wait for the next year."

Brass Softballers Swing Into Action

The Officer's Softball League, harried by shipments of personnel, inclement weather, and general lassitude, nevertheless managed to keep its head above water during the fortnight, and played off some colorful matches.

Base Gym personnel prodded the participants to action, and the teams, broken down to numerical designations, appeared on the lineup to resemble a mathematical equation. Here-with an interim report on the first heat's result:

Base Ground Officers	.....	9
Base Supervisors	.....	10
* * *		
111 (CCTS)	.....	4
222 (CCTS)	.....	1
* * *		
333 (CCTS)	.....	8
444 (CCTS)	.....	7

New Commander For Service Group

Major George F. Bender, 37, of Bernville, Pennsylvania, former Special Training Officer of the First Air Force, was assigned as Unit Commander of the 1007th Service Squadron, according to an announcement by Col. Joe L. Mason, Base Commander. During 15 years of service in the Army, Maj. Bender has served various continental commands.

PT OFFICER JOINS DEPARTING ALUMNI

The endless parade of Base personalities was joined late this week by Lt. Herbert M. Reed, 24, of Rochester, New York, who for a short time acted as Base PT Officer.

A former fighter pilot in the European Theater, and later a supervisory Thunderbolter here, Lt. Reed was active in scholastic and college athletics.

Free Tickets Here For Pro Grid Clash

Through the joint efforts of Franny Murray, former star football player at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Base Special Service Office, 100 free ducats for the Green Bay Packer-Philadelphia Eagle premiere gridiron clash, Thursday, September 13, have been obtained. Tickets will be distributed on a "first-come-first-served" basis. Fans are urged to visit or call the Special Service Office immediately for reservations.

Intra-Base Softball

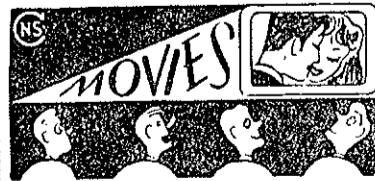
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1007th Serv. Sq.	..	3	0	1,000
Air Corps Supply	..	4	1	.800
PLM	3	1	.750
Tow Target	2	2	.500
Air Inspectors	1	1	.500
Communications	...	1	2	.333
Link Trainer	.....	1	4	.200
Ordnance	.....	1	5	.166
Base Officers	.....	0	5	.000

SPECIAL SERVICES

Friday, Sept. 7—
"The Falcon in San Francisco"
Tom Conway, Rita Corday

SERVICE CLUB

- Sunday, Sept. 2—
"Open House"
- Monday, Sept. 3—
"Recorded Rhythms"
- Tuesday, Sept. 4
Dancing Classes
- Wednesday, Sept. 5—
"Sweetheart Nite"
- Thursday, Sept. 6—
"Club Kibitzers"
- Friday, Sept. 7—
Bridgeton USO Dance
- Saturday, Sept. 8—
"The Loneliest Night of the Week."



- Sunday, Sept. 2—
"Rhapsody in Blue"
Bob Alda, Alexis Smith, Paul Whiteman
- Monday, Sept. 3—
(Revival) "To Have and Have Not"
Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall
- Tuesday, Sept. 4—
"I Love a Band Leader"
Phil Harris, Rochester
- Thursday, Sept. 6—
"Lady on the Train"
Deanna Durbin, Dave Bruce