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## GI'S CAN GET REDUCED RATE IN S.A. THEATERS

### SAACC RANKS FIRST IN AAFGCTC IN PERCENTAGE OF PERSONNEL INSURED

AAFCC went over the top in the National Service Life Insurance drive according to the results announced by Lt. F. H. Shuler, AAFCC insurance officer.

This post has the highest percentage --94.82--of men insured of any station in the Gulf Coast Training Center, Lt. Shuler revealed to YB. That figure applies only to officers and enlisted men, the Lieutenant emphasized, and does not include cadets who automatically receive \$10,000 insurance upon appointment.

A break down of the Classification Center average by squadrons shows that 886 leads the enlisted men's outfits by a substantial margin. With only two men uninsured--"and they have legitimate reasons," said Lt. Shuler--the 886th has 99.03% of its men insured for \$10,000 each.

Other squadron figures are:

Psych	95.78%
Hq. & Hq.	95.70%
885th	95.55%
888th	95.30%
887th	91.49%

"SAACC officers are right up at the top, too, with almost 100% of them insured for the full \$10,000," Lt. Shuler declared.

"The drive will continue," he added, "until we attain as near perfection as can be expected."

### POST EXCHANGES SELL COUPON BOOKS GOOD FOR ONE DOLLAR AT 20% DISCOUNT

YARBIRD finds that AAFCC enlisted men gripe about financial difficulties but pass up a chance to make 25% on a good investment.

For two weeks, theater ticket books honored by San Antonio film houses of the Interstate Circuit, Inc., have gathered dust in C.C. post exchanges. When YB's reporter asked for a theater book at the South PX, the gal at the Q. & A. window didn't win the \$64. A search brought a stack of the books out of the depths of a cigar box and a statement that it was the first request for a book --though they'd been available for two weeks.

YB deduces from the obvious that the bargain opportunity hasn't been bulletin flashed and no one knows what everyone's missing.

To straighten out a crossed wire, YB presents the simple facts.

Books of coupons in 10¢ and 5¢ denominations, to the total of one dollar (\$1.00) can be purchased by service men for 80¢ at PX's in AAFCC--and in AAFPS.

They are good in all S.A. theaters operated by the Interstate Circuit, Inc., including Majestic, Texas, Aztec and Empire, and are offered through the courtesy of that company and of the PX's which act as distributing agents without profit. (Cont. on page 9, col. 2)

# VICTORY DREAMING...

As a sampling of EM opinion on the length of the war, last week's "Form 20" data indicates that men on this post think practically rather than hopefully.

Lumps of exceptionally good news for the United Nations--which have come to us rather frequently in recent months--have created booms in peace-ful thinking. Every GI knows people who last summer predicted the end of the war by Christmas of '42. Reading the papers or magazines today reveals the same victory-happy attitudes which if allowed to root too deeply can be potentially dangerous to the war effort.

That our government expects and is preparing for a long war can be seen in many aspects of our military effort. The Commander-in-Chief himself has given blunt notice to the American people of a long fight ahead.

And recently the Army and Navy added emphasis to the numerous official predictions regarding the extent and intensity of this struggle.

Testimony before the House Appropriations Committee brought out that the Navy estimates its casualties will total 225,000, based upon a percentage of the number of men in service.

The Army figures upon a wounded list alone of 1,000,000. Compared to the first World War casualties in terms of tens of thousands, these expectations may stagger some of the dreamers who've cooked up a quick and easy triumph.

However, sobering statements along the line of these official casualty estimates should wake up those dreamers and prepare all Americans, both civilian and military, for a long period of extensive and fierce fighting before the "unconditional surrender" prescribed by the Casablanca conference.

# RATION RUMOR...

Rumor whispers that service men will not have unrestricted use of restaurants in town because of the food rationing program.

Truth is that restaurants will serve men in uniform on the same basis as civilians. If an eating place runs out of food, its civvy as well as military patrons will be effected.

Both the SAACC Quartermaster and the OPA office in San Antonio have stated that no regulations exist which forbid or

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limit the use of restaurants to service men; nor are any such restrictions anticipated.

Ration allowances for eating establishments are about equal to those for individuals and are based upon December business, which does not permit extra portions to particular persons or increased business. So, a GI's favorite hash house may run out of the food of his choice; may not

serve him a second cup of coffee or a double portion of French fries--but civilians are in the same stomach condition; or worse, with butter at 57¢ a lb., radishes at 18¢ a bunch and cauliflower at 35¢ a head.

And YARDBIRD reminds GI's again: while at home on furlough, get the special ration certificates you're entitled to.

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## YARDBIRD

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### PRU BITS:

First Sergeant Walter Heartsill was feted last week by the EM of the PRU at a "stag" banquet in the Oriental Room of the Gunter Hotel. The Thursday evening affair preceded his Saturday wedding to the former Miss Louise Goddard, PRU civil service worker. The party also turned out to be a surprise farewell for the group of PRUers who recently left AAFCC on detached service. Cpl. "Pappy" Harris is voluntarily teaching espagnol to a group of EM two evenings a week. Before entering the Army, Cpl. Harris taught at a high school in Orlando, Fla. To "Pappy," Orlando is the garden spot of universe. Pfc. Irving Robbins organized the successful USO affair for PRU folk. The group attending included EM and their wives and civilian personnel workers. A ping pong tournament got most attention. The winner will not be known until the next issue goes to press.

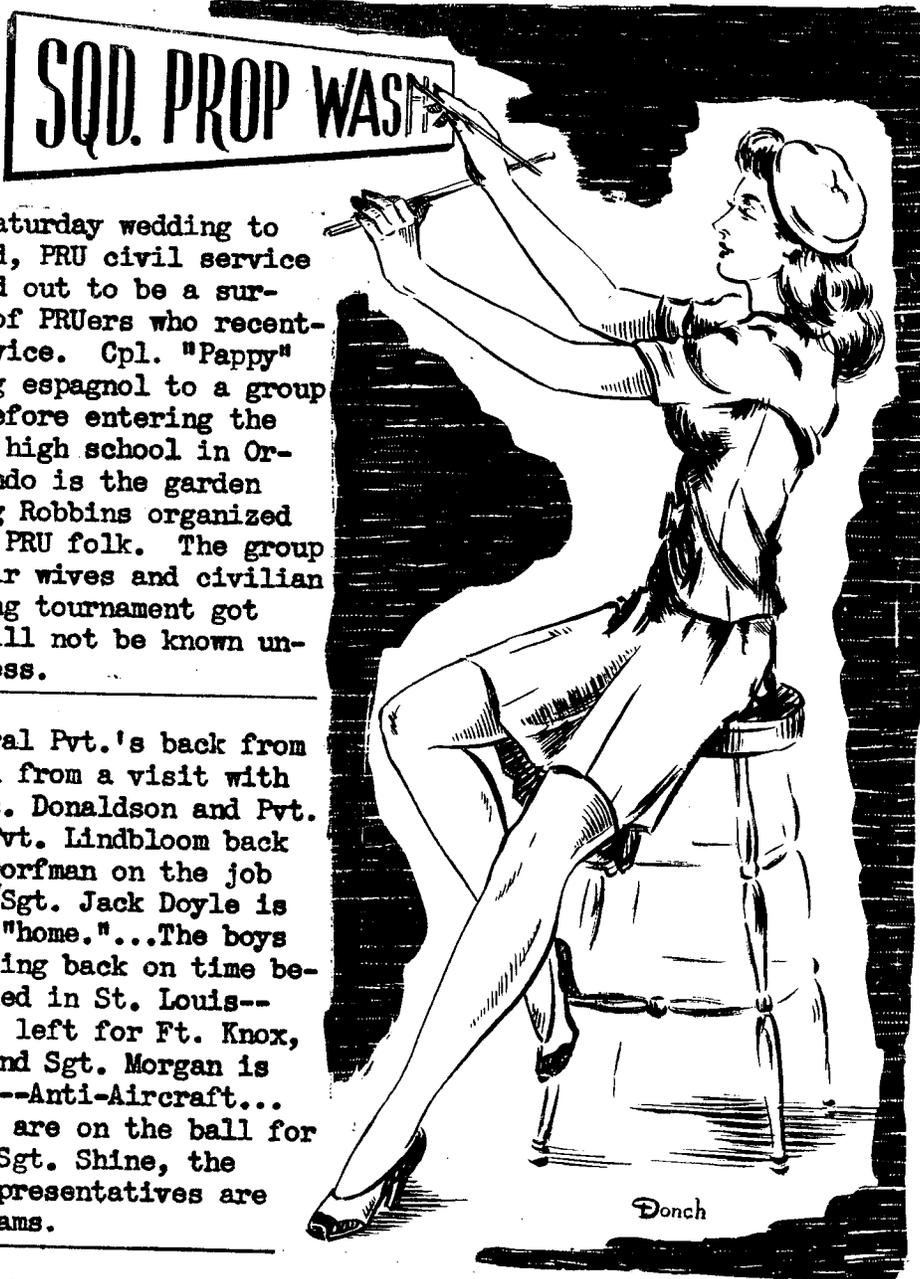
### 887TH SCRIBBLINGS:

Have several Pvt.'s back from furlough...Pfc. Brock returned from a visit with his wife in Cisco, Texas...Pfc. Donaldson and Pvt. Lindner are back from N.Y....Pvt. Lindbloom back from the Windy City and Pvt. Dorfman on the job after a Philly engagement...S/Sgt. Jack Doyle is another Pennsy visitor now at "home."...The boys from the east had trouble getting back on time because the trains were so crowded in St. Louis--good story...Sgt. Rinehart has left for Ft. Knox, Ky. and Armored Forces OCS...and Sgt. Morgan is now OCSing at Camp Davis, N.C.--Anti-Aircraft... Still emphasizing that our men are on the ball for inspections...Cpl. Berkey and Sgt. Shine, the Squadron's Athletic Council representatives are planning track and baseball teams.

### NEW TRICKS IN THE 886TH:

A double dose of dirt to make up for last week's omission, for which there was a very good reason, available to anyone upon receipt of one box top and signed furlough papers. Pfc. Bernard Rogan is the first and only member of our squadron to be selected for college training as a result of the recent ASTP qualifying exams. He will attend Engineering school. Further details later. And brother Rogan has been going all out in helping the other fellows who qualified on the examinations to complete their forms. S/Sgt. Rob Roy Gans and Cpl. Gemsheim are still recuperating from "Three Days of Paradise in Monterey." Wonder what attracts all the boys to old Mexico? Can it be the old custom of the promenade, in which all the girls walk in one direction in the Public Square, and all the men in the opposite direction until each guy spots a likely lass and requests a walk with her. Anyone interested in further information about this quaint custom might see S/Sgt. Weisberg, who is an expert on the subject and is considering the inauguration of it in San Antonio...Seen around town: no one. Our boys are too smart to be seen. With all the changes being made in the mess hall, how about naps, especially with spare ribs. All in favor say "aye." And anyone in favor of the new mess system, please volunteer at the YARDBIRD office for the "Personality of the Week" column. Pvt. Don (Juan) Dempsey says he can't help it if the girls like

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## BOBO TO TAKE BASIC

### SGT. LASALA DECIDES PUP NEEDS GI-ING

Bobo--the biggest goldbrick on the hill--whose natural habitat is the EM mess hall garbage can, is trying to join the Army for permanent guard duty.



Sgt. LaSala, the canine's proud papa, by proxy rather than by fact, is finally convinced that he can't do a thing with the five months old pup, so he's decided to ask Uncle Sam to make a man--a dog--

out of him.

Cpl. Bobo was a foundling. Left on the doorstep of the mess hall, he adopted the kitchen, and the kitcheneers adopted him. LaSala's pride and joy is no ordinary dog. He is a German Police with a pedigree, coming from a long line of chowhounds.

Even in a dog's life there is that eternal triangle. A little black terrier from a nearby farm visits Bobo daily, but the hound romeo's affection is toward a collie.

Cpl. Bobo is a true soldier, complete with chevrons and dog tags. He can also recognize a GI from a civilian, and will have no dealings with the latter. The white uniform of the mess personnel, however, holds great fascination for the little beast, for he knows that here are the men with access to food.

When Bobo was found, he was taken in and bunked with LaSala and Bianconi. Now the tables are turned. Bianconi and LaSala bunk with Bobo. It is a free for all among the three to see who sleeps in the bed. Bobo usually does.

Any information as to where an application for dog training can be obtained should be left at the YARDBIRD office.

By Pfc. "Junior" Graber

YARDBIRD CAN USE MORE SQUADRON CONTRIBUTORS.  
EM INTERESTED SHOULD LEAVE THEIR NAMES AT  
YB OFFICE, HQ. & HQ. SQUADRON.

## FILM CIRCUIT

Outstanding movie hits are on the theater bills in San Antonio this week end.

The George M. Cohan top-notch, "YANKEE DOODLE DANDY" begins a seven day run at the Aztec starting Thursday the 25th. The film is full of fine acting, excellent music and dancing, and a fitting note of patriotism. James Cagney

## JUST PLAIN MARY



Joan Leslie  
who plays Mrs. Cohan

ably takes the part of G. M. C. and Joan Leslie, shown above, is Mrs. Cohan. Walter Huston and Rosemary DeCamp perform well as the Senior Cohans.

At the Majestic for seven days beginning Thursday is a war film, "STAND BY FOR ACTION," the story of an old U. S. destroyer recommissioned for duty against the Japs. The marquee performers are Robert Taylor, Brian Donlevy and Charles Laughton.

Another war film, dealing with conquered France, is "REUNION IN FRANCE," at the Majestic and Texas, midnight Saturday. Starring are Joan Crawford and John Wayne.

The Texas presents for its week run from the 25th a hold over, "COMMANDOS STRIKE AT DAWN."

Richard Greene and Carla Lehmann in "FLYING FORTRESS" are on at the Empire for three days from the 25th. Starting Sunday at the same theater is "MARGIN FOR ERROR" with Joan Bennett and Milton Berle.

# PAT'S PATTER

BY SERGEANT LAWRENCE PATTISON



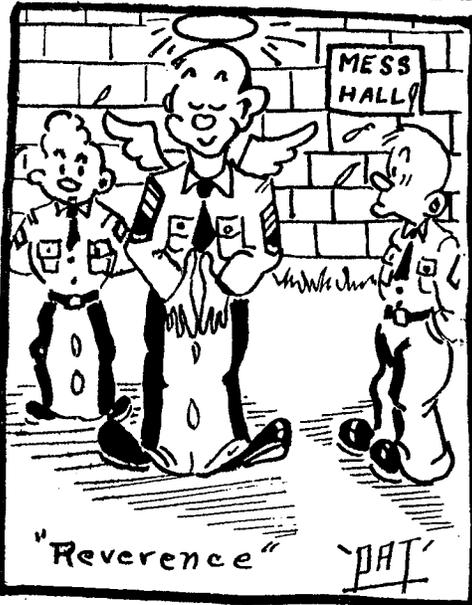
Good Evening: What's this growl heard 'round the mess hall lately? It seems as though we have a caste system here now. Something is missing. What we need

is a four piece hill-billy band to play as we go down the mess line and some square dance caller to chant, "Privates on the left and Sergeants on the right and promenade!"

If this is an indication of what Texas does to a person's mind, we've got too much of it now. United we stand and wait. Divided the privates wait and the Sergeants eat early. I don't know what I'm beefing about. I'm one of

those who does a column right. Call me "Your Highness." All men with three or more stripes will now bow their heads and pray that when the WAACs get here they will also go down the aisle on the right. Imagine the improvements in table manners in the non-com ranks if this should come to pass! I can hear it now, "Please,

may I trouble you for the catsup--Babe? Meet you in the Service Club at 4:30." In case any of you men are social climbers, I have three stripes and you can touch me with one finger for a nickel. Note: this nickel must be paid in advance. No pennies, or S/Sgt. Ruhmann will "touch" me for them. He has a penny bank, you know. We now go on our exalted way with the reminder that if we buy enough war bonds, privates, sergeants majors or generals will all be private citizens in short order. Parody: I get a lonesome feeling when I see those chevrons shine, Those Sgt. stripes are breaking up that old mess hall line. AAFCC should be changed to L.I.L.O.U. (Little India, Land of Untouchables).



"Reverence"

## REMINDER: EM MAY USE CADET CLUB

The sign over the door of the building reads "Cadet Service Club No. 2," but GI's are reminded by the Service Club officer that they as well as gadgets can use the Club's facilities.

EM have the use of the library, the cafeteria and the soda bar from the time the Club opens at 9 a.m. to the closing hour of 2000.

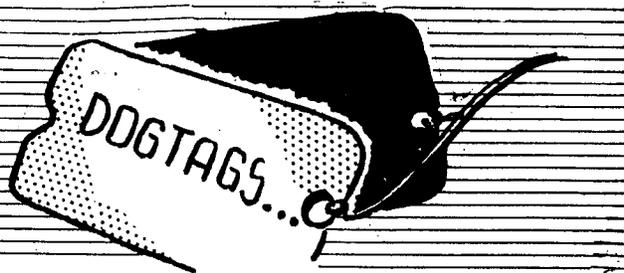
Only the auditorium and the lounge are reserved for cadets during the week, with the exception of one evening when they are assigned to the EM of AAFCC, exclusively, for whatever use they plan.

## USO-CAMP SHOWS TO PRESENT HITS AT SAACC DURING NEXT TWO MONTHS

SAACC personnel are in for some wow shows within the next two months, YB finds from Lt. Harold Romanow, SAACC Special Service Officer.

"HIT THE DECK," Broadway production, is the first of three USO-CAMP Shows scheduled to appear on the post. It's on the bulletin for April 28.

May 12, Camp Shows presents "SHOW TIME AT THE ROXY" to a SAACC audience, and on the 26th of May, the AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will appear here under USO auspices



"I worked with monkeys for two years."

Mild-mannered, shy to an extreme, Pfc. William Galt is hardly the person to cast aspersions on his fellow men.

But--he did work with monkeys (and chimpanzees) for two years as a member of the Litwin Foundation for physiological psychology in New York. Alabama-born, Bill Galt took his B.S. in biology; was interested in psychology; and went on to get his M.S. and Ph.D. in psychology from Columbia University.

He did experiments with sebus monkeys from South America to discover their aptitude for learning. One of these monks, obviously exhausted after many trials, was placed in the experimental situation one day, threw up his arms, scratched his head, and then--face buried in his hands--he slouched off into a corner of the room and refused to go on.

Some of the monkeys became neurotic in time. But the majority did learn to distinguish between different size rakes and between squares of different colors and size (maybe they should be gadgets?), Bill says.

On leave from the Litwin Foundation for the duration, Galt is now testing cadets on the psychomotor line, and is head of the Academic Committee of the Psychological Research Unit. In that position he is busy amassing a technical library for the men.

Bill finds his work with cadets somewhat of a relief; at least he can talk to them without receiving answers that only Tarzan could understand.

by Pfc. Mort Levin,  
PRU

One of the best-known personalities among AAFCC enlisted men is Joe Baker, that porcelain-polishing Pfc. who hails from Kaintuck.

Exactly where and when Joe came into this world is not certain. Being very young at the time of the blessed event in which he was principal attraction, Joe  
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recalls very little of it.

As he grew older, he took over the job of farming, but when there's a war a-goin' on, how could they keep him down on the farm?

Assigned to the 885th (Aircraft), AAFCC, etc., Joe became our sanitary engineer (latrine orderly) and later he was appointed a landscape artist. He now has a crew of four cadets plying picks, shovels and wheel barrows and carrying out his slightest wish.

Recently, Joe was promoted to P.F. C., and he has ambitions for more glorious accomplishments in the near future.

All in all, Joe may not be a shining star, nor stand out like a sore thumb, but his job requires thoroughness. Joe gives it that.

by Sgt. L. Pattison

### STITCH AND CHATTER

#### U.S. TO TEACH GI'S HOW TO SEW BUTTONS

Needles in hands, GI's will be busy sewing buttons one of these days. Plastics here, plastics there, plastics all over their blouses and overcoats.

Yup, QMC will issue O.D. plastic buttons to all men in the service eventually, to replace the brass flashers Yanks now wear. QM generosity will go further--with the buttons, soldiers will get needles, thread...and instructions--according to a report in YANK.

But GI's in Classification Center needn't gripe --yet.

YANK declares that units in the U.S. will not receive the new plastic buttons until after they have been distributed to U.S. troops stationed overseas and to those located at staging areas.



# SPORTS

By Sergeant Bill Morgan



## BASEBALL ROLLS ON

With each issue of the YARDBIRD, the opening day of the Service League, April 11, draws nearer. The SAACC field is in very good shape, and practice will probably be held for the first time this week.

And with the SAACC team meeting the Randolph Field team for the first game on the Randolph Field diamond, selections for the team will have to be settled soon and fast. Therefore, of the squad of approximately 60 men, there will be a considerably smaller group after the first cut, scheduled a few days following the first drill. All of the men have been working out on their own, and should be in playing shape within a few days. The practice games among the members of the squadrons will liven things up and make a fight for the playing positions.

With the possible exception of the catching department, all of the positions are wide open. The catching problem is apparently the strong point of the team, with three first grade catchers on the roster. Other positions are still a question mark.

### 886TH DOWNS SQUADRON 108 BY 4-3 SCORE IN GAME PLAYED LAST SATURDAY

The athletic field last Saturday afternoon was the scene of a big softball game between the 886th Squadron team and the Group B champions, Av/C Squadron 108, with the 886th winning, 4-3.

886th		Sq. 108								
Schulte	rf	Luse				2b				
Tuite	ss	Rigdon				ss				
Rogan	lb	Vig				3b				
Morgan	lf	Cooper				lf				
Rudd	p	Burton				c				
Bruce	c	Fisher				sf				
Fitzsimmons	2b	Petros				cf				
Ganz	sf	Rowan				rf				
Yaslowitz	cf	James				lb				
Blawski	3b	Evans				p				
INNINGS							R	H	E	
Sq. 108	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3	3	2
886th	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	3	2

## SPORTS CHATTER

Yup, sports fans, it's really true. Last Sunday night, Mr. Enos Slaughter, late of the St. Louis Cardinals moved into the Classification Center and began his Army career as an Aviation Cadet.

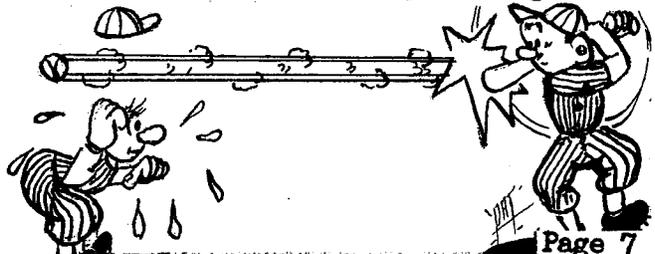
True, this atmosphere is a far cry from the yelling, screaming scene of a big league ball park in the crucial moments of a championship game, yet it is a much more serious job to Mr. Slaughter than facing such pitchers as Van der Meer, Hubbell or Ruffing. Here, Mr. Slaughter has a GI haircut, which he says, "feels great," and is anxious to learn the whys and wherefores of the "about face, left flank march and the hand salute." And after a few days of tests and clothing issue line-sweating, Mr. Slaughter looks very much the part of a soldier.

When asked about the big league situation, the Cardinal slugger was of the opinion that they would continue throughout the war. Being a Cardinal fan, you can bet the Cards will have one very special rooster when the boys start the September stretch.

"The Cards as usual are strong on pitching and have a strong staff of lefthanders as well as righthanders," he declared. But, he was asked, "who'll fill the center and left field spots?"

"Johnny Hopp will probably take over one of the field jobs, with Ray Sanders holding down the first sack," was Mr. Slaughter's answer.

Whoever wins in the National, I'll be a Cardinal fan to the finish, and that goes for the World Series, too--especially if the Yanks get in again.





## ESOP YARDBIRD'S FABLE

Out of the 885th comes a true story running parallel to one of our greatest classics, "THE THREE BEARS."



It seems that the three bears came into the mess hall for a bit of GI chow when Big Bear (Sgt. Powers) let out a roar.

"Who the hell picked the icing off my cake?"

Then the middle-sized bear (Sgt. Ruhmann) joined in. You should squawk. Someone sneaked off with my whole piece of cake.

The little bear (Sgt. Pelunis) didn't say a word.

He was too small, so the mess sergeant didn't give him any cake in the first place.

So, very much disgusted, the three bears started for the barracks, bldg. 1702. When they got there, Big Bear Powers nearly threw a fit.

"Some dirty so-and-so short-sheeted me!"

"And who's the wise guy who put the apple core in my bed?" Sgt. Ruhmann, the middle-sizer, asked.

Suddenly an unearthly screech came from little bear Pelunis. "Here's the old meanie in my bunk!"

Sure enough, there, dead to the world and on government time, lay Goldilocks Benson. Cake icing and raisins were still on his face!

Opening his eyes, Goldilocks beheld the three bears at the foot of his bed.

"Can the noise and let me get some shut-eye!" he yelled.

Then seeing the ferro-shus looks on the bears faces, he began



to repent his misdeeds. Tears filled his big brown eyes. He shook with sobs. It was a pitiful sight.

Unable to stand this tragic scene any longer, middle-sized bear Ruhmann dug into his penny bank and emptied the entire contents (72¢) into the poor little waif's chubby outstretched hand.

A big Ipana grin spread over poor little Goldilock's face, and chortling with glee, he promptly checked out his pass and with the pennies in his pink little fist,

he headed for the Pirate's Cave to irrigate his troubles with a half dozen long ones.

There is no moral to this story. It just goes to show that a penny saved is sure to end up in Benson's beer fund.



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him...and to prove his magnanimity he offers to escort any lonely heart that applies to him in person for a date. Females Ten-shun. Incidentally, that word "magnanimity" is a \$64 one, stolen from Pvt. Casper Rudinger's voluminous vocabulary of various, vigorous verbs. A YARDBIRD box has been installed in the orderly room for contributions to this column or to the paper in general. Will the eager beaver who deposited the money therein kindly remove same as gov't. regulations prevent printing money. Let's make things lively for next week...everyone do a Winchell on his bunk-mate. S/Sgt. Mike Potenze is becoming seriously disturbed at the increasing number of youngsters getting married. (Sgt. Massengill sent off the ring last week, and Pvt. Louis Pegg is supposed to be taking the fatal step while on furlough in Mich.) On the basis of his 18 years of marital bliss (the sq. record, as far as we know), Mike offers this advice: "Beat your wife regularly like a gong (apologies to Noel Coward, or someone), and twice on Sundays." Newly-wed Rogan says he can't find time to do this; and Cpl. Bill Johnson (married one month) has no comment at all. P.S.: He is married to a Texas gal--which, by the way, just goes to prove they aren't all in the movies you-all Texans. Anyone interested in learning about the progress of the war in any or all theaters of operations, and other sundry information, see Cpl. (Professor to you) Joe Harrison in the orderly room. He really has a considerable fund of interesting information. And then there is the C.Q. who woke up the Pvt. on his two o'clock round to tell him he had two more hours to sleep before KP call. OK... that winds up another Jerky Jumble until the same time next week.

HQ. & HQ. PINCH HITS:

Mac's away ..on a secret mission to S.A. military objectives with S/Sgt. Duff. Mystery of the week: what is the strange fascination in S.A. for Sgt. J. Golding? And will

wedding bells chime for our supply Sgt. on his furlough--he hopes? E.B. Self was pleasantly greeted by Cpl. stripes on returning from his furlough. Sgt. Hunt sports a diamond among all those stripes...congrats. Latest addition to our Casanova roster is Pvt. Sid Maller, who (quote) "really kills the broads at the ice rink" (unquote). Lt. Johnston, squadron adjutant, is now a 1st L.



YEP--THAT'S THE ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE HE WROTE TO THROUGH "PEN-PALS"!

888th YB BOX INSERT:

by Cpl. J. S. Bulsiewicz who says, "Ever hear Pvt. Ferd Macaluso speak of his old outfit? He's going around singing, 'Mind if I tag Along.' Wonder who did triple-deck Mac that night a short while ago? Bay Chief Sgt. Charles Cross nearly had a hemorrhage the other day when Jim Dorton was out of bed ahead of the rest of the barracks."

The 888th is the place where two guys--Steiner and Nance--were promoted to T/Sgt. re-

cently. And J. Bayless made Pfc.--\$4 more to support his lovely wife.

71st AVIATION (SEP): A school for illiterates is now being organized in bldg. 855. Anyone who has not completed the fourth grade or equivalent may go. The staff of teachers met Friday, March 19, at the request of Pvt. W. Hassell, Instructor in the Ground School. Present and representing the Commanding Officer, was Lt. Col. Chester Hill, Special Service officer. He voiced his approval in saying, "We'd rather not force any of the men to take this training." Major Dreyer who is Director of the Academic program of the post declared, "It is something of real importance, and the information derived from this school will make the men far more useful to the Army." The teaching staff includes: Cpls. J. Kelly and F. Young of the 28th; Pvts. L. Allen and F. Williams of the 333rd; and S/Sgt. H. C. Riley from the 71st. Much credit for the program goes to Pvt. Hassell. That it is worthy is evident from the

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endorsements of such officers as quoted above. This is a big opportunity for advancement, and men needing a knowledge of the "tool subject" are urged to avail themselves of this chance. Among the victims of Cupid's arrow recently were Pvt. Jessie F. Thompson and Pvt. Arthur McClinton who made the sad promise, "I will." With the bursting of spring, a reminder to fellows who go strolling down Lover's Lane and who sit under the Ole Apple tree that Ward 36 is mighty dreary. Don't stop there.

**885th NEWS:** Sgt. J.J. Powers is in Omaha finishing that honeymoon that was interrupted by Uncle Sam. Cpl. Scannell is still waiting for his cigar. He claims that he's no orphan. Drennick and Coble were promoted to S/Sgts. Sgt. Ben Bregman claims to be in the chips now that the boys from Hq. Sq. play pool with him. T/Sgt. Herbert Flowers thinks S/Sgt. Guthrie (887) is a hard loser in the pool room. Pvt. Walker has molar misbehaviors --especially when he must rise at 0430. There seems to be a new rumor that there will be a courts-martial for the soldier who was responsible for the embezzlement of the Old Gold cigarettes. Lt. Seymour gave his five year old daughter a birthday party with a gallon of ice cream--donated by the ice cream man. Sgts. Gambill and Williams tried their luck in Austin recently on a three day pass.

#### ZAILLECKS, INC.

The Zallecks are back again with a few more scandal items. Jerry Solomon has ironed out his difficulties with a certain little maid from Ohio, who is visiting San Antone with her sister. She had ideas of going back to Ohio with more than a sister, but Zalleck straightened that out just in time.

One Zalleck's wife told her devoted husband she could not leave home to stay in San Antonio with him as she was contemplating joining the Women's Marine Corps. The latest news is that she will be down here before the first of the month. Ain't married life wunnerful?

Zalleck is still waiting to take that fatal plunge next month. He wants to find out if the 13th is lucky or unlucky.

Whatta way to find out!

Zalleck signing off for this week.

Sgt. George Cain



#### YARDBIRD'S DIARY

March 25:

I am one of the fellows who make the world safe for democracy. I fought and fought--but I had to go anyway. I was called in Class "A." The next time I want to be in Class "B"--be here when they went and be here when they come back.

I remember when I registered. I went up to a desk and the guy in charge was my milkman. He said, "What's your name?" I said, "You know my name." "What's your name?" he barked. So I told him that it was Yardbird. He said, "Are you Alien?" "No," I said. "I'm feeling fine." He asked me how old I was, so I told him 23, the first of June. He said, "The first of June you will be in Australia, and that will be the end of Yardbird."

A veterinary started to examine me. He asked me if I had ever had the measles, small-pox or St. Vitus dance, and did I ever take fits?

I said, "No, only when I stayed in a saloon too long."

The doctor said that he had examined 150,000 men, but that I was the most perfect physical wreck he had ever seen.

So--he handed me a Class "A" card.

ON PAY DAY, GIVE TO  
THE AER

# PROMOTIONS

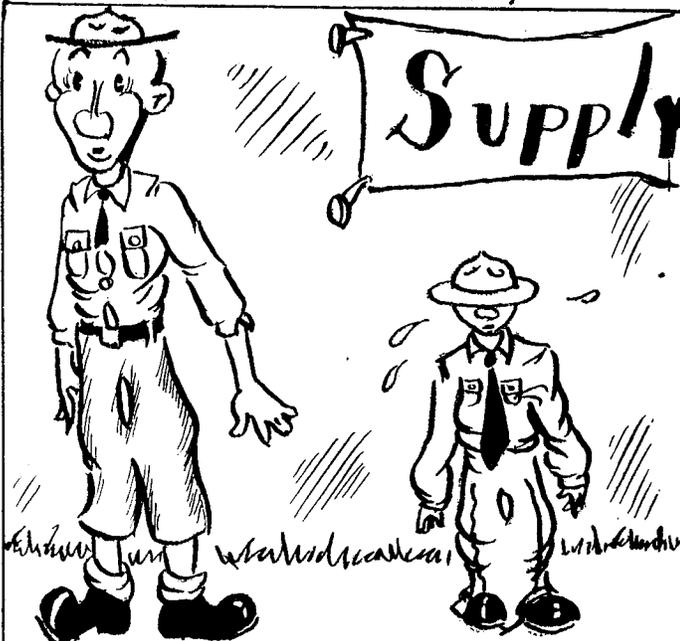
Promotion lists since the last YARD-BIRD dead line are headed by the upping of acting 1st Sgt. E. C. Hunt to 1st Sgt. of Hq. & Hq. Squadron.

The March 19th stripe list included: Hq. & Hq.--Cpls. C.F. Falknor and F.C. Robertson to Sgt.; Pfc. C.J. Bobbitt and T.F. Brosnan to Cpl. 886th--Sgt. W.D. Huston to S/Sgt.; Cpls. W.F. Bolger and J.H. Jenkins, Jr. to Sgt.; Pfc. C.A. Cinnamon, W.E. Price, C.O. Lovik, J.H. Thompson to Cpl. 887th--Sgts. P.S. Contois and R.A. Wyandt now S/Sgts.

On March 13, Hq. & Hq. came through with the following promotions: Sgts. R. V. Freeland and R.M. Glavin to Staff; Cpls. J.C. Golding, J.F. Harwood and H.B. Hayward to Sgt.; and Pfc. G.W. Gable, A.J. Santamauro, L.C. Sarno, E.B. Self, J.J. Landry and C.J. Stasko, and Pvt. J. W. Stevens and M.J. Frederick to Cpl.

The 886th new ratings on the same date were Sgt. R.W. Fitzer to S/Sgt.; Cpl. A.H. Gumer to Sgt.; and Pfc. R.K. Bruce to Cpl.

Additional ratings on the 13th--Cpl. (Continued on column 2)



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R.D. Spickler to Sgt. in the 887th; S/Sgts. T.A. Neil, E.J. Bell, F.D. Martin from Sgt.; Sgts. P.P. Stanesco, F.D. Adkins, M.E. Trahan, J.V. Trombino and H.C. Wallace from Cpl. All the preceding are 888th Squadron men.

## KHAKI ?

When will O.D. pass away and khaki come to stay?

YARDBIRD inquired about that, looking for a scoop, and was advised to "watch the daily bulletin." Military secrecy!

To GI's, therefore, YARDBIRD can only say, "Join us in watching the daily bulletin."

The order will probably come out before this issue, of course, but YB wants its readers to know it was on the ball in trying to beat the game on the khaki regulation.

## CPL. FOOTE TAKES PART IN GI CAMP SHOW

Cpl. Richard Foote, enlisted man in charge of the GI Service Club on the post, was selected to represent SAACC in a musical revue last Sunday of Army camp talent.

One man was chosen from each post in the San Antonio area, and the group presented an all GI show at the San Pedro Playhouse, 4:30 p.m., Sunday.

Cpl. Foote sang and played the guitar as his part on the program.

## READING WOMEN

Women are like newspapers because:

- They have forms;
- Are made up;
- Have bold types;
- They always have the last word;
- Back numbers are not in demand;
- They have a great deal of influence;
- They are well worth looking over;
- You cannot believe everything they say;
- They carry the news wherever they go;
- They are never afraid to speak;
- They are much thinner than they used to be;

Every man should have one of his own and not borrow one from his neighbors.

by A. W. Bakersfield

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