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### DOWN MEXICO WAY

#### SAACC NINE PLAYS ALL-STARS BELOW BORDER

by S/Sgt. Wm. Morgan

The SAACC ball club went down south over the week end to play the International All-Stars and had a very interesting trip.

The first game was played Saturday night (June 26) in Nueva Laredo, Mexico, before a howling mob of Mexican fans who kept jabbering a fast line of lingo. The fellows didn't know just how they stood with the crowd.

They found out in the very first inning, however, when Cooper, Scheske and Wilber scored and SAACC was off to a three run lead. The fans cheered.

They are strictly baseball partisans and don't care who wins so long as there are plenty of base hits and runs and a lot of color.

Hipple was on the mound for the Center. A streak of wildness cost him two runs in the second inning before he struck out the side.

SAACC got another run in the sixth, forging ahead 4-2. Then in the eighth, Leyendecker and R. Garza hit successive doubles, tying the score.

Until the eleventh the teams scrapped without much scoring punch, when with two out, Leyendecker on first and two strikes on R. Garza, Hipple tossed in a fast breaking curve. The last seen of the ball was as it went sailing over the left field fence.

Hipple was a bit wild at first but

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### GI SERVICE CLUB OFFERS ENLISTED MEN

#### PICNIC FACILITIES WITH ALL TRIMMINGS

GI organizations or groups that want to throw a picnic with all the trimmings can do so now without leaving the post.

"Picnic Grove's" the place--in the area near the gate to Kelly across the highway from the riding stables.

A project of the Special Service office, Lt. Col. Chester Hill in charge, the picnic grounds are supervised by the EM Service Club under the direction of Lt. Harold Telman and Cpl. Dick Foote.

Any group of EM and their guests may use the grove, and they may bring beer, though it cannot be purchased on the grounds. The Service Club will arrange for the rental of horses and, if possible, the club will try to obtain horses after hours for groups that wish to have evening parties.

The EM picnic grove is part of an elaborate array of regular monthly activities planned for the GI Service Club and approved by Lt. Col. Hill.

Athletic doings include the three games weekly played by the SAACC nine and two games weekly between the colored squadrons.

Every month the club will put on a specialty movie, a dance for the EM of the post and one for the colored squadrons, and a smoker with some speaker or interesting personality as particular attraction.

Educational work includes the Army

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## THE LITTLE THINGS...

July 4--noise, color, baseball games, watermelons, rockets, elaborate night displays of fireworks, highways spewing their overcrowded loads of cars to beaches, mountains, town and country in one of the two or three great annual holiday movements, politicians sounding off in high-flown language--that was the peace-time formula for America's celebration of her birth as an independent nation.

It was typically American.

Irresponsible in many respects, but indicative of the rich flair for the extreme, for gay and carefree living, for making the most of today and the devil with tomorrow.

Whatever the pattern of our society in the future, we can be sure that in this country, the healthy basis underlying our Coney Island attitudes will remain.

It is good insurance against the loss of common sense and expansive humor that seems to occur with the development of fascistic beliefs and behavior.

However, war sobers even the not easily repressed American and this Fourth of July will probably take on a tone of religious seriousness.

The U.S. soldier might well use the occasion, too, for a little thought in that vein.

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Civilians will hear of

their good fortune in being free workers, free home makers, free political citizens with the rights of speaking, writing and worshipping as they determine rather than as decreed.

Most of us sense the significance of those rights even if we do not fully understand their functioning nor always practice them with intelligence and responsibility.

For the man in uniform in this country, though, there is particular meaning in the nation's anniversary. He is serving his country and that is important.

But for him as an individual it is also important that he is in a military organization which recognizes his status as a citizen of a democracy and gives him appropriate privileges and freedom.

Of course, he is bound by regulations necessary to maintain an essential military discipline.

But any honest soldier on this post who'll think for a few minutes about his life here must see the differences between his position and that of a robot-like unit of the Nazi or Imperial Japanese forces.

Those differences lie in the apparently small details which we accept so nonchalantly because we have never been without them.



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Nature lovers came across an unusual sight last week at Brackenridge Park--Cpl. Keiser and Pvt. Fechter were to be seen lying on one of the spacious lawns with hamburgers and pop stacked high beside them. They're both very quiet about the matter...wonder why? Speaking of nature, the latest attraction on the post is the

## 885<sup>TH</sup> VIEWS

by PFC. F. A. Kelly

collection of insects and other items gathered by one of our most ardent lovers of wildlife--among the most interesting things in the collection are a small armadillo, a tiny, lovely-colored snake and PFC. Yaslowitz, who is the proud owner and beams when they're even mentioned.

Lots of happy faces and lots of sad ones--yep, the new ratings were released. Next time, fellows.

The Cadet Mess Personnel ball team got together over the week end to celebrate their triumphs on the diamond. Everyone there had a swell time...PFC. Bill Schuette and some others are still raving about it. Pvt. Campbell, who looks so distinguished in his new cook's uniform, carries himself like Oscar of the Waldorf.

The PT program is certainly rounding the boys into good shape--or shaping the boys out of good rounds, perhaps. Kind of rough at first, but the excuses have been falling off, so the fellows must have come around to the idea of getting sun and muscles via an hour a day.

We all lost some good friends with the recent discharges of Pvts. Borjesson, Griffith, Gerken and Johnson--now in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and due for jobs in essential war work. Good luck and happy days, boys!

Glad-to-get-backs: Sgts. Connors and Dunn, who look no worse for their furloughs.. Pvts. Byrd, Gagnon, Johnson and Montoya, joyous to return after a two week sojourn.

AND FROM THE **28<sup>TH</sup>**  
by Cpl. J. L. Kelly

The 28th is a real squadron now having full strength and a brand new first sergeant in the person of Sgt. Louis D. Shaw. We all welcome Sgt. Shaw and wish him much success.

S/Sgt. Ruff House Jones' baseball team played the fast-steppers from Randolph Field recently. It started at a hot clip for the first four innings, but then the game turned against the boys of the Cadet Center through the failure of the pitchers. They seemed unable to stop the grand rally that was put on in nearly every inning by the opponents. However, Ruff's boys fought bravely--Randolph's pitching by the three men used was pretty fair. Score: 19-8. With a few switches in the line up and a couple of nine inning pitchers, our team should be able to take over the Randolph outfit when

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**SOON PROP WASH**

# Promotions



June 25 was a stripe-marked day for the EM of Classification Center.

On that day the ratings for which they'd sweated long weeks came through in flood tide.

Hq. & Hq. Sqdn. added 17 staff sergeants: former Sgts. George L. Cain, George N. Christian, Edward C. Cooper, Harry A. Donch, John F. Downing, Donald W. Edgar, Edwin L. Fletcher, William H. Goering, Jack C. Golding, John F. Harwood, Nevin E. Leese, John F. Maloney, A. J. Mason, John F. O'Rourke, Walton C. Rowland, Wilton H. Staples, Russell S. Whitmire.

From Cpl. to Sgt. went Harold Berman, Royal K. Bruce, Sylvester H. Effertz, James C. Ford, James Fulton, Clifford L. Fulton, Louis C. Litzner, Jr., Max A. Murphy, Paul R. Mowery, Anthony G. Pierson, Charles W. Seamans, Stuart N. Spitzer, Allen M. Waber.

New Cpls. include former PFCs. Walker A. Amole, James R. Bayless, William R. Calvey, John S. Curtis, James L. Davis, Patrick D. Donahue, Leonard S. Klimek, Richard E. Lyon, George P. Reeve, William F. Schneider, Edward J. Twiford, Thomas J. Weir, and former Pvts. Loyal H. Conn, Francis E. Eagan, Joseph F. Gustafarro, Willie A. Hadeler, Charles A. Phillips, Hewlett P. Wing.

Ratings at the 885th were:

Staff sergeants--Martin L. Griffith, James R. Harrell, Robert A. Sapp, John F. McDonald, Chalmers L. Christie, Harry E. Speckman, Ralph E. Houser, Francis P. Connors, Albert W. Kayser.

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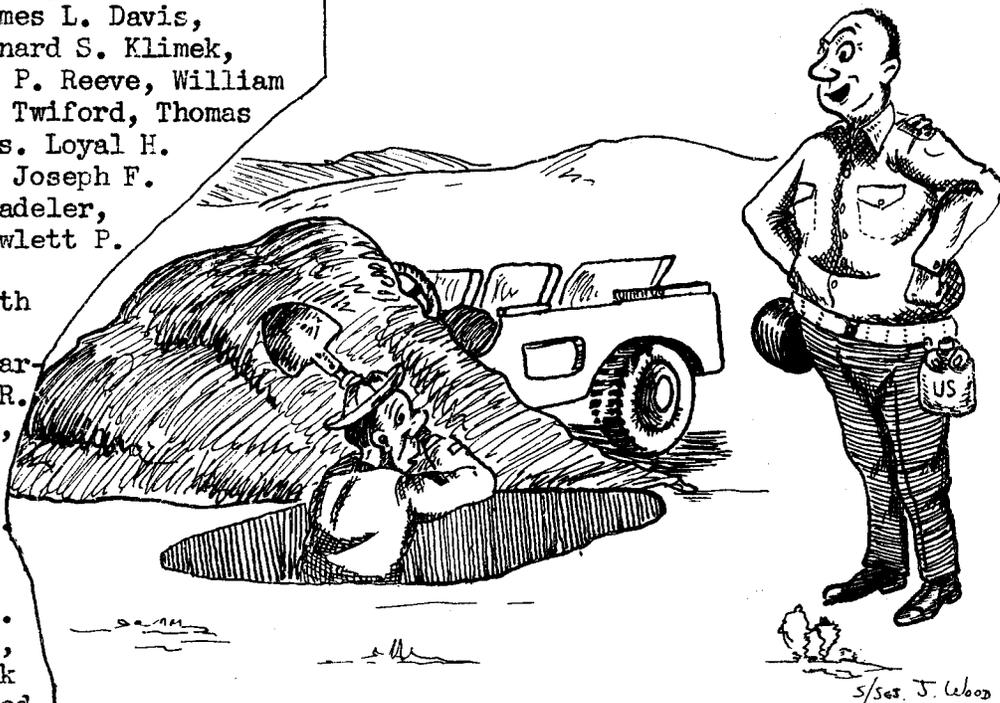
In the Psych Unit, Abraham S. Levine and Joseph L. Woodruff were upped to staff; Robert C. Bryan, Ewing L. Phillips, Austin J. Jernigan to sergeant; and William E. Harris, Isaiah Rochlin, Frank E. Hobden to Corporal.

Sgt. John P. Hanna of the 886th and Sgt. Harold B. Berkey of the 887th were promoted to staff.

## PVTS. IN ADVANCED AST WILL RISE IN GRADE

Latest AST development is that EM of the 7th grade (Pvt.) will be promoted to the grade of PFC. when they move from the basic phase of the program to the advanced.

GIs assigned directly to the advanced training from star units will also be upped to PFC. Higher grades retain their rank as formerly.



EXCELLENT CAMOUFLAGE FOMBY-

BUT YOU'RE OVER DOING IT A BIT, ARENT YOU?

MAJOR ROY F. REYNOLDS REPORTS  
TO SAACC AS CHAPLAIN FOR POST

Chaplain Roy F. Reynolds of St. Louis, Mo., who has reported at the SAACC as post chaplain, believes, on the basis of personal observation as a chaplain in numerous army stations, that the U. S. soldier has sound morale and good character.

"Our entrance into the war electrified morale," he said. "The spirit of the men changed immediately. Also, the quality of personnel has consistently improved."

Chaplain Reynolds, who received his original commission in January, 1931, and now holds the rank of major, commented particularly on the heavy attendance he found at the chapels of this post.

"I never saw anything like it," he said. "They fill every pew, sit on the floor all the way down the aisles and crowd the vestibule. And those waiting to get inside look like a chow line. We'll arrange for even more services to take care of them."

Services at this post, the largest of its kind in the world, are held in five chapels and a room in the post hospital.

Chaplain and Mrs. Reynolds have their permanent residence at 7016 Michigan St., St. Louis. Mrs. Reynolds will join him at San Antonio as soon as he has found a temporary residence. Their 18-year-old son, Robert, is studying radio at Chicago, preparing for army service.



WANT \$2,500 ?

MACMILLAN'S OFFERS AWARD TO SERVICEMEN

SUBJECT: The Great American Novel.

TO: : Pen pushers of SAACC.

Macmillan's, the well-known publishing firm, offers \$2,500 worth of incentive to servicemen who think they can write. It's because of their 100th anniversary.

The centenary award is for members of the armed forces of the United Nations only and includes \$2,500 each for fiction and non-fiction works and smaller awards totalling \$5,000.

A similar collection of stimulant is provided for the fighting men of the British army and navy and a special Canadian award has been set up, also.

Contestants for the U.S. literary prize must be American citizens who are serving in some part of the armed forces of the United Nations, or any person in the U.S. military forces.

They must be between the ages of 19 to 35, inclusive, and must submit their manuscripts before the end of 1943.

PICNIC AREA FOR EM (Cont. from page 1, col. 2)

Institute courses for which the club is a center of information, music appreciation through semi-monthly classical music hours during which records from the club's collection will be played.

The Service Center continues to offer the usual recreational opportunities every day--pool, chess and games of all kinds.

And dancing classes under the direction of Cpl. Foote will remain a feature attraction--emphasis on rhumba, waltz and tango steps.

YARDBIRD will announce the dates of important events as the GI Service Club's calendar of activities shapes up in the future.

EM interested in using the picnic grove should call Lt. Telman or Cpl. Foote at the club--3230.

NOT SO DUMB

"And another thing," the experienced girl told the innocent one before the latter kept her date with a soldier, "don't let those good conduct medals fool you!"

Exchange

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# SPORTS



## SERVICE LEAGUE STANDINGS (As of June 27, 1943)

	W	L	PCT.
Randolph	25	8	.758
Brooks	20	14	.588
Hondo	19	14	.576
Stinson	19	14	.576
CADET CENTER	17	15	.531
War Workers	15	17	.469
Normoyle	10	23	.303
Kelly Field	7	27	.206

### HOT PITCHING AND HITTING BY SAACC DROPS HONDO BALL CLUB, 7-2

Hondo, Texas, June 25--The pitching of Colosky and the hitting of Wilber, Tucker and Scheske was the story behind SAACC's defeat of Hondo, 7-2.

Tucker and Donaldson scored in the second on their hits and an error by Hondo's second baseman, putting SAACC into the lead, 2-1.

Hondo tied it up in the fourth on two hits and an error, but SAACC broke loose in the seventh after two outs and scored three times on two walks, a double by Scheske, and an error. Two more were added in the ninth as insurance.

Marty Errante was on the mound for Hondo, and allowed seven hits, but a wild streak in the seventh cost him the game; two more walked and an error in the ninth sewed up the game.

Colosky allowed seven hits but kept them well scattered.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
SAACC	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	7	8	1
HONDO	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	3

### DOWN MEXICO WAY (Cont. from page 1, c. 1)

settled down and struck out 13 men. He gave up seven hits, while SAACC could get only five off Ortegon and Fister.

Sunday, the Cadet Center outfit crossed the river into Laredo and took on the all-star team again, or vice versa.

SAACC got one in the first and the fans cheered. But as on the previous day, it was premature.

In the all-star half of the first, Montalvo, husky left fielder, smacked a homer over the left field fence with a man on--that rated more cheers.

In the third, SAACC went back into the lead, temporarily, when Scheske doubled and Wilber singled; Slaughter also scored on his walk.

trouble in the last of the third when he gave up four hits, good for four runs with the help of three errors.

Picking out one of Smith's curves, E. Garza (brother of the bad boy of the night before), dropped it over the left field fence in the last of the sixth with two men on.

The fans still were in a cheering mood even after the laugh-provoking tactics of two Mexicans who discussed Hitler and Mussolini from opposite sides of the stands.

Grove tossed another home run ball to Montalvo in the seventh and Dean, up to bat for the second time, pasted a mighty wallop over the fence with Grove on base. Final score in this game was 13-8.



"Can you direct us to the Motor Pool?"

PVT ARNOLD GATES  
KEESLER FIELD  
MAY 1943

**CADET CENTER SCORCHES STINSON  
AT TECH FIELD WITH 13 RUNS TO 3**

Tech Field, June 22--Bouncing back from a loss to Brooks, the SAACC boys turned on the heat and scorched Stinson to the tune of 13-3.

Lefty Johnson was on the mound for the Cadet Center and set the Stinson boys down in order for four innings.

With two out in the fifth, he gave up three straight hits, good for two runs, but by that time SAACC was way out in front, 5-2.

In the seventh, Stinson grabbed another run on an error and two hits, but SAACC came back in the last of the seventh to score a run that matched it.

In the last of the eighth, SAACC smacked out four hits, climaxed by Wilber's double with the bases loaded. Dean had previously walked and scored on Cox's single. This marked Capt. Dean's first appearance in action.

Slaughter led the Cadet attack with three hits, one being a long triple in the fourth inning, scoring Scheske.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
STINSON	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	9	9
SAACC	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	4	x	13	10	5




		SAACC'S LEADING HITTERS						
NAME	AB	R	S	D	T	H	PCT.	
1. Slaughter	106	38	29	10	7	2	.453	
2. Cox	38	8	10	4	0	0	.368	
3. Wilber	138	33	23	12	3	7	.326	
4. Cooper	127	36	31	5	1	0	.291	
5. J. Ducos	21	5	6	0	0	0	.286	



## Baseball INTERPRETATIONS

When I came back from my furlough, I still had the sniff of Ebbets' Field hot pups in my smeller and a yen for konking umpires with pop bottles.

So I hied myself to the C.C. softball diamond where the Cadet Mess Personnel trounced the 888 nine--but good.

Coming from a town of winning teams, it was a simple matter for me to pick out the stronger line up and to ally myself to the rooting staff.

As a matter of fact, I found that I was part of the official background of the top team in the league, being official bat-boy and dugout-digger.

The only ammunition I had--in true Brooklynese fashion--was a coke bottle from the Hq. Sqdn. day room. But I didn't need it.

The umpire was going about his business in the prescribed fashion--he was cheating for my side.

While back home I was able to brush up on my soda bottle tossing and am now gunning in the sharpshooter field. If the ump doesn't behave at the other CMP games I might be able to work up to the expert badge.

Pardon me now while I borrow a case of empty coke bottles to practice with.  
by Cpl. Junior Graber

(CNS)--Buzz Borries, Navy's great back of a few years ago, downed a pair of Zeros in his first five minutes of flying in the South Pacific. He's now an instructor at Pensacola.

next we meet. Perhaps a bad start will lead to a good end. Don't let us down.

It seems to this correspondent that if any fellow from the 28th wishes to call his lady love in San Antonio or other parts nearby from the booth in recreation hall #2, he should make an appointment three days in advance. We have so many men in the squadron now and they all get the urge to call their sweeties at the same time. Now, now, boys, sweetness is rationed these days.

The Harmonizing Five from the 28th sang a few numbers at the open pavilion near Gate C not long ago. Cpl. Gaston also went through a couple of his famous numbers on the piano. When you're getting together for real red hot entertainment and deep groove jazz music, beckon to the Harmonizing Five. They'd love to play for you at any time, any place. Contact Cpl. Kelly.



by PFC. Victor Bowman

The heat of the past week has had most of the Medics including your pinch-hitting correspondent in the doldrums. But there has been some activity worthy of note.

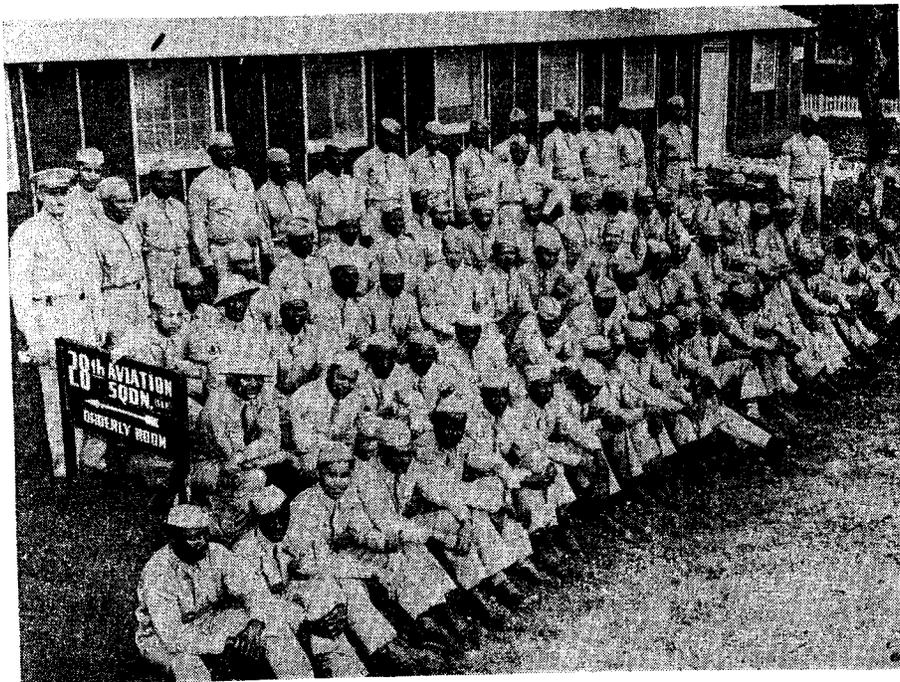
A select shovel and rake party was staged on the lawn around the barracks and day room with Sgt. Vita in charge of the ceremonies. A good time by all cannot be

## VICTORY BOYS →

One hundred per cent for victory are members of the 28th Aviation Squadron, pictured at the left.

According to their Commanding Officer, Capt. Paul F. Conti, standing at extreme left, they have pledged themselves 100 per cent for the purchase of war bonds.

Sixteen per cent of each month's payroll-- \$1,295.60--goes for the unit's bond allotment



reported--but the net result was a much improved appearance of Medic corner.

Furloughs still rate the big news in the company. Latest lucky ones include Sgt. Vita, Sgt. Gossfeld, Cpl. Green and Cpl. Heater. Visitor at the processing unit during the past week was 2nd Lt. William Boulware, who was S/Sgt. Bill Boulware before his stretch at OCS. He is still in the Air Corps, with Santa Ana, Calif., as a temporary assignment.

The barracks "Inside Straight" Club has shifted to deuces wild for a pastime, causing some confusion among the members.

That's all for this week. In the next edition we will report the pay day happenings, always very spicy.



by S/Sgt. H. C. Riley

S/Sgt. H. C. Riley, who left recently for Tuskegee Army Air Field to attend a course in venereal disease control, returned Thursday, June 24. He says this was one of the most interesting courses he has ever studied. It was taught by two of the venereal specialists of the Air Forces, both of whom are recognized as authorities in this field by the War Department; namely, Major George and Capt. E. Singleton.

There were 30 (Cont. on p. 9, c. 1)

enlisted men in attendance, according to Sgt. Riley, who were college students or graduates or high school graduates with AGCT scores ranging from 110 to 137. Five made a grade of one hundred per cent and Sgt. Riley was one of them. Sarge, your buddies say 'congratulations to you' for maintaining a high degree of scholarship.

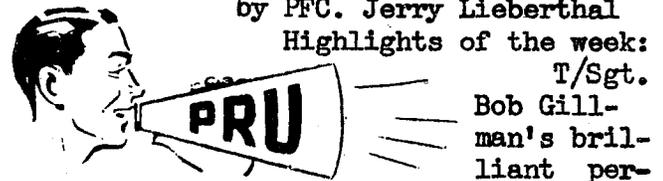
Fellows, you will be hearing from Sgt. Riley as VD control NCO for this post soon.

This squadron has had quite a shake up with Cpls. Whitehurst and Tommy Williams off to NCO drill master school. Good luck. And the 71st moved to the area formerly occupied by the 333rd.

An attached Army Administration school student writes back to a friend: "Pete my boy, I agree with you that there was a great deal of truth in the Colonel's farewell speech, especially that part about things not happening as fast nor exactly as we would wish. But I'm putting the cart before the horse, so let me start with the day of our arrival at the SAACC. So far we have no definite assignment and all of us are attached to the 71st Avn. Sqdn. But every cloud has a silver lining and I can see evidence of that here. We would like so much to be where we might do what we were trained to.

"The officers and men of the 71st are not only soldiers but gentlemen. Of course I could mention names, but as you do not know them, I'll let it go. They are up every morning early working like beavers with a definite purpose in view, to help make this world a better place in which to live. Oh yes, we're right with 'em. Why just this past week we have worked (beautifying the surroundings), drilled, hiked, taken in the rifle range and even managed

to play awhile. So you see that we of the 71st do have a job to do and are at it. I'll write again soon and let me hear from you. K."



by PFC. Jerry Lieberthal  
Highlights of the week:

T/Sgt.  
Bob Gillman's brilliant per-

formance as guest soloist with the Symphony Society of San Antonio. Gillman's reception at the Cos Club as prepared by Schmierer.

A swell Unit picnic accompanied by a little baseball in which the Barracks Roaches split a double header with the City Shack Rats--according to reports, everyone starred equally well.

The innovation of PT and the use of commando tactics has left many a PRUER with aching muscles. The Randolph shuffle as demonstrated by Hobden was an indication of the physical fitness of the men--Schlien is still taking liniment baths.

By now Mort Levin is a happily married man.

"Zebra" Webb, Malcolm Williams and Jockey Knight rang the bell at AGD and will soon be Washington bound. Congratulations and good luck, shavetails!



by PFC.  
John Curtis

The other night returning from San Antonio, we counted the people on the bus and before we had left the downtown section, there were forty-one GIs and three civilians--one of whom was the driver. (Cont. on page 10, col. 2)

Male Call

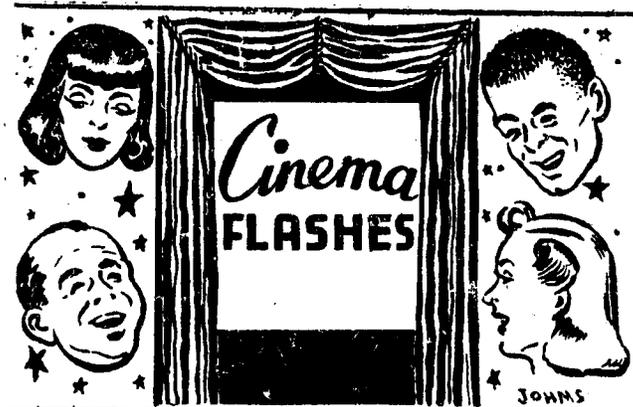


by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Auxiliary Power





A story of a Norwegian fishing village under the Nazi heel that rivals in quality of plot and acting the outstanding "Commandos Strike at Dawn" comes to the Aztec Thursday, July 1, for seven days.

"EDGE OF DARKNESS" portrays the activities of the underground in one small Norwegian town, leading up to a mass rebellion of the populace against the oppressors. It features a distinguished cast including Errol Flynn (below) and Ann Sheridan (at right) in the lead roles, Walter Huston, Judith Anderson, Ruth Gordon, John Beal, Morris Carnovsky.

Lewis Milestone directed "Edge of Darkness," his first war-story job since he made the famous "All Quiet on the Western Front."

"SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS" with Lana Turner and Robert Young is held over at the Texas for another week from July 1.



Honoring the submarine fighters of the U.S., "CRASH DIVE," at the Majestic and Texas Saturday midnight, presents in technicolor a fast-moving and sometimes overly-imaginative drama of the war as seen through a periscope. Tyrone Power stars--Anne Baxter provides the love interest--and Dana Andrews plays the triangle role, neatly eliminated, of course, by Tyrone.

Most of the film was shot at the Navy sub base, New London, Conn., and much of the action takes place in the "Albacore," a sub loaned by the Navy Department for the picture.

Other featured players include James Gleason, Dame May Whitty, Henry Morgan and Ben Carter. And--a large bullfrog named "Lena."

"DIXIE" which played at the Texas and Majestic last Saturday night takes over at the Majestic for one week beginning July 1. The marquee names are Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour.

Roy Rogers and Sheila Ryan star in "SONG OF TEXAS" at the Empire July 1, 2 and 3. Beginning Sunday the 4th at the Empire is "TARZAN'S TRIUMPH" with Johnny Weissmuller and Frances Gifford.



PROP WASH (Cont. from p. 9, c. 2)

Now this is not an unusual thing in San Antonio, but suddenly the fact struck us that it is plenty unusual from the standpoint of our past experience. We wonder what that same bus will look like six and one-half months after the duration.

You can please some of the people, etc., and if you don't believe it, recall the greeting which the recent promotion list received. It seems that after any such list comes out, every GI has either another stripe or another gripe. Advice to the gripers: they can't keep a good man down, and there will be a lot of special orders to come.

Personalities: It may have been the circumstances, but a good scrap lurked in the conversation of Sgt. Robertson and Cpl. Dupont--with S/Sgt. Johns holding the coats. Next day the warriors were room orderlies together, so it must have been minor aphasia.

Cpl. Ramirez demands a retraction on the announcement of his contemplated marriage. It seems that her boy friend wrote Francisco a letter stating that she loves him, etc., him being the boy friend, not Francisco. Such a confusing!

Everyone knows that Sgt. Masak is a big man, but he's even bigger than most people suspect. He's so big that he requires the use of six showers to take a bath! Also, he's the only person we know who combs his hair before his shower. Why we don't know.



Born in Lincoln Park, Michigan, Lt. Del Wilber, 24, is one of the most colorful baseball players in the San Antonio area.

If his life has a theme, it is built around athletics both now and in the future.

A tall, well-built individual with a ruddy complexion, Del has a booming voice that carries well, whether he is directing his PT classes in Squadron 104 or putting the SAACC ball team through its paces.

Del manages the ball club from his catching position and is doing an excellent job of directing the Warhawks in their climb to a leading position in the Service League.

Before the war, Del played professional baseball. After attending Lincoln Park high school, he started his ball with Findlay, Ohio.

In the next five years he saw action with Columbus, Ohio, Springfield, Mo., the St. Louis Cards, Columbus, Ga. and Jefferson Barracks, Mo. In 1939 he held the national title in runs batted in with 157 out of 130 games.

After Del entered the Army Air Forces, he went to OCS at Miami Beach, Fla. If you have seen Clark Gable's recent short, "Wings Up," you would have seen Lt. Wilber marching

along with one of the formations of Officer Candidates for he was there at the time the picture was filmed.

Finally he landed at the Cadet Center and was assigned to physical training for Squadron 104.

Today or tomorrow you may see him on the baseball diamond "barbering" with the opposing team just before game time.

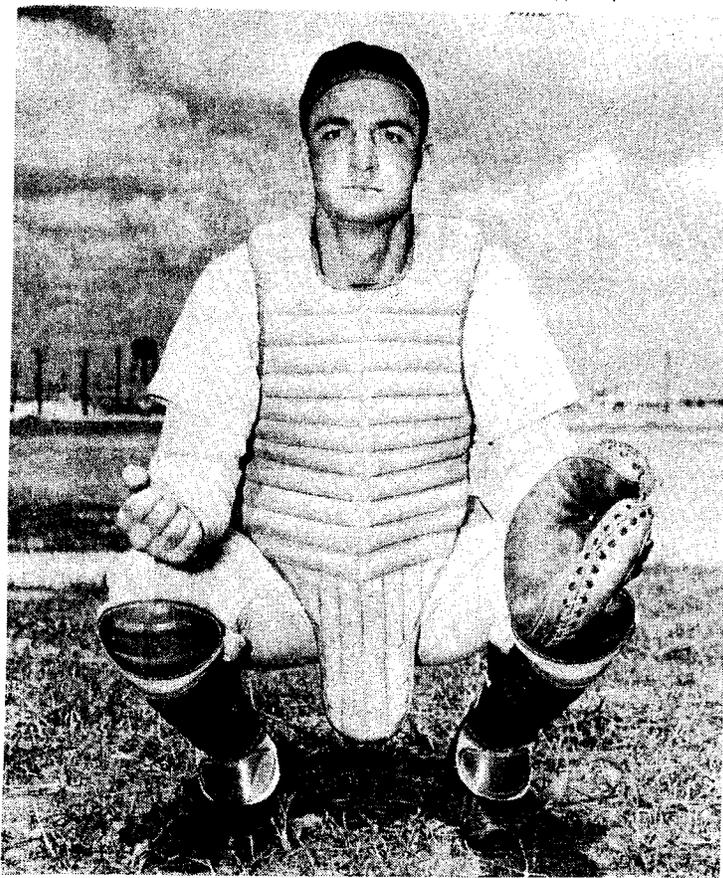
He likes to talk with others who have covered a lot of baseball distance and his teammates needle him whenever they catch him bulling with the enemy.

Wilber not only talks a good game, but proves his theories. Besides hitting .326 in Service League play, he has seven home runs, three triples and 12 doubles to his credit--and he is a smart catcher in field operations.

Other fields have learned to respect that big club he swings, for he knows how to use it.

by Sgt. A. E. Gross

## Lieutenant Del Wilber



### G.I. HUMOR

A unit of Yanks was moving into its first bivouac area on the north side of the Owen Stanley Mountains, a desolate sector near the roving Japanese patrols.

The unit was understandably nervous when it unslung packs and began to dig slit trenches. Suddenly a whistle blew and a noncom shouted, "Front and center, everybody. On the double."

This was it, the Yanks figured, grabbing their rifles and running toward the assembly point. They waited breathlessly for

the next order.

"Okay, everybody," the noncom said, "Line up and police the area."

## CONGRESS FAVORS EM

### NEW INCOME TAX PROVISIONS EXEMPT MOST GIs

A generous Congress has passed a tax law (June 9, 1943) which virtually exempts most servicemen from paying any income taxes--not only the forgiving of 1942 taxes, but the elimination of future obligations.

Representative Marion T. Bennett of Missouri has prepared a statement for the Congressional Record explaining the workings of the new act.

"In effect," the Congressman says, "it wipes out the tax on income for 1942 for persons on active military service."

That applies to men who are in the service for only part of 1942 or 1943, also. And if more dough was paid out to Uncle Sam in 1942 than is due for this year's tax, some fortunate guys will collect an income tax refund or credit next March. Whatta world!

Most EM and lowest ranking officers who do not have other incomes than their service pay will have no tax for either 1942 or 1943.

In addition to personal exemptions, servicemen get an exemption allowance on \$1,500 of their military income. For a single man that means a total of \$2,124--\$1,500 service; \$624 personal. For a married man without dependents the total is \$2,748--\$1,500 and \$1,248.

Representative Bennett notes that if you are serving in the armed forces within the U.S. you are supposed to file with the collector of internal revenue for your district on or before September 14, an

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estimate of your 1943 income.

"Technically," he states, "even men in the lowest grade are supposed to file such estimates," but he explains that since the penalty is a 10% addition to the tax due, when no tax is due there can be no addition.

However, men who expect to claim refunds or tax credit for overpayment of taxes already made should get their estimates in if they want consideration later on, according to the Treasury Department.

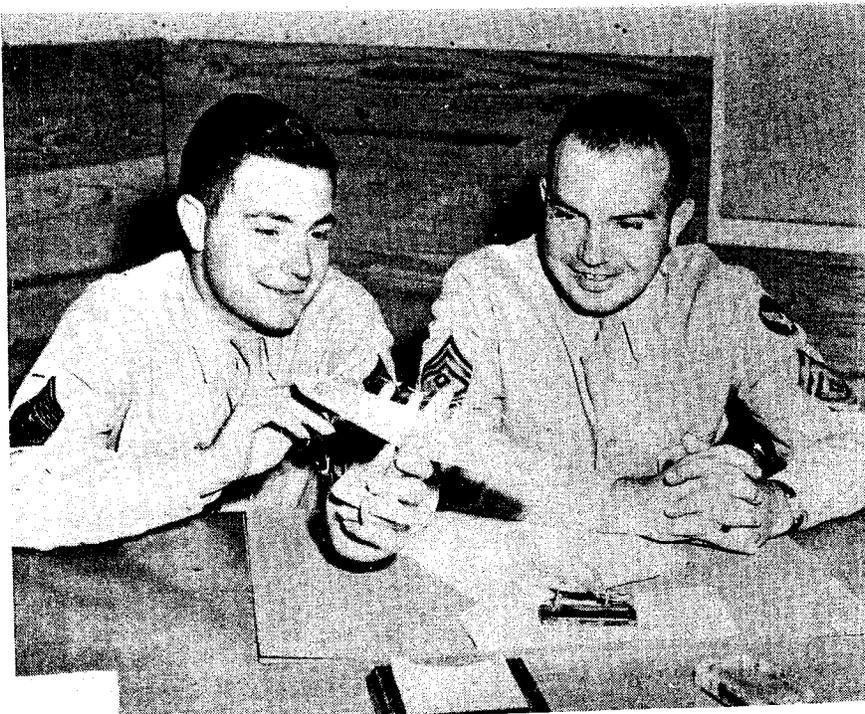
If a serviceman is married, his wife must follow the same rules as any other woman in filing returns and paying taxes. That is, she can file a joint return, divide the family exemption, or claim all the exemption if her husband does not list any of it.

She can, also, deduct allowances for children if she provides their main support, but she cannot claim any of the \$1,500 given her husband in uniform.

Men or women in the armed forces who do have to pay an income tax should begin to plan for it as there is no withholding of taxes from their pay as is the case with civilians under the new law.

James E. Thomas (right in the picture below) of Attapulugus, Ga., is the new first sergeant of the 509th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron of the SAACC, having succeeded Thomas H. Harp (left) of Vinita, Okla., when the latter was promoted to M/Sgt. Thomas previously had been assigned

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SGT. THOMAS



to the orderly room of the 509th in the grade of T/Sgt. Harp has been in service since May 6, 1941, and worked at the Kelly Field and SAACC postoffices before taking on orderly room duties. Sgt. Thomas enlisted in Sept., 1940, spent 22 months in the Canal Zone before coming to the Cadet Center as an Av/C in Sept., 1942.