PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE ENLISTED MEN OF AAFCC

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OF THE POST WILL SOON BE GIVEN A COMPLETE COURSE OF TRAINING WHICH WILL PREPARE THELL TO MAN THE FOX-HOLES OF GUADALCANAL, the sand dures of North Africa, or

ARMY INSTITUTE COURSES AVAILABLE By Pvt. John McDonald

Bunk fatigue usually brings on conversations like this one overheard the other day, "Gosh, I wish I could brush up on accounting; I'll need it after the war! " . The speaker was a soldier whose education was interrupted by the draft. Last night in the dayroom one of the fellows, scanning through a magazine, suddenly remarked, "It's too bad I couldn't finish college, I only had a year to go." Isany other men have expressed the wish to become radiomen and acchanics in the Air Corps. Others want to secure credit to complete their high school course.

All these men needn't feel sorry for themselves, for now they can take courses which will meet these unfulfilled desires. Rocently an unusual opportunity has been made available to Enlisted Men of the United States Army. A plan has been set up whereby in his spare time he can learn a trade and continue or begin high school or college education. The finest education al facilities in the country have been placed at the disposal of Army EM.

Under this plan set up by the Army Institute at Madison, Wis. there seven hundred high school and college courses to choose from. One can obtain instruction in business, scientific, technical, mechanical, industrial, liberal arts and Engineering fields -- anything from accounting to welding

spare time now and then will soon show re- Warfare, elementary field tactics, sults. You receive the course through the 1.

any other spot in the combat areas of the should suddenly be transferred to a tacti+ cal unit, the EAGER BEAVER learned today i an interview with Captain R.L. Humphrey, Officer in Charge of Plans and Training fo the Classification Center.

The purpose of the program, Captain Humphrey stated, is twofold: first, it aims to rive every enlisted man in the Classification Center a thorough, wellrounded course of training in all phases o ground soldiering including the use of standard type weapons; and second: will standardize and make uniform the military training and skills of enlisted personnel of this post.

Many of the men who are transferred here, either from cadet status, or from other posts, Captain Humphrey continued ha had highly specialized types of training i other branches of the service. Others have had virtually no training at all. The new program is designed to correct these discrepencies and to assure that, as far as training is concorned, the soldiers of Classification Center are a homogeneous group.

Every soldier, regardless of his job should be familiar with the weapons used by Army ground troops and know how to use these weapons, Capt. Humphrey emphatically stated, and part of the program will be de voted to proficiency in the use of arms in cluding the standard type of sub-machine gu

In addition to the study and use of How much time will it take? An hour of weapons, there will be training in Chemica

(Con't. p.5, col. 1)

EAGER BEAVER appreciates the friendly and enthusiastic reponse to its first issue trained engineers to correct our technical Comments from enlisted men, and from officers as well, were numerous and commendatory. To the staff, those generally favorable sentiments throughout the enlisted men's organizations provided a source of real satisfaction and an inspiration for better work in the future.

Staff members know improvement is needed. Some of the criticism, given constructively with the intent of helping to better the paper, pointed out deficiencies which EB aims to correct pronto.

Among the inadequacies brought to the staff's attention was the lack of quantity or variety in squadron news. Steps have been taken to cover squadron activities more thoroughly in coming issues.

The first EAGER BEAVER was a bit on the heavy side too. That was partly deliberate, but more humor and cartoon material to lighten straight news stuff and provide entertainment as well as information are on the roster.

Mechanical defects came in for a justifiable share of criticism. EAGER BEA-VER's staff, in fact, has a very important announcement related to the typographical quality of the first edition. EAGER BEAVER OFFERS REWARD!

Did you get a copy of EAGER BEAVER. vol.1, no.1, with an upside down page? The editors regret the unfortunate dislocation of muscular coordination which caused that error in a few copies of last week's issue.

Our apologies, also, to anyone who received a copy of EB in which some words were illegible. Readers must realize that this is war, and the quality of typewriters, stencils and paper has declined. The staff will rake every effort to overcome rationing and priority handicaps, but wartime restrictions will affect the paper's high technical standards.

For the same reason, one or two copies of the first issue of BB were not printed clearly, or the printed matter was not centered on the page.

Did you pull a blank page: among your eight scintillating sheets of Classification training sooner than we think. Center's first newspaper? Much to the dismay of EB editors, a negligible number of copies! was defaced through unavoidable mechanical bottlenecks complicated by technical engineering problems. (Con't. next col.)

The editors have called upon highly defects and future issues of EB will contain, almost centainly, some errors but only those which are unavoidable because of the factor of human fallibility.

Did you receive a copy of EAGER BEAVE which had: (1) the pages in correct order (2) all pages printed; (3) all pages print topside up; (4) all pages centered; (5) no illegible words and no ink smudges; (6) no typographical errors; (7) no defects worth criticizing however gently.

EAGER BEAVER wants that copy. It is needed for our files and EAGER BEAVER will pay a suitable reward for it. Anyone possessing a flawless first issue of EAGER BEAVER in practically unused condition may collect for one G.I. hair trimming at the EB office, Barracks1713, Hq. & Hq. Squadro

THIS week's lead stoy is the EAGER BEAVER's second 'scoop', the first having been an official explanation of the Organization Chart system being instituted in Hq.& Hq: Sqn. Two issues, two 'scoops' ... not had, eh? 192.1

Seriously, the training program as described by Captain Humphrey to your EB reporter is one of the most important. things that has happened at the CC. Any c us might get shipped at any time to join s tactical outfit, and anyone to whom this happened would almost immediately need, and need desparately, the knowledge and skills that he will barn in the new course. In the last analysis, the purpose of every bi of training that we get as soldiers is to make us more efficient in combat and to sa u Origina su p our lives in combat.

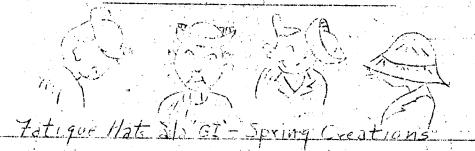
Another thing too, is important from the psychological point of view, whether a man ever sees combat duty or not: Efficient in and mastery of the job a man has to do: the measure of his pride in his job and th basis for cheerful, energetic performance of that job. Our job right now is to soldi and there is not a man who reads this colu who couldn't improve himself as a soldier.

We all may need every bit of this

VY APROL SI PY LLIDERS! . Stop by the AGR NAVR editorial room ediasday, January 20th, for your name isalgmment. New contributors are welconed.

The syndicates have Winchell, the radio has R.G. Swing, the cinema has Elsie Maxwell, and the EAGER BEAVER has its Prop-Wash. This column will be, a melting pot fer 11 Squadron news and gossip. For example, from the portals of Sqd. 886th we hear that Sgt. Roy Evans started everyone in 1706 last week when he passed out cigers of the 6¢ variety. He assures us it wasn't a bundle from heaven, just a Staff Sergency. We hear from a very reliable source that he and Aray Murse Helen J. Parfitt, 2nd Lt. at Camp Pickett, Va., are taking separate Leaves together in March. Then there is Sgt. Jerry Solomon, more widely known as Pappy Sclomon back in Cleveland, who is the original Casanova of the AAFCC. To prove that he has a way with the gals he had one of them drive him to formation last week. It's nice work if you can get it. On the more serious side, and ex-886er Pvt. Theodore L. Canfield stopped by Thursday for travel tickets, Service Record, and that there kind of stuff-and stayed just long enough for your reporter to get the latest dope. He left us on Nov. 12th to take the Link Trainer Course at Randolph. He successfully completed the 2 month course, with the exceptional grade of 90 and is now on his way to a new twin engine advanced Flying School at Altus, Okla. Oh, blissful is the state of matrimony. Can Pvt. Berny Brogan be thinking of taking the final step? Also, what about a certain Sgt. in the orderly room who is going on furlough the first of the month?

Hq. & Hq. Sqd. the main event of the week was the promotion list published last



Honday. Congradulations are in order for the following men with new chevrons: Staff Sgts. Johns, NuDelman, Rea, and Waitman; Sgts. Couzens, Duff, Elliott, Fletcher, Hennen, Jacobs, Lakovitz, Masak, Millard, Moskoff, Hurray, Sims and Stratemier; Cpls. Golding, Harwood, Maloney, Robertson, Sneed, White, McBlair, Callahan, Croco, Falkner, Halaska, Manning, Milkwliak, Mooring, Powell, Ridelback and Seay. S/Sgt. Boczak goin, to the hospital for a mot-much needed rest. Cpl. Belleggia back from furlough after visiting the folks back home. Cpl. Ruth (Finance Clerk) saving gas rationing tickets? What fence-jumping private failed, as usual, to beat the rap? Supply Sgt. Lifehitz snooping for special orders... S/Sgt. Waitman getting set for fifteen days of rest and relaxation... Sgt. Witt preparing for OCS... Sgt. Lakowitz and the strip tease dancer... S/Sgt.NuDelman whipping his boys into shape. Best wishes to Cpl. Jim Jiles who is convalescing in the Station Hospital—a speedy recovery, Jim.

RAMBLIN' ROUND with 883th we hear that the ear-to-ear grin Cpl. BOB MILBURN is sporting isn't from what you're a-thinkin'. His better half just returned with him from Louisiana. The Milburns are occupying an upholstered nook in San Antonio...

MYSTLRY OF THE WEEK: What S/Sgt. (in Supply) makes regular trips to the "city" every weekend and doesn't leave a forwarding address?...CPL. ROSOFF (Dan the Russian to you) has taken over the reins as basketball coach of 888th. In his first game as head man, his boys took the Pysch Unit # 2 to the tune of 35-8. Cpl. G. A. Englehartson and PFC. Julius Steele transferred into 888th. Both were at Dutch Harbor in Alaska when the Japs paid them a visit. Both are carrying scars—and wound stripes of the engagement, and both are anxious for another crack at the little yellow guys. CPL. BILI PLTROSKY returned from his Manhatten furlough with the glow of an ex-batchelor. Yep, he took the plunge while he was home...Sgt. John Thompson is dividing his time between art school and being a tough drill master...Hey, that doesn't sound right !! S/Sgt. BEP RED is getting that sick calf look. He has actually ordered the wedding ring... Clai: he's two thirds married already—he's willing and so is the preacher.

The Psych Research Unit reports that "Mike" Williams joined the 30% of married enlisted men by "psyching" a swell gal into saying "yes.". Congratulations are also in order for the select group of men of the Unit who will soon depart for OCS. The Unit is planning an inter-departmental basketball game and dance for the near future. P.3.

Several questions have been received by the EAGER BLAYER concerning deductions. In order to clear up any further questions on this subject this week's column will deal solely on what you may deduct from your income tax.

As a general rule you will be allowed to deduct taxes paid to the United States, any state or territory, or political subdivision of either, possesions of the United States, or to a foreign country, except Federal Income Taxes, and estate, gift and inheritance taxes. Here is a list of various taxes which have been ruled deductible from your taxes:

State Income Taxes. These taxes are deductible except on income exempt from federal income taxes.

Automobile License Fees.
Automobile Operator's Fee.
Federal Automobile Tax Stamp.

Federal Admission Tax. The tax paid upon tickets for theater, movies, sporting events are deductible. In estimating this item multiply the average amount you spend a week on such admissions by 52. Ten percent of this total is your deductible expense under this heading. The tax paid in cabarets, night clubs, and restaurants are not deductible.

Gasoline Tax. Only the gasoline tax imposed by the State can be deducted. No deduction for state gasoline tax paid by a consumer to the states of Alabama, California, Georgia, Rississippi, Nebraska, Tennessee, Utah, Ryoming, and Hawaii can be taken. Estimate your gasoline taxes by multiplying the state tax per gallon of gasoline you purchased. You may not deduct the 1¢ federal gasoline tax.

Sales Tax. You may deduct local and state retail sales tax, provided that at the time of purchase the amount of the tax was seperately stated and paid by you.

Liquor Tax. State taxes on liquor can be deducted by consumers in the states of Delaware, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

Toll Tax. Telephone, Telegraph, Radio and Cable Tax. Transportation Fare Tax.

For your own personal information on problems in connection with your own tax, call at the EAGER BEAVER Office and let us help you. At the same time you will be able to get your income tax blank, of which the FAGER BEAVER has a supply.

PRE-FLIGHT LIBRARY AVAILABLE
By Pvt Wm "Junior" Graber

Doing business for three weeks nowofficially—is a library in the Pre-flight Cadet Club, for the use of enlisted
men as well as cadets, complete with chai
that still have a high shine on their sea

ian, and ars. Irving Copeland, technical librarian, boast a total of 2700 books to date, with a goal of 8500 to be reached soon.

Fifteen daily newspapers from about eight states, twenty-five magazines which cover radio, photography, movies, sports, and other popular subjects help to fill i the current curriculum,

Fiction from 'way back' to the lates best sellers dot the shelves of this won-derful institution, as do the 'food for thought' volumes covering plays, music (also sheet music), poetry, religion, psychology, with a ready referrence department of Army field and training manuels, dictionaries, almanacs, and encyclopedias from A to Zygote.

To those who are up in the clouds, opportunity is afforded to make your own by smoking if you are careful to drop your ashes into the ash tray instead of near it. And if you'd care for some refrements, a restaurant will serve you hot dishes from 0900 to 1945 every day and sa whiches on Sunday, besides all kinds of drinks, except liquors.

The two balconies extending from either door of the athenaeum are equipped with comfortable 'bed chairs', rocking chairs, and chairs; also tables, lamp and ash trays. A juke box offering the latest tunes will supply you with your favorite music - sometimes.

Enroll between the hours of 0800 to 2000 weekly, 0800 to 2100 on Saturdays, and 1300 to 1730 on Sundays. Take advantage of the simplified Devey Decimal System card catalogue.



ly S/Sgt Don Shimbor; Don't say we didn't wara you in time. no GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNALEET will be held Amuary 27,28,29, in Municipal Auditorium, and that's where you can get your tickets iow. Seats sell for \$1.10 upwards, and the supply can't possibly last long when you top to count the number of fight fans statloned in this area. Our tip is to "get 'em sions, allotments and compensations, tarly!".

The boys who like their music on the folid side will be interested in the recital in January 31 by the Hegro soprano Dorothy Taynor, who was discovered only two summers igo by Loopold Stokowski at the Berkshiro fusic Fostival. Miss Maynor has made a disfinct hit with Mastern audiences, and this is her first appearance locally. Tickets are on sale at the Auditorium with special ates for men in uniform.

that the USO clubs are presenting a number of swell movies several nights a week. On Saturday nite both the Salvation Army-USO and the Jewish Telfare Board USO (on Quincy St.) have performances, wails the Army-Y-USO mosents its movies on Sunday nite. We'll try to list coming attractions regularly in Give what you con--and when, and if, the future columns. You'll be surprised to see Masw many really fine movies are being broug ght bock for the benefit of soldiers who couldn't enjoy them while they were still civilians.

Thore's a special service of the Salvation-Army USO which deserves mention in this column, since it is senet ing which many soldiers have been asking about. Tro. problem of what to do with surplus cash (which some soldiers seem to have immediately after payday) is a real sticker, since few mon have access to banking facilities. The Salvation-USO has a safety deposit systom which is very convenient. You put your soney into a special type of envelope and retain a stub which you do not sign until you wish to withdraw your money. The signature on the stub and the signature on the onvolege must match before you can claim the the course, he explained. deposit. This service costs nothing and is available all day and every evening until 11:00. Major Clevett has invited men of the SAACC to make use of the Salvation Army USO, and to avail themselv s of this and other ... "wilities wich are offered.

HOSE REWILL BY THE OF THE TIME BUT PROPERTY Jacobs bulding forth write justified groinmily or the unit of blo Gi'm the tro seen denotes a in hotty forces proce unifor a. So sty that Corporate chaveous look like hat on forest green is no understatement with for soldier," Captain Humphrey stated. of Benualf.

ARRY EMERGENCY RELIEF PLAN By Pvt R.L.Albri At

"The Army takes care of its own, " potent Aray tradition, symbolizes the work of the Army Emergency Relief on this post. In close cooperation with the Red Cross, the AER office here assists more than 300 soldiors monthly, through loans hospital and deatal care, and aid in securing pen-

Hoaded by Colonel M. F. Davis, the AET committee includes Lt. George C. Kilmotz, Chaplain William A. Washburn, Mr. Eldon Farker of the Red Cross and Sat. Major William H. Duko. These men will hel officers, cadets and enlisted men who have difficulties that come within the scope of the AER.

AER functions like soldier's insuranco against any possible "rainy day". Its income since its incoption last Jane, We'd like to call attention to the facthowever has been wholly dependent upon th voluntary contributions of personnel of this post. Through pay donations and the December benefit show the AER trasury has roceived \$190.18.

The small change dropped in AER box on pay any may go to aid you at some time. need arises, see Sgt. Duke in building 1750. If its worthy, you'll get help in the minimum of time.

TRAIMING PROGRAM (Continued fr p.1) and of course, plenty of close order drill without which the ideal of military discipline can never be achieved...instantaneous response to and fulfillment of all commands without thought or hesitation.

The training program will be given in addition to regular Basic Training. It will be sort of postgraduate course in soldicring. A definite place on the daily schedule has not yet been alotted to the program, but the over-all plan calls for at least two or three hours a week to be devoted to actual training. Every enlisted man in the Classification Center will take

This program is designed to carry out a recent order from Goneral H.H. Arnold., Commanding General of the Army Air Forces. Captain Humphrey concluded, and I think that this order is worth repeating in its entiraty:

"To Commanders: Weed out the incompetent and weak, eliminate the disobedient, discipline the careless, retain hard, fearloss, disciplined non."(signed) H.H.arnold

"The new training program, ordered by Lt. Col. Storrie, will produce this kind

Singers from the Classification Center who want to become members of a quartet, choral ensemble, or choir now have an opportunity to do so, according to Chaplain Trenbath of Pre-fight School Chapel #3.

Interviewing Chaplain Trenbath, the EAGER BEAVER was informed that a choir and Glee Club is now practicing under the direction of a Sgt. Keck of the Medical Detachment, who besides being an organist and pianist, has had many years experience as a choir director.

The Choir and Glee Club practices every Wednesday night and will meet this Wednesday, January 20th, at 19:00 sharp, at Chapel #3.

The purpose of this organization is primarily to have fun. Those of the group who so'desire may also participate in Sunday morning Services.

Drop around to Chapel #3 you warblers, and sound off with the boys-19:00 sharp, or flat, or either.



been instructed to investigate internal conditions in the United States, and to re-technical expert, confidential advisor and port particularly on the national morale.

After a few days, he filed his re-

port for transmittal to Tokyo.

"Conditions very bad; people all hungry. When two meet on street, one always say to other, What's cookin. "

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HOTE: . DOGGEREL DEPARTMENT was forced. out of the paper this week by lack of space. It's on tap for next week, howovor. Editors.

PROFILE BY Pyc. Roy Baziro

Strictly G.I., the number one enlisted man of the AAFCC boasts a service record going back to 1935. Graduating from high school in that year, Sgt. Major William H. Duke, Jr., onlisted in the Army a few weel. later. His enlistment might be considered a commencement gift -- at least the order to join up came from the senior Duke, a retir army man. Sgt. Duke, Sr., who served more than $27\frac{1}{2}$ years, was 1st Sgt. of the guard company at It. Leavenworth, Kansas, home state of Sgt. Duke, Jr.

Since that first enlistment, Sgt.Duke jr. has built up a military record worthy of his father's heritage in that field. On-25 years old, the junior Sarge, besides ear ing a Sgt. Major rating has served as a ta driver with Co. D, 68th infantry at It. Be ning, Ga., has done a stretch with the 2nd tank company at Ft. Sam Houston, has helpe in setting up Classification Center and in its expansion from Kelly Field to the hill

If Sgt. Duke will show you his person file, you'll note that along the way he ma expert gunner, that after getting a Sgt. rating effective September 1, 1940, he became S.Sgt. on Sept. 15th of the same year Better evidence of his ability and persona ity than such records, however, is the job he does in Classification Center.

It takes a guy with efficiency plus, tact, extensive knowledge of administrativ routine, a personality and friendly dispos tion, always on the ball, public speaking al ity, discretion, leadership--and a few oth qualities of character and ability -- to han the almost endless variety of tasks that fi to a Sgt. Major.

Essentially, his chief work involves coordination between the commanding office. the adjutant and the squadrons. Of course he supervises office routine, the handling of all letters, the filing system, and so The Adjutant General's School Bulletin in an article in the December, 1942 issue de-JOKE OF THE WEEK: The Jap secret agent had scribes the Sgt. Hajor as the "alter ego c. the adjutant: his administrative assistan general staff, all in one."

> That's Sgt. Major William H. Duke, Jr. . He'd probably draw the line at that alter ego angle, however, being a plain fellow w shoots in the high 70's or low 80's at gol ("when I we been playing regularly," to ada quote from him), likes to play basketbal and indoor baseball, matches Hq. & Hq. employees for cokes in off periods. But he i. an expert who deservedly rates the positiohe holds. (Con't. on page 8)







BASKETBALL STANDINGS

| | $\overline{\mathbf{W}}$ | \mathbf{L} | | \overline{W} | <u>L</u> |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| 888th | 5 | 0 | 882nd | 2 | 3 |
| Medics | 5 | 0 | 886th | 2 | 3 |
| 881st | 5 | 0 | Hq.(Cl) | 2 | 3 |
| 887th | 3 | 2 | Hq.(P) | 1 | 1+ |
| 885th | 3 | 2 | Pysch #1 | 1 | 4 |
| 884th | 3 | 2 | Pysch #2 | 0 | 5 |
| Guards | 3 | 2 | 883 r d | 0 | 5 |
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The games Tuesday night saw little change in the leaders, as the 888th continued at a great pace to down the Psyshological #2 46-25 and hold up one of the irst three teams with no losses. Close on their heels were the Medics with a 29-19 win over the 887th and 881st with a 29-27 win over the 886th. This was the clesest and hardest-fought game of the evening, and shows that the boys in the second division re showing no mercy and asking none in the fight for the leadership. This was an overtime tilt, and was a whiz from start to finish. Other scores were 885th over 882nd by a 53-10 score, Hqs.Preflight were downed by Psychological 11 to the tune of 18-5, 894th won over 883th 29-18, and Hq.Classification lost a tough one to the Guard Detachment, 30 to 21.

Tonight, at the gym, the headliner of the night is the game between two of the three leaders, 888th and the Medical Detachment. Both are up there and intend to stay there, so the fur should fly when they meet. The other leader, 881st meets the 887th, and there should be another good game. Let me out on the limb and redict a win for the 887th. The other mes are:-

886th vs 882nd 885th vs 883rd 884th vs Guard Hq.(P) vs Psy #2 Hq.(C) vs Psy #1

All of you fans who like good, hardfought basketball games are cordially invited. The games get under way at 8 P.H. and the admission is free.

BOXERS WANTED

Lt.Leigh, who is the officer in charge of the sports programme, has announced a call for all men interested in the Golden floves see him immediately at the field house.

SPORTS CHATTER

By BILL MORGAN

Ye old Basketball league is getting hotter than last September's National League pennant race, as the boys in the squadrons are laying it on fast and furiou in an effort to overhaul the leaders. An remembering from experience that there is such a thing as a 'comeback', the boys in the second division are causing no end of worry to the leaders...It's still a wide-open race, and the games on Tuesday and Thursday nites are action-packed. Come on out and watch the courts blaze tonight, when the boys get together in the Proflig Field house at 8 o'clock....

Closely following on King Basketball heels in the near future will be the para of the Golden Glovers in the annual boxin show. For those of you who are fight fans this needs no introduction. The Golden Gloves is strictly an amateur production evenly matched men, who stand toe to toe and slug it out. The sport is fast and clean, and to participate, one has to be the pink!, physically.

OVERHEARD...Somewhere, there are pla to make the vacant field opposite Hdq.& I Sqdn. into an athletic field, with basket ball courts, baseball diamond and a food field. Where are those plans and how soc can we take advantage of a complete field for our own use??? And have you noticed t sparkling play of Sgt.Hughes on the baske ball courts? He's a regular ball of fire and the more you heckle, the hotter he r ...Whew...And George (Sugar) Cain of the Message Center is a former Golden Gloves Champion...Oh girls, and he's so cute.toc

SPORTS SOUVENIERS...Last summer, when y correspondent was on maneuvers in Louisi: he witnessed the most amazing baseball ge on record. It was a swell game played between two crack Negro teams on a bright Sunday afternoon. The teams struggled alo for eight innings with a 1-all tie in the offing and darkness beginning to settle. One of the pitchers was a tall, lanky Negro with a wad of tobacco in his jaw about the size of a golf ball. The other pitcher, equally long and lanky, disdained tobacco and had a raw sweet potato which he chewe on to help him over the tough spots. The game was going into the minth inning, and (con't. on Page 7/8)

PROFILE (Con tirem pis)
Sgt. Major Duke is a married man, but not for long (one year and a half). Mrs. Duke--well, to quote directly the remark poked in by one of the office workers "what a beautiful wife."

Asked how he happened to join the air corps in June, 1940, after tank driving at Ft. Banning up until May of that year when his second hitch ended, Sgt. Duke explained "We were out on maneuvers when a flight of planes zoomed down on our column of tanks. I thought, hell, this isn't the place to be!

Though hoping for line duty, probably as a machanic, he was assigned to Hq. & Hq. at Kelly Field. From then on he grew up with Classification Center. Worthy of note is the fact that as Sgt. Major of AAFCC he must know cadet procedure thoroughly in addition to the regular duties of his position.

"At one time," Sgt. Duke observed, "there were two commissioned officers, one first sergeant and five clerks handling 1,000 cadets." Sgt. Major Duke was the first sergeant.

To the enlisted men of AAFCC, Sgt. Major Duke points out, from his own experience, that "It takes many men working together to do the Army's job. Every man in the Army is doing an important part of that job even though he may not recognize it." Sgt. Major Duke credits the enlisted men of AAFSC with doing a "swell" job. "However, small the work you do may seem," he declared, "it's a vital part of the Army's whole effort."

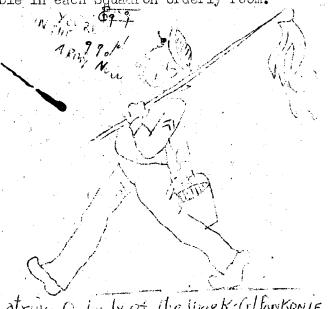
Even EAGER BLAVIR wiggles in for a commendation from the Sgt. Major. He sees in it a technique to help enlisted men get to know what's going on in AAFCC, and it will, he thinks, help develop a spirit of friendly rivalry through presenting the work done by various departments. We sure aim to try, Sgt. Major, and we hope to do as well at our job as you do at yours.

SPORTS CHATTER (Con't. from p.7) our potato-eating friend was in difficulty. The score was still tied, the sacks were crammed and two were out. Dusk was settling fast and our pitcher was pawing the ground with his right foot, when suddenly he whirled and let fly toward third base. In the dusk, the object made a white streak about ten feet over the third baseman's head, and the runner derted for home. The pitcher tossed the ball to the catcher, who tagged out the runner by several yards. Where did the ball come from? Well, the object thrown so wildly over third base the pitcher's half-eaten potato. The game?? Mell, when I left they had chosen up sides 3. and wore having a cheerful-free-for-all.

EDUCATION (Con't, from p. 1) mail from one of the high schools or col leges as you choose. A very limited ame of time is given to complete each lesson Mo eover, if you should transfer, or are sent overseas, you can continue your lea sons without any interruption.

. You can follow either of two plans. first, the Army Institute offers courses selected and approved by the Army because they may add to your military efficiency and help you improve your chances for pr motion. The fee for each of these cours is only two dollars. Secondly, the gove ment willspay half the text and fee for courses under the University or College Extension Plan. For example, if the course selected costs fifteen dollars (\$15.00), the soldier will pay only \$7.5 A record of the courses completed will be with the Army Institute.

For more details send a post card-t the Commandant, Army Institute, Madison, Wisconsin, requesting a catalog which gi free information on all the courses and names of the various Colleges enlisted this plan. Your special service officer Lt. Dunne, or the Librarian can give you additional information about the Army In stitute. The catalog will be made avail ble in each Squadron orderly room.



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