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MAJOR HENRY J. AMEN LEAVES
AAFCC FOR KELLY FIELD

Major Henry J. Amen, Executive Assistant of the Classification Center since September, has been transferred to Kelly Field, it was announced last week.

Major Amen, a flying officer, is taking the instructor's course and after completing it, he will serve in the capacity of instructor, in keeping with the recently announced Air Force policy of using every flying officer in the actual training program.

The post of Executive Assistant at the Classification Center is an important one. Since the Executive Officer, Major Charles H. Ray, is occupied principally with the classification of cadets and serves as Chairman of the Faculty Board, to the Executive Assistant falls the responsibility for the physical welfare of cadet and enlisted personnel, the maintenance of discipline, and the general implementing of the policies of the Commanding Officer which cover these phases of post administration.

Major Amen's military background made him an exceptionally well-qualified officer for his duties in the Classification Center, in the course of which he had to plan for enlisted men as well as cadets.

A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Major Amen attended the University of Nebraska for four years, during which he was active in all ROTC activities. Graduating from the University ROTC

Interest in Officer Candidate training spurted to a periodic high last week with the departure to OCS of eight enlisted men from Classification Center. Every week Officer Candidates are selected from the applications approved by the reviewing board and are sent to the various training schools.

SAACC has a quota of eight for each class of the Army Air Forces Administrative School. Although enough applications having the highest rating from the local OC Board are on file to meet quotas for the next three classes, Lt. Clinton A. Connolly, Assistant Post Adjutant, declared that men should not hesitate to apply because of probable delay in assignment.

Efforts are being made, Lt. Connolly indicated, to increase the OCS quotas for this post because of the superior quality of the enlisted men stationed here. He also pointed out that men accepted who must wait for assignment may get an opportunity to attend other courses than those chosen if openings occur. More men will be sent to Ground Forces Officer Candidate Schools, Lt. Connolly noted, since that is a new policy of the Gulf Coast Training Center.

Lt. Connolly emphasized that any man qualified for AAF Administrative School who feels his talents are best fitted to such work should definitely apply for that school. "The Air Forces need all qualified men available," he pointed out.

Other OCS, such as Armored Forces, Tank Destroyer Infantry and

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"THAT MEN MAY FLY....."

Numerous people, men from the Classification Center, as well as outsiders, have asked for a translation of the Latin motto inscribed on the ultra-marine and gold shield worn as a cap and lapel insignia by GI's of the Classification Center.

The shield and motto constitute the official insignia for the Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training Center, of which this post is a command.

The Latin motto, "UT VIRI VOLENT," is translated, "THAT MEN MAY FLY."

Every pants-fitter, every truck driver, every pon-pusher, in fact, everyone who works in the Classification Center, including the civilian workers, works to the end "THAT MEN MAY FLY."

And in our Army Air Forces, men fly and other men keep 'em flying for one reason and one reason only, "MILITARY VICTORY OVER OUR FASCIST ENEMIES."

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UTOPIANEERS.....

Barracks bull sessions almost always at least after the subject of sex is exhausted, get around to the question, "What kind of peace are we going to have and what kind of post-war social organization will we have?"

The EAGER BEAVER submits that too much preoccupation with what is going to happen after the war is wrong.

hardly begun, and without general, large scale offensive action, military victory is impossible. To assume the offensive on the world scale necessary for victory is going to require every bit of the military, economic and productive power of our country. This is the immediate reality of the situation confronting the United Nations.

It is always hard to face reality, especially when doing so is going to make the most rigorous demands on us as individuals.

It is an easy escape simply to ignore the immediate reality and dream rosily of the future.

A soldier is nothing if he is not a realist. He's got to be to survive, and on his survival rests victory.

So, the EAGER BEAVER holds to this argument:

AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED, LET'S WIN THE WAR FIRST.

PRIZE RUMOR OF THE WEEK

is that bus service from town to the Hill is going to be expanded until it is adequate for the SAACC and Classification Center personnel, who in the past have stood miserably at the end of the line waiting for the little Toonerville job that makes the night trips up.

The guy who passed us this hot one got it straight from his second cousin, who is a waitress in the restaurant where the private secretary of the bus company executives eats.

"We've got to do it, T.J.," cuz reports the exec. as saying, "because official and popular pressure demand it."

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Sgt. (from-Pvt.-to-Sgt.-in-one-week) Larry Lowenstein breezed out of Classification Center Monday night on a big wind that rose suddenly to sweep him off to OCS.

He was selected as an OC for the Armored Forces school, Ft. Knox, Ky. To report Jan. 31st, he high-tailed for home and a short visit.



SQUADRON

PROP WASH

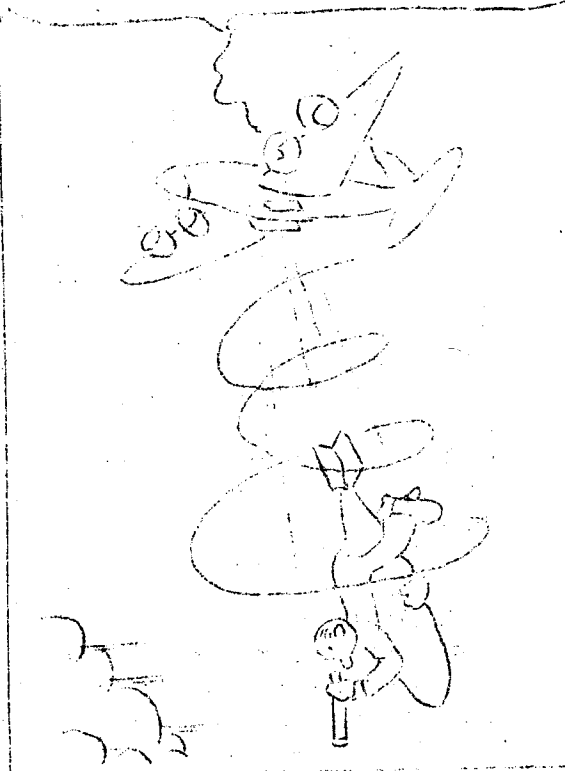
Psychological Research Unit tied with Hq. & Hq. to lead the squadrons in number of men exchanging stripes for Officer Candidate rank last week. T/Sgt. Roger Bardsley (the T part being lower than the OC selection), T/Sgt. Martin Gellman and Pfc. Sigmund Valin, all shoved off for Ft. Washington, Md. and a session at the Adjutant General OCS. PRU also broke into the Master Sergeant ranks when M/Sgt Harley Preston and M/Sgt. Bernard Webb were promoted to that rank. Congratulations to the first EM's from PRU to hit the top. Lt. Finley P. Dunne, a member of the AAFCC Faculty Board, recently spoke to the Psych GI's as part of the Orientation program. More OCS from Psych: Sgt. Jack Kiel takes aim at Field Artillery School soon; S/Sgt. Donald S. Pomeroy and Sgt. Joseph W. Goodrich will make another AAFCC addition to the AG Department. Good luck--keep the bars riding high. Plans are under way to start a library for the use of members of PRU. Sgt. Corbin and Pfc. Hobden are assisting Pfc. Shea in the preliminary work, gathering data on the individual's preferences. Bucking for more OC's? That's foudin' in Psych haunts. The "old married men" recently fit the baching PRU's living on the post. By cracky, it was a hot basketball game. And the young fellers knocked off the hitched ones. More shootin' in prospect.

TIDBITS FROM 887: S/Sgt. Corrigan just got back from a furlough in Brooklyn--God's country...the flag will go at half-mast this Friday when Sgt. Roscoe A. Wood leaves for Tank Destroyer OCS...may all the axis go-carts you ain at, Roscoe, have cardboard sides... the Tealey-Contois-Speckman machine is due for an honorable death one of these days; they're all headed for Infantry OCS...sign in front of a certain supply room: "No loitering--if you have time to kill--work it to death." More OCS: Cpl. Willfred J. Hardesty gone to balmy Miami to AAF Administrative...If Spickler hasn't told you about his furlough, you've missed something!

From the haunts of Hq. & Hq. "peeps" come these snapshots of their lives and habitat. Pvt. Gustaferra eager to return to work after 15 days furlough...Cpls. Stuart and Hansen taking off on furlough...Hats off department: to Pfc. August ("Pops") Koschinski for his efforts in locating the owner of a billfold containing \$24 which he found while on duty in the squadron...the owner was found, and "Pops" was happy...Eddy Krasinski, under observation by G-2 for impersonating a Pfc...three Hq. men lose their stripes...due for 3 months sentence...Cpl. Wm. H. Hufstader at Miami Beach Fla. (AAF Administrative); Sgt. Carl C. Moskoff to same place, Physical course; Sgt. Lisle A. Zehner to Adjutant General School, Ft. Washington, Md....You'll be sorreee ...What's this: Sarge Fletcher pricing diamonds?...How could he afford so many?...ye Editor of ye EAGER BEAVER, ON-THE-DOUBLE Lowenstein, took the measure of a P-51 in zooming out of C.C. Monday night...last seen over Paducah...heading for that City of no gas, but a little flower...from there to OCS, Armored Forces, in old Kaintuck... this OCS gets monotonous...another recruit, this one from the 886th Squadron...Cpl. Dorman A. Crowe...and a lucky Miami-bound OC, too...AAF Physical course...what will the cadets of Group C do without their P.T. instructor... "Muscles" Renek of 886

3- certainly got hot feet from those African desert sands he was on the other night.

CAPTAIN! I DON'T THINK
OUR NEW BOMBARDIER
UNDERSTANDS HOW TO USE
THE SIMPLIFIED BOMBSIGHT!



INCOME FACTS

Many soldiers have given generously to various non-profit organizations engaged in charitable, religious, scientific or educational activities. Below is a list of organizations contributions to which may be deducted:

American Red Cross
YMCA, YMHA, YWHA, YWCA
Salvation Army
British War Society, Inc.
Community Chests
Religious groups
Churches
Boy Scouts of America
Orphan asylums
Societies for prevention of cruelty to children.
Homes for the aged, blind, deaf
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Milk funds, Hospitals
Scientific or Medical groups for research work.
American Legion, V. F. W., D. A. R., Elks, Masonic Orders and other fraternal orders where contributions are used exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.

It should be borne in mind that each person is limited to a deduction of 15% of net income. It is advisable to keep a record of payments made, together with cancelled checks or receipts since the government may require substantiation of deductions.

If contributions are made in clothes or merchandise, such as clothes given to the Salvation Army, or merchandise presented to a church bazaar, the basis for computing the amount is the fair market value of the property at the time of contribution or gift.

In the preparation of the tax return, a statement of the name and address of each organization and the amount contributed must be included.

If you have any further question on this topic call at the editorial office of the EAGER BEAVER, Bldg. 1713, or dial ext. 2265.

(Ed. Note: The source of information in this column is "Your Income Tax" by Burris and Baldridge.)

RIDING CLUB AVAILABLE TO GI MEN

A country-clubbish atmosphere exists near The Hill which AAFCC enlisted men may enjoy at small cost. A short hike or a shuttle bus ride will bring you to the "clubhouse" at the foot of the hill on the road to Kelly Field.

The riding stables there boast of 40 horses, all in excellent condition, ranging from high-spirited thoroughbreds to mild mannered mares for beginners.

Under the supervision of Major Merker of the Special Services Office, the club has operated successfully during the past year. Riders perch around the corral from as early as 8 a.m. to as late as 6 p.m. If it were not for the fact that the horses must eat, the charge of fifty cents an hour for hiring the animals would not be imposed. Even at that, this fee scarcely covers the cost of running this first-rate club.

Sgt. Walt Rodman, in direct charge of the Club, is particularly well equipped to handle his job. He comes from the horse country, where he owned a large ranch with several thousand head of cattle. In his native territory he was well known for his horsemanship and he has won many prizes in horse shows. He has also taken his share of knocks from horses, some of them at the Rodeo in New York's Madison Square Garden where he performed for several years.

Large groups of men and their girls often take advantage of the breakfast and moonlight rides. Coming in from a brisk morning canter with their cheeks reddened from the crisp air, they are ready to attack a plateful of bacon, eggs and hot rolls, with plenty of steaming coffee. Riding across the Texas plains with their favorite horses or girls, G. I. country-clubbers fully enjoy a sky brilliant with the light of a full moon and winking stars.

SALUTE THE FLAG

Personnel of the AAFCC are reminded that during the ceremony of raising or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or a review, all persons in uniform should render the military salute while facing the flag and at a position of attention. In a moving column, the flag should be saluted at the moment it passes.

SERVICEMAN'S SERVICE

by S/Sgt. Ben Shimberg

Get acquainted with the Army Y USO on North Alamo Street. You'll find lots doing there of interest to SAACC service men. Here are a few of the regular high-lights:

Dancing Classes: Jitterbugs on Friday night; ballroom dancing on Monday night. Nifty partners guaranteed.

Bowling: Every week night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Free Movies: January 31--"Sun Valley Serenade" with Sonja Henie and John Payne.

Dramatics: The cast for "A Military Secret" is now being picked. Twenty men are needed in a hurry to produce this musical. Tryouts on Wednesday and Thursday at 19 o'clock and Sunday at 14:00 o'clock.

Photography: A Photography club will be organized at 19:30 on Thursday, Jan. 28.

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If you haven't discovered the Wednesday night dance at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan St., you're missing a swell time. We recommend it highly. Other good Wednesday night dances are at the YUCA USO, 326 E. Crockett; the National Catholic USO, Macgdoches and E. Houston; and the JWB USO, E. Quincy St. near Main Avenue. There's also a Sunday afternoon tea dance at the JWB USO with music by the Brooks Field Orchestra.

Have you visited the Hertzberg Circus Room in the Public Library building? Harry Hertzberg was America's #1 circus fan and his priceless collection of circus items is one of the outstanding attractions of San Antonio.

Don't forget the Golden Gloves Tournament at the Auditorium, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Jan. 26, 27 and 28). Dorothy Maynor, outstanding Negro soprano, will sing at the Auditorium Sunday afternoon, January 31. The Annual Birthday Ball in honor of the President's birthday will be held in the Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, January 30. The proceeds from this affair are used to fight infantile paralysis in San Antonio and in the nation. Support a worthy cause and enjoy yourself at the same time. Remember, also, send a dime for the fund to the President.

DOGGEREL DEPARTMENT

Grave Yard Watch

What twisted angel moved the hand
That fate held out to me?
What guiding light went out, the night
My wings were made for me?

For here I stand with "M P" band
Through early morning glow,
For I have heard those dreaded words,
"My boy, you're G.D.O."

Pvt. J. Levinson.

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With Apologies to Browning

The melancholy days have come
The saddest of the year;
It's still too hot for buttered rum
And yet too cool for beer.

Anon.

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All Hail the Drooping Hero

What makes the Air Force grow and grow
To keep 'em flying row on row?
Is it the pilot with silver wings
To whom the glory halo clings?
The navigator, the bombardier,
The gunner--belly, waist or rear?
Is it the grimy proud mechanic,
Who causes Axis folk to panic?
Nay, for an army moves on its belly,
On meat and vegetables and jelly,
And he who swinks and sweats and fumes
And operates the kitchen brooms
Is he whom Hitler fears the most,
And so, to him, let's have our toast:
To that top-rank hero, the K. P.,
On duty from Moresby to Tripoli.

Anon.

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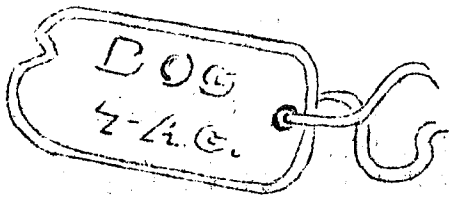
Change for the Shuttle

I rush around madly
Trying desperately to find
Someone who will look at me gladly
Instead of trying to run.

They think that I'm crazy,
That I am off my beam,
It's not so bad as all that;
All I want is a nickel for the coke

machine.

Sgt. Larry Lowenstein.



He's short, stocky, dark complexioned, a master sergeant and known as "Bull," all of which adds up to a darned good soldier and swell fellow--1st Sgt. John J. Panos, or as he describes himself, "Papa of the mess on the hill."

That's a modest way of summing up Sgt. Panos' work in helping to organize, expand and supervise the mess division of the Classification Center. "Papa" Panos was present when AAFCC was born on Kelly Field, and he helped it grow up to its present proportions. He'll have a hand in the future development of the classification center, too, because as 1st Sgt. for the messes in AAFCC, he does the work of setting up all new dining halls and supervising their operations.

Sgt. Panos also acts as enlisted inspector for the mess halls, even sampling the food served, and he functions as a trouble shooter in ironing out difficulties that arise.

One might get the idea from this description of the Sergeant and his work that the "Bull" nickname refers to a tough, mouth-blistering top sarge who handles men and situations with brass knuckles. But probably no man on the post is friendlier or better liked than Sgt. Panos. "Best man on the hill," "a regular guy," "a real stout fellow," are samples of the descriptions of him you'll hear from the men who work with him whether they wear stripes or bars or rank plain P. V. T.

And "Bull" Panos feels the same way about his men, too. "I like the men and want to stay close to them," he said in explaining why he has never sought a commission though qualified to do so. As sincere and dependable as they come, Sgt. Panos' hearty sense of humor and salty manner of expression that are rich in GI flavor make him a distinctive individuality.

He has the army experience, as well, to command the respect of "jeep" or general, having enough hash-marks and overseas stripes, if he chose to wear them, to give him a zebra-like appearance. On June 14, 1917, he enlisted and served 23 months and 16 days overseas--11 months in

the trenches and nine more with the army of occupation in Germany. On the service ribbon over the left pocket of his shirt are 5 small silver stars--the symbols of action in five major battles in France, including historic Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Meuse Argonne engagements. Few men hold that honor. Sgt. Panos was decorated, also, by the French government.

With that experience and his nearly 26 years' service in the U. S. Army, Sgt. Panos has plenty of stuff to back up any advice to us rookies. And he'll tell you, "The Army is a way of life. You can make it good or you can make it bad. It's much like civilian life, too, in that you may begin at the bottom as a Pvt. and by hard, steady plugging earn your way upward."

"Just keep your nose clean," is "Bull's" final word of admonition.

Sgt. Panos was born in Losbos, Greece and came to the U. S. in 1910. He has one daughter, a 15-year old miss who's mighty popular with "Bull." "She's a good singer," he said, and added, proudly, "She's sung at the U.S.O. Club in town and was Mistress of Ceremonies there last week."

Other personal data: likes to watch baseball and football games; enjoys the usual Army pastimes--a professional soldier whether on the job or when having fun.

WEST POINT OPEN TO ALL EM'S

AAFCC onlisted men, as well as all others in the Army, could for the first time apply for appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, recently.

Although the law allows 180 appointments each year from enlisted men, in the past selections have been made only from the Regular Army and the National Guard.

Ninety vacancies are open in the class which begins July 1, and quotas had been allotted to commanding generals of all service commands, departments and theaters of operations.

Entrance examinations will be given March 2. Three times the estimated number of vacancies, or 270 men, will be selected as candidates.

To be eligibile, onlisted men must be between 19 and 22, as of July 1, and they must have completed one year of active service.



SPORTS



881st AND MEDICS LEAD

Team	W	L
881st Sq.	7	0
Medics	7	0
888th Sq.	5	2
885th Sq.	5	2
887th Sq.	4	3
884th Sq.	4	3
Hq. & Hq. (C.C.)	4	3
Guards	4	3
886th Sq.	3	4
Hq. & Hq. (P)	2	5
Psych # 1	1	6
883rd Sq.	1	6
Psych # 2	0	7

With the Medics proving anything but "Pill-rollers," they continued to scorch the floor Thursday night as they humbled the Hdq. (P) team to the tune of 28-15, while 881st hung tenaciously on their heels with a hard-fought victory over the 888th, the score being 38-21. And true to predictions, 883rd came through with their first win of the campaign when they humbled 886th, 27-26, in the hardest-fought, most tightly contested game of the night. It was nip and tuck all of the way; a swell game to win and a hard one to lose.

Other winners were Hdq. (CC) Sq. over Psych # 2 with a 53-22 score; Guards toppled Psych # 1 in a one-sided affair, 29-6; 885th walloped 884th by 43-15, and 887th continued their upward drive by downing 882nd 28-19.

The games showed a vast improvement over the previous matches, and as the mid-season approaches, the teams have tightened considerably. Practice has loosened the once tight muscles, and the boys are showing much promise with the use of the fast-break.

Plans are now being made for the selection of an all-conference team, and from all advance notices, it will be one nice job for the tournament officials.

Remember the games tonight, and if you still have that sportsmanship feeling, you can't go wrong with this week's schedule. Let's get behind the boys and see some good games ourselves.

BOWLING TEAMS VIE FOR HONORS

Team	Points
888th Sq.	12
886th Sq.	10
887th Sq.	8
885th Sq.	2

With 88th Classification Center Squadron leading the field by two points, the next get-together of the bowling teams promises to be a big event. The games are played on the Kelly Field bowling alleys every Tuesday night. From the looks of the pace-setters, it promises to be a race of three teams. Anything can happen, though.

BILL MORGAN'S

Sport Chatter

With the past week's sports program now officially in the record books, we look to this week's goings-on with increasing interest. The basketball league still is hotter than a blue flame; the bowling league gathers momentum, and plans are being made for a schedule on touch football and inter-squadron competition in volley-ball all of which promises great success for Physical Training... And with warm weather (?) coming on, how about warming up the old soft-ball diamond and starting the ball fever over anew... It's things like this, the perpetual American love of all that pertains to competitive sports and the love of physical perfection that keeps our blood red and full of fire... It's worth fighting for... Added Suggestions: how about someone working out a schedule for some of the better-known and more restful of the indoor sports... This includes dancing... Surely this is one of the best of all sports... Except when your best friend dances into your girl's heart and comes out listening for wedding bells... Speaking of dancing, the NCO dance was a big success, and if anyone doubts that dancing is a sport, then come out sometime and watch the champion jitterbugs, Cpl. Allen and Betty Straw, do real hot numbers... and runners-up were George (Sugar) Cain and his date... no kidding, it makes you tired to even watch a jitterbug in complete action... and if swimming moves any more muscles, then we are doubting Thomases... and with the increasing warm weather coming on, the tennis courts on lower Kelly need not go to waste... the courts, being concrete, are always in shape... Remember the sports events of the coming week... there's a big program, so plan to attend one or more of the various games... you'll get in the mood and keep the interest at a white heat

OC. TRAINING (Cont. from p. 1)

Of the total of 140 enlisted men and two warrant officers who have been selected for OCS from this post since the local OC Board was set up, September 1, 1942, 38 were from the AAFCC. Many have already been commissioned, Lt. Connelly observed.

OCS applications for various schools upon which action is pending total 101, and 40 of these are from Classification Center.

Qualifications required of candidates for OCS include: (1) 18 to 45 years old, inclusive; (2) citizen of U. S., Philippines, co-belligerent or friendly nation; (3) three months continuous service prior to enrollment date (must have complete basic training); (4) pass "63" physical; (5) score of 110 on AGCT; (6) education or civil or military experience adequate to reasonably insure completion of course; and, of particular importance, (7) high quality of leadership and character (no criminal record, civil or military).

Any enlisted man meeting those requirements who desires OC training should speak to his squadron 1st. Sergeant who will give full information about procedure in applying.

MAJOR AMEN (Cont. from p. 1)

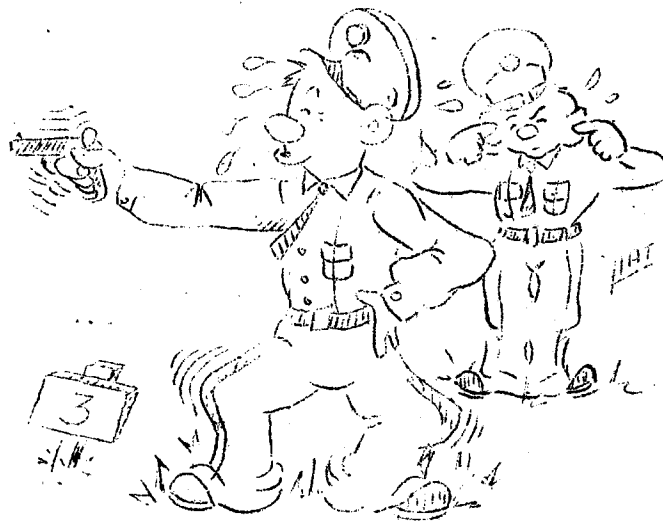
and be commissioned as a 2nd. Lieutenant.

He began pilot training as a student officer in July, 1939. Major Amen took his Elementary, as it was then called, at the Spartan School of Aeronautics, Tulsa, Okla.; Basic at Randolph, and Advanced at Kelly. In Jan., 1940, he became a 2nd. Lt., AC; and in March of the same year finished the prescribed course for Army Pilots at Kelly Field.

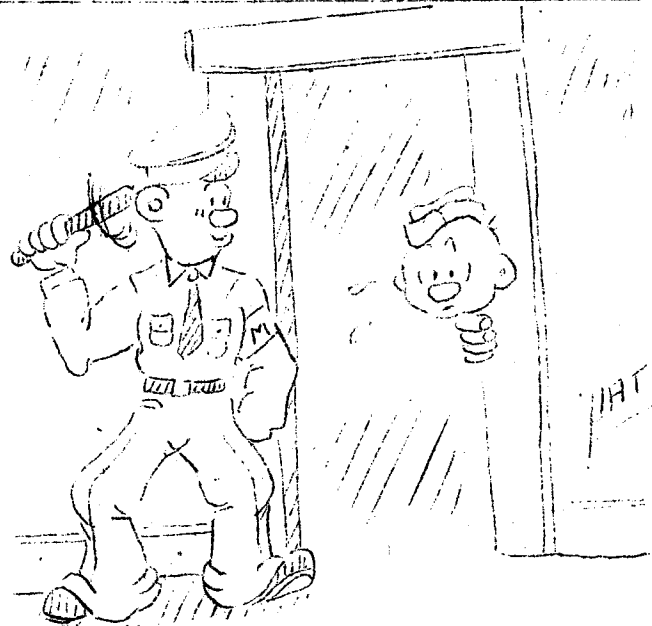
Major Amen came to the Classification Center after tours of duty at both Randolph and Kelly Fields, and as Adjutant of the Air Forces OCS at Miami. His stay at this post has borne out to a letter the final appraisal made by the officer under whom the Major completed his cadet training to become a 2nd Lt., AC:

- " Character: Excellent.
- Initiative: Excellent.
- Military Bearing: Excellent.
- With experience, this man will make a superior tactical officer."

Watch Your Bulletin Board!



Watch The Schedule For Your Day On The Range.



Keep Out, Soldier! - Don't Be Caught Off Limits. Names Of These Establishments Are Posted - -!