

GROUP HISTORY OF THE 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

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HEADQUARTERS
368TH FIGHTER GROUP

STRIP R-42

*GR 368 - H (FI)
July, 1945*

H I S T O R Y

JULY 1945

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HISTORICAL REPORT
1 July to 31 July
1945

Information contained herein, is written in compliance with XIF Tactical Air command Memorandum Number 20-1, dated 5 February 1944. It is a resume of the activities of the 36th Fighter Group Headquarters, for the month of July 1 to 31, 1945.

1. ORGANIZATION

No Change.

2. STRENGTH AS OF 31 JULY 1945

Figures shown below are total strength for Group Headquarters and assigned squadrons.

<u>Assigned Personnel</u>	<u>Authorized Personnel</u>
Officers ----- 140	Officers ----- 201
Enlisted Men --- 798	Enlisted Men ---- 811

3. DATE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH STATION IN ETC:

Nil.

4. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Nil (for Group Headquarters)

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star

1st Lt. Joseph R. Brumfield

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Week of 1 to 7 July 1945

The start of this month finds the Group almost back to normal; the big shake-up of the past two weeks had thrown us momentarily out of gear. The Group seems more like its old self now that the new men have been absorbed and the newness and uncertainty of the first week has worn off. The new men have become adjusted to their new surroundings, formed new friendships and, in general, have come to the conclusion that the outfit isn't so bad after all. The Group, likewise, finds that it has acquired a fine bunch of men.

Being an occupational unit certainly leaves little in the way of operational activities to record; at best it is a monotonous routine with most of the flying confined to nightly cub training for ground officers. A pilot training program is to go into effect as soon as the final plans are completed.

This week's activities were mostly administrative duties and they still seem considerable. The athletic program commenced this week. The athletic phase of the ground training program consists of everyone participating in organized athletics at 1100 or 1600 hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, plus two hours on Saturday.

This week also saw the Group baseball team become champions of the first half of the XIX TAC league. Rain put a damper on the huge Fourth of July celebration that was planned for that day. However, during the evening the inside of the Red Cross Club was booming with concessions - sandwiches and coffee were to be had a plenty.

The Enlisted Men's club opened again! A collection was taken from the EM for the initial purchase of supplies. Captain Doria and W/Sgt. Shea were very successful in the procurement of beverages so essential to the success of any club. It now rivals anything on the base for attendance.

Headquarters lost one of its pilots; Captain Oliver Byerson, (333 combat hours and on his second tour) was among the 35 pilots, from the Group, ordered back to the United States. (Supporting Document #1)

The 8th issue of the Fortress Feature hit the distribution desks. (Supporting Document #2)

The ping-pong tournament at the Officer's Club is in high gear. This week, going into the semi-finals, Colonel Perego, Captain Benithal and Captain Doria are leading challengers for the title.

Supporting Document #1, Special Order #75
Supporting Document #2, Fortress Feature #8

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WEEK OF 8 to 14 July 1945

Since the end of the war, and especially now with the advent of the new men in the group, rumors have been accepted as the usual thing and a day without a new rumor is considered a quiet day in so far as discussion and conversation are concerned. On various dates the following have been hashed, rehashed, discussed and disseminated - The rumors, of course, all center around that ever important subject- Redeployment and those extra 10 points:

- a. All the 75's and over are to be transferred to the 371st.
- b. The 10 points are up at Air Force.
- c. "They" are holding up the points until the critical score is released.
- d. So and So outfits have received the 10 points.
- e. We are scheduled to go home as a group next - Sept,- Dec. - June.
- f. The 10 points are up at TAC.
- g. Another shipment to the U.S. of high point is due.
- h. Two groups are on their way from the States to become occupational, relieving us. Due to arrive anytime in Sept? - Oct? - November.

This week saw the regular duties performed. The athletic program get into full swing and the pilot training begin with scheduled operational flights. The transfer of 41 storage aircraft on Thursday kept the flying field in a state of activity for all that day.

Sunday is getting to be the day here; baseball games, sleeping late, swimming and fishing give it a real picnic like atmosphere. The announcement that the non-fraternization ban had been modified saw a lot of GI's suddenly take a pass for the day. Most of the men just wanted to talk to someone that was not in uniform!

At the Officer's Club Saturday night, Captain Reinthal became Ping-Pong champion and won a bottle of Scotch.

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WEEK OF 15 to 21 JULY

This was the week originally scheduled for our move to the new base at B-68, located at Straubing. However, the runway, for which completion is being awaited is still unfinished. This has caused the projected move to be postponed again. Everyone is eager to get to our new home or what we feel will be our last and permanent base on the Continent. Reports seem to indicate that it is to be a fine set-up with ample buildings for all and something out of the ordinary - four swimming pools. The men are looking forward to moving out of the tents and into buildings again.

For the under 25 point men, good news was received on Thursday of this week - The Group was awarded the Ardennes Battle participation Star. This puts a lot of the men "over the hump" (25) and many others very close to that big "25" which may, in the not too far distant future, send them on their way to the good old U.S.A. This also gives the group a high average of men with 25 or over, making it now, "1 down and 1 to go".

Two more Old Timers leave us; Cpl. Edmund Frank and Sgt. Carl Newsome, cryptographic personnel, who have been with the group since Westover Field, were transferred to the XIX Tactical Control Group.

It has been announced that the new term at Fortress School will not start until after the group has settled down at Straubing. The Chemistry and Physics Lab. and the Photo lab. have been greatly expanded by the acquisition of a plentiful supply of equipment.

The 9th edition of Fortress Feature hit the news stands, carrying front page pictures of the contestants in the big "Sweetheart of the 368th Contest." (Supporting Document #3)

W/sgt. Donald Backs, Wg. Public Relations chief since just before 7-Day, who has done a bang-up job of publicizing the 368, has been transferred back to his original organization, the Ninth Fighter Command. (Supporting Document #4)

Seven day furloughs to England started again this week, bringing recreational leaves to a new high for the group. What more could one want, with a choice of: The United Kingdom, the Riviera, Paris and Brussels - plus the opportunity of flying to each.

Supporting Document #3 - 9th Edition of Fortress Feature.

Supporting Document #4 - Special Order #81.

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PERIOD OF 22 to 31 JULY.

Inspectors from VII Tactical Air Command visited the Group on Monday. In addition to the administration inspection, a conference hour was held Monday night giving all members of the Group a chance to air their complaints and offer suggestions. There was no attendance at the conference. (Supporting Document #5)

Tuesday saw a large contingent of the Group hie up to Erlangen to attend the famous Bob Hope show. "The best ever" was the comment afterwards. Along the same lines, for five nights running, tickets have been available for the stage performance at the Opera House in Murnberg, of "Love and Idleness" starring Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontanne. The entire quota of tickets for each night were used. Two other U.S.C. shows played at the base during the week. So we are certainly getting our share of entertainment.

The Mos. Enlisted Men's Club was officially christened "Fortress Hangout". By-laws and a constitution were put into effect at the same time.

The ground training program went into its third week and still remains as popular as ever !

Mrs. Joe Gordon was elected the "Sweetheart of the 368" - (See full account of contest in Fortress Feature No. 10) The Group baseball team was beaten for the second loss suffered so far. The defeat this time was at the hands of the 366th Fighter Group. However, our team still retained their first place position in the VII Tac league.

Fortress Feature No. 10 Made the deadline Friday. (Supporting document No. 6)

"The Stars and Stripes" in the July 23rd edition, lists the 368th Fighter Group as one of the CAF units. We had known all along that we were scheduled for occupation but we had hoped that others would forget.

Some hopes, questions, speculations and doubts as to Army procedures were created by the arrival of several men - men whose points were far below those of men who had recently been transferred out of this group and into units scheduled for the C R I. (Supporting Document No. 7)

The end of the second month of our occupation assignment finds the group able to perform its duties with ease; with a pilots training program, a ground training program and a liberal pass schedule, there still remains plenty of time for many other varied activities. Many of the men had high hopes of possible returning home very soon, but talk of that nature has slowly been diminishing in volume. The high hopes are now; that we may be able to make it by Christmas.

- Supporting Document No. 5 - Bulletin No. 2
- " " No. 6 - Fortress Feature No. 10
- " " No. 7 - Special Order No. 88

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U. S. Army
9 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 75)

1. Fol named off are held fr assignment this orgn, asgd Casual Pool, 70th Reinforcement Bpot (AAF), WP 134th Reinforcement Bn (AAF) Sta 392, reporting to the CO thereof not later than 11 July 1945, for return to ZI, USSTAF Reg 80-10, 21 Apr 45 will be complied with. TDN by MT, mil acft, rail or water. SO-115 P 431-02 & 212/50425. AVTR: Ltr Hq USSTAF, Subj: "Combat Crew Rehabilitation Policy," 2 Aug 44 and TWX C-21, XII Tactical Air Cond, EDCMR 11 July 45.

Hq 368TH FIGHTER GROUP

Capt (192-Q) OLIVER S. RYERSON 0680085 (1055)
Capt (111-Q) LEONARD V. MISZEWSKI 0822238 (1055)

395TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Capt (210-Q) EDGAR M. McCRONE 0837234 (1055)
1st Lt (155-Q) WILLIAM J. WAYLAND 0818470 (1055)
2d Lt (85-Q) JOHN W. RUSSELL 02009521 (1055)
2d Lt (67-Q) KENNETH D. PAEPER 0770380 (1055)
2d Lt (67-Q) HELMUT F. ONUSSEIT 0827262 (1055)
2d Lt (57-Q) GEORGE A. LONG JR 0831445 (1055)
2d Lt (48-Q) LEO F. SCARLON 0787395 (1055)
2d Lt (37-Q) JOE G. HIGGS 0831895 (1055)
2d Lt (27-Q) GEORGE W. RABE JR 02066712 (1055)
Flt O (51-Q) JOHN S. BRYAN T127249 (1055)
Flt O (41-Q) RIDGLEY B. HERRITT T126700 (1055)

396TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Capt (81-Q) ABNER L. JONES 0668246 (1055)
1st Lt (132-Q) WILLIAM G. DIXON 0706367 (1055)
1st Lt (91-Q) WILLIAM J. GENROY 0789795 (1055)
1st Lt (76-Q) LLOYD CORDER 0425517 (1055)
1st Lt (74-Q) GEROLD E. BREUER 0716049 (1055)
1st Lt (73-Q) HAROLD S. REYNOLDS JR 0554120 (1055)
1st Lt (57-Q) ROBERT D. SHEEDY 0830341 (1055)
1st Lt (54-Q) JOSEPH H. HUNT 0829996 (1055)
2d Lt (39-Q) EUGENE STOLIGROSZ 0831606 (1055)
2d Lt (34-Q) EUGENE G. SIMON 0834220 (1055)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Capt (138-Q) BOB V. BARKER 0763453 (2161)
1st Lt (113-Q) VERNON O. EBIN 0757175 (1055)
1st Lt (105-Q) CARL E. FORD 0551305 (1055)
1st Lt (86-Q) HENRY A. YANDEL 0804258 (1055)
1st Lt (80-Q) LENN S. HUNT 0707626 (1055)
1st Lt (75-Q) LEONARD H. KOSTRACH 0830015 (1055)

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SO 75, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 9 July 45,

Par 1, Cont'd.

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON CONT'D

1st Lt (75-Q)	CARL W. UTERHART	0826806	(1055)
1st Lt (73-Q)	RALPH W. THORNTON	0712060	(1055)
1st Lt (69-Q)	STEPHEN L. HALPIN	0710102	(1055)
1st Lt (69-Q)	CHARLES E. LEGRAND	0830023	(1055)
1st Lt (60-Q)	JOHN R. KEIL	0710713	(1055)
1st Lt (67-Q)	EDWIN C. ROOZEN	0435392	(1055)

2. So much of par 8, SO 68, this Hq, cs, pertaining to Class "A" Fin Officers, as reads, "1st Lt JOHN S. DRISCOLL, 01593547, QMC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 487th A Sv Gp," is amended to read, "2d Lt GEORGE G. McGUIK, 0863455, AC, Hq & Base Sv Sq, 487th A Sv Gp."

3. FOL named EM, Sq indicated, are placed on TDY, WF Burghausen, Ger, o/a 11 July 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. Upon compl of this TDY, EM will ret to proper orgn. TIN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

Sgt Abraham Fishman	32321962	Hq 368th Ftr Gp
Pvt Robert L. DuBois	37666525	395th Ftr Sq

4. FOL named off & EM are placed on TDY, WF Offenback, Ger, o/a 11 July 45, for a period of two (2) days, for the purpose of obtaining PX supplies. Upon compl of this TDY, they will ret to proper orgn. TIN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

1st Lt GEORGE E. GILL	0863973	AC
Sgt Walter B. Grader	31287351	397th Ftr Sq

5. T Sgt Chron A. Grimsley, 6920880, 395th Ftr Sq, is placed on TDY, WF Metz, Fr, thence to Reims, Fr, o/a 11 July 45, for a period of three (3) days, for the purpose of obtaining supplies. TDY by MT, mil acft or rail. Upon compl of this TDY, EM will ret to proper orgn. 50-115 P 432-02 A 212/50425.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PEREGO:

OFFICIAL:

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The Men and the Planes: Presentation of Presidential Citation Pennant

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THE FORTRESS FEATURE

368TH FIGHTER GROUP

AND ATTACHED UNITS

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Friday, July 6, 1945

Nurnberg, Germany

Vol. 1, Number 7

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Concessions Prove Popular

Nearly every GI present was walking around either carrying a doll, toy ship, a newly acquired pocket-book or else playing a genuine Hohner harmonica—all of these prizes were won at one of the many concession stands. Pic A. M. Signe of the 397th proved the best hawk of the evening by clearing 117 dollars, at his 'wheel-of-chance' board. Three dart boards were run by S Sgt F. B. Reda of the 905th Air Engineers, Pic T. S. Walter of the 395th and Sgt R. R. Watson of 368th Hq. One of the popular booths of the evening was a ringer game under the supervision of M Sgt R. R. Fischer of 729th Materiel.

Suckers Win at Roulette

Something went wrong with the roulette wheel and for a change in that game, the sucker had a break for once. The wheel was managed by Sgt. Fisher of 368th Hq. and Cpl. Cudney of the 905th Air Engineers. They both promised to do a little mathematical figuring before the next time that the "wheel goes round and round".

However, even with the roulette game coming up in the red, the evening was still a financial success, clearing a net total of 87 dollars, which will be divided between the day rooms of the various units participating.

Pvt. Andy Anderson and Sgt W. R. (Red) Thomas cleaned the Red Cross club of all the rest of the dolls and harmonicas available with a lively game of Bingo.



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Staff problems coincident with recent changes in Group personnel have made it advisable to return temporarily to a two-page issue. FORTRESS FEATURE expects to return to four pages next week. The present series on previous bases of the group will be continued at that time.

Hq. Officers Defeat 26th Reg. Team 6-4

Pacing his teammates with two doubles that drove in three runs, Captain David Reinthal pitched the Group Officers' Softball Team to a 6-4 triumph over the 26th Regiment Officers' Team in a return engagement, last Sunday, at their field.

The Group team teed off with two runs in the first, got two more in the second, and picked up one each in the fourth and fifth.

Capt. Reinthal was in serious trouble only in the fifth, when the 26th officers reached him for five hits, adding three runs to the one they garnered in the third on a double and two outfield flies. In the sixth, the infantry threatened again, when Fisher, their first baseman started the frame with a single. He was out at second trying to stretch it, and though the next two batters hit safely, the inning ended without a score.

The 26th men (members of the veteran and famed 1st Division) aren't "whipped" yet, and another engagement, at this field is planned.

At The 395th Mess-hall

Maj. Rice (to Maj. Johnson of the 397th): How does it feel to eat at a good mess-hall.

Maj. Johnson: It sure was swell.

Sweetheart Contest Closes July 12th

The 368th Sweetheart Contest has been postponed due to the big transfer shake-up. For the benefit of the new men in the group, the rules are being printed again with the new date corrections.

1. Pictures must be personal—of wives, sweethearts, or sisters.
2. Pictures must be in black and white. They will all be returned at the end of the contest.
3. All entries must be in the FORTRESS FEATURE office by midnight, July 12th. The final winner will be announced July 26th. A large front page picture and story will be carried in that edition.
4. Contest is open to all members of the 368th Fighter Group and Attached Units.

First I. & E. School Term Ends July 14

The first twenty-hour block of courses offered by I & E will be concluded on July 14, according to I & E head Capt. Regan. Of the original 79 7-week classes that were organized, 47 still remain. The rest were dropped, or otherwise consolidated as a result of mass transfers. The shake-up reduced enrollment from the registration peak of over 600 students.

Newcomers to the group were advised by Capt. Steers, Educational Advisement Officer, to consult with him regarding the granting of high-school and college credits for training already achieved in the Army. In addition, he suggested that those interested in attending one of the civilian universities announced in Stars and Stripes call at his office.

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'Hair Is Hair' To Tony Guarneri

The problem of who cut the barber's hair in Tonic Guarneri's pre-war establishment never arose. If Jimmie Guarneri wasn't around, Nick Guarneri could do it. If both were absent, then Ralph Guarneri could take over the job. In fact, any of the eleven children of Papa Guarneri could do it. For the seven brothers were all barbers, and the four sisters all beauty operators.

Tony, who has been barbering for 15 years now, and who has just set up shop in a corner of the Fortress Technical School building, had to use all ten fingers and come back to his thumb to enumerate the names of his barbering brothers and sisters. "Let's see, now, there's Jimmie, 37, who has a barber shop in Trenton. Put in, on State Street, Tomie, 34, that's me, Nickie, 28, he's a barber. In the Army now. So's Ralph, with the 83rd Division.

"Albert—he must be 17 or 18. He helps out the 'old man' in his New Jersey shop. So does Tommie, who's about 17. Maybe 18. There are so many, you gotta remember them in steps. Then Frankie and Johnnie, they help the old man out too. Patricia, Lilly, Katherine, Maria, they're all beauty operators."

Possessor of the only pair of electric clippers on the field, Tony, who has clipped Generals Weyland and Sanders, says that rank makes no difference to the true barber. "I want to clip everybody," he said, "officers and em's. Hair is hair."

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Nip and Tuck Battle

The bleak, cold afternoon agreed with both hurlers for they gave the spectators a fine exhibition of mound artistry. Lt. Wenk was hit hard for nine blows but he was able to scatter them and the damage was negligible, allowing one unearned run in the sixth, when an error and a double put men on second and third. This was the first time any men had reached second. Berling took a healthy swing on the first pitch and knocked a slow dribble toward third. By the time it was picked up the run had scored and there were men on first and third. Lt. Brayton saved the day by hauling down a drive in Jepp left which was labeled "extra bases".

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395th Loses Face In Jap Quiz Contest

The 396th Squadron, in the persons of Rothe, Roth and Barrett shalumped the 395th, represented by Furman, Simpson and Supple, in last Tuesday's quiz contest. The topic was "Japan" and the winners walked off with a bottle guaranteed to keep them warm in unseasonable weather. The losers, according to "Fortress Feature's" intelligence service, committed hari-kari in front of the 95th orderly room, with the first sergeant handing them the ceremonial sword.

The 96th shot into the lead, when its sister squadron missed the question: "What American Admiral opened Japan for foreign trade." It was never headed thereafter. Both squadrons missed a question relating to the Tanaka Memorial, Jap blueprint for world aggression. The contest was conducted in the best Clifton Fudiman manner by Capt. Dick, 396th Intelligence Officer.

What Makes A Fighter Group



The people in it? But the personnel changes, sometimes very drastically, as we've seen in the last few weeks. The pilot rosters changed throughout the war, and now the whole group is being shuffled like a deck of cards.

How about equipment? The planes, the trucks, the tools. But these things come and go, and nobody seems to give a dam, except S-4.

Is a group just an activation order? Is it a file at higher headquarters? A group is all of these things and much more. A group has a life of its own, almost, independent of the particular individuals and equipment in it at any one time. A group is the accrued history of its performance. A group is a fund of shared experience. A group is what it DID, as well as what it is.

To the newcomers: your allegiance may still be divided. And so we won't say this the best Fighter Group in the E. T. O. Anyhow we're prejudiced. You all come from good outfits. A bad outfit doesn't stay "bad" for long in combat because it's a luxury the American people can't afford.

We'll simply say that this, your new outfit, has a record that is more than outstanding, and of which any of its members may well be proud. Now this isn't prejudice. It's a summary of facts and figures that are down in the book.

Probably, the tank and infantryman—both American and Jerry—could speak more eloquently on this point than we can.

PADRE SAYS

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SERVICE GROUP NEWS

By S SGT Bill Schuler

A brand new, super-delux dress shop is in operation on the base. T Sgt Roland Tasi did a fine job of fitting his first customer in Ye Old Parachute Dress Shoppe. Just what happened during the fitting is a deep secret but one fact must not be overlooked — RHIP.

The 965th is out of the mud! Cpl. Herbert Ende got his crew of German prisoners on the hall building a road through the living area. It will no longer be necessary to wear hip boots after a rain.

Lt. D. W. Wenger, Commanding Officer of the 905th, didn't have such good luck on his recent fishing trip. A little German boy stood and watched him pull in eight fair sized fish. Just as soon as the fish were brought to shore the little fellow gave them the Coup de grace by hitting them over the head. Lt. Wenger became so absorbed in his streak of luck that he didn't notice the little culprit slip away with four of his catch. (So he says!!)

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Demchuck Hurls One Hit Game

The Thunderbums roared on to their sixteenth straight win by defeating the 424th Night Fighter Group, 6-2, last Sunday afternoon at Furth as Blackie Demchuck hurled one-hit ball in the seven inning tilt.

This game will not be chalked up under the win column in the XIX TAC League because the 424th has bowed out.

A single by Moore in the sixth inning broke Demchuck's no-hitter and an error in the seventh brought in two men who had walked preventing a shutout. S Sgt. John C. Woods had a field day with two triples, a single, driving in two runs and scoring two. Drake gave up six runs and ten hits being tagged for the defeat. Demchuck faced twenty-three batters, struckout seven, and walked five.

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Berling	rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Shak	lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
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There's no greater thrill to an angler than when, after a big catch he attributes his success to the unswerving effort and devotion he puts in the sport. An old German beach umbrella plus a little time and S Sgt. Clarence A. Warrin, 396th crew chief, improvised a very supple fishing rod with reel and eyes. When asked if it worked, his chest expanded almost double its size and he proudly said, "I caught four trout with it the past Sunday."

The Officers' Ping-Pong Tourney has progressed steadily with Captain David Reinthal defeating all opposition to reach the finals. The doubles contest hasn't started and Captain Oswald Doria advises that those interested should submit their entries as soon as possible.

The boys in the 397th had a terrific argument on the infield fly out. Well I hope this helps matters out. rule applies for baseball and softball. The batter is out if the umpire declares the hit an infield fly. That is it. Before two men are out, while first and second, or first, second, and third bases are occupied, the batter hits a fair fly ball other than a line drive that can be handled by an infielder. This is declared an infield fly by the umpire, and the baserunners may be off their bases or advance at the risk of the ball being caught, the same as any other fly ball.

In answer to the call for swimmers last week by Captain Newton I. Steers there were only seven entries submitted. They were all from the Belgian MPs.

Baseball fans notice the leading hitters in the big leagues so I'll be different. An outfielder and a shortstop were the cellarites among players in more than 100 games in the 1944 batting races, Charles Workman of Boston was low in the National at .208, Skeeter Webb of the White Sox at .211 in the American

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How about equipment? The planes, the trucks, the tools. But these things come and go, and nobody seems to give a damn except S-1. Is a group just an activation order? Is it a higher headquarters? A group is all of these things and much more. A group has a life of its own, almost, independent of the particular individuals and equipment in it at any one time. A group is the accrued history of its performance. A group is a fund of shared experience. A group is what it DID, as well as what it is.

To the newcomers: your allegiance may still be divided. And so we won't say this the best Fighter Group in the E. I. I. Anyhow we're prejudiced. You all come from good outfits. A bad outfit doesn't stay "bad" for long in combat because it's a luxury the American people can't afford. We'll simply say that this, your new outfit, has a record that is more than outstanding, and of which any of its members may well be proud. Now this isn't prejudice. It's a summary of facts and figures that are down in the book.

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SQUADRON NEWS

395th PANZER DUSTERS

By S Sgt William F. Fisk

We first came to know 1st Lt. E. G. Teinrow as a student while he was conducting the Small Business class. One had only to note the attendance and the attention given to his lectures to realize how popular he made the course. We feel sure he will have the same success as our new squadron adjutant.

S Sgt. Red Griffith tried to impress friends that he wasn't particularly excited about going to Paris. Just the same he tossed and grumbled all night.

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397th JABO ANGELS

T Sgt. Martin M. Klein

Well Heibet D Gray finally received the Bronze Star medal which he earned as Communication section head, but Heibet had to return the medal because it was not presented by a General. (We are sweating you out, Heibet!)

It seems that "Hardsome Hammer" and "Big Deal Grubowski" were getting too fat on permanent KP, they are now back on the line.

In place of R. F. Jones, the Ordnance section now has Sgt W. Reidy. "You have a good bunch of men Reidy!"

Cpl L. Dabey with the assistance of Rucowicki and Wiser, harmonized nine planes just to keep in practise (You're right on the ball Dabey).

The new medics are ready for business; all have completed over a thousand shots, so if you men have that weary, lazy feeling and desire a little pick me up, don't hesitate, go at once to the squadron dispensary and the boys will give you something to make you jump!!

Standing early morning roll-call proved too much for some of the new men. They decided to go back to their old squadron; anything including the Pacific was better than getting up at six in the morning.

"Earl Cuppin" one of our promising non-coms went fishing the other day and brought some fat tates back to the boys, only they weren't about fish. The rumor is that P.F.C. Greenspan didn't ship out; he just floated away in a strong wind, but regardless of how he left us, we are really going to miss him — in fact we miss that old gang formally known as the "Fighting 397th" that saw us thro the battles of Cosmos, Chh 17, Stop 33 and the Aero Club.

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368th Hq. News

By Sgt. Dick Greenspan

It won't be written down in History so it might be mentioned here for posterity that the "Mighty Four" — Sgts Thieme, Kowynia, Trudel and Richards have been holding the fort for the entire Group, working day and night on records in connection with the sudden turnover in personnel.

Champion TS (Say it like the Russians say it) man of the Group hereby nominated and elected automatically is Cpl Joe O'Dowd. He takes the throne by virtue of 117 points — the highest amount in the Group of any "essential" 405. You'll get home by Christmas Joe. What Christmas did you ask?

As if that's not enough some "meanest man of the year" borrows O'Dowd's raincoat during the recent rainy miserable weather.

"Cpl Cowie seems to pay no attention to rank," says Pic Stark. "He beat Tech Sgt Manshain in ping pong despite the five stripes."

Nomination for Public Relations man for Kentucky and Marie McDonald — You guessed it — Take it away, Wellman.

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Score by innings.

368th Fighter Gp.	0-0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0-1
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SO YOU'RE GOING TO PARIS

You'll probably want to buy some perfume for the one and only, or mother-Sgt. Lawrence Lange of Group has compiled the following list of the best perfumes to be had in Paris.

GUERLEIN — 68 Ave de Champs-Elysees Shalimar, Apre L'Ondee, Jicky, L'Heure Bleue, Mitsouko, Liu, Sans le Vent, Coque D'Or

LENTHERIC — 245 Rue St. Honore Shanghai, Miracle, Gardenia of Tahiti, Anticipation

SCHIAPARELLI — 12 Place Vendome Schoeking, Sleeping, Salut, Soucis

PAQUIN — 3 Rue de la Paix Goya, Espoir, Nine by Nine

RENOIR — 17 Place de Vendome Messenger, Cattena, Fatur

Other excellent perfumes which can be bought in any perfume store in Paris are: Chanel: Cinq, Gardenia, Cuir de Russie, Lucien Lelong: Elle Elle, Indiscret, Orange, Jabot, Passionement, Melodie, Mon Image, Jean Patou: Moment Supreme, Amour, Amour, Ciro: Danger, Surrender, Coty: Emerald, L'Aimant, Origan, Prince Matcha-belli: Ave Maria, Duchess of York.

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Individual reactions from the new men are mixed and varied. There seems to be an almost unanimous agreement that the chow is better here than in their former units. "We get more to eat and it's better cooked" said one Joe who came out of what he described as the "depressed areas". The Red Cross with the serving of coffee and sinkers all day is an eye-opening innovation. In former units many Red Cross clubs took second money. "Here we can sit down in a comfortable chair and contemplate either our navel or an issue of Life."

"Why do GI's have to do KP here?" is the usual and outstanding beef-GI's who haven't manuevered a dish since Normandy wondered why with the presence of so many DP's in this area, that their role as conquerors had been discounted with a 14 hour turn in front of a mountain of potatoes.

Not a kind word was expressed for the weather. Yankee and rebel buried their differences in a united front against the rainy, withering cold which for the month of July seemed like December. One Joe was last seen on his way to the woods with an axe, muttering "As long as it feels like Christmas, I might as well go out and have me a Christmas tree."

Free Coffee and Doughnuts

Miss Maxine Toy of the Red Cross announced that each morning the Red Cross Club will have free coffee and doughnuts in the snack bar. This plan will only be in effect between 10:00 and 11:30, at all other times they will be paid for as usual.

We want to carry all the Group news—but we can't know of everything that happens. Phone 29, ring 2 and let us have that news!!

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368TH FIGHTER GROUP AND ATTACHED UNITS

Some back copies of the FORTRESS FEATURE are available. If you would like to have a few of these, see your Squadron Reporter.

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368th Pilots on Way To States

An unexpected communique from higher headquarters July 10th jolted 35 pilots of the 368th Fighter Group with the happy tidings that they were to pack up and return to the states "toute suite".



While some of the pilots who had completed combat tours expected to go home, they weren't prepared for the sudden orders, nor were others with comparatively few combat missions to their credit.

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Two 368th Men To Attend College

Only two quotas have been received by this Group for the Army courses given at civilian schools. These required special qualifications and the ones to attend were selected from list on file with Capt N. I. Steers in the Fortress School building. Lt. Rich. Blickensderfer has been selected to attend a course in architecture in London and T Sgt Alexander Mailles will study French Language and Civilization at a Paris school.

Other quotas are expected in the near future and all men interested should see that their qualifications are on file with Capt Steers.

A PAT ON THE BACK

The following quote is an extract from a letter signed by Lt. Col. Chester K. Shore, XIX TAC Public Relations Officer.

"Several groups in this command are publishing excellent weekly news sheets. Most of them are mimeographed, the 368th Fighter Group is issuing a printed weekly. THE FORTRESS FEATURE, which is a daisy."



Sgt Joe McCain's class in European history makes good use of maps and a globe — borrowed from German schools. S Sgt Bernard Zandroski puts his mechanical drafting assignments on the board and

then checks on his students as they make their own drawings.

Lt Cecil Duncan's radio classes alternate between actual work on equipment and classroom lectures.

Certificates To Be Issued To Graduates

Saturday, July 14th, marks the end of the first seven week term of the I. and E. School. No "Graduation Exercises" will be held, but certificates of proficiency will be issued to all those students who have satisfactorily completed a twenty-hour block in a course.

School Gets Early Start

To start from scratch in setting up

a school for over 600 students — and to have that school running three weeks after V-E day — that task seemed formidable enough to Captain John F. Regan's Information and Education section, but it didn't seem impossible.

Fortunately, many of the difficulties did not appear immediately. They just kept coming up and were dealt with one by one.

Planning the curriculum, lining up teachers, securing books and at last

scheduling the classes, registering the students, and getting the school rolling — all these tasks had to be taken care of at the same time that the equipment for the school was being "scrounged".

When the school itself got underway, the size and scope of it surprised everyone — including the I and E Staff, the teachers, students and plain unbiased observers. Nearly 700 officers and enlisted men enrolled for courses; at one time or another, though there

were never that many attending at one time. By the time the late comers had begun their work, some men had already dropped out — in nearly every case because they were going home on points or age.

48 Courses — 79 Classes

Forty-eight different courses were offered, and it was no easy task the first week to get the students taking these courses fitted into seventy-nine classes. While only one course was

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Service Team School Gets 300 New Books

T Sgt D. C. Herzog of the Service Team School announced this week that the school has just received a new supply of three hundred text books. These books are to be used in the next term of school which will offer thirty academic courses.

The first term which is to end next week was seriously hampered by the organizational shakeup which the Service Team suffered last month. It is estimated that only about one third to one half of the students have been left to finish their courses.

Probably the most successful subjects were the on the job courses, especially the welding course, while the business courses seemed to be the most popular.

Friday, the 13th

If you are the scarey type then take care, beware, because, today is unlucky Friday — Yes its the thirteenth. So watch out for those unloaded guns and black cats — go to bed early. Don't speed in that vehicle. Postpone that "French" date until tomorrow and whatever you do, don't forget that "high-ball" today!

Former 395th Pilot Awarded Silver Star

Word was recently received here that at a ceremony at Baer Field the Silver Star Medal was presented to Mr. Clifford L. Gamble, who is the former Capt Gamble of the Panzer Dusters. He was awarded the medal for outstanding gallantry in action when he led the "Dusters"

Current Events To Be Quiz Panel Subject

Going into its seventh week the quiz panel will again have as its subject "Current Events", with Capt David Reinthal presiding as quiz master. At the coming sessions the 396th and 397th hope to avenge the defeats which they suffered the last time Current Events was the subject of the quiz. At that time the 396th was overwhelmed by Group Hq while the 397th suffered at the hands of both the 395th and 396th.

A new date and time schedule is to be used this coming week and it is yet unannounced.

on an armed reconnaissance mission over Holland, September 15, 1944. Mr. Gamble is now a happy civilian and back dispensing insurance in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

I. and E. To Issue New Curriculum

Fortress School will issue a curriculum for the new term of school during next week. Although the new curriculum will be smaller, some new courses will be added. Some of the courses offered will be a continuation of the first term subjects.

There will be no registration day for the second term. Students will register at their original attendance in each class.

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Question of the Week

QUESTION: How do you think French girls compare to American girls in the art of love-making?

ANSWERS: by members of the 368th and service units.



1. PFC Veto Vatalaro, group medic, Duluth, Minn. French women are better lovers. Definitely. They have gone into the subject much more deeply.

I have had some of my finest experiences in France.



2. Sgt. James R. Graham, mechanic, 395th squadron, Pittsburgh, Pa. The French girl is far superior to the American girl, especially in the matter of love-making. They get my vote.

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3. PFC Joe Silver, 396th communications clerk, New Haven, Conn. I am speaking strictly theoretically, of course. In my opinion, the French have to go some to beat the American girl.

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THIS OUTFIT AND THAT

397th



T/Sgt. Martin M. Klein

Well you can write to Sgt Paul P. Powroznik, only this time make sure you put a mister in front of his name. Mr Powroznik left the squadron about a month ago; he had over one hundred points and a beautiful baby daughter. We received a letter sent from his home in New York, and he extends best regards to the gang. (thanks a lot Paul).

Sgt C. S. Kelly has been praying for windy weather. He is often seen watching the franklin parade up and down the road outside of camp, "pass the binoculars Kelly."

The squadron fishermen have caught one hundred and fifty trout in three days, which is quite a record. Some of their friends have been enjoying "fish fries" almost every night.

In order to obtain a drink or two of cognac for the EM's day room, the squadron asked for a short term "lend"—and up steps Joe Zofin with a roll that would choke all the calves in the Chicago stock yards. How do you do it Joe?—secret ink?

"Big Foot" Becker can be seen in motion these days. He's doing his darndest to send home a German airplane engine, however, he's started out with the wrong foot forward (and when Joseph Becker puts a foot forward, it's really a foot) by lending with Zayac, the mail clerk Zayac says if those boxes don't fit the mail bags then there'll be no flying for Joe in sunny Texas.

Tommie Aern says that if he is ever court-martialed he hopes that it doesn't happen at four-thirty in the morning. (Whats the matter Tommie, did Jimmie Talley scare you??)

Another tent was added to the fourth row, somebody decided that the CNS men were having it too good so now the boys are once again living with the enlisted men.

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395th



By S/Sgt. William F. Fisk

About the most exciting thing we have to look forward to is the pass to Paris or Brussels. It looks like they are really going to move along pretty fast now with the addition of another C-47 for transportation. Congratulations to S Sgts Harold D. Conroy, John J. Bastaroli and Ray Tucker; Sgt Jack Smith, who are now on flying status and can keep any plane flying.

In the battle between the planes and the Red Cross it looked like the planes were down for the count, but Capt. Buckman counterattacked by putting a snack bar right on the line with Sgt Percy Barley in charge. Now if the next term of school doesn't hit too hard the planes will probably still keep flying.

In the meantime while waiting for our Paris passes it is no trouble at all to relax in the clubhouse which now has ample rations of Cognac and honest to goodness hop flavored beer, with a kick. Sgt Robert Cook can even come up with some good wine too. We have to thank M Sgt John Shea and Sgt Bill Newton for the cognac. They went all the way to Brussels by truck for it. John says they changed seven tires enroute but it's generally believed that the blow-out happened in Brussels. In case Jackie is listening we're only kidding.

Hard working Cpl Elbert R. Comer has just finished painting the piggy-back, P-Bar. He has done such a splendid job that everyone says that the next general to visit the field will say that he wants that plane. It's in red, black and will be called the Black Panther.

Everyone on the line hopes that Pvt Paul Kramer can be coaxed into painting a black panther with red eyes on the two-seater. Paul meanwhile spends all his spare time with a punching bag behind the tents. Does he need all this training just to handle Pvt George Slavton.

While S Sgt Dale Shedenhelm adds (the pray roll) his two rabbits Petunia and 8-Ball penned behind his tent, are thinking of multiplying even though they are divided by a wire partition.

487th



he excels in skiing and snow shoeing. He pleads ignorance as to how that information got on his records, but it is believed he is merely being modest.



While walking through the woods recently Cpl. Johnny Long met up with a rabbit. His trusty Carbine, Cal. 30, M1 came to his shoulder, pulled the trigger and the rabbit rolled over on it's back. When Johnny got to the rabbit his eyes met a sight that made him regret being such a good marksman. The "poor" little rabbit lay on it's back kicking for dear life. Johnny did the only human thing and hit it over the head several times with the butt of his gun. The incident has caused sleepless nights for Johnny and he still maintains that he didn't mean to hit it, he merely wanted to scare it a little.

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6. How are you doing at school, what is your favorite subject?

7. Your athletic activities.

8. What did you see on your last tour, business trip to town?

9. What about that buddy with whom were so closely associated, and now for the first time in months or years you are separated?

10. Latest books, movies, radio programs that were exceptionally good.

The Padre Says:

"Where a man's treasure is, there is his heart also" . . . The same thought has been expressed in many ways. . . . "You can judge a man by what he loves" . . . "Out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks" . . . A certain Sgt. Phillips summed up our side of such treasure.—proving when he wrote the following lines . . .

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS
Each time I smell the honeysuckle vine,
Traverse at night a quiet, wooded lane,
Hear a sweet voice, or taste delight

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He loves not these alone, though loves them still:
For soul must capture soul in true romance.

The heart is not enough; love needs the will.

"By what you love you're judged":
If this be true,
How need I fear of judgment, loving you?

Sgt. Charles William Phillips, Fighter Group.



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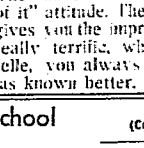
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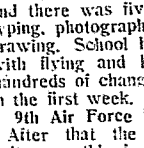
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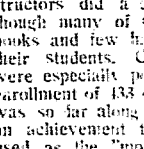
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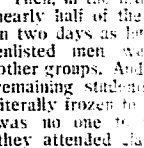
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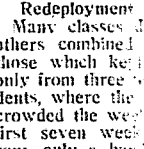
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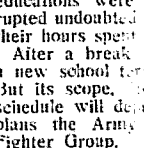
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Word about M/Sgt Oliver has been received. In a letter written June 28, S/Sgt Filler of the 397th said that no clerks, cooks or heavy truck drivers are being released. Oliver, the first man to leave from Group under the point system, is a clerk.

Experienced Instructors Teach Fortress School

Sgt Joe McCain, formerly a camera technician in the 396th, teaches English and History. He comes from Colfax, La., and graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1935. For six years "Mac" taught English Literature at the Colfax high school, which he attended before entering college. During those six years Sgt. McCain did post-grad work at LSU in International Law and International relations. Before he could get his Masters' degree he was drafted into the service, in September 1941.

Religious Service

Protestant Service 1:30 PM in Hq. Briefing Room Sunday.

Catholic Mass at 1600 hours or 4PM in Fortress Theater. Confessions before Mass. (Note change in time for Sunday, July 15th only.)

Jewish Service Friday evening in Aushbach trucks leave from in front of the Chaplains' office at 6 PM. Friday evening.

487th Service Group

By S/Sgt. Bill Schuler

Sweat! Sweat! Sweat! That seems to be all the boys of the 487th can do these days. The "D" profite and the 85 point boys are taking things easy while those with less than 85 points and "A" No. 1 men bite their nails and wonder "where and when".

They weren't joking when they said that rations would be cut 10%! It was the general opinion that the cut took effect quite some time ago but it looks as though the belts will have to be tightened another notch. Can you picture S/Sgt. Raymond (Jelly-belly) Horton after a few weeks of having only two meals on Sundays?

In the 905th "pub" the idea came up that more volunteers for the CBI were needed so they are "starving" them out of the ETO. Could he!

Quite a few comments were heard about the premature statement made last week in regards to the 905th being out of the mud. Due to weather conditions—namely rain—the German Prisoners of War didn't get their project completed. This is the "Monsoon" season, boys, and the prisoners don't like to work in the rain. We are looking forward to better living conditions and "they will probably be in many day now".

After the carnival on July 4th boys in tent No. 4 in the 905th area had a pleasant surprise. It was discovered that S/Sgt. Joe Crede, among many other things, is quite talented when it comes to playing the harmonica. He was scheduled to have a concert in the 905th day room but the harmonica met with an unfortunate accident and the boys were deprived of an enjoyable evening.

You may be interested in the fact that the 487th is talented in many ways. Not the least of which is Captain William Ward, whose records say

396th

By S/Sgt. Thomas Daly Jr.

Larry Hersh claims he was known as the meanest man on the base during his three months as drill instructor. Joe Silver and Rudy Mueller were in a heated argument the other day; it seems Rudy doubts Joe is a full blooded Texan. Joe replies, "They are fighting words, partner".

Jim McDonough was showing poise and grace on the spring boards during one of our swimming sessions.

Clayton "West By God Virginia" Wilson seems to have led Howard "Whistler" Wyatt astray on their last pass to Brussels.

Elmo Dugas returned from Patee with a most forlorn look on his face. His gal married a Limey. Better luck next time, Elmo.

We're glad to see the happy countenance of "Murph" Galzinsky in our midst again. How do you get those sick leaves in Patee, Murph?

Zack Treadway has done a remarkable job on our unique bar at the EM Club.

What's this we've been hearing Don Koster shooting up rabbits from the rear seat of a model "T" during those hectic civilian days.

Frank Wencel claims he will open up a beer garden when he returns to Hamtramack.

"Shorty" Domin cheered so enthusiastically at the ball game Sunday, he developed a bad case of laryngitis.

Joe McCain, Bruce Morris and Eddie Vepel looked pretty tired after their long trek from Nurnberg.

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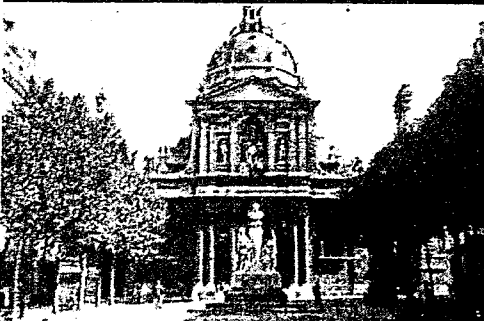
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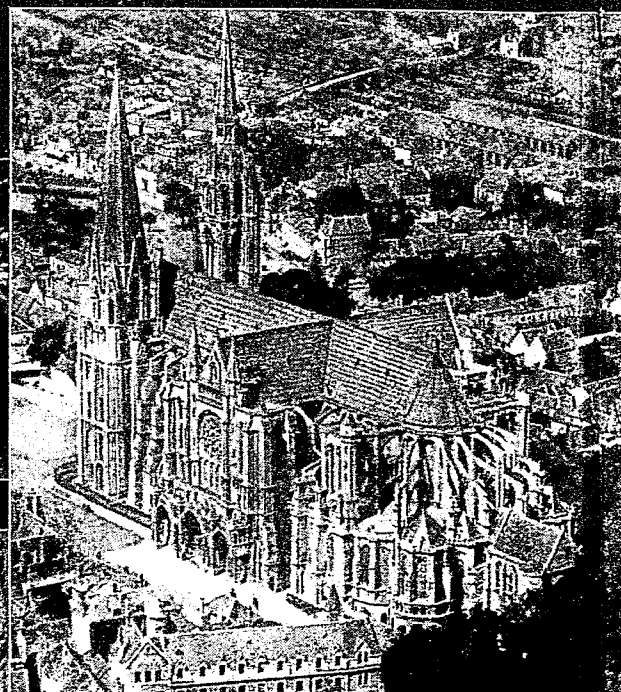
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In Paris, the Arc de Triomphe.



Les Invalides, Napoleon's tomb.



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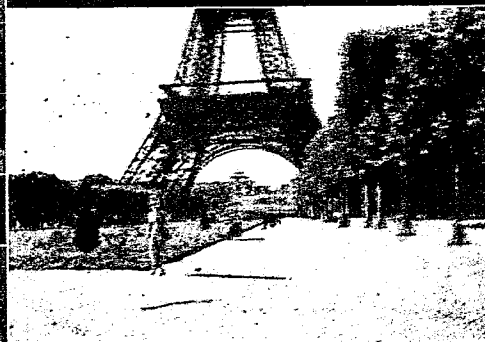


We sipped the light wines and beer On the Sidewalks of Parée.

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From our airbase, the Chartres skyline.



Eiffel Tower where trucks stopped.

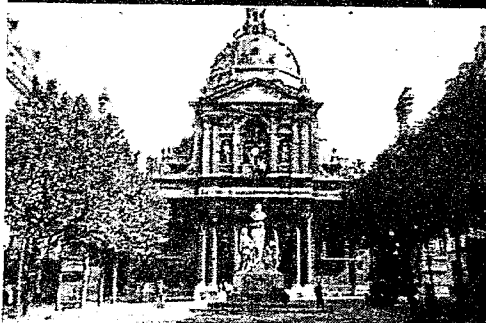


Looking west from La Madeleine.

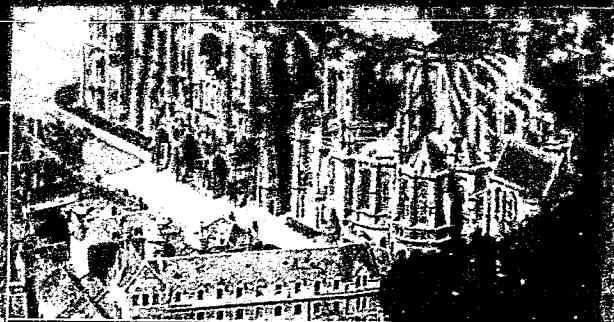
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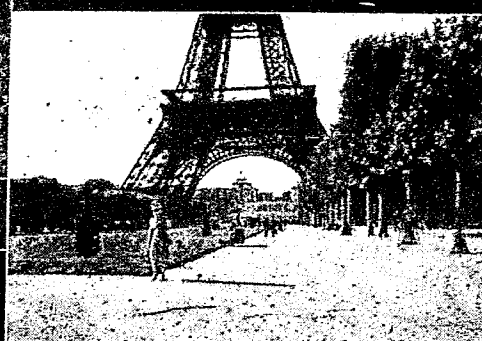


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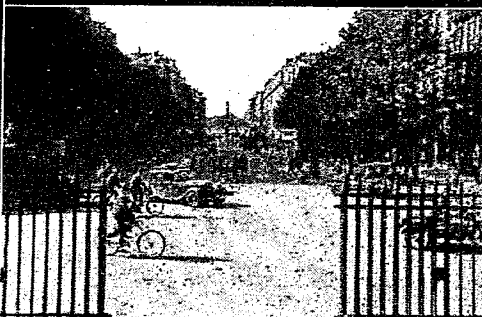
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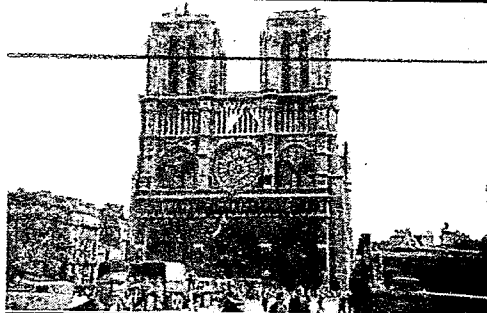
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We sipped the light wines and beer On the Sidewalks of Paris.



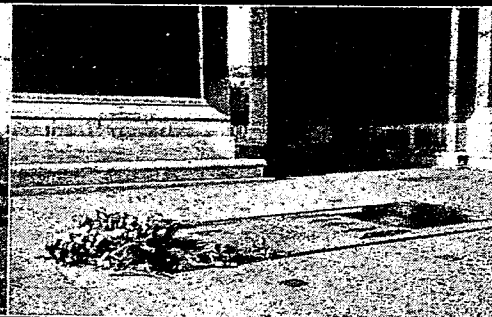
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Visiting Notre Dame Cathedral



At Luxembourg Gardens, Paris.



We saluted France's Unknown soldier.

The First Time We Saw Paris!!

By: S/Sgt. Eugene S. Womack

This is the third in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

It was pouring down rain in the early morning of August 27, 1944, as the advanced echelon of the 368th Fighter Group made ready to leave strip three for Chartres, France. A life-saving hot breakfast was served by the cooks and then the men began to slosh around in the mud hunting their correct vehicle--the rain and darkness didn't help any.

Fortress Europa Wrecked

At dawn the convoy pulled out. Jeep tops were left down (most of them) by orders--to aid in watching out for enemy strafers. This helped further dampen the clothes,

and spirits of the men--but their interest was soon diverted elsewhere, for as we started the cross-country trek everyone saw for the first time the evidences of the destruction their efforts had been helping bring about in Jerry's Fortress Europa. Many had already seen the shambles that were left of Isigny, but St. Lo was the completely obliterated. We saw town after town in the same condition. Thousands of wrecked trucks, railway engines and tanks lined each side of the highway and the adjoining railroad right of ways--never to cause the Yanks any more trouble. Up and down the highways were pock-marks in the pavement--fifty-caliber calling-cards of the Air

Force. As we scanned the skies and saw no prowling members of the Luftwaffe, we were a little proud of the part that we had played in helping our pilots gain superiority of the air, and thankful that they had done such a damn good job.

Camera Bugs Busy *

Arriving at Chartres part of the "A" echelon was quartered in a German barracks and the rest in a hangar on the field. The first night was a miserable affair with the rain finding every bomb and shell hole in the roof. Here, for the first time, we saw what a concentrated air attack could do to an airport. The destruction was complete. The camera bugs spent much time taking shots of their friends at the bottom of fifteen foot bomb craters, standing by wrecked German planes and wearing lerry helmets. There were no enemy plane raids at Chartres--and we were very happy about that, for adjoining the field was an arsenal containing enormous quantities of all types of German ammunition.

Our Friends, The M. P.s

We had trips into Chartres, sponsored and otherwise. Eighty EM of the Group contributed 800 dollars to the old M.P.'s home or some cause that was surely just as unworthy. They were attempting to see how the other half lived--after having spent two and a half months of fox-hole existence. A welcoming committee of M.P.'s greeted them and ungraciously escorted the fellows to a centrally located building, where a second Lt explained to each one that a hurried plea of "Guilty" and ten dollars out of the next months pay check would right all wrongs, and also would help shorten the line that stretched down the steps and out into the street of the M.P. quarters. We discovered that Chartres was off-limits.

Church services were held at the famous Chartres cathedral and trips were made around M.P.'s and the city.

Citation for Convoys

Planes returning from missions were telling us of strafing unending lines

of all types of German convoys. We later learned that the pilots earned us our Presidential citation on missions from this field. The war news was exceedingly good. The German retreat was becoming a rout and Paris was being liberated.

Truckloads of German POWs were being hauled to the rear. Civilians, walking and riding every known type of vehicle were on the road back to Paris. Then on September 1st came big news. We were to get passes to Paris. That seemed too good to be true--some of us were really going to visit the wonder city of the world--and members of an unofficial advanced echelon were bringing back fabulous tales of the French capitol that had only been liberated a few days: tales of barrels of cognac, cases of champagne and "beaucoup" beautiful French women waiting to greet the liberating yanks with outstretched arms.

Ah, wonderful Paris

On the morning of September 4th the first, lucky bunch boarded the

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371st ENDS BUMS' SEVENTEEN GAME STREAK

THE FORTRESS FEATURE

Sports

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Friday, July 13, 1945

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Uncrowned Champions of 1944
As Culled From Sports Pages

Sports has an unprecedented mass of freakish feats, figures and incidents. Bob Sieger, in the Detroit News, lists the uncrowned champions and the unsung heroes of baseball and a few other sports for the year 1944, along with their citations. We pass it on to you hoping you enjoy it as much as we did.

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42nd MR & R Trim Gp. Nine 13 - 12

The Thunderbums dropped their second game of the season when they were trimmed by the 42nd MR&R Baseball Team in an exhibition (H) last Tuesday evening at R-45 by the score 13-12.

The "Bums" array of hurlers were tagged for 13 runs and 17 hits. Manneshien started and was knocked out of the box in the third. Chojnacki lasted one inning and gave way to Higby who came in the fourth. Wenk pitched the last three innings. The 42nd MR&R men touched Manneshien for 5 runs and six hits. Chojnacki allowed one hit which drove in two runs. The runs were chalked up against Manneshien for the men had been on base before Chojnacki came to relieve. Higby gave up 5 runs and seven hits and Wenk was hit for 5 runs and 7 hits. The losing pitcher was Wenk.

Quimette went the distance allowing 12 runs and 15 hits.

Boxscore of game

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Roith	lf	6	3	4	3	0	1
Cr-spo	cf	3	3	1	0	0	0
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Ex-Portland Hurler Baffles Gp. Nine "Bums" Launch New Winning String

Right-hander Schneider, 20 year-old ex-Portland hurler, handcuffed the Thunderbums last Thursday evening to snap their string of seventeen games by the score of 7-2 before an estimated crowd of 400 at this base. The 371st Fighter Group have only one defeat chalked up against them.

The Thunderbums took revenge the following day by defeating 10th Photo 9 to 0. Lt. Wenk scattered seven blows blanking out the "Buggers" for his second straight win.

Sport Briefs

The AAP In Action

The Army Athletic Program went into effect on Monday offering to Group personnel a varied choice of athletic equipment. Available at the athletic building are weights, shot-puts, discs, javelins, and punching bags. Equipment, courts, and sites are available for the following games: baseball, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, badminton, and fencing.

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Soccer-Playing Dog

Demchuck Hit Hard

The "Bums" were only able to get five runs off Schneider. Their two runs came in the first inning when Lt. Hoade opened the game with a single. Rutan struck out and DiPerno swatted a three-bagger to drive Hoade in. Shortstop "Ziggy" looked at a third strike. S Sgt Wood got the third hit to drive in the second run. The other two hits came in the fourth and ninth innings. "Blackie" Demchuck was hit hard for three runs in the third, one in the fourth, two in the sixth, and one in the ninth. This was "Blackie's" first defeat against three wins.

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Thompson	ss	5	2	1	0	0
Monago	cf	5	0	2	0	0
Saffelt	lf	4	0	0	1	2
Conroy	2b	4	0	0	1	0
Whitten	c	5	0	0	0	0
Lambert	1b	3	0	0	1	0
Bollaris	rf	3	3	2	0	0
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To those baseball fans who don't know him here is a pin-head sketch of Baseball's New Commissioner . . . Albert B. Chandler was born at Corydon, Kentucky, and will be 47 years old in July . . . His boyhood idol was Ty Cobb . . . He played high school, college, semipro baseball, starting as a catcher but shifting to the mound. In 1922 Chandler played with Lexington in the old Blue Grass League . . . Also starred at basketball and football . . . Later did some coaching in these sports . . . Was graduated from Transylvania College and Harvard Law School . . . Practiced law for a half dozen years . . . Turned to politics in 1929 and became Governor of Kentucky in 1935 . . . Was elected to the Senate in 1942 . . . The new Commissioner is a World War One veteran . . . Has carried the nickname "Happy" since his high school days . . . He became baseball's second Commissioner on April 24, when he was unanimously elected on the first ballot by the 16 major league club owners or their representatives at Cleveland, Ohio.

Why Managers Get Gray

Pinch-hitting as manager of the Thunderbums while Pvt. Lamont Rutan is away on pass in no suit job for wily S. Sgt. Joseph DiPierro. Last Tuesday's game against the 42nd MR&R had everything but a good Dodger game exhibits - everything but pop bottles and bits of scorecards strewn about the field. Errors were galore (MR&R committing 8) and for almost every pitch that was thrown there was a hit. The Thunderbums used all their pitchers and even tried out new ones. The payoff came in the top half of the ninth when Lt. Clary, of the 397th, dropped a looper over second base and reached first safely as Sgt. G.J.'s saw the shortstop miss the ball by at least a foot. You guessed it. The umpire called the batter out.

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Paris

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tracks with destination, Paris. It was truly a wonderful city then. (Of course actually the city was "Off limits to all military personnel" at that time, but being as we had been living like moles for so long our wheels in some manner secured admittance for us. Hordes of people surrounded our truck almost before it was stopped - wailing, laughing, crying, singing - they were truly a happy and thankful people. Their effort to completely express so many pent up feelings was almost pitiful.

Many places in Paris were roped off and there were certain sections that we could not visit, for there were still many German snipers in parts of the city. This didn't bother us for there were too many places that we could go. As we strolled down the streets people stopped us to shake hands. Children wanted to touch us. In the bars everyone insisted on buying us drinks. It was "Vive L'Amerique" every where we went. One felt almost embarrassed for we were receiving the praise for all of the things that all Americans had done to liberate these people.

We had only eight hours, so a week is lived in a day by most of us. Paris is beautiful to visit any time, but to come right out of foxholes and walk down the Champs de Elysees, almost on the heels of the Boche was almost too much. It was soon time to leave, and we gradually headed toward the Arc de Triomphe, where our trucks were parked. With thoughts of beautiful girls, the Eiffel tower, champagne, Napoleon's tomb, cognac and many other things all mixed up in our

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		44	12	15	21	10	2

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Both	lf	6	3	4	3	0	1
Crispo	cf	3	3	1	0	0	0
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Score by innings.

Thunderbums	1-0-4-0-2-0-2-3-0	12
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Season's Batting Statistics

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Harvell	4	11	5	5	2	0	0	1	.454
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Bastaroli	7	21	5	5	5	0	1	1	.235
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Wenk	2	6	2	1	1	0	0	0	.166
Hoade	2	7	3	1	1	0	0	0	.142
Rutan	3	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	.099
O'Dowd	5	13	4	1	0	0	0	0	.076
Vergnani	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

§ League games only.

Broadway Show At Nurnberg

"Ten little Indians", the Broadway show, opened Thursday at the Nurnberg Opera House. Bert Bertram, Helen Warren and John Frederick star in the mystery-comedy. Performances will be given twice a day.

heads, we climbed aboard the waiting truck, waved to the people, yelled "Viva la France" and began our journey back to camp, where we sat up late that night giving enthusiastic descriptions of the wonders of the Gay City to our anxious bunk mates.

We move on

A few days later, passes were cancelled and we knew, with regret, that we would soon be moving. Loud were the wails of those with scheduled Paris passes - but the war had to go on - and so the advanced echelon left early on the morning of September 7th for Laon, France.

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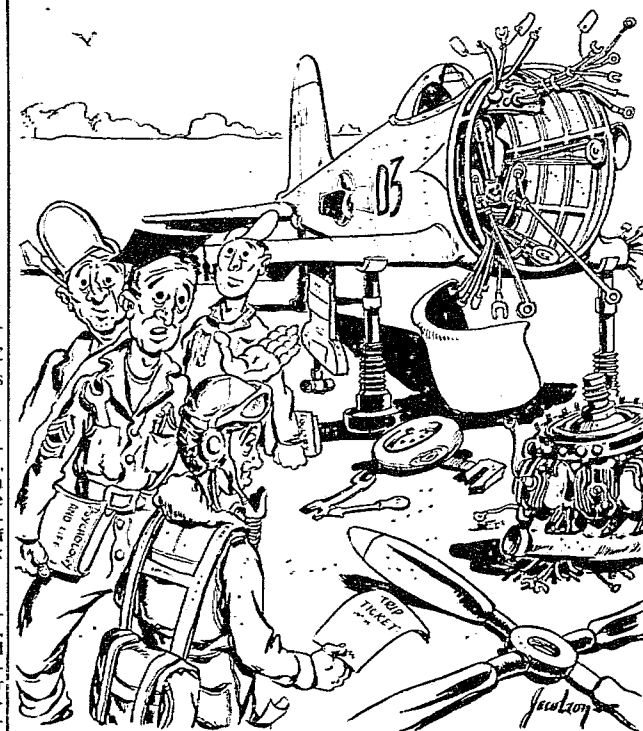
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Rutan	c	3	0	0	0	3
DiPierro	2b	4	1	1	0	0
Kaczowka	ss	4	0	1	0	1
Wood	1b	4	0	1	0	1
Higby	cf	3	0	1	1	1
Brayton	lf	3	0	0	0	2
Vergnani	rf	3	0	0	0	2
Demchuck	p	3	0	0	0	1
Bastaroli	c	1	0	0	0	1
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371st Fighter Squadron

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Thompson	ss	5	2	1	0	0
Vonago	cf	5	0	2	0	0
Saffell	lf	4	0	0	1	2
Conroy	2b	4	0	0	1	0
Whitten	c	5	0	0	0	1
Lambert	1b	3	0	0	1	0
Bollars	lf	3	1	2	1	0
Waltai	3b	4	0	0	0	2
Schneider	p	4	2	2	0	0
Score by innings.		37	7	7	4	5

Frisky Forces	0-0-3-1-0-2-0-0-1	7
Thunderbums	2-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2



But Lt., this is our Graduation Day.

We want to carry all the Group news—but we can't know of everything that happens. Phone 29, ring 2 and let us have that news!!

THE FORTRESS FEATURE

368TH FIGHTER GROUP AND ATTACHED UNITS

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PM Shows Discontinued

Capt William Quinlan, Special Service officer, announced this week that the afternoon movies will be discontinued until further notice. The reason is the theater is now being used during the afternoon for the ground training program.

What's Cookin'?

By: Cpl. Leo Bryant
"An army marches on its stomach," someone, Napoleon, I believe, once said. The United States Army, taking this into consideration, has attempted to become known as "the best fed army in the world."



Schools have been set up for the training of cooks and dieticians. Choice of men for these schools is usually based on their civilian experience. It has been discovered that men whose civilian occupations were hide tanners, paper hangars and trappers make the best cooks. A disgruntled nature and dyspepsia are also two prerequisites for the future army cook. Their course is a thorough one, beginning with instructions in opening eight-

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Service of Supply also plays a large part in seeing that the Yank is well fed. Inspectors carefully check all food purchased to make certain it is fit for human consumption. Mutton must have wool left on it; dressed chickens must contain as many pin feathers as possible; beef must come from Texas and walk all the way.



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That well known Broadway couple, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fountain will star in a stage play at the Nurnberg Opera House Wednesday evening. The name of the play has not yet been announced.

Red Cross Club Has New Hours

The Red Cross Club is now open from 1800 to 2000 every evening. The snack bar will be in operation and some type of program will be given during this time.

Miss Maxine Toy has announced that the office will be open from 1300 to 1800 for any official business.

No Stike At 'Feature' Office

July 18 (Sp) - The FORTRESS FEATURE, among several papers such as New York's PM and the Daily Worker, is one of the few that up to the present time has not had circulation troubles due to strikes.

Pvt Florian Glischinski, Group Message Center courier says that so far he has not had any trouble with picket lines. He admits that a wage increase would be welcome, but for the present he will continue to deliver the FORTRESS FEATURE on the same pay basis -- sixty-dollars with room and board.

N.Y. Paper Pictures Local Cpl's Family

Cpl. George L. Kessler of the 397th now has pictorial proof of his twelve points. The following article appeared in the New York newspaper, PM, on Thursday, June 21st.

"Mrs. Catherine Kessler, Queens, is the mother of Catherine, born April 1944, Cpl George Kessler, the father, is with the Army Air Forces in Germany. He was a truck driver in civilian life." A picture of the wife and daughter was also carried.

Cpl Kessler is to be congratulated -- he not only has twelve points more than most of us -- but also a beautiful wife and daughter as well.

Then there is the serving of the meal. It is customary to make the soldier stand in line waiting for at least a half hour before the meal. This is

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Question of the Week The Pause That Refreshes

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Information Please

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QUESTION: Do you expect to return to your old job after the war?



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ANSWERS: by members of the 368th and service units. PFC E. C. Demis, 395th Transportation, Des Moines, Iowa. Definitely. I've got my old job, in the construction line waiting



into business for myself. Haven't decided yet what business.

S Sgt. Wilton L. Davis, 395th operations clerk, Waco, Texas. No I don't I used to be a bookkeeper with the William Cameron Company, but after this is over, I would like to go



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Men new to the 368th have remarked favorably on the existence of this year-old institution. Few other outfits have thought it necessary to have an em's snack bar; most other snack bars were open to pilots only, closed to all others. The 368th was probably the first to give em's a break this way, and indeed, some old-timers claim that the service begun on July 12th probably sets another record. First donuts to be served on the continent.

Open from 8:30 to 10:30 in the morning and 2 to 4 in the afternoon, the Spahn bistro is a popular place with GIs who have missed their breakfast, or who find the wait between lunch and dinner too long for impatient stomachs. It is financed by monthly collections of ten marks from group men, although in its

while the donuts come from the Red Cross. On hot days, when he can get it, Maestro Spahn serves lemonade. "But", he regrets, "I can't get it as often as I would like". Under the same proviso, crackers and jam, sometimes make an appearance on the counters.

Snack Bar Advanced, as distinguished from Snack Bar Rear when the group was on the move, often supplemented the dry diet of K-rations for advanced echelon men. Given priority in establishing itself, the snack bar was able to render continuous service to the men.

In its time, the snack bar has served such eminent personalities as Generals Wetland, Vandenberg and Oesada, as well as a number of correspondents. Dearing, of Colliers, took pictures of the place, when he visited the 368th, while W. R. Hearst, Jr. sang the praises of the coffee when he was down. Originally set up in a tent, the snack bar blossomed out at Chartres, occupying a fancy room in the Chateau. Since then it has been in tents mostly, but comes this next move, it will probably once more go back in a building.

83-pointer Spahn joined the 368th at Westover, Mass. and was cooking with the 395th when he was called in to operate the group coffee shop. A former Park Avenue bellhop, he

they're going to open a lonely hearts club. Best of luck, boys.

Rudy Gnatt returned from Patee minus half a grand and all tuckered out, but he had a well satisfied look on his face.

We want to thank Russell Freeze for his accurate scoring and Dominic Thomas for his red hot umpiring at the Thunderbun's games.

Joe Milech received a great surprise when his brother Matt dropped in to visit him. Matt is from the "Fighting 84th Division".

Robert (One point short) Wade has been showing great form on the ping pong table these days.

Ed (That's my pop) Morgan claims after his discharge from the Army he is going to join the Navy. I'll bet Ed will look real smart in those bell bottom trousers. Smooth sailing "Pop".

Willis "Neighbor" Cornett says he has fallen in love with a Parisian gal.

The boys will surely miss the happy countenance of "Stretch" Fletcher behind the bar of the EM Club. We hope to see you in that Blue Grass country after the war "Fletch".

Zimm wrote a very disheartening letter about civilian life. No cigarettes, no fresh meat and long ration lines on sweat out. See the headaches you "Eighty-five Pointers" have ahead of you. Brinson was last reported looking for a job.

Ted Goldman thinks there's a lot of truth in the saying "Life begins at forty". When Ted reaches the mark next month, he's going to put in for that long awaited discharge and return to his law practice.



By: T Sgt, Martin M. Klein

"Happy Birthday" is in order in speaking to Sgt. Edison Goodwin, Goodwill Ambassador of the Tech Supply department. Ed was forty years old on Wednesday, July 18th. We're glad for you, Ed, that you will be on your way to the States before long—but your good humor and laugh will be sorely missed around the 397th area.

After working four hours cleaning and preparing his jeep for Saturday inspection, Deacon Jones Walton was giggled because he didn't have what he was supposed to have in the glove compartment.

The gang looked like real soldiers, everyone in formation and marching to the tune of "Hut-Hut-Hip-Haw"; little "Horlax Rowlands" had quite a time keeping in step with the men.

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S-Sgt. Robert Harriger of Vendel Fitz; and practically the whole squadron can be found there after chow. Here the old-timers are quickly getting acquainted with the new men.

THIS OUTFIT AND THAT

487th Service Group

487TH SERVICE GROUP NEWS

By: S Sgt. Bill Schuler

The fellows coming back from the Riviera are giving varied reports, most of which make their listeners want to go see for themselves. Cpl. George Sommer says he wasn't inebriated when he saw women with green, blue and purple hair. Verification came from Sgt. Raymond McNally when he returned from a pleasant week at the Riviera. No one doubts their word but they are a bit skeptical and are wondering just what kind of drinks they are serving down there.

The lucky boys picked to go to Metz and Nancy for an enjoyable 72 hours are wondering whether they are fortunate after all. Since the non-fraternization was lifted that long ride in the back of a 6x6 doesn't look so appealing. Well, there will be lots of scenery anyway.

After a very happy week with his new bride, Captain George Myers made the statement that it was pretty "rough" to be torn away from your

wife so soon. He says married life is "great" and advises everyone to try it.

The Service Group Softball team took a set-back from the 472nd Service Group at Frankfurt on July 10th when the game ended with a 4 to nothing score. The winner of the game is to represent the 7th ADG and other units in the Service Command finals which are being held in Luxembourg.

The Service Team collected 3 hits from the 472nd but failed to score, while T-Sgt. Purcell in return gave the opposition 3 hits with which they scored 4 runs with the aid of 6 errors made by the 487th. Supporting Purcell were:

Lloyd Swain	1st	Staniswalis	cf
Milstead	2nd	Sieve	1b
Raevina	3	Newman	sf
Olsey	lf	Click	c



By: S Sgt. Wm. F. Fisk

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Men new to the 368th have remarked favorably on the existence of this year-old institution. Few other outfits have thought it necessary to have an em's snack bar: most other snack bars were open to pilots only, closed to all others. The 368th was probably the first to give em's a break this way, and indeed, some old-timers claim that the service began on July 12th probably sets another record... first donuts to be served on the continent.

Open from 8:30 to 10:30 in the morning and 2 to 4 in the afternoon, the Spahn bistro is a popular place with GIs who have missed their breakfast, or who find the wait between lunch and dinner too long for impatient stomachs. It is financed by monthly collections of ten marks from group men, although in its year's existence, Spahn proudly notes that only nine collections were made. Rations are scrounged here and there,

while the donuts come from the Red Cross. On hot days, when he can get it, Maestro Spahn serves lemonade. "But," he regrets, "I can't get it as often as I would like." Under the same proviso, crackers and jams sometimes make an appearance on the counters.

Snack Bar Advanced, as distinguished from Snack Bar Rear when the group was on the move, often supplemented the dry diet of K-rations for advanced echelon men. Given priority in establishing itself, the snack bar was able to render continuous service to the men.

In its time, the snack bar has served such eminent personalities as Generals Weiland, Vandenberg and Quesada, as well as a number of correspondents. Dearing, of Colliers, took pictures of the place, when he visited the 368th, while W. R. Hearst, Jr. sang the praises of the coffee when he was down. Originally set up in a tent, the snack bar blossomed out at Chartres, occupying a fancy room in the Chateau. Since then it has been in tents mostly, but comes this next move, it will probably once more go back in a building.

83-pointer Spahn joined the 368th at Westover, Mass. and was cooking with the 395th when he was called in to operate the group coffee shop. A former Park Avenue bellhop, he is eager to get back home, as yet undecided about his post-war occupation.

A sour note is the fact that while the tents were rolled up the other day someone reached in W and took little green ammunition box belonging to S/Sgt. Red Griffith. Among other things, the box contained prints and negatives of all the pictures Red has taken since leaving the States. They certainly can't be worth much to anyone else, but are priceless to him and he would like to have them back!

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Grant, Thomas Scott, and Edwin Weihe, cooks, who round out the staff. S/Sgt. Verne Powers spent the week-end with his brother at Schlangenbad, living both ways in the piggy bank.

While on the subject of morale vs. hot weather, Cpl. Earl Bailey's hot (?) showers should not be overlooked. S/Sgt. "Doc" Beecham's tennis court is getting a big play too. With the help of S Sgts. A. O. Downs and Joe Surat, and a scraper borrowed from the field engineers, Doc laid out the court, constructed the backstops, and is supervising its maintenance.

S/Sgt. Milt Brophy and Sgt. Bill Fields have started out several evenings with rod and reel. So far we have seen only one fish. Of course the non-frat rule has been relaxed and this may or may not have anything to do with the poor catch.

All those clever wrist-watch band-vo: see are made by Sgt. Murr-Hodge who came from the 362nd F. G and works in Pilot's Equipment, (adv)

Another recent arrival is Cpl. Wm. Heath, the new duty sgt. But Bill is remembered by many from Westover Field, where he held the same job. He replaced Sgt. Mays who is now working in the Orderly room.

When the big shuffle occurred, it hit the mess hall the hardest of any department, taking all the cooks but one before any new men had arrived. Some of the chow hounds were worried about missing a meal or two. The fact that Hq. Officers and EM mess here too had a few other people worried. But the new cooks arrived and none missed a meal. Everyone thinks the chow is tops and those responsible for it are: S Sgt. Herbert Raines, mess sgt: Arnold Melton and Cpl. John Good, 1st cooks; S-Sgt. Gale Hunter, Sgt. Frank Brodick, Wm Clack, Mark



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found the bar at the 13th Club. We hope to see them in that fine brass country after the war "Fitch".

Zinn wrote a very disheartening letter about civilian life. No cigarettes, no fresh meat and long ration lines to sweat out. See the headaches you "Eighty-five Pointers" have ahead of you. Brinson was last reported looking for a job.

Ted Goldman thinks there's a lot of truth in the saying "Life begins at forty". When Ted reaches the mark next month, he's going to put in for that long awaited discharge and return to his law practice.



By: T Sgt. Martin M. Klein

"Happy Birthday" is in order in speaking to Sgt. Edison Goodwin, Goodwill Ambassador of the Tech Supply department. Ed was forty years old on Wednesday, July 18th. We're glad for you, Ed, that you will be on your way to the States before long— -- but your good humor and laugh will be sorely missed around the 397th area.

After working four hours cleaning and preparing his jeep for Saturday inspection, Deacon Jones Walton was giggled because he didn't have what he was supposed to have in the glove compartment.

The gang looked like real soldiers, everyone in formation and marching to the tune of "Hut-Hut-Hip-Haw"; little "Horlax Rowlands" had quite a time keeping in step with the men.

The C-47 flew gently down to the



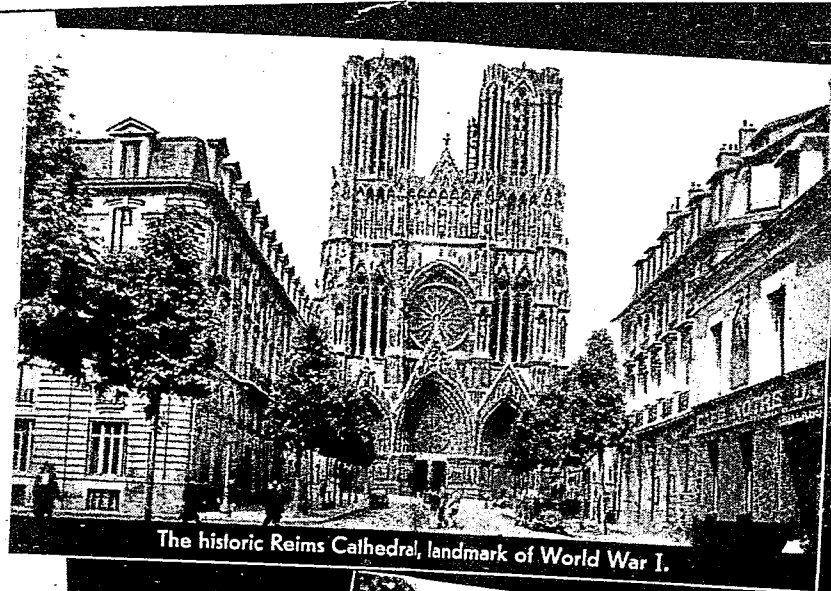
ground and taxied to its dispersal area. The huge doors opened and out stepped the returnees from the Riviera. F/Sgt. Cervera and M/Sgt. Owens had at long last come home. At the Mediterranean Sea Shore French is spoken, therefore the boys had to acquire the services of an interpreter, pictured above— that's their story, and their stuck with it!

We all hated to see "Fat Boy" Burroughs leave this week. Hope that you get to go by the U. S. "Burr-Head". And if it gets too hot on those islands— just drop that belly tank. Seriously, though, we will miss your good nature around these parts. Your continual good spirits helped make things easier for all of us during our two years to-gether. Best of luck and Roger.

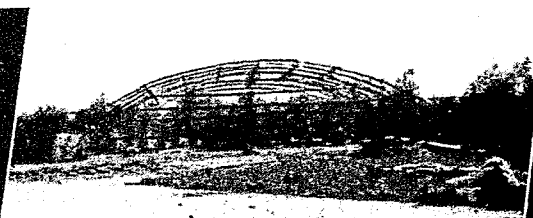
Gus Erickson reports that moths were seen coming out of "Shorty" Aro's pocket-book the other night in a two mark limit game.

Last Sunday, with such beautiful weather, some of the fellows were wondering what had happened to the tours that were so successfully started and abruptly ended. Those were really nice— while they lasted.

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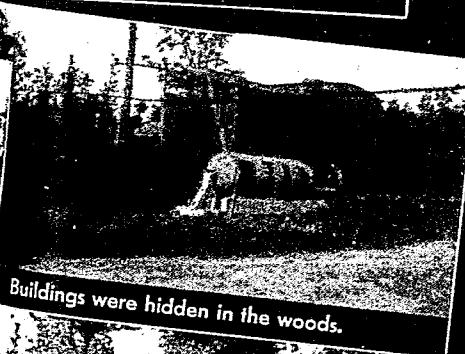
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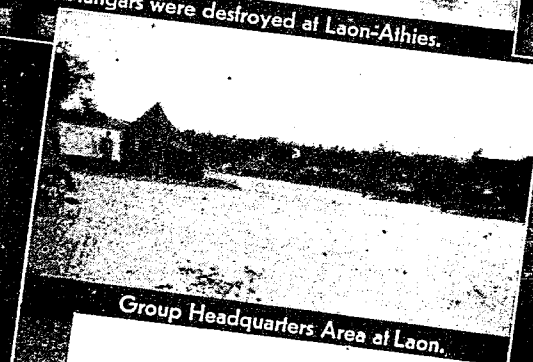
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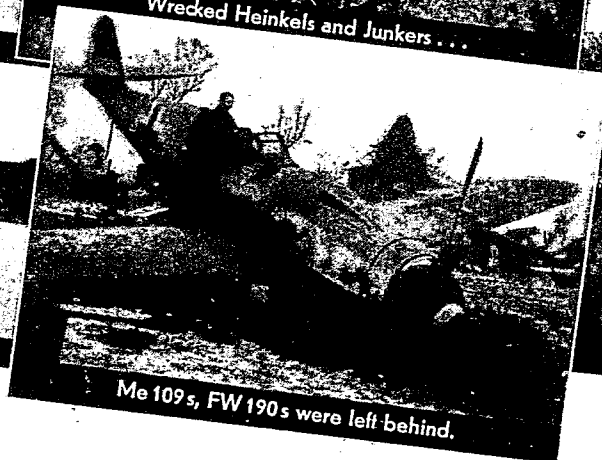
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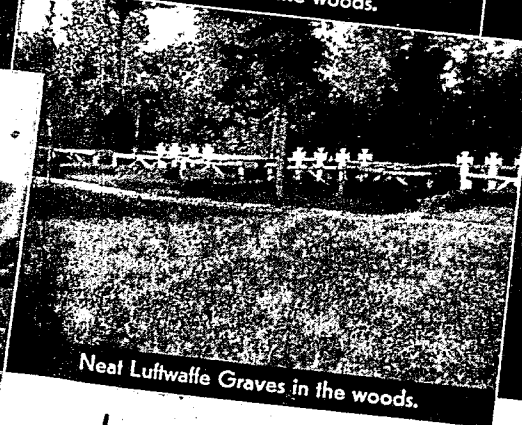
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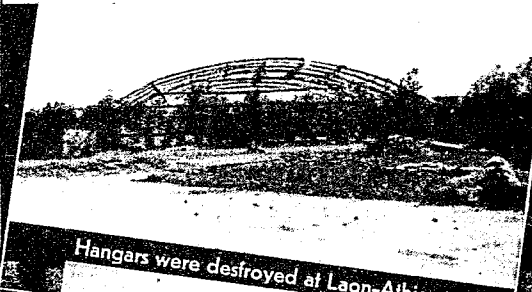


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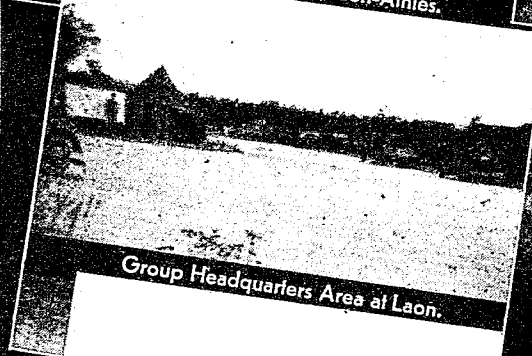
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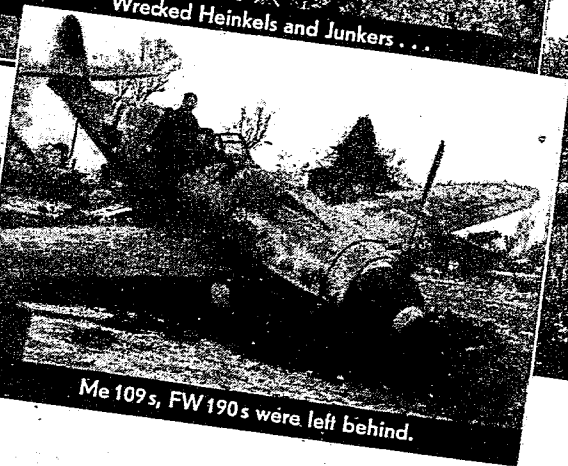
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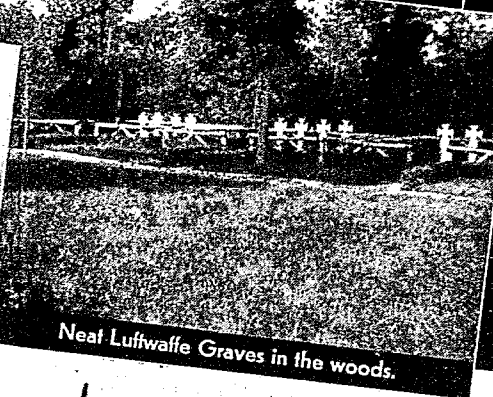
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Group canteen on the airrome.



A Lancaster cracks-up in frozen ruts.

Reims - - Champagne Laon - - - Desolation

By: S/Sgt. Charles W. Wood

This is the fourth in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

As the men returned from their pass to Paris on the evening of September 6th, they were greeted by truck convoys lined up before their respective squadron areas. The Group was leaving the next morning for Laon in northern France.

Jubilant French Crowds

Early the morning of September 7th the advanced echelon pulled out for our next stop on the trek across Europe. As the convoy wound through the brisk, sunny morning they were greeted along the route by jubilant French crowds still flush with the feeling of freedom. Old ladies kissed the hands of the men when the trucks were stopped along the streets

by overcrowded traffic. It seemed as if the whole allied army was going our way that day. Many of the citizens were tossing bottles of wine into the jeeps and trucks. The fellows who were not fortunate enough to go on pass to Paris had their first opportunity to see the famous city as they passed through. Late in the afternoon the first vehicles arrived at the homtorn, desolate flying field of Laon.

Motor Troubles in Paris

During the next week the rear echelon continued to straggle in riding on top of loads of equipment, jeeps, C-47s and various other vehicles. As most of the trucks approached Paris, rattles which up until now had caused no concern, began to bring worried looks to the faces of

the drivers. Upon reaching the city they seemed to become so bad that the trucks were forced to lay over while repairs were made. One driver not being able to find anything wrong with his truck decided that the prop-dolly he was towing had a wheel which needed greasing.

We eat German Rations

A few days after our arrival the mess halls came up with meals of captured German rations, supplementing the usual rations. We dined royally on kipered herring, asparagus tips, green beans, beets and spinach, all taken from cans bearing German labels. Most of the men agreed that the Jerries weren't so bad off after all if that was what they were eating. The food, especially those nice tender asparagus tips, were sure better than C-rations.

Some of the tents in Group's living area sprouted out with metal tips, which were the prop hah covers from Me-109s, Flo and Helen set up their Aero Club in the remains of a bombed-out hangar and the movie tent had a smashed FW 190 along side for landscaping.

After a couple of weas evening passes were started into the town of Laon. Those who took advantage of the passes found drinks scarce, the girls too few and not overly friendly, and nothing much to do. The trucks rarely had to wait for anyone. As most of the men would be waiting long before the trucks arrived.

Passes To Reims -

Then came day off passes to Reims which is the little Paris of France. Trucks loaded with slicked up shining men, some on their first pass since England, pulled out every morning for the city famed for its cathedral and champagne. On the trip we passed Jouvincourt Air Base which many of us will remember for our frigid stay from Christmas to New Years. At that time it was just another air base to us and we thought how "fat" the guys stationed there must be. Boy, how we would like to have been stationed that near to Reims.

The town of Reims itself was really something wonderful to see. Here was this fine city hardly showing the scars of war and we were

there to have a good time for the whole day. The first stop for most was a visit to the famed cathedral. Though the front was boarded up to protect it from damage most of the medieval architecture was still to be seen. Many of the fellows commented that there was their buddy looking down at them from the top of that buttress. Of course you could see from the look on their faces, that the gargoyles resented the implication very much.

Champagne Flowed Freely

From the cathedral the men scattered in every direction to see what they could. While there were not the wide boulevards of Paris, the sidewalk cafes could be found in abundance. Every cafe, large or small seemed to have an average of that great drink, champagne. We were surprised to see the natives drinking it in the same manner that we drink beer at home. Quite a few of us decided to do the same and "came-to" in camp the next morning with heads like fifty gallon of drums. That evening another pleasing

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SPORT-O-SCOPE

WITH ALLEQUIN

Our main interest last year was the annihilation of the German Army so consequently little time, if any, was given to the baseball world. From time to time there will appear in this column articles pertaining to sports performances for the last year.

The Browns furnished the biggest surprise and staged the No. 1 comeback among all teams in sport during 1944, according to the annual year-end poll of the Associated Press. The St. Louisians compiled 141 points for their surprise capture of the American League pennant to 93 for the Army football team, runner-up in winning from Notre Dame, 50 to 0. They also ran up 71 points to lead as the greatest comeback of the year, finishing ahead of Collier Sam Sneed, who had 56 points.

Lou Bonbrun's success in winning the American League batting title netted him six points among the surprise performances and first-place votes also went to Deany Colehouse for his World's Series pitching, Pete Gray for his great season in the Southern Association, and to the Detroit Tigers.

Four Browns Make Comeback
Little known, as manager of the Chicago clubs ranked third among the comebacks of the year, with 27 points Dick Wakefield of the Tigers compiled 19; Hal Newhouse of the Tigers 15; the Detroit team, nine; Ben Chapman of Brooklyn, seven; Denny Galehouse of the Browns, seven; Nelson Potter of the Browns, six; Mike Kreevich of the Browns, five, and single points went to Dizzy Trout of the Tigers, Babe Dahlgren of the Pirates, George Stinewiss of the Yankees, Don Gutteridge of the Browns and General Manager Bob Tarleton of the St. Paul American Association club.

Joe McCarthy, manager of the Yankees, lead in the number of selections as No. 1 man of the Year, being chosen three times. Six others have been selected twice—Billy Southworth, Ted Williams, Bill McKechnie, Edward G. Barrow, and Ishmy Vander Meer, the latter once as a minor league player and once with the Reds. All of the top men for 1944 are making their first appearances among the leaders of the year.

Reims

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feature was discovered—the cabarets, which were about the closest thing we had seen to night clubs for a long time. They were extravagantly decorated and had prices which were likewise. The floor shows were good but the comedians grew very dis-

Vie for 12th TAC Tennis Honors at Furth



Photo By Vanta

L to r—S Sgts. Frank Beacham, Joseph Surat, Clarence A. Glasrud and Arthur O. Downs, members of the 395th, will represent the 368th Fighter Group in the 12th TAC Tennis Tournament to be held on the 448th Signal Bn's court at Furth, July 20-21. As a warm-up event the Group Netters defeated 10th Recon. last Tuesday at R-28.

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MERMEN REPRESENT GROUP IN 12th TAC SWIM MEET

Nurnberg, July 14.—The unused—to exertion of competitive swimming proved too-much to the 368th entrants at the swim meet held here last Saturday, as the team of Capt. Newton I. Steers, Capt. Franklin A. Dick, and Pvt. Lamont Rutan bowed out in the only race in which the Group was entered: the 300 meter medley.

What's Cookin'?

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done to arouse sitch pangs of hunger that he is willing to eat anything in desperation and usually does. The men serving must look like fugitives from a German P-W. camp—a warning against anticipated hunger strikes. An experienced man must serve the gravy so he can always miss the potatoes and hit the dessert.

Held at the beautiful outdoor pool in the new Nurnberg Red Cross, on Route 2, the swim meet was won by the 354th Fighter Group, as a crowd of about 100 watched the first of the XII TAC summer sports tournaments in the Nurnberg area.

368th Sponsovs Meet

The 368th, 354th, 366th Fighter Groups and the 10th Recon. Group were represented by swimmers who competed for honors and the right

Thunderbums Defeat 354th Fighter Group in 11th Inning 7-6

Before an estimated crowd of 350 the league-leading Thunderbums trimmed the 354th Fighter Group last Sunday afternoon in an extra inning exhibition game at R-29 by the score 7-6. Chojnacki scored the winning run in the top of the 11th when he reached first safely on second baseman McCann's error, advanced to third on Rutan's single, and crossed the plate on Brayton's clothesliner to right.

The Pioneers jumped on Chojnacki in the last half of the first for four singles which were enough to drive in four tallies. Righthander Chojnacki settled down after that and blanked the opposition up to the ninth when three singles drove in two runs to tie up the ballgame and forced it to go into extra innings.

Fishermen Net Large Catches

Recently a large number of the Group's enlisted men and a few of the officers have taken to fishing as a recreational outlet. For the past few weeks the G. I. Isaak Waltons have been returning from their Nimrodic excursions with large catches of brook and brown trout.

The favorite spot seems to be a small stream about two miles south east of the base. This stream has supplied the fishermen with fine catches of brook and brown trout while an occasional rainbow has been netted. Another stream which has also won favor is the small river which runs through Stein. This stream was found to contain pike, a silvery perch-like fish, and a few trout.

Plain, old, every day angle worms seem to be the bait which brings the best results. Several men have cast artificial flies in vain while others using worms pulled fine fish from the same holes. The only place where artificial bait has brought any results is in the larger stream where spinners have hooked several pike and the perch will occasionally hit a wet fly.

NURNBERG STADIUM LOST AS TRACK SITE

Loss of the Sportplatz or Nurnberg stadium for use as site for the 12th TAC track and field championships dealt an unexpected blow to plans being drafted for the big outdoor event slated for the 28th of July.

According to word from the 3rd Army there is a great amount of work to be done to the track that it will not be available for meets until after the 15th of August. The ETO championships are planned to be held in the stadium on August 10.

Comedy of Errors

The Group nine went scoreless up to the sixth. Rutan started the inning by reaching first safely when the second baseman bobbled the ball. Brayton drove a grounder through Verdi's legs, and Kaczowka loaded the bases when McCann made the third error of the inning. Wood singled to drive in Rutan and Brayton. DiPierro, who had relieved Higby in the fourth because the latter was nursing a sprained ankle, drove in Ziggy and Wood who had singled previously in the top of the eighth. Clary got hold one in the ninth lacing it into deep right for his second homerun of the season. He hit his first against the same team at this field, while playing with the Group Officers' team, on June 24th. This was Chojnacki's first victory of the season.

Righthander Lee did well on the mound. His support crumbled. He allowed four runs, ten hits, and struck-out seven. Chojnacki struckout four and gave up eleven hits.

Boxscore of game.

Thunderbums	Pos.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Clary	2b	5	1	1	1	7	2
Rutan	c	6	1	1	4	3	0
Brayton	lf	6	1	2	0	0	0
Kaczowka	ss	5	1	1	5	6	0
Wood J C	1b	5	1	3	16	0	0
Higby	cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	3b	5	0	1	1	0	0
Vergnani	rf	4	0	0	1	0	2
Chojnacki	p	4	1	0	2	4	0
a-DiPierro	cf	3	1	1	3	0	0

a-Batted for Higby in 4th.

Thunderbums	Pos.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Verdi	3b	5	0	0	2	7	1
Downes	ss	5	1	1	0	3	1
Smith	lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Wood	1b	4	1	0	14	6	0
McCann	2b	5	1	3	5	0	3
Stagnaro	cf	5	1	3	2	0	0
Jaworski	c	3	1	1	0	0	0
Lawrence	rf	5	1	2	1	1	0
Lee	p	4	0	1	0	10	0
a-Kane	c	1	0	0	0	0	0

a-Batted for Jaworski in 9th.

Summary: Runs batted in: Clary, Wood, Miller, DiPierro, McCann, Stagnaro, Lawrence 3, Lee. Homeruns: Clary. Three-base hits: McCann, Stagnaro. Double plays: Kaczowka to J Wood, Vergnani to J Wood. Left on bases: 368th 7, 354th 4. Passed balls: Jaworski 2, Rutan 1. Wild pitch: Lee 1. Base on balls: Off Chojnacki 3. Off Lee 2. Struck out: By Chojnacki 4, By

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1. 1st Lt (61-Q) O. C. Welch (2110) 0570714, AC, is reld fr asgmt with Hq 368th Ftr Gp, is asgd WP 67th Reconnaissance Group. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 & 212/50425. EDCMR 20 July 45. AUTH: TTX Hq XII Tactical Air Comd C-484, 19 July 45.

2. T Sgt (74-Q) Donald A. Facka, 37444287 (274), Hq 368th Ftr Gp, is reld fr asgmt with Hq 368th Ftr Gp, is asgd WP Hq & Hq Sq, Ninth Fighter Comd reporting to Hq Ninth Air Force Historical Section not later than 22 July 45. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. 60-115 P 431-02 & 212/50425. AUTH: TTX XII Tactical Air Comd Y-514-C. EDCMR 22 July 45.

3. Under the provisions of Ltr Hq XII Tactical Air Comd, subj: "Classification of Enlisted Men," file 220.01, 16 July 1945, fol named officers are aptd Board of Officers for purpose of reclassification of enlisted personnel, 368th Ftr Gp:

Capt CARL H. GUNDLACH	0571886	AC	(President)
1st Lt EDGAR G. TCHIRKOW	01544056	MAC	
1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR	0650363	AC	
1st Lt AUSTIN H. CARR JR	0582569	AC	(Recorder)

4. Having been asgd this orgn per par 18, SO 165, Hq XIX Tactical Air Comd, 30 June 45, 1st Lt (94-Q) RICHARD H. PLIMPTON, 0584501, AC, (1042), is further asgd 396th Ftr Sq.

5. Under the provisions of Ltr Hq ETOUSA, subj: "EFM and SCM Cable and Radio Service on the Continent," file AG 311.22 Pos, 10 June 1945, 1st Lt RICHARD S. HIBBETS, 0857621, AC, is aptd Gp EFM Officer, add dy, and 1st Lt DAVID GOLDKNOFF, 0860836, AC, is aptd Asst Gp EFM Officer, add dy.

(Travel dir is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq, European TO, USA, file 300.4 22 Nov 44)

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First Term Ends At Gadabout University

In the absence of T Sgt Donald Herzog, Dean of Gadabout University, the Head Instructor, Cpl James E. Arthur announced that Saturday, July 21st marked the end of the first term at Gadabout University. The school opened with a student body of 329 and an instructors staff of 26, with 20 academic courses and 7 on-the-job technical courses to offer.

Due to the continual "schuffle" of men the school suffered the loss of many students and a few instructors. With all the hinderances it was surprising to see better than 1/3 of the students originally enrolled were able to complete their courses.

Although the school is officially closed, a few courses are being extended for another week or ten days on a voluntary basis.

The new course in Elements of Aeronautics has a popular following. This course has just commenced recently and is being taught by Lt. John P. Banyon and Lt David W. Wenger. Lt Banyon is Maintenance Control Officer for the 905th Air Engineering Squadron while Lt Wenger, who used to be Group Test Pilot, is now Commanding the 905th.

Preparations for Next Term

Plans are well under way for the next term which will start soon after the anticipated move. The I & E Officer, Capt William T. McGann, T Sgt Herzog and Cpl Arthur are now preparing courses and schedules for the next term. Everything will be lined up before arriving at the next base so only the doors remain to be opened.

T Sgt Herzog and Pfc Tom Blandford are making further preparations by attending the Instructors School in Paris. Upon their return Cpl Leo Goldband and Cpl Arthur will attend the same school.

Captain Regan To Broadcast Program To U.S.

I & E Officer Capt Regan is off to Paris today, to meet Brig. Gen. Paul Thompson for the purposes of making a broadcast to the States, presumably on the subject of Information and Education to date. He took with him back copies of the Fortress Feature, as well as statistics on curriculum and school attendance for the first seven week block of courses.

"I feel reasonably safe in assuming," said Capt. Regan, "that I was chosen because of the excellent record of achievement compiled by the Fortress school, as well as the very fine weekly newspaper which we put out."

Correction

In last week's FORTRESS FEATURE there were two errors in listing the names and the relationship of two of the 368th Beauties. The young lady listed as Miss Ruth Schuler, sister of S/Sgt. Bill Schuler, should have been Miss Kathryn Yerger of Souderton, Pa. The picture was submitted by Schuler and Miss Yerger is Bills fiancée—not his sister.

Another case of mistaken identity was in the picture listed as Mrs. Robert Vervalin. This picture was submitted by T/Sgt Robert Vervalin and is not his wife, but actually a likeness of his sister, Mrs. Elwood Kinney, who lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Philly Girl Cops Beauty Contest



Mrs Joe Gordon-Corporal's wife is "Sweetheart" Winner

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Wife of Cpl. Joe Gordon, of Group's Weather detachment, Mrs. Gordon will be notified this week of the honor bestowed upon her, and will be sent the first copy of this week's Fortress Feature that rolls off the press in Nurnberg.

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In the absence of Capt. Herzog, Dean of Cadabout University, the Head Instructor, Cpl James E. Arthur announced that Saturday, July 21st marked the end of the first term at Cadabout University. The school opened with a student body of 329 and an instructors staff of 26, with 20 academic courses and 7 on-the-job technical courses to offer.

Due to the continual 'schuffle' of men the school suffered the loss of many students and a few instructors. With all the hinderances it was surprising to see better than 1/3 of the students originally enrolled were able to complete their courses.

Although the school is officially closed, a few courses are being extended for another week or ten days on a voluntary basis.

The new course in Elements of Aeronautics has a popular following. This course has just commenced recently and is being taught by Lt. John P. Banyon and Lt. David W. Wenger. Lt. Banyon is Maintenance Control Officer for the 905th Air Engineering Squadron while Lt. Wenger, who used to be Group Test Pilot, is now Commanding the 905th.

Preparations for Next Term

Plans are well under way for the next term which will start soon after the anticipated move. The I & E Officer, Capt. William T. McGann, T Sgt. Herzog and Cpl Arthur are now preparing courses and schedules for the next term. Everything will be lined up before arriving at the next base so only the doors remain to be opened.

T Sgt Herzog and Pfc Tom Blandford are making further preparations by attending the Instructors School in Paris. Upon their return Cpl Leo Goldband and Cpl Arthur will attend the same school.

Group Pilot Who Lost Arm At St. Lo Flies Again in U. S.

Washington, July 23 (ANS)—The three airmen who lay in Walter Reed Hospital, each with a leg amputated, took Gen. H. H. Arnold at his word when he asked during a visit if there was anything he could do for them. "Yes, sir," they chorused, "let us fly again."

Today, along with another veteran who lost an arm, they are flying again at Drew Field. They are Capt. Kenneth C. Jewell, Lt. Joseph M. Hamon and Lt. William R. Graham. The airman with a missing arm is Lt. Reuben G. Bork of Bowler Wis. (Lt. Bork was a pilot with the 397th Fighter Squadron until July 27th, 1944 when he was shot down by tank fire in the area of St. Lo.)

Soldiers Field Pool Site for Aqua Event

GIs in the vicinity of Nurnberg, Regensburg, Munich and surrounding territory will witness an array of aquatic stars from all parts of the ETO converge at Nurnberg to battle for top honors in the first of a series of Theater Athletic Championships. The event will be staged in Soldiers Field Pool, on route 2, July 24 and 29.

Several outstanding swimmers are now enroute to Soldiers Field. Included are Lt. James Munroe of Stanford, Cal., who holds the Pacific Coast Conference championship in the 220 and 440 meter free style and Tsukano, who swam on the famous Maui team with Bill Smith and Keo Nakam, holds the Hawaiian 100-yard breast-stroke record of 1:08. Major Taylor Drysdale, backstroke flash from the University of Michigan, will also compete. Soldiers Field Pool

Captain Regan To Broadcast Program To U. S.

I & E Officer Capt Regan is off to Paris today, to meet Brig. Gen. Paul Thompson for the purposes of making a broadcast to the States, presumably on the subject of Information and Education to date. He took with him back copies of the Fortress Feature, as well as statistics on curriculum and school attendance for the first seven week block of courses.

"I feel reasonably safe in assuming," said Capt. Regan, "that I was chosen because of the excellent record of achievement compiled by the Fortress school, as well as the very fine weekly newspaper which we put out."

Correction

In last week's FORTRESS FEATURE there were two errors in listing the names and the relationship of two of the 368th Beauties. The young lady listed as Miss Ruth Schuler, sister of S/Sgt. Bill Schuler, should have been Miss Kathryn Yerger of Souderton, Pa. The picture was submitted by Schuler and Miss Yerger is Bills fiancée—not his sister.

Another case of mistaken identity was in the picture listed as Mrs. Robert Vervalin. This picture was submitted by T/Sgt Robert Vervalin and is not his wife, but actually a likeness of his sister, Mrs. Elwood Kinney, who lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Em and Officers Clubs Are Now Financing 'Fortress Feature'

(July 24)—In an agreement with the EM Council and the Officers Club, reached at the last Council meeting, the EM clubs and day-rooms of the 368th Fighter Group, 487th Air Service Group and the R-42 Officers Club will undertake the financing of the FORTRESS FEATURE, starting with the July 20th issue. Lt. David Goldknopf, Officer Advisor of the newspaper, announced today.

The clubs will subscribe to the FORTRESS FEATURE on a quota basis, determined by strength, and at the rate of 50 pig per copy. The clubs may reimburse themselves by assessing their members, but thus far almost all the clubs have indicated that they will pay for the paper out of general funds.

Lt. Goldknopf emphasized that the question of requisitioning the newspaper was still being studied, and that it was hoped that requisitioning could be arranged in the near future. He pointed out that the main difficulties are the critical status of newsprint, and the fact that materials, labor, and services are all involved, with different regulations applying in each instance.

Red Cross Calendar

The Club and the snack bar are open every evening from 1800 to 2200. Special events for the week are:
Sat. Rex and his Hill Billy Band
Sun. Musical Appreciation
Mon. Meeting of Card Club
Tues. Bingo
Wed. Orchestra
Thurs. Ping Pong Tournament
Fri. Song Fest



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L'amour, L'amour

By: Sgt. Joe Fishman

(The weekly Paris publication, Samedi Soir, recently published the results of a survey of amour, with testimony taken from such expert judges as the girls from the Folies Bergere, to the effect that American GIs were both lousy lovers and rude to French girls. Fortress Feature takes you to the conference, where these results were ascertained.)

(The scene is the back stage of the Folies. Into the manager's office are crowded the representative womanhood of France. They are all clad in g-strings and filmy bras. The crowd



spills over from the manager's office and overflows into the men's room, where the girls are curiously examining the upright fixtures. Exclamations of amazement are overheard.)
Yvette: (who is chairing the meeting)
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The ground training program for the third week features the second part of a discussion on Nazi Party and Organization, plus a continuation of emergency procedure for pilots. Here is a day-by-day breakdown:

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09:00 Same as above, for 396th and 397th
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State Department Exams

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Joe didn't tell his wife he was entering her in the contest. When she reached the semi-finals, he sent her a copy of the Fortress Feature, with her picture in it. "She's going to be very surprised when she learns she won," Joe predicted. Queried as to whether she had ever entered a contest of this sort before, Joe vaguely recalled something about a neighborhood contest which he thinks his wife might have won. "I'm not sure about that, tho'," he added.

Joe has been in the Army since April, 1943. Prior to his induction, he worked as a welder in a Chester shipyard. Although only a 55-pointer, he is hopeful because of a shortage of weather observers, to get back to the States . . . and Marion, by the end of the year. When and if he ever gets a discharge, he plans to go into the auto parts business, and take up domestic bliss with the "Sweetheart of the 368th."

Jabo Angels Hold Club Election

On July 20th officers for the newly formed 397th EM club were elected. Sgt. William H. Hirschfield was named President; S/Sgt Robert L. Wildpret, Vice-Pres.; Cpl. Melvyn L. Sattul, Secretary-Treasurer.

A Board of Governors was also elected. The Board is composed of the following: M/Sgt Jay W. Jones, T/Sgt Clarence E. Linville, S/Sgt Eugene S. Womack, S/Sgt Norbert R. Billinger and Cpl Joseph W. Zolin.

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ANSWERS: by members of the 368th and service units.

S/Sgt. Gerald E. Trudel, group orderly room, Turner's Falls, Mass. I had a taste of city life while at college. Me for the small town, and Turner's Falls fits that bill. People are more cordial there.



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M/Sgt. James B. Klosowski (attached), T/Sgt. Kenneth E. Davenport, and S/Sgt. Sigmund F. Kowynia and Kenneth W. Oliver were the lucky Linney bound voyagers. They seemed to agree on a number of points; namely, it was like old home week to be back where one could speak to people without using sign language and to be able to understand them in good old English. Piccadilly "ain't what she used to be" with all the bright lights, tight food rationing and stockingless gals are still the vogue, and train travel is still packing them in. It seems as though Uncle Sammy is still playing Santa Claus, for it is possible to obtain for free a round trip railroad ticket to any place in the U.K. Two went all the way up to Scotland, and found the trip very well worth while. Klosowski and Kowynia report the Scotch lassies as being very charming. They acted and talked more like American girls than did the English. S/Sgt. Oliver really got away to himself; by going to the Isle of Man. He reported steaks and fresh eggs obtainable at moderate prices—Imagine! One other point all seemed agreed upon was the questioning process to which they were subjected concerning the Frat rule, and the bomb damage in Germany. Seems as if the gals are considerably worried about losing their mates to the local blue eyed frauleins. Could be?

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Coincidence seems to have taken the place of wild rumors. Sgt. Robert Cook received a package with a message written in pencil on the wrapper. The message was from 'Junior' Stehlin who happened to see the package at a P.O. depot while waiting for a plane to take him—wherever he is going. Junior had the racket that Roy has now—mail clerk!

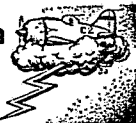
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Let's lift that next one to Lt. Thomas Hoade Jr., who is probably back in Wunel, New Jersey about now. He left fifty dollars to the day room fund so we wouldn't run out of beer during these hot days.

Sgt. George Bargo who does the darndest things with wood, nails and hammer says that it's just a dog's life. He goes on "We are all 'pointers' or 'setters'; if we got the points we go home; if we ain't we set!"

If Cpl. Earl Bailly is injured or gets sick be sure he is taken to the 116th General Hospital. It seems there is a "Lillian" there who has a way with him.

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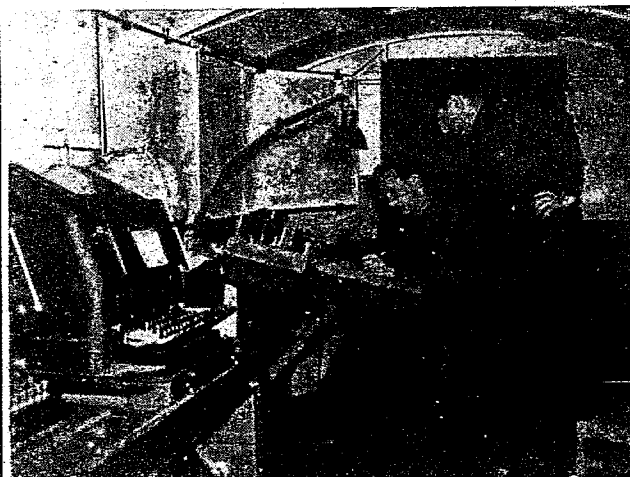


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(Another modestly-clad demoiselle takes the stand. She is easily recognized from the droop of her bra to be the second from the left in the chorus line of the French Casino. Her name is Yvonne.)

Yvonne: "I am d'accord with my colleague Mimi. Not only are these Americans the lovers terribles, but they do not even speak our language. My experience premier was with an American infanteer. All evening we sit and sit and sit, and drink and drink. A few times he pinches my ... derriere. Enfin, he offers me a chocolate bar, weath nuts. Imaginezvous, wan chocolate bar. (The girls all groan sympathetically.) Naturellement, I took it. But it was so crude, so sans finess. And we do not speak a word of French all night!" (Yvonne sits down, amid scattered applause. Another girl gets up and slinks down the aisle to the speaker's rostrum. She is Fifi, well-known for her act on both banks of the Seine.)

Fifi: "Mes amies. We have all had the experience malheureux. But mine is sans precedent. I am walking alone one evening along the Champs. After a while, I notice I am being followed. Naturally, I stop. This young American soldiare come up to me. Even in the dark, I can see he is handsome, charming, and so polite. At the outset, he offers me a box, of how you call it ... K rations. Bien, I take eet. That night, he makes love to me ... so tenderly, so romantically. I forget all about Boyer, Gabin. In the morning, the soldiare is gone." (Her voice rises hysterically.) "And he take with heem the box of K Rations ..." (Fifi is so overwrought, she has to be helped off the stand, Yvette, chairing the meeting, snaps her G-string for attention.)

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how shall I say it, from hongaire. Yes, that is what we shall tell Samedi Soir."

(At this point in the proceedings, the watchman at the back door of the Folies walks in and whispers something in Yvette's ear. She shudders, and then stands up from her chair.

"Girls, I have something horrible to tell you. Outside, at this minute, there are 75 American soldiaires who wish to go out with us ... The sentence is never finished, as the whole assemblage makes a mad dash for the door. In the melee, g-strings and bras are lost, and several of the older, less agile girls, are trampled to death in the doorway. Over the general hubbub can be heard ecstatic squeals: "ah, les Americans" ... "Ils sont si gentils." I am just mad for them" ... and so forth.

Finally the whole room is cleared except for Yvette, and a few fallen girls, still twitching.)

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Alfred "I am a cook" Catrillo promises he is going to open a restaurant on Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn after the war. He claims his slogan will be "Eat here and die Home."

The Enlisted Men's Club has begun a fast ping-pong tournament. The tourney got under way last Sunday evening when Leonard Porter defeated Robert Wade in two out of three games.

We sure hated to see Joe McKain, Jess Spangler and Joe Lawrance leave last Monday. We want to wish them all the luck in the world and I'm sure they will continue to win many friends with their congenial ways and their pleasing personalities.



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By the way boys, our friend, Cpl "Al" Steger is still looking for that "s-a-a-rivich".

A certain Cpl in the 729th claims that lifting the Fraternalization Ruling was just the thing for his morale. Incidentally, this same Corporal has stated he is merely gaining information for writing a book when he takes those excursions into the woods. All according to ones taste—some prefer to call it "fishing" and others are merely "lovers of nature".

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The big question on the minds of the boys this week is, "When do furloughs to Switzerland open?" The boys write-ups in the paper sound good but the boys still miss their Swiss Miss.

397th

By: T/Sgt. Martin M. Klein

We have carpenters that are extremely versatile; not only are they excellent at their army profession but they are also excellent marksmen. Rex Perrine saw a deer flitting thru the woods at Frankfurt, so with one shot from his trusty carbine, he simply killed it. Joe Roman, also a carpenter of fame, decided that it was time he demonstrated his talents, so presto-changeo, and Joe knocked off a deer. The score is now even and we are awaiting the pheasant season, in anticipation of an unofficial contest.

Sgt Owens, who has just received the Bronze Star, claims to have a weak heart. No more drinking or smoking, just plain rest — and according to T Sgt Whitey Watson, that's about all Orbie is doing, resting.

The soldiers that passed Howard Barne's tent late last night heard him talking in his sleep. Something about "I love you Eleanor, honest I do!" — Whats up Howard??

Something must be cooking in the Ordnance Dep't. After clamoring for more men they finally received one. A Cook!!

Did you know that Basil (Sackin') McCracken and Wally Harju pooled their mechanical abilities and undertook the repairing of a German locomotive. Wally made the tools and McCracken supplied the mechanical labor. After three days of hard work they had the thing in running condition and used it as a chow train. They did too good a job on it because the Military Gov't took their Chow-train away.

Sgt Mort Nelson is reported to be sending small motors home for his sister to repair, he claims that she is a better mechanic than he.

The way that the Radar Men are shipping out, it looks like they are being given away wholesale. First, Deacon Walton and then Scissor-bill Nelson. Who will be next??

The rumors are really flying thick and heavy; everyone is reading the bulletin board three times a day. No one knows what the future holds in store but we all know that "Saturday is the loneliest night of the week."

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Friday, July 27, 1945

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Rain Halts Game in 5th; Major Rice Relieves As Col. Chojnacki is Ko'd

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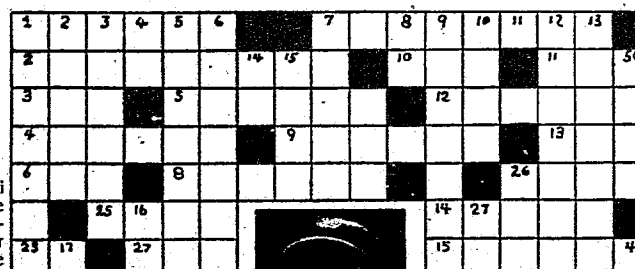




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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Air Service Gp. Pounces 4-5th
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354th Fltr. Gp. Notches Win
Scoring fifteen runs in the last of the seventh inning the 354th Fighter Group pummeled the 366th Fighter Group in a baseball contest last week at R-28. The final score was 14-6. The 354th scored one run in the first, one in the fifth, and twelve in the "big" seventh. The "Gremlins" notched one run in the second, pushed three in the third, added another in the fifth, and their last two runs came in the ninth.

"Gremlins" Bow to Ordnance Bn.
The 131st Ordnance Battalion of the Ninth Armored Division set back the "Gremlins" at Bayreuth by the score 3-1 for the Fighter Group's second defeat since its organization. The Thunderbums defeated them 2-1 at this base for their first loss. Sanders of the 131st, allowed only five hits allowing the lone tally in the second inning. Rigo pitched shutout ball allowing four hits. Poor support and two errors allowed two runs in the second and one run in the sixth.

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10th Photo Netmen Bow Again
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Cross Word

By: Sgt. Jose Alequin

Across

- Star hurler of N. L. team (Insert)
- Device or tool
- To tear
- Twice as large
- Obscene
- Indian Medical Service (abbr.)
- Game played with paddles
- A ridge of glacial gravel
- One time Capital of Germany
- Pitcher for the Chicago Cubs
- French word designating various perfumes
- First name of a male
- A large prey-crushing snake.
- Concealing
- Not brought up mannerly
- In want of water
- Any air-vehicle. (colloq.)
- Name for a football
- Artillery
- Arsenic (Abbr.)
- Participant in a game
- Pertaining to fungus
- Major baseball league (abbr.)
- Language of ancient Rome
- A river of Germany
- Two inclusively
- Money made from copper or bronze
- A cigarette make
- Abbr. for train above ground
- To fast
- Void
- Off (prefix)
- A seasoned dish of breadcrumbs baked with eggs and cheese
- Perpetually
- Pubs
- Particular shades of color

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Christmas and no Santa Claus

Then on December 23 orders came through to move the next day to Proves, France. By now rumors were flying thick and fast concerning the breakthrough. Most of them boiled down to the Germans being only a few miles away and "B" party was being left to the wolves, so to speak.

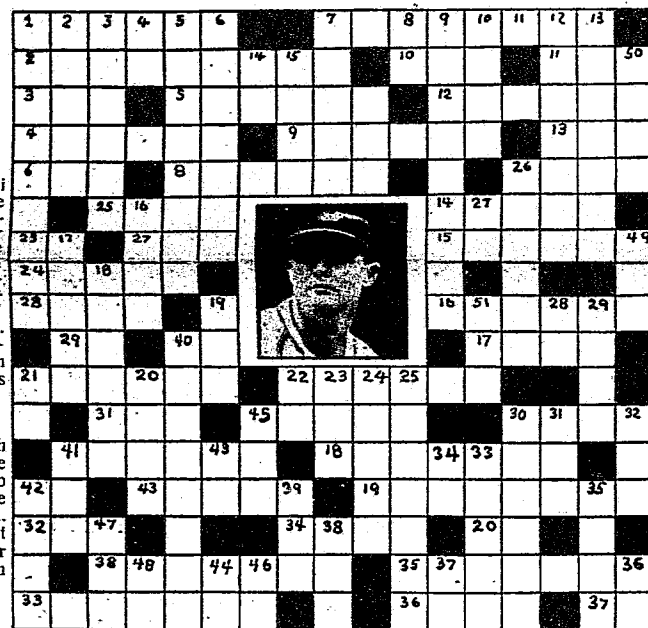
The following day the advance echelon got off for France. That night, Christmas Eve, the communications departments spent down on the line, for orders had come through for a frequency change which had to be completed by Christmas morning. The calm of the night was disturbed when a buzz bomb flying at a low altitude passed directly over the field.

Christmas Day everyone was so busy on the line there has no chance of celebration. The turkey dinner we had all been looking forward to failed to materialize and we dined on baked ham instead. That night the neighboring village was strafed by German planes.

Jerry Makes A Call

The next day members of "B" party heard that our destination had been changed to Metz with a stop of a few days at Jouvincourt Air Base. That night a Ju-88 strafed the far side of the field and a British convoy on the road to Ath. Twice the plane passed over the BOQ so low that some of the pilots who had come out to see what was going on saw him clearly enough to distinguish what type of plane it was.

Cross Word Puzzle



30. God (Spanish plural)

31. A public house

32. Short form of thine

33. A dishonest person

34. Stannum (Abbr.)

35. Strip-tease Artist

36. South Carolina (abbr.)

37. Augustus (Abbr.)

38. Old army man

39. In addition

40. A turn in skiing

41. Poisonous putrefaction

42. Ex-heavyweight champion

43. Command Post (abbr.)

44. Yes (Spanish)

45. Manager of the N. Y. Giants

46. Not (prefix)

47. Unit of electrical resistance

48. Id est (abbr)

49. A minute mark

50. A western state

51. A dwelling (Scot)

Answer Next week

Chievres

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Union, The Blond's Place, Jeanette and Mama's, Isabel's (also known as Dogpatch and the Wigs and Hoods), and the place next door.

Thanksgiving — Turkey and Fixin's

Thanksgiving day dawned dark and cloudy which gave us a sort of a

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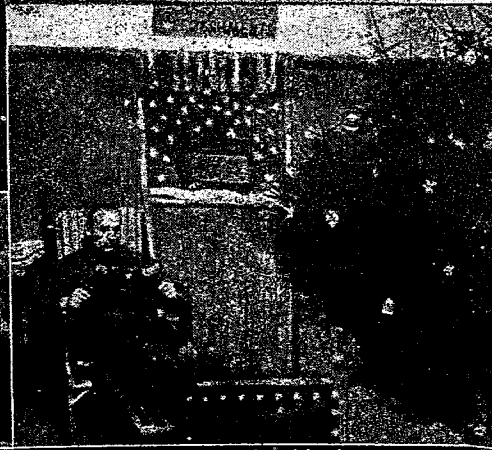
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A Mess Hall Decorated For A Dance . . .



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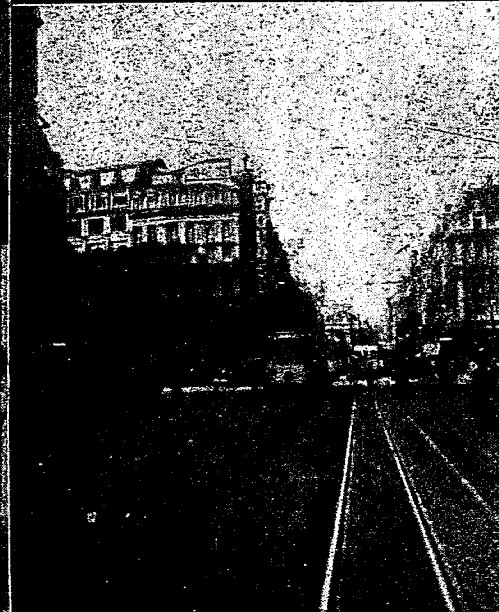


A British USO Girl Enjoys Ice Cream.

Belgian Girls are cute and Friendly.



British ATS Girls were popular too.



A Typical Scene in Downtown Brussels.

In Chievres -- A Home In Brussels -- The Works

By: S/Sgt. Charles W. Wood

This is the fifth in a series of articles on our previous bases in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Early on the morning of October 2 the advanced echelon again struck out across Europe for another of our many bases. This time the destination was A-89 near Louvain, Belgium. The convoy wound all day beneath cloud shrouded skies which from time to time dumped their heavy burden of moisture upon the travel weary G.I.s beneath.

Ice Cream and Beer

That evening the damp and weary men pulled into the field in the midst of a downpour of rain. After a short time the squadrons were assigned to areas and tents were quickly pitched giving shelter from the cold rain

which had continued to fall. While here the men had the first ice cream they had tasted in months. It did not compare in quality to the cream back in the States but still it was ice cream. Another thing they quickly found was the Belgian beer which was the first beer most of them had quaffed for some time. While the golden beverage was far from potent it still had that good old beer taste.

On To Chievres

Two days after the arrival orders came through that we were to move again, this time to an air base at the little village of Chievres, Belgium. The following day the group set out once more for the short trip to Chievres. On the trip the men had their first look at Brussels, the town which was to give us so many pleasant days off

in the future. As usual when passing through a town of any size there were a few breakdowns. One jeep in the 397th actually did have a flat. Late that afternoon the first vehicles pulled onto the cement roads of A-84. The squadron areas were soon set up and the men gave their new home a looking over.

A few days later the members of "B" party began to arrive. Many difficulties confronted us. First there was the getting used to the new money. While it was still in Francs there was a slight difference in value and many a controversy was had when debts made in French francs were paid of in Belgium. Also mail service was poor, the food was bad, and PX rations were the shortest we had ever seen.

Soon the mail started to come through and the food got so you could almost enjoy it but the PX rations instead of getting better just got worse. Most of the fellows were rolling their own when they had something to roll and the non-smokers became the most popular men in the outfit. One of the most popular phrases was, "Who is getting your rations

this week?" Even Fleetwoods and Chelseas were worth their weight in gold those days.

Passes To Brussels Start

The best news we had was the starting of day-off passes. A lucky few had twenty four hour passes into Brussels but after two days of this they were stopped and for several days the day-off passes were given to Mons. When the passes to Brussels were resumed they were only for 18 hours.

Days off in Brussels brought the men relaxation which they had been away from for so long. Brussels was truly a town which brought back memories of our days in the States. There were bars which were nearly as modern as any at home and while they had little variety to offer in the way of liquid refreshments they were still a sight for sore eyes (and dry throats). In the very up to date cabarets good wine and champagne could be had for a price (gold could not have brought a higher one). Then last but not least there were beautiful women, Belgian women, French women, English women, and even some Dutch women. Of course there was strong

competition between us and the British but when it came to a showdown between our money and the Britisher's good looks why of course we won out.

Evening passes which were given into Mons and Ath also came in for a large share of popularity. Many were the Belgian hearts which were broken by the great lovers of the group.

Move Into Winter Quarters

Around the last of October the group moved into winter quarters in the town of Chievres. Group and the 395 took over the former Luftwaffe living quarters while the 396th and 397th moved into houses in the town. For the first time since England the men had a real solid roof over their heads and walls other than canvas around them.

The majority of the men started to find out what the village had to offer in the way of entertainment. Each night the various small cafes were crowded with men consuming large quantities of the weak beer and watered bath tub cognac. Among some of the more popular cafes were the Cafe de la

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HEADQUARTERS
360TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 141, U. S. Army
21 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 88

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100TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

S Sgt (800) Kenneth R. Miller 5642107 (502)
Pfc (530) Kenneth G. Munner 1304210 (861)

390TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Sgt (710) Richard W. Volzmann 1605107 (555)
Cpl (550) James B. Dinning 11087003 (747)

360TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

M Sgt (750) Stewart A. Stone 15056350 (747)
T Sgt (660) Bernard E. Matson 20154514 (747)
S Sgt (650) Clarence E. Sather 36213439 (555)
Sgt (520) Woodrow Wilson 55440624 (747)
Cpl (560) John K. Stalbrook 37561010 (931)
Pfc (640) John R. Hasser 35421011 (951)

397TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

M Sgt (850) George C. Smith 36611007 (747)
S Sgt (660) Forrest R. Pickens 36181356 (747)
C Sgt (510) Potter G. Palmer 19121004 (555)
Sgt (550) Douglas G. Darrett 14131000 (747)
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Pfc (370) Richard Fisher 36641000 (553)

2. Fol named EM, 395th Ftr Sq, having been granted a fur for a period of seven (7) days, o/a 2 Aug 45 are with in proceed for the Hq to US Riviera Re-creational Area, reported thereon by CG, 47501, Leave Status, Advance Lt, APO 772, in accordance with 1st Hq 947, Subj. "Leaves in US Riviera Recreational Area," 25 Apr 45, TCM by HQ, all soft on read, SO 311, 1st 36th Ftr Gp, 212/30425.

S Sgt Robert Griffith 13373026
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SO 88, Hq 368th Ftr Gp, 31 Jul 45, Cont'd.

3. Foi named officers are granted iv of absence for a period of seven (7) days, c/a 2 Aug 45, are auth to proceed from this Hq to US Riviera Recreational Area, reporting thereat to CO, Martinez Hotel, Cannes, France, in accordance with Ltr Hq European TO, USA, file # 834.1, CPGA, Subj: US Riviera Recreational Area. 8 Jan 45, which will be strictly complied with. TDN by ME, mil acft or rail, 00115 P 432-02 A 212, ED42E.

1st Lt WHITNEY W. BRAYTON	0798086 AC (In charge)
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2d Lt KENNETH C. WENZ	0854231 AC

4. T Sgt (882) Samuel S. McCachren, 34117507, (756), 395th Ftr Sq, is rel'd from asgmt with 395th Ftr Sq and trfd in gr to Hq & Hq Sq, III Tactical Air Comd and further placed on DE with Sixth Army Gp, reporting thereat o/s 2 Aug 45. PCS, 60 015 P 432-02 A 212, ED42E. TDN by ME, mil acft or rail, AUTH: TWX Hq III Tactical Air Comd 0-993, EDCMR 2 Aug 45.

5. 1st Lt JOSEPH B. BRUMFIELD JR, 0620363, AC, is ap'd Gp Courts, Boards and Claims Off, add dy, and ap'd Gp Court of Inquiry Off, add dy, vice 1st Lt C. C. WELCH, 0570714, AC, trfd.

6. So much of par 3, SO 88, this Hq, cs, pertaining to officers on iv to Riviera, as reads "1st Lt WHITNEY W. BRAYTON, 0798086, AC (In charge)" and "2d Lt KENNETH C. WENZ, 0834231, AC." is amended to read, "1st Lt EUGENE F. BUCK, 0801820, AC, (In charge)," and "2d Lt JOHN D. GAITHER III, 0206294, AC."

7. Under the provisions of AR 600-68 the following named EM, 395th Ftr Sq, having completed the required amount of serv in the Army of the United States and having demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performances of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation, are awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity:

S Sgt Nathan C. Gould	16014970	S Sgt William Demchuk	32506271
Sgt Albert D. Hobbs	35360395	Sgt Jacques E. Smith	55285034
Sgt James L. Sipple	35560399	Cpl Harold H. Farley	33365977
Cpl Harold D. Holmes	37394908	Cpl Charles T. Potter	33835527
Cpl John S. Tolbert	13222874	Pfc Nathan Tabin	32318553

(Travel dir is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq European TO, USA, file # 300, 4 22 Nov 45)

BY ORDER OF COLONEL PEREGO:

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