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MEMORIAL SERVICES for the late President  
will be held at the Base Sunday at 0900.  
All personnel of the Base and Group will  
take part. Further information will be  
posted on Bulletin Boards.

A LENGTHY report on the death of Presid-  
ent Roosevelt, giving details of his last  
hours, funeral and interment ceremonies,  
will be found posted on the bulletin  
board in Group Hq. This news comes from  
Army News Service, and is much too long  
to be printed in WHO DAT.

IN THE FIRST extra inning game of the sea-  
son the Instrument Shop defeated Engine  
Overhaul 8-6. The losers scored 6 runs in  
the first but were unable to score in the  
next 9 innings.

WAYER was the winning pitcher, allowing  
only 7 hits, with 4 of these coming in  
the 1st. Krause was losing pitcher and al-  
lowed 11 hits, 3 of which were col-  
lected by Bob Moore, the Hair Spring Kid.  
Annis was the leading hitter for the los-  
ers with 3 hits in 5 times at bat.

SHOP SUPPLY meets Signal Office today at  
.630, umpires from the Engineering Office.

FOR THE benefit of those who have been  
cursing CAFE and the Rocsy for the poor  
films lately, here is a glimpse of "hard-  
ship on the home front."

LT ED WOODHEAD recently received a copy  
of his home town newspaper, the Titus-  
ville (Fla) Star-Advocate, in which the  
local Magnolia Theatre advertises for the  
week of April 8-14:

RAINBOW ISLAND, Jungle Woman, Calling Dr  
Death, Here Comes Elmer, A Gentle Gang-  
ster and Vigilantes Ride.

"THIS," concludes the Magnolia management,  
is a week of all big hits; don't miss  
any of them."

INCIDENTALLY, this week's program looks  
somewhat better than last. Music For Mil-  
ions had a good run in Broadway houses.

Group OD 14 Apr, Cpt. H G. Wylie; 15 Apr, -  
2d Lt E S Woodhead. Base OD 14 Apr, 2d  
Lt L J McAlary; 15 Apr, 1st Lt H L John-  
son.

THIS ISSUE  
CENSORED BY *[Signature]* CAPTAIN, AC  
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AT THE ROCSY THIS WEEK:

Tonight, I'LL REMEMBER APRIL (Universal)  
Embezzlement is the plot; Gloria Jean  
sings; Kirby Grant in the cast. Melody  
Parade.

Sunday, BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST (RKO)  
Lee Tracy uncovers Jap sabotage on the  
west coast before Pearl Harbor; Nancy  
Kelly is the romantic interest. Sport-  
scope, Parallel Skiing; GI #83.

Tuesday, CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE (20th  
Century-Fox). Lloyd Nolan and Michael--  
O'Shea, murder melodrama. Screen Snap-  
shots; GI #85.

Thursday, MUSIC FOR MILLIONS (MGM) dra-  
ma with music; little girl star Margaret  
O'Brien; top pianist Jose Iturbi supply-  
ing fine music; Jimmy Durante in form;  
Hugh Herbert, Marcia Hunt, Marie Wilson.  
Combat Bulletin #43.

Saturday, SEE MY LAWYER, (Univ) Olson  
and Johnson, vaude routine, slapstick.  
O & J fans can knock themselves out.  
Safety Sleuth.

AT THE BUSHTOWN;

Tonight, DANGEROUS PASSAGE, (Paramount)  
Robert Lowery, Phyllis Brooks in a con-  
fusing conspiracy. Our Gang Comedy;  
Weekly Digest #73.

Sunday, I'LL REMEMBER APRIL, plus dash,  
SWEET ROSIE O'GRADY, musical with Betty  
Grable, Robert Young. First feature run-  
ning time, 97 minutes.

Monday, Tuesday, MUSIC FOR MILLIONS  
Wednesday, Thursday, BETRAYAL FROM THE  
EAST

Friday, Saturday, CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVID-  
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Sunday, SEE MY LAWYER (78 minutes) plus  
dash, BROTHER RAT, hit comedy, high jinks  
at WMI: Priscilla Lane, Eddie Albert,  
Wayne Morris.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Pfc Salvatore  
E Di Meglio, Sup; Sgt Theodore Sander, Jr  
Sup.

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War news compiled from ANS reports supplied by Signal Corps and BBC summaries supplied by I&S, CEAD. News up to 1300 hours, 14 April, 1945.

**WEST FRONT:** Advance spearheads of the 9th Army were reported at Tangermuende, 45 miles west of Berlin, and Seehausen, 50 miles west, also at Barby, 60 miles southeast of the outskirts of the capital. Correspondents said that German armored units were massing to attack the spearheads near Berlin. The American 9th, 1st and 3rd armies were advancing on a 100 mile front; in the north the 9th was about 95 miles from the Russian front, while 3rd Army spearheads were 80 miles from the Russians. Scottish troops of the British 2d Army drove 20 miles beyond Celle on the Aller River, and with British units reached points 25 miles from the Elbe River and 50 miles south of Hamburg. On the far northern wing, Polish troops of the 2d Army were 15 miles from Emden, Cloppenburg, last big town on the road to Oldenburg in Holland, fell to British troops; to the west, Canadians occupied Emden and fought their way into Groningen, 15 miles from the North Sea, Zwolle, 9 miles from the Zuider Zee and Apeldoorn, 45 miles east of Amsterdam, and close to the shores of the Zuider Zee. German resistance in the north was cracking; on the Elbe front it was stiffening, and in the Hartz Wald it was described as "growing fanatical." 3rd Army columns were closing in on Leipzig and Chemnitz, after first bypassing Leipzig in a sweep to the south which carried them within 40 miles of Dresden, over the Mulde River and little more than 30 miles from the Czech border. The 3rd is now about 80 miles from the nearest Red front. Another column of the 3rd struck southeast to enter Bayreuth...22,000 Russian and Polish prisoners of war disarmed their guards at the Buchenwald camp near Weimar, wiped out an SS unit and marched out to meet advancing Americans...RAF bombers were over Kiel in great strength, USAAF fighters, escorting bombers in an attack on Hamburg, destroyed 266 Nazi planes on the ground. 6 of our fighters and 7 bombers are missing...

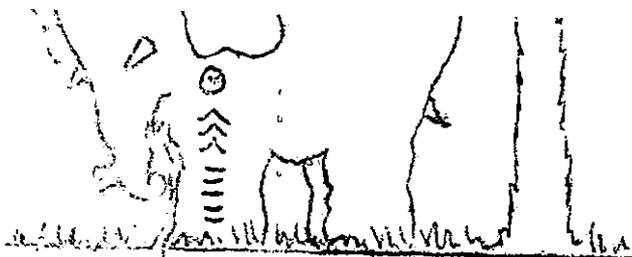
**SOUTH FRONT:** 8th Army troops captured Massa Lombarda and drove within 4 miles of the Salaro River. Their bridgehead over the Santurno is now 8 miles wide. 8th Army units were 2 miles from Bastia and in the outskirts of Imola...The 5th Army took a peak in its advance north and west of Carrara toward Spezia...The MAAF flew 1400 sorties, attacking targets in the Brenner Pass and Po Valley communications. 14 of our planes are missing...

**EAST FRONT:** 130,000 prisoners, 2,200 field guns and large quantities of other materiel were taken by the Red Army at Vienna, now completely cleared of the enemy. The Red drive west of Vienna has reached St Polten, 30 miles west of the Austrian capital, and on the highway to Linz. Moscow announced a full scale offensive along the Danube toward the Drava River in Czecho-Slovakia. Hodonin, 32 miles from Brunn, has fallen to the Reds...

**PACIFIC FRONT:** Very large forces of B-29s made a low level attack on Tokyo, dropping incendiary bombs. According to one report, the Imperial Palace was set on fire...After losing 118 planes in attacks on American shipping off Okinawa, the Japs returned to the attack, and the second time 100 of their planes were downed...Bohol in the Philippines is now completely in American hands. On Luzon, American forces have pushed to within 3 miles of Baguio, summer capital of the islands...A British task force bombed and shelled Formosa, and American Liberators joined in the attack. British bombers also hit targets in the Andaman islands off the Burma coast...

**ASIATIC FRONT:** British 14th Army troops continued to advance in the Meiktila sector, to the south, in the face of confused enemy resistance. The British are now 8 miles east of Thazi...Chinese troops have taken Suiping, north of Hankow...

**WASHINGTON:** In an order to the Army announcing the death of President Roosevelt, War Secretary Stimson said: "It is my duty as Secretary of War to announce to the Army the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, which occurred at Warm Springs, Ga at 1635 hours 12 April 1945. The Army is deeply grieved at the untimely death of our Commander-in-Chief. He prepared us to meet the savage onslaught of our enemies and he led us through the bitterness of early reversals. His unwavering courage in the face of overwhelming odds, his abiding faith in the final triumph of democratic ideals and his clear vision of paths to be followed were a source of constant inspiration. He gave the Army unstintingly of his strength and wisdom and his unremitting labors hastened his death. Although he



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BASE AND GROUP PERSONNEL ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE PRESIDENT

Together with American armed forces all over the world, the personnel of this Base gathered yesterday morning to pay tribute to the memory of our late President. The ceremony took place on the Hospital diamond.

The hymn America, played with muffled drums and muted instruments by musicians from the Base opened the service. A prayer was offered by Chaplain Gerald J Bischof, and a eulogy of the deceased Chief Executive was delivered by Chaplain Richard M Graham.

After the National Anthem was played, Chaplain Arnold A Lasker read the concluding prayer, and the service ended on the sad notes of Taps, the nation's final tribute to its soldiers.

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MALARIA DISCIPLINE is the responsibility of all officers and enlisted men of a command. Aside from taking anti-malarial drugs, the use of mosquito bars at night is felt to be one of the more important means of preventing malaria. Repair of mosquito bars is an individual responsibility. If the net is beyond repair, it may be salvaged by turning it in to one's Supply Room. Don't let Malaria interfere with your postwar plans?

ROYAL A MEYERS, Major, MC, Group Surgeon

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A SAD SACK is the man from this Group who spoiled a good thing for himself, by going AWOL after completing his rest and recuperation TD in the States. The MPs had to chase him; picked up, he was sent to the East Coast Processing Center to stand court martial.

AFTER SERVING his sentence, he will be sent overseas immediately---but not back to his own outfit, as most furloughes prefer.

LOST: Gold wedding ring, initials on inside, J B G, 1935; Saturday night between Hangars 2 and 3, by Cpl J B Green, Hq Sq, Hnt D-7.

Group OD 16 Apr, Cpt B B Slimp; 17 Apr, Cpt C F Summers. Base OD 16 Apr, 1st Lt B C Fearing; 17 Apr, Cpt F D Allman.

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CAPTAIN, AC

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NO SHOW at the Rocsy tonight. MUSIC FOR MILLIONS (MGM) at the Bushtown. Oscar-winner Margaret O'Brien, top line pianist Jose Iturbi, Jimmy Durante, Woo Woo Hugh Herbert, Marcia Hunt, Marie Wilson; drama, music. Combat Bulletin #43.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomofrow to Pfc James D Bordeaux, Rep; Pfc Ellis D Marlin, Rep; Cpl Archie S Framnes, QM Tr; Cpl Paul J Koncz, Serv.

MOHAWKS play Depot Supply today and Hepcats meet the Rocs.

FIGHTING AAF is a new short wave program which began early this month and continues on the following dates, stations and times:

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|----------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 22 April | WBOS   | 9897  | 2030-2100 |
| 29 April | "      | "     | " "       |
| 2 May    | WLWL-1 | 15230 | 1630-1700 |
|          | WLWL-2 | 17955 | " "       |
|          | WBOS   | 9897  | 1230-1300 |

ON MAY 7, and each Monday thereafter, the program will be heard over stations WCBN, 11145 kc and WBOS, 15210 kc, at 1815 GMT.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN gave the official verdict that he is the 33rd President of the US, an ANS report informs us. Mr Truman's proclamation of a mourning period for Franklin D Roosevelt named the dead executive as the 32d President.

ACTUALLY MR ROOSEVELT was the 31st man to hold the office. To reach the higher number Grover Cleveland is counted twice, his two terms having been separated.

CEAD REPORTER is a new mimeo publication for orientation, information and education, issued by the Division Personnel Services Office. First issue features biographies of Roosevelt and Truman and carries a round up of orientation activities in the Division. A good job.

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**WEST FRONT:** The 9th Army has recovered its bridgehead over the Elbe at Magdeburg, and is now building it up in face of violent German resistance. The 83rd Division is expanding its position at Barby, 60 miles southwest of Berlin, and has pushed on 9 miles. The Allies hold a 55 mile stretch of the Elbe, while to the north the British 2d Army has broken out of its Aller River bridgehead to drive towards the lower Elbe and Hamburg. The British 11th Armored Division advanced 10 miles in the area south of Hamburg, while the British 3rd Infantry Division fought its way into Bremen, to within 3 miles of the heart of that city. Polish troops of the 21st Army Group have reached the Ems estuary at a point opposite Emden, creating one pocket of Nazi resistance while still another pocket was formed to the west by the Canadian thrust to the North Sea through Leewarden. Canadians have pushed 10 miles beyond Arnhem on the Dutch Rhine... ~~The 1st Army, fighting southeast of Magdeburg,~~ has cleared the northern half of Halle and approached within 34 miles of Dresden. 3rd Army columns continued to advance beyond the Mulde between Chemnitz and Leipzig, and were 8 miles from the Czech border. In the south, the 7th Army is now 7 miles from Nurnberg... On the French Atlantic coast, French tanks reached Royan on the east bank of the Gironde, close to the river's mouth. French warships are shelling German positions. Before the French offensive opened American heavies in great strength attacked German positions with "flying flamethrowers," tanks containing jelled gasoline which spreads flames over a 600 yard area on striking, similar to the incendiaries recently dropped on Tokyo by B-29s. American bombers repeated the attack today... Mosquitos hit Berlin three times last night, meeting no ack ack on the last two attacks... Along with several high German officers, the Allies have taken prisoner Franz von Papen, first chancellor for Hitler, later troubleshooter for the Fuehrer. Von Papen was taken by Americans in the Ruhr pocket. Field Marshal von Mackensen, 96, who led German armies through Rumania in World War I, was also captured. Dr Seyss-Inquart, Nazi Gauleiter for Holland, narrowly escaped capture by the Canadians...

**SOUTH FRONT:** The 5th Army is on the offensive along with the 8th, in what Allied Hq in Italy described as the opening of the Spring offensive. In a record day of 3,750 flights, the MAAF pounded German positions, especially in the Bologna area. 5th Army troops took three heights in their drive on Spezia. In the east Polish troops drove beyond captured Imola to within 16 miles of Bologna. The British continue their advance over the Sillaro in the Comacchio sector. The Nazis were bringing up reinforcements on both fronts, in the east and west...

**EAST FRONT:** Berlin again reported a big Red offensive along the Oder River, with Berlin the apparent objective. Moscow gave no confirmation. The enemy report said that 75,000 Soviet troops using 200 tanks have concentrated on a 16 mile front between the fortresses of Kuestrin and Frankfurt-on-Oder... Moscow announced the capture of St Polten, and a further drive by its troops 5 miles westward to a point 50 miles from Linz. Floridsdorf, suburb of Vienna northeast of the capital, has been occupied by the Soviets...

**PACIFIC FRONT:** B-29s made their second low level incendiary attack on Tokyo in 48 hours. 400 Superforts were used in the first attack. Canton and Hongkong were also hit by Allied bombers... On Okinawa the 1st Marine Division advanced within 10 miles of the northern tip of the island while the 96th Division continued the artillery duel on the southern front, with the lines virtually unchanged. The front extends along a stream 4 miles north of Naha on the west coast to Yonabaru on the east coast. Motobil peninsula has been cleared of the enemy, and Americans are driving north on Ishikawa isthmus... Batan and Rapurapu, islets off the captured port of Legaspi, southeastern Luzon, are in American hands while in northern Luzon the 33rd Division captured Bilbil mountain and high ground around Monglo, 8 miles northwest of Baguio, forming a pincers on the summer capital... Australian troops on southern Bougainville are using 155s against the Japs, and a combined Allied air force of British, American, Australian and New Zealand planes are hammering the Japs. General Blamey, CG of Australian troops in the SW Pacific, declared that the Japs on Bougainville, at Wewak and Vitape on New Guinea and other bypassed positions are well fed, well clothed, well supplied, and prepared to carry on a long fight...