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GROUP HAILS SECOND ANNIVERSARY TODAY

TWO YEARS AGO TODAY this Air Depot Group was activated at Duncan Field, Texas. Activated the same day to compose the Group were Hq & Hq Squadron, under command of 1st Lt Thomas M Walton, now Major and Group Administrative Inspector, and a Supply and Repair Squadron, under command of Lt Shannon V West, who left the Group while it was still at Duncan.

QUARTERMASTER detachments were later attached to the Group, under command of Lt Frank J Krampitz, now taking pilot training in the States.

THE GROUP started its foreign service when an advance detail set out for this base in August 1942, the main body arriving here in November. The advance detail traveled by way of the North Pole, while the main body came by way of the South Pole, which explains the Iceland, Scotland, South America in our masthead.

SINCE its arrival here the Group has seen officers and men off on DS to all parts of the Africa-Middle East theatre. It has sent to the States a creditable number of Officer Candidates, Aviation Cadets and officers for pilot training, but with all the arrivals and departures, Rocville still has a large number of its original old settlers.

THE old timers' foreign service ranges from 15 to 18 months.

BOBCATS won the first game in the Snafu League series, beating Dem Bums 9-4. The two teams meet again tomorrow on the Snafu diamond at 1630.

GROUP CHOIR Rehearsal in Rocville Chapel at 1800 tonight.

Patricia Kelly
Luella Kanta
Sheila I. Hunter
May Hale
B. D. Higgins & Alva Harney
Donathy B. Sawyer
Bobbie Johnson
Elizabeth Watson

AUTOGRAPHS are of the ENSA "Stepping Out Company" which got cracking from the start last night in Rocville and put on two hours of swiftly-paced entertainment: songs, dances, skits and gags. Colorful costumes and never an idle moment. Good show, ENSA, come again.

THE MAN FROM DOWN UNDER is the film at the Rocsy tonight, with Charles Laughton and Binnie Barnes. Bushtown has the ENSA show, with a cast of three men and six girls, including Sheila, who looks like Miss England 1944.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to S/Sgt John R Gaskill, CM Tr; Pfc Frank S Levandowski, Rep 2.

AMERICAN SPORTS: Frankie Rubino, Brooklyn lightweight, pounded out a ten round victory over Aaron Selter in New York. Proceeds went to the National Infantile Paralysis Fund...Hockey league-leading Montreal Canadiens took their 7th straight win to knock Toronto out of second place, score 6-3...Boston Bruins took second place by downing Chicago 6-4...In Tuesday night's basketball games, Bates beat the Booth Bay Coast Guard 88-25; Camp Reynolds 64, Westminster 45; Indiana 47, Camp Atterbury 32; Ohio State 40, Ohio Wesleyan 33...

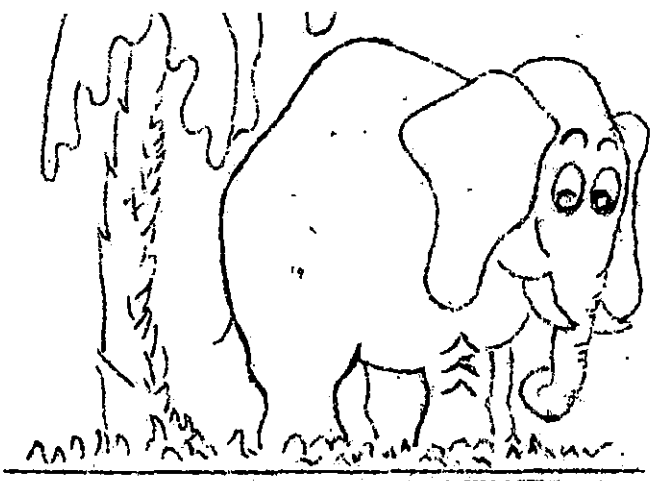
RUSSIA: The advance of Russian troops across the 1939 Russo-Polish frontier brought Russo-Polish relations into the limelight again. In London the Polish Government in Exile announced that the Polish underground movement had been instructed to continue to intensify its resistance to the Nazis, to avoid all conflict with the Red forces and enter into cooperation with Soviet Commanders in the event of resumption of Polish-Soviet relations. The statement added, "There is no country ~~in the world where Poles have not contributed to furthering the common cause; the~~ Polish nation, therefore, is entitled to expect full justice and redress as soon as it is set free from enemy occupation."...The First Ukrainian Army took Berdychev, 93 miles southwest of Kiev and continued to drive southward against the Nazis in the Dnieper Bend region. Soviets are now 20 miles from Mironovka on the communications line from Smyela to the west. They are also 40 miles from Kanev, last German stronghold on the western bank of the Middle Dnieper. Southwest of the Kiev bulge they are clearing the way to the upper reaches of the Bug River and the rail communications with Poland. The latter movement has been facilitated by the capture of Berdychev, which the Nazis counted on to delay large Red forces...In White Russia Soviet troops occupied 90 more towns in the Nevel sector and are approaching Sokolniki on the direct rail line to Leningrad...

PACIFIC: After beating off a Jap counter attack, US Marines started a new drive from Cape Gloucester along the north coast of New Britain towards Borgen Bay. They are meeting stiffer resistance now, but have enlarged their hold on the Cape Gloucester air field...Americans at Saidor, New Guinea, were meeting slight resistance while 80 miles to their east, on the Huon peninsula, Australians were meeting little Jap opposition in their drive on Cape King William. The Japs were leaving behind quite a bit of equipment...Allied bombers struck at Medang airfield, got a direct hit on a Jap cruiser off New Ireland and blew up 2 freighters off Koepang. 17 enemy planes were destroyed on these missions and 5 probables claimed...Japan will seek a peace after her first major defeat, a Chinese Cabinet Member, Dr T F Tsiang predicted in Portland, Ore. "The end will come quickly after Japan's blockade of the Chinese coast is broken," said Dr Tsiang...

ITALY: Americans are advancing along a 10 mile front about a mile in depth on the interior front. There was street fighting in San Vittro, after American infantry took three heights northeast of that town. Italian troops are at the front with Americans, serving chiefly as supply detachments...Stiff fighting was reported on the Adriatic front, while along the front the Germans were digging in to stall the Allied drive on Rome...Bad weather limited aerial action to attacks on gun positions...

EUROPE: The RAF flew deep into northeastern Germany to strike heavily at Stettin, Capital of Pomerania and noted for its ship yards, chemical factories and oil refineries...Mosquitoes bombed Berlin while other planes hit targets in northern France and western Germany. From these missions 15 bombers are missing...US heavy bombers struck at Kiel the second time in 24 hours. They encountered rocket firing Messerschmitts and a smoke screen over the target. Other US bombers, escorted by Thunderbolts, bombed targets in western Germany and the Bordeaux, France, airfield. During the day 95 German fighters were shot down, 62 by bombers and 33 by fighters. 25 of our bombers are missing, and 12 fighters...Medium and fighter bombers continued the pounding of French coastal installations, and all planes returned safely...

UNITED STATES: The President convened a special emergency board to study the overtime pay demands of the rail unions. The same board previously recommended sliding scale raises of 4 to 10 cents but did not consider the overtime proposal put forward subsequently by the 15 unions. The board will report in 30 days...The Navy revealed that it was the US destroyer Turner, Commander Henry Sollett Wygant which exploded and sank off Sandy Hook, and the US destroyer Leary, Commander James Ellsworth Koster, which was torpedoed in the Atlantic. Both commanders lost



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 NO SHOW at the Rocsy tonight or at the Bushtown theatre.

A BOXER weighing 140 pounds, or one who can train down to 140, is wanted for a trip to Cairo, for bouts there. Report to Special Service Office, Bushtown.

ROCVILLE enlisted men's Athletic Committee will meet in the Group Special Service office at 1900.

NO ORGANIZATION property, such as sheets pillow covers, mattress covers, blankets or mosquito bars should be put in laundry bags. These items will be handled by Supply Sergeants.

SPICED BY A full-fledged free for all, Toronto Maple Leafs finally stopped the winning streak of league leading Montreal at 9 straight, and handed them their first shutout of the season, 5-0. Teddy Atkinson, runner-up for riding honors last year, resumed the drive for top honors this year. Atkinson booted home 4 winners on opening day at Hialeah, and has booted home at least 2 every day since...Basketball: Baylor 48, Texas Aggies 43; Dartmouth 56, Boston Coast Guard 40; De Pauw 39, Wabash 31; Great Lakes Naval 59, Lawrence 27; North Carolina 41, Florence Air Base 19; Notre Dame 52, Marquette 46; Sampson Naval 51, Villanova 36; South Carolina 65, Camp Butner 30; Washington State 49, Oregon State 35; Camp Grant 49, Camp Ellis 36; Columbia Naval 56, Brooklyn Coast Guard 28.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Pfc Carroll H Holcomb, Sup; Pfc Clinton S Jacks, Rep.

GROUP CHOIR REHEARSAL in the Group Chapel tonight at 1900.

LOST: Elgin wrist watch, silver case, 15 jewels. Reward. Cpl E E Dean, Hut K-8
 LOST: Billfold, containing ration card. Cpl Sanchez, Hut M-2.

SOCIETY NOTES: Major Thomas M Walton of Pittsburgh and Rocville held a housewarming last night...Guests grumbled when they found it was strictly a water wagon affair.

AND WHO DAT SGT in Hq who lost his best chance to play Fire Chief, last night? He went to the hospital earlier in the evening with the bug, and another driver took his place.

HEREWITH A TEAR SHEET for Sgt Clarence J Bosse, who was a member of this Group until he got the wanderlust and took off for parts censorable. Bosse was Chief of our Strategy Bureau, and checked our war maps every day to see that they were kept up to date.

BOSSE WRITES: "It gets darn cold here every morning. The climate is very nice. (Acclimatized, Bosse?) We also have good hunting here. (But are the natives friendly?) We've been having some good old gazelle steaks quite often and you can imagine how much we enjoy that...well, Lynch, give the WHO DAT Editor and the rest of dem bums my best wishes."

BOSSE, you never had it so good. A nice climate, gazelle steaks, and all that lovely brown desert to look at all day.

BOBCATS won the first game in the Bushtown series, beating the Outcasts 6-1 yesterday. Second game tomorrow at the Snafu diamond.

IT'S POP CORN growing in the Sup Sq Victory Garden, says Capt Wilson, a small tenant farmer. The yield so far has been two ears, but then things are slow all around in this part of Africa. The hot sun is a problem though; one day the sun got so hot that the corn popped and Pete the Parrot almost had his tail assembly shot away. Only evasive action saved him from the flak.

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RUSSIA: Sarny, a rail town in Poland on the Warsaw-Odessa railroad, was taken by the Soviets yesterday. Their advance moved northward from Sarny in the direction of Pinsk, from which they were 40 miles distant. Capture of Pinsk would cut off German forces near the Pripet marshes, and would also serve as the western arm of a pincers movement, with the eastern arm developing out of the Red drive on Mozyr, a Russian town about 150 miles due east of Pinsk. The advance on Mozyr started 2 days ago and extends along a 20 mile front 10 miles in depth. One column, approaching Mozyr from the southeast is now 11 miles from that place, while another is 15 miles distant. The bulge in the Russian front, which started with the drive westward from Kiev, is now extending in all directions. To the southeast the Reds are 15 miles from the Warsaw-Odessa railroad in the Vinnitsa sector... Moscow listed 15,000 Nazi dead in the Kirovograd area, where the Red Army is mopping up remnants of the Nazi forces trapped by the capture of Kirovograd...

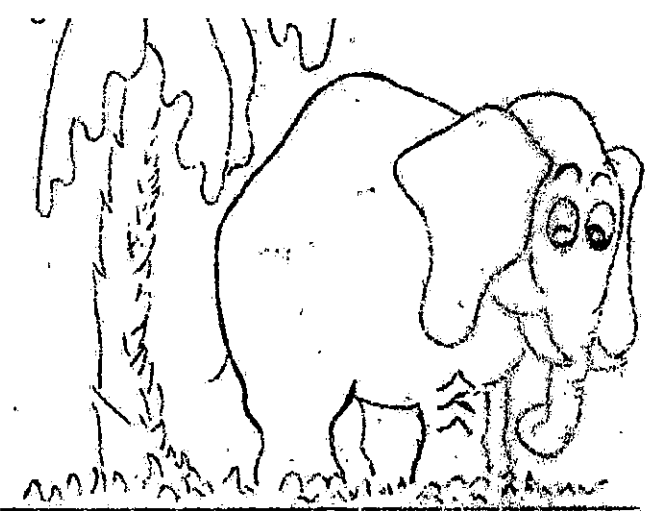
~~PACIFIC: The Allied offensive appeared to be making best progress on the Huon peninsula, New Guinea, where Jap forces are being gradually squeezed by the American drive south on the peninsula, to meet the Australians coming up. The Australians have passed Scharnhorst Point and crossed the Buri River. 9 barges which the Japs were trying to use as escape boats from the Saidor area were sunk yesterday, while Allied aircraft sank 27 other barges near Medang... 3 Jap barges bringing supplies to the enemy at Borgen Bay, New Britain were sunk. Marines continued to push back the Japs on the Borgen Bay front. Jap dead in the Gloucester area fighting was estimated at 2400, while the Marines have lost 400 dead and wounded...~~

ITALY: French troops of the 5th Army advanced against stiff resistance and captured several heights... American forces penetrated Cervaro, about 4 miles east of Cassino... ~~Rising temperatures converted snowy battlefields into a mire...~~ British destroyers again struck at the German flank on the Adriatic sea, shelling Nazi positions at a place 65 miles north of Pescara and at another 50 miles northwest of Ancona. Rail traffic in both places was badly damaged... Fighter bombers attacked Nazi positions in the Orsogna area...

GREECE-YUGO-SLAVIA: American Flying Forts and fighters attacked Piraeus, harbor for Athens, in daylight, followed by RAF Wellingtons at night. 11 enemy planes were destroyed and 7 Allied planes lost in this and other operations in this theatre... German tank units have broken Yugo-Slav defenses below Banja-Luka and are headed toward Jajce, 30 miles further south...

EUROPE: Over 100 Nazi planes were destroyed in the big daylight battle which developed during a heavy raid on Germany Tuesday by the USAAF, Gen Arnold revealed. 59 of our bombers and 5 fighters were lost, about 5% of the attacking force. Gen Arnold said the raid resulted in the wiping out of production at 3 enemy aircraft plants for months to come...

UNITED STATES: Bills to establish Federal control of voting by soldiers overseas were introduced in Congress by two groups of Senators. The bills leave ballot requirements, such as poll taxes, up to the states. The House Elections Committee has taken steps to speed action on similar measures... Navy Sec Knox announced that naval trainees would continue to play college football "even though the Army does not agree with us that it has a place in wartime training." ... Wilhelm Albrecht von Pressentin von Rautter, a German count studying botany at Columbia University, was arrested by the FBI on charges of receiving \$5,000 from the Nazi government for information about convoys and invasion plans... Identical bills were introduced in the House and Senate to enact the national service law called for by the President in his message to Congress. Rep Wadsworth (N.Y., R) and Senator Austin (Vt., R) introduced the bills. The proposed measures would make all civilian males 18 to through 64 and all civilian females 18 through 49 subject to a labor draft. The present Selective Service machinery would be used to register workers and call for volunteers. Compulsory labor would be required only if the voluntary method failed. Both employers and employees would have the right to appeal objectionable assignments. The worker would be paid the established wage for his particular job and work the accepted number of hours. He would be allowed to decide whether to join a trade union. Compensation would be paid during periods of training and there would be



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 THE ARTIST who drew our WHO DAT elephant, Sgt Johnny Grubba, of WASC, has his troubles, despite his usual carefree, happy beam. His girl, whom he calls "Mac" for short, sent him a letter addressed correctly, but at the bottom it wound up, Fleet PO, Miami, Fla. Johnny knows you don't address a soldier's mail to a Fleet PO. He also knows that "Mac" is a WAVE. That's not all; recently she sent him a photo of herself---that's good---but to left and right of the fair lady are GIs, looking very happy about it all. It shouldn't happen to a Sergeant, especially one who draws our WHO DAT elephants.

ENLISTED MEN'S Recreation Committee, Rocville Chapter, will meet in Group Hqtrs Tuesday night at 1815. 1st Sgts please notify Squadron representatives. PX and Mess Hall should also send representatives.

TONIGHT there will be another meeting, for the EM Welcoming Committee, which will meet USO and other stage troupes, in the Special Service Office, Rocville at 1830. The following will be present: S/Sgt McKenna, Hq; Sgt Henry T. Maloy, Hq; Cpl Jack Anderson, Rep; Sgt Ed Storer, Sup; Cpl Pfennig, Rep 2; S/Sgt Robert F Board, Ord (for QMs) and S/Sgt John F Blakeney, Jr, Serv.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to: Pvt Thomas R Kerr, Serv; Pfc Wilbur S, Searcy, Hq; Sgt Francis J Stockton, Hq; Sgt Anthony G D'Antonio, Rep; Cpl Edward R Johnston, Serv.

WHO DAT got a bit of publicity in STARS & STRIPES' latest issue. In its Bolts From the Blue column, S & S quoted from our suggestions to Hollywood to put out one film which did not show GIs coming home from the combat zones after 3 months, but showed GIs coming home about the only way they do, for OCS, Aviation Cadet, or after long service in combat conditions.

LOST: Pair of eyeshades in showers between K and L rows. John Q Hill, Hut K-7.

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 NORTHERN PURSUIT, with Errol Flynn and Julie Bishop, is the feature at the Rocsy tonight. Bushtown shows MADAME CURIE with Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon, a Grade "A" film.

THERE IS NO JOY in part of Bushtown, for the might Bobcats have struck out. After winning the Snafu championship, the Bobcats bowed to the mightier Outcasts, the champs of the Tarfu League. Outcasts won yesterday, 1-0, winning the Bushtown pennant, and now ready to play the Hilted GIs, champs of Rocville, for the privilege of a jaunt to Cairo, to play GIs at that resort.

GARDINER, pitching for the Outcasts, allowed 3 hits, while Gartman for the Bobcats allowed 2---all hits were singles. The Outcasts scored in the 6th, by a single, an error, another error, a double play and another error. Heischubert brought in the winning run on the 3rd error, made by Alcon, Bobcats' 3rd Baseman.

COMMUNICATIONS boys in Bushtown challenge anybody---anybody at all---to a touch football game. See Sgt McWilliams.

THOSE WHO LIKE to walk up and down the beach beside the wild waves may do so without going off limits, as the present off-limits signs have been moved. It is permissible to walk along the beach to the palms at the north, short of the firing range, and to the palms at the south end of the beach. The beach in this area is on limits, but the shore behind the beach continues off limits.

THAT'S WILD 'N WOOLY baseball played on the Rocville diamond on a Sunday afternoon. At times it includes a bit of touch football, and every man is an umpire.

ITALY: The fall of Cassino seemed imminent as Americans crossed the Rapido River, last physical obstacle in the way, about two miles southeast of the city. Advances have been made in other directions around the city, and French troops were 7 miles to its northeast at Aquafondata. Americans consolidated positions on Mt Trocchio, which they captured Saturday. Cassino is about 75 miles southeast of Rome, on a direct, major highway to the Italian capital, and has been held by formidable German defenses...Allied heavy bombers hit the Messerschmitt factory at Klagenfurt, Austria, the harbor and airfields at Zara on the Adriatic east coast. Medium bombers attacked enemy gun positions in Italy. 18 enemy planes were shot down during the day, to our loss of 5...

RUSSIA: After a ten day lull on the Nevel-Veliki Luki front, the 1st Baltic Army has opened anew drive, advancing 5 miles on a 10 mile front. They cut the railroad north of Sokolniki, limiting Nazi escape from that place to one rail line running to Riga on the Baltic Sea. Although Berlin has for several days reported a Russian offensive on the front west of Leningrad, the Soviets so far have not confirmed these reports. The Nevel fighting is the northernmost active front reported by the Russians. Berlin says that there are now 15 fighting fronts from Nevel south to Uman in the Ukraine....Stiffest resistance offered by the Nazis is in the Uman-Vannitsa area, where the Nazis are trying desperately to hold a salient which protects their left flank on the southern front...The Nazis were having a rough time north and northwest of the Kiev bulge, where Soviets drove 15 miles northwest of Kalinkovichi, pushing their pincers closer to the western arm, pointed north from Sarny in Poland. In between guerrillas in the Pripet marshes hurried the German withdrawal by cutting off small parties of rearguards. In Poland the Reds were 20 miles west of Sarny and have a column moving southwest 16 miles from Rovno (Rowne)...Partisans in Bessarabia, along the Rumanian frontier, wrecked a Nazi supply train.

PACIFIC: After a week of hard fighting, US Marines took Hill 660 in the Gloucester area of New Britain...On New Guinea the Australians captured Seo and continued 3 miles beyond. It is believed the Japs will pull out of the trap being formed by the Australians and Americans, and then make a stand at Madang, the first major Jap base to be met on the northeast coast of New Guinea...Rabaul was the scene of another Allied air victory, when Dauntless dive bombers and torpedo bombers attacked a Jap naval force of 9 vessels, including a light cruiser, a destroyer and 7 cargo vessels. Results were not given, but of the Jap fighters which rose to meet our planes, 29 were destroyed, and 16 probables claimed. 3 airdromes near Rabaul were targets for American heavy bombers...Alexishafen on New Guinea was another target, the Allies knocking down 37 Jap planes, 16 probables. We lost 2 bombers and 8 fighters...

EUROPE: The invasion of Europe from the west loomed nearer with the establishment of Allied Supreme Hqtrs in London, on the arrival there of Gen Eisenhower, Allied Commander in Chief of the Western Front. Eisenhower landed in London after a conference with President Roosevelt in Washington, and another with Prime Minister Churchill, recovering from pneumonia in Marrakech...The Nazi offensive against Marshal Tito's Partisans in Yugo-Slavia has been halted in central and western Bosnia. One German column reached Kresevo, 10 miles west of Sarajevo before the Partisans threw them back...Nearly 30% of Leipzig, in northern Germany, was devastated by RAF raids on December 3rd, the British Air Ministry disclosed. Almost 50 war plants and 77 other factories were hit...The United Press from Stockholm reported 12,000 killed and one fifth of Brunswick destroyed in last Friday's raid which scored several damaging hits on the Messerschmitt works. The raid destroyed the city's gas and electrical systems and damaged the foreign workers' camps...10 to 15 enemy ships were damaged by aerial action in the Aegean during the weekend...

ARGENTINA: Two earthquakes struck San Juan, capital of San Juan province, taking the lives of 200 and injuring thousands. 50 to 70% of the town's houses were destroyed. Aid was rushed by air from Buenos Aires and Chile, and the American Red Cross offered medical supplies and assistance to the victims...

UNITED STATES: The American people will get more news of development of our post-war policy as a consequence of reorganization of the State Dept. Undersecretary of State Stettinius announced. Mr Hull will be chairman of two new committees: a Policy Committee and Post-War Committee. and Mr Stettinius will be sec-

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 ENSA VARIETY SHOW at the Rocsy tonight; Sunday, DU BARRY WAS A LADY, with Lucille Ball and Red Skelton. Bushtown, tonight, DANGEROUS BLONDE; with Evelyn Keyes, Edmond Lowe and Allyn Joslyn; Sunday, USO CAMP SHOW, Frank Payne MC, Wesley Pierce and Hazel Harris, dance team; June Bruner, accordionist and singer; Erna Fairchild, tap dancer. Please note that USO and ENSA shows in Bushtown start at 2000; in Rocville, all movies and stage shows start at 1900.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Capt Luther P Wheate, Pfc Paul W Bryan, Rep 2; Cpl George Hall, Rep 2; MONDAY: Pvt Francis L McVeagh, Rep 2; Pfc Walter H Jensen, Rep 2; Pfc Seymour Glaser, Sup.

TWO IMPROVEMENTS in the Mess Hall are the removal of several tables, which provides more space and cuts down the risk of having a portion of C ration stew cascade down your neck, and the placing of fruit juice on a table at the beginning of the chop line, so that you can drink your fruit juice while moving along the line. Both suggestions were made by the Enlisted Men's Recreation Committee.

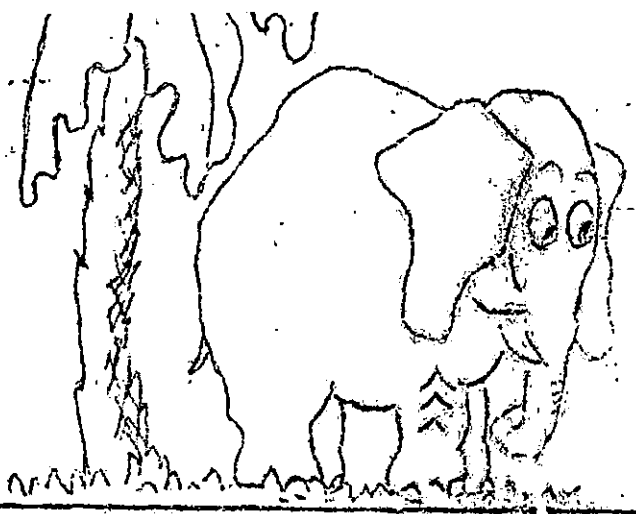
SOCIETY NEWS is slack today: From Alex came S/Sgt Charles J Lark, Rep 2; from Cairo, T/Sgt Joseph C Pendergrast, OM Plat and T/4 William R Palmer, OM Plat.

CATHOLIC CHOIR rehearsal tonight in the Station Chapel at 1900.

GROUP CHOIR rehearsal in Group Chapel tonight at 1800.

FLASH: Six (6) Girls---count'em---Six (6) in the ENSA show tonight: Toni Hudson, Irene Wisher, Wynne Bultos, Joy Carroll, Kay Owens and Jo Marwood.

YESTERDAY'S WHO DAT may be mailed home, the Base Censor informs us.



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 WHAT DO WE find in the mail but an indignant letter from S/Sgt Harry Ossoff, Sup. of Brooklyn:

SIR:
 I wish to emphatically protest an item appearing in your publication, in connection with my name, and an action attributed to me, to wit: that I'd been smearing peanut butter on a vitamin pill.

Like all real newspapers, WHO DAT has been guilty of a gross misstatement, and a distortion of the true facts.

The real story:

Recently I saw a GI approach the serving table hopefully, only to sight the hash, whereupon he turned up his nose and moved on---an on, until he reached the water, of which he took his fill. A handful of vitamin pills won the No. 1 spot on his tray, and a generous dab of peanut butter took over the right flank.

As he smeared the butter on one pill after another and jammed them into his mouth, I asked him why he ate them that way, and he replied: "Because I don't like the taste of these pills."

Then I continued, "Why do you eat all those pills, then?"

His answer, so help me, "Pal, I always live in hopes. I eat these pills, so that I'll be strong enough to get out of bed tomorrow morning, and come down and see what they've got for breakfast."

I'm sure that WHO DAT, in the true democratic spirit, will take full cognizance of its error, and make full rectification, and thereby not injure my good name.

Respectfully yours,
 S/Sgt Harry Ossoff

HARRY, FAR be us from it to injure your good name by suggesting that you put peanut butter on a vitamin pill. As a matter of fact we thought it was a good idea, and were glad to give you credit for it. But, Harry, a split infinitive in your first sentence! In Forest Hills it shouldn't be.

AMERICAN SPORTS: Detroit's hockey Red Wings made it 6 wins in a row when they edged out the Chicago Blackhawks 4-3. Rookie goalie Connie Dion starred for the Wings as the Hawks sent 6 forwards on the ice in the closing minutes of the game in an effort to tie the score...BRANCH (THE TRADER) RICKBY, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers predicted that the major leagues will operate in 1944, despite the player shortage, but expressed doubt that the minors would be able to operate 9 leagues as they did last year...BASKETBALL: Catholic U downed Washington College 42-31...Dartmouth blasted Worcester Nortons 61-50...Indiana State rapped De Pauw Naval, 52-40...North Carolina 50, VMI 22...R.I.State 57, Brown 42...

ITALY: British Commandos and American Rangers have made new landings on the west coast of Italy far to rear of the enemy lines. The exact location of the landings was not disclosed. A tremendous air and sea assault preceded the landings, which took place early this morning, and were coordinated with attacks by the 5th Army in the Liri valley and along the Garigliano river. The Allies evidently intend to push up the coastal plain and bypass the strong mountain positions held by the Nazis. French units of the 5th continued to close in on Cassino, in the west-central sector...Allied planes bombed airfields in Italy over a wide range, and flew up as far as Marseilles. 7 enemy planes were shot down during the day, with a loss of 5 Allied craft...

RUSSIA: Russian forces making a junction west of Leningrad wiped out the German salient on the Gulf of Finland, while a new offensive, to the southeast of Leningrad brought the capture of the vital rail and road junction at Mga, which cuts the rail line leading east to Vokkhov...Further south, more villages were taken beyond Novgorod as a Red force moved northward to meet the force coming south from Leningrad. A juncture of the two drives would envelop Nazi forces in the Novgorod-Leningrad sector...Red forces were 30 miles northwest of Mozyr, on the eastern arm of the pincers intended to trap the Germans still in the Pripet marshes...No news of the fighting on the southern fringe of the Kiev bulge...

PACIFIC: Allied warships shelled Jap positions on Buka island, just north of Bougainville, while on the south coast of Bougainville light naval units harried enemy positions in the Empress Augusta area...American Liberators destroyed 5 enemy planes in an attack on Amboina. Two Liberators were lost...Fighter escorted Liberators hit Newak on New Guinea, dropping 133 tons of bombs on Boram air-drome and destroying 12 of 50 Jap interceptors...

EUROPE: RAF heavy bombers dropped over 2000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries on the industrial center of Magdeburg in Central Germany. Lancasters and Mosquitoes raided Berlin while other missions had targets in western Germany, northern France, and mines were laid in enemy waters. 55 RAF bombers are missing from these missions. These raids followed daylight attacks by American Fords and Liberators over the region of Calais. They were escorted Thunderbolts and Lightnings which shot down 7 Nazi planes, while the bombers knocked ^{down} more...Enemy positions in northern France were pounded throughout the day by several hundred RAF and USAAF planes. In these operations a total of 19 enemy planes were shot down...The Germans sent over the largest number of planes over England they have used in some time. At least 90 raiders made 2 attacks and 8 enemy bombers were shot down...Partisans re-captured their headquarters at Jajce from the Nazis and declared that the area between Markonji Grad and Glamoc southwest of Jajce in western Bosnia was cleared of the enemy...Countess Edda Ciano, Mussolini's daughter and widow of the executed Count Ciano, arrived in Switzerland with Dino Alfieri, former Fascist diplomat. Both were interned...Capt Leonard Plugge, conservative member of Parliament, suggested in Commons that Britain consider approaching the US and the dominions on the possibility of equal Army pay. His idea was for the various governments to pool their army pay and pay all soldiers the same rates. British base pay is \$18 a month. He was promptly squelched. Deputy Prime Minister Atlee shouted "Impossible," and an unidentified member asked, "Do you want to start another war?" ...

UNITED STATES: Philadelphia streets, littered with garbage and rubbish are due for a cleaning, now that three unions of municipal workers have signed an agreement ending their strike. They asked for a 10 cents an hour raise, and got five...American subs recently sank 12 more Jap ships, bringing the total enemy loss

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 COMING ATTRACTIONS: At The Rocsy tonight, no show; Sunday, PARIS AFTER DARK, with George Sanders; Monday, SHERLOCK HOLMES SECRET WEAPON, with Basil Rathbone; Wednesday, THE HEAT'S ON, with Mae West, Bill Gaxton and Victor Moore; Friday, HIGHER AND HIGHER, with Frankie Sinatra.

AT BUSHTOWN: Tonight, GOVERNMENT GIRL, with Olivia de Havilland; Sunday and Monday, HIGHER AND HIGHER; Tuesday, PARIS AFTER DARK; Wednesday, SHERLOCK HOLMES SECRET WEAPON; Friday and Saturday, THE HEAT'S ON.

GROUP Choir rehearsal tonight at 1900 in the Group Chapel.

NO CATHOLIC choir rehearsal tonight.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW to Cpl Francis A Bozeman, Rep 2; Cpl John Q Hill, Rep; MONDAY: Pfc Douglas L Hurd, Hq.

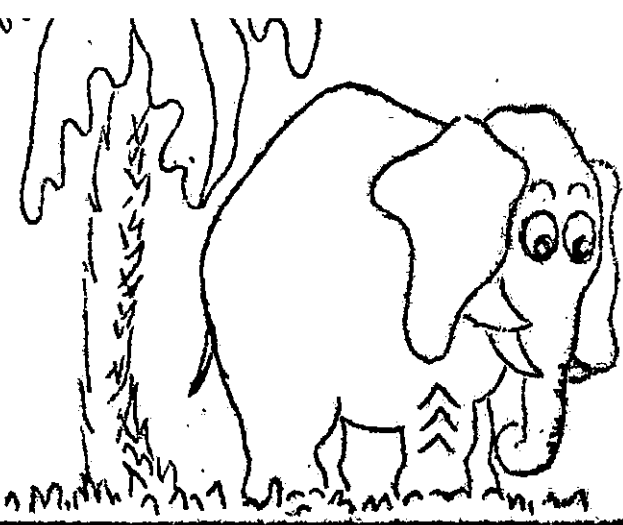
SECOND GAME in the Bush World Series will be played Sunday at 1600 on the Tarfu diamond, Bushtown. Transportation for Rocville fans available at 1530, from bus stop.

TO JO'BERG on furlough: Sgt Gerald R Johnson, Serv; T/Sgt Brooksie Fields, Rep; Sgt Burton A Duke, Hq; S/Sgt George R Heimel, Rep 2.

A REMINDER to those interested in radio work: a meeting will be held in the Bush town Theatre Sunday at 1745.

WHO DAT S/Sgt maintains an observation post at the top of the hill overlooking broad and beautiful Latrine Boulevard, to see who comes from the PX carrying beer, and then finds a reason to visit their hut?

THAT PICTURE of Joy Carroll, ENSA dancer decorating somebody's hut, was swiped from Gr Hqtrs Bulletin Board.



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JILTED GIs TAKE FIRST SERIES GAME, 9-7

ROCVILLE---Heavy hitting by both teams featured the first game of the Bush World Series, with the Jilted GIs, champs of Rocville, trouncing the Bushtown champs, the Outcasts, 9 to 7.

Amateurish fielding ran up a total of 10 errors in the game. The lead seesawed, with one team ahead, then the other.

For the winning GIs, Gwinn and Fitzpatrick starred with two extra base blows apiece. For the losers, the fancy fielding of Newkirk in left field saved the Outcasts numerous times.

	ab	r	h	e
Jilted GIs (9)				
Vorthman, sf	4	1	1	1
Wishart, lf	4	0	2	2
Meeh, 3b	3	1	1	2
Fitzpatrick, cf	3	0	2	1
Lindaman, 2b	2	1	0	0
Lis, ss	2	0	0	1
Sobozak, lb	2	2	2	0
Marckikitis, c	2	2	1	1
Fredericson, rf	0	0	0	0
Kachanuski, rf	2	1	1	0
Gwinn, p	2	1	2	0

	ab	r	h	e
OUTCASTS (7)				
Heischubert, rf	4	0	0	0
Delaney, ss	3	0	0	1
Gardner, ss	1	0	0	0
Ziarnowski, p	4	0	1	0
Kadlec, lb	3	1	1	0
Alacoin, 2b	3	1	1	0
Gorstein, 3b	3	1	1	0
Dye, sf	3	2	2	1
Shulten, c	3	2	2	1
Newkirk, lf	2	0	0	0
Stelzov, cf	3	0	2	0

R H E

OUTCASTS	0	3	0	1	0	3	0	7	10	3
JILTED GIs	0	3	0	0	3	3	x	10	12	7

ITALY: Allied invasion forces on the beachhead south of Rome pushed their lines 12 miles north of Anzio, and also made some gains inland. Along the coast British naval units aided the advance by shelling German gun positions and transport moving along shore roads...On the southern front French and American units advanced in the Cassino sector, taking more high positions north of Cassino...The Mediterranean Air Force made 1500 sorties yesterday, ranging from the front lines in Italy to airfields in southern France. Heavy bombers with fighter escorts raided the rail yards at Verona, Italy, while medium bombers struck at rail bridges and yards, including those at Turin. Fighters and fighter bombers harassed the enemy along the front lines and just behind them. 36 enemy planes were shot down during the day while we lost 5 planes...

RUSSIA: Soviet troops now control the railway from Leningrad to Moscow with the exception of the German position at Chudovo. The latter place is now under attack, and almost surrounded, so its fall is expected momentarily. Lyuban was taken yesterday, and its garrison wiped out. Lyuban is a station on the rail line...The Russians were moving on Luga from the north...Moscow revealed that the USSR had balanced its budget in 1940, 1941 and 1942. The announcement was made by the Supreme Soviet during its second session since the war began. The same body also praised the assistance given Russia in its war effort by the Allies...

PACIFIC: American heavy bombers hit Jap airfields in the Admiralty islands for the 5th time in 6 days. The Admiralty group is 370 miles northwest of Rabaul...22 Jap planes were shot down over Rabaul when planes based in the Solomons hit that target yesterday, sending over 100 planes and losing 4...American bombers again raided the Marshalls and Nauru...On New Guinea Australians captured Kiari, about 11 miles beyond the Seo Mission. They also made good progress in the Ramu Valley

EUROPE: The RAF was over Berlin again last night. The previous night they dropped 1500 tons of bombs...London had a brief alert as enemy raiders flew over East Anglia and southeast England...Sixteen year old boys and girls registered in England today for military service...The Associated Press in London corrected its story of yesterday that Capt Jimmy Stewart turned down a majority, saying he wanted to wait until his junior officers were promoted. It wasn't true. He's wearing the oak leaf...The 8th USAAF completed two years of operations, having dropped 27,676 tons of bombs on Germany and 19,164 tons in Nazi occupied territories. Heavy bomber gunners of the 8th have destroyed 385 enemy interceptors, while US fighters destroyed 561 Nazi fighters. Losses in two years totaled 1130 heavy bombers and 185 fighters...According to DNB, German News Agency, the Bulgarian Government, after a two day session of parliament, issued a communique declaring that Bulgarian territories, especially Thrace and Macedonia must be defended...

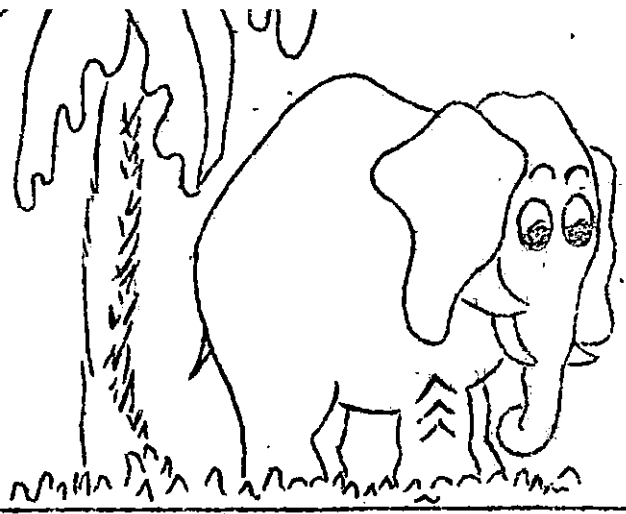
UNITED STATES: Morale on the SW Pacific fronts is best "Up at the front where the boys are being bombed every night and are slugging it out with the Japs," Commander Gene Tunney told the press on his return from a 6 months tour of the SW Pacific Theatre. "There is some grouching further back and in non-combat areas," he added, "they bellyache like hell," but up front "there is constant consciousness of a job well done and fellows far behind are eternally crabbing because they're not up front..."...Documentary evidence of Japanese mistreatment of American prisoners of war was disclosed by the Army and Navy. White House Secretary Early explained that the information was published because "the government can no longer expect to get further relief to American prisoners of war in the hands of the Japanese." At least 5200 Americans have lost their lives through mistreatment in Jap camps, and many more Filipinos have met a similar fate. The information was supplied by Commander Melvin H McCoy, USN, Lt Col S M Mellnik, USA, CA, Lt Col William E Dyess, all of whom escaped from Jap prison camps. Lt Col Dyess later died in a fighter plane crash at Burbank, Calif. (Similar reports of Jap mistreatment were revealed to the House of Commons yesterday, the deaths of many British and Indians being attributed to Jap methods of confinement)...Legislation to enable service men overseas to vote in the coming Presidential election was still knocking around Congress with considerable debate about the pending Green-Lucas bill backed by the President. Some legislators are holding out for complete state control of their electors' ballots, but one difficulty in the way is the fact that many legislatures are not due to convene this year. A compromise was proposed by Sen Ball, (R, Minn) who urged that the Federal ballot would extend to the extent that states failed to meet

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JILTED GIs TAKE BUSH WORLD SERIES, 3 TO 2

By T/4 Oscar Williams
 (Editor of FILE 13)

BUSHTOWN---The guy forgot to touch 3rd and overthrew 1st and so gave the Jilted GIs, champs. of Rocville, the Bush World Series pennant and the right to a trek to Cairo, nosing the Outcasts 3 to 2 in the second game of the series. Tarfu diamond in Bushtown was the scene of the fray, and a goodly crowd was there.

"Call the MPs!" was the keynote of a wild, close match that went an extra inning after the Rocville champs had knotted it deuce all in the 6th, and they probably would have done just that except that the MPs were playing ball. Anxious base running resulted in some of the wierdest base plays seen in the Bush League.

The GI playoff came in the top of the 8th when Lindaman scored from 2nd on Sobczak's grounder, which Outcast third baseman Gorstein fielded and threw short to 1st. Had he touched 3rd, Lindaman's force-out would have retired the side. The last inning effort of the Outcasts to score failed even with a pinch hitter and there was no joy in Bushtown.

Home runs for each side accounted for the game's tying scores. A jolting homerun over left-field's head in the first inning by Outcast Kadlec scored Dye and gave the Flatfeet a 2-0 lead they held until the 6th. Then "Moe" Meeh packed his bat up to the plate and did likewise with a nasty blow that leaped crazily over Outcast outfielder Heischubert, and brought in Wishart.

In the 4th and 5th innings the Bushtown champs lost golden opportunities to score. Gwinn pitched steady six-hit ball, while the GIs knicked Gardner for 8. Alacon's fielding for the Outcasts was one bright spot for the losers, but ther Outcast's three errors proved costly.

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JILTED GIs (3)	ab r h e
Vorthman, sf	4 0 0 0
Wishart, lf	4 1 1 0
Meeh, 3b	4 1 1 0
Fitzpatrick, cf	2 0 0 0
Lindaman, 2b	4 1 1 0
Lis, ss	4 0 2 0
Sobczak, lb	4 0 1 0
Marchikitis, c	4 0 0 0
Washlisky, rf	2 0 0 0
Kachanuski, rf	1 0 0 0
Gwinn, p	2 0 2 0
	3 8 0
OUTCASTS (2)	
Heischubert, rf	3 0 1 0
Schulten, c	3 0 1 0
Dye, sf	3 1 2 0
Gorstein, 3b	3 1 1 0
Kadlec, lb	3 0 0 2
Zianowski, 2b	3 0 0 0
Gardner, p	3 0 0 0
Newkirk, lf	2 0 0 0
Alacon, ss	3 0 0 1
Stelzer, cf	2 0 1 0
Swearingen,*	2 0 0 0
	2-6 3

*Batted for Newkirk in 8th

JILTED GIs want to thank Rocville fans for the big turn out at yesterday's game in Bushtown. They appreciate the support.

SHERLOCK HOLMES' SECRET WEAPON, with Basil Rathbone, is at the Rocsy tonight. Bushtown has HIGHER AND HIGHER, with Frankie Sinatra.

SERVICE RIBBONS: Anyone wishing to order service ribbons mounted in combinations see T/Sgt Howard, Hut V-4. No more orders taken after tomorrow.

ITALY: Advance British units of the 5th Army below Rome were within 20 miles of the Italian capital, after a push north which included the capture of Carrocetti. The drive was made along the northern flank, up the road from Anzio, with Albano, on the Appian Way, as an objective. Contoneria, Campomorto and two other towns have been taken. The Allies continued to land supplies at their beachhead. ...On the southern front Americans captured heights north of the Rapido, French forces continued to gain northeast of Cassino, and the British gained more ground in the Garigliano River sector as well as heights in the Castelforte area...Allied airmen made 1300 sorties on Saturday against rail communications at Bologna, San Benedetti, Ancona and Rimini, while medium bombers hit bridges north of Rome...

RUSSIA: Soviet troops came within 15 miles of the Estonian border near the Gulf of Finland, as their attack threw the Nazis in confusion. The enemy is falling back on a defense line about 8 miles from the Estonian frontier. The speed of the Russian drive may force the Nazis into a 30 mile bottleneck between Lake Peipus and the Gulf of Finland...Red forces continued to close in on the Nazi escape gap at Luga, with one column from the north now 35 miles from Luga, and another column from the south at Novgorod within 20 miles of Luga. The latter column is meeting the stiffer resistance...Further south, a Russian drive west from Novosokolniki pushed the Germans to within 66 miles of the Latvian border. The Germans are fiercely defending Pustoshka the next rail center beyond Novosokolniki on the Riga railway...

PACIFIC: A heavy naval task force poured thousands of shells into enemy positions in the Marshall Islands. Aircraft carriers are included in the force. The Marshall group has been pounded steadily, almost daily, for the past three weeks by our bombers. The group includes many small atolls. Makin island, nearest American base, is 200 miles distant from the nearest atoll in the Marshalls...Jap airfields and shipping at Rabaul were again heavily pounded by torpedo and dive bombers from Solomons island bases. 30 of 70 Jap interceptors were shot down, while 20 other Jap planes were destroyed on the ground. Our loss was 6. Other targets were Gasomata and Arawae and Jap camps and supply dumps on New Guinea...US Naval units shelled enemy positions on Bougainville...

ENGLAND: The RAF bombed Berlin for the third time in 4 nights. American bombers struck at Hanover and Brunswick during the day. Fortress crews reported the Germans using rocket guns at Brunswick; the RAF ran into rocket AA fire at Berlin in a recent raid...At least 22 were killed in a Nazi raid on London and suburbs. 80 to 90 German bombers came over, making at least two direct hits on shelters, where most of the casualties were suffered...In all the day's activity, 63 German planes were shot down...In a radio address marking the 11th anniversary of his accession to power, Hitler told the German people that their war with Russia was not a selfish war, but rather a defense of all Europe against Bolshevism. His speech was designed to create dissension among the Allies...

UNITED STATES: Addressing the nation on his 62nd birthday, President Roosevelt hailed the public support of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation as a "sign of the healthy condition of our nation." He contrasted the American attitude with that of Germany and Japan where "those who are handicapped in body or mind are regarded as unnecessary burdens to the State...we may thank God that here in our country we are keeping alive that spirit of goodwill for one another which is the very essence of the cause for which we fight"...Aviation training programs will be abandoned in 24 colleges and schools, the War Dept announced. The places affected will close after their present students have finished their courses. The chief emphasis will now be placed on training replacements and skilled technicians, rather than beginners...Pvt Bob Pastor, former heavyweight title contender, will leave Ft Logan shortly for OCS at Miami Beach. Married and the father of two children, Pastor entered the Army last February and became boxing instructor at Ft Logan after basic training...The 45,000 ton super-dreadnaught Missouri slid down the ways at Brooklyn Navy Yard 9 months ahead of schedule...The drafting of all women between 20 and 31, without dependents, was urged by a resolution of the Women's Division of the American Labor Party...The nation is almost at rockbottom level on tires, Col Bryan Homston, OPA Rationing Chief revealed. Rationing will now be based on occupational rather than mileage