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HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Cpl Everett E Dean, Rep.

"---Some guys are sleeve-happy. None of that stuff for me---"
EUROPE: Berlin had its first heavy daylight raid of the war when American heavy bombers struck at the German capital. Escorted by long range fighters, our bombers were the object of constant German aerial attacks all along the 600 mile route. In a great running battle our fighters made a record bag of 83 enemy fighters. The Germans sent up every type of planes to stop our bombers, and a total of 176 Nazi craft were shot down during the day. Our loss in bombers reached a new high when 88 American heavy bombers failed to return to base. 11 of our fighters are also missing. Reconnaissance flights after the raid showed many fires burning and much devastation evident. The day was a busy one for Allied aircraft. RAF bombers were over Europe last night, intruder patrols shot down 2 Nazi planes in France, 300 Marauders attacked German airfields near Paris and railways along the Belgian border during the day. All the Marauders and escort fighters returned safely. Mosquitoes also bombed Nazi targets in Europe, and 1 plane is missing. The USAF's targets on Sunday were revealed as Cognac, 60 miles north of Bordeaux and Bergeac 50 miles east of Bordeaux. The two targets are in the southwest of France. German big guns on the channel coast dropped several shells on Dover in the course of 20 minutes firing after dark last night. Yugoslav patriots, who yesterday reported the arrival on Hvar of an American captain and several NCOs, today reported American participation in fighting on Hvar, in which the Americans inflicted heavy casualties on the German garrison. The patriots meanwhile battled Nazis on the island of Brae, directly north of Hvar. These two islands are off the Dalmatian coast, close to the port of Split.

RUSSIA: The great Red offensive in the western Ukraine overran Volochisk on the Odessa-Warsaw railway, cut the rail line at several points, and pushed on into old Poland to within 10 miles of Tarnopol. The offensive has developed into three great thrusts, the main one going south through Volochisk, the other two fanning out on either side. The Soviet drive has been kept up intensively for three days, and in that time 700 towns and villages have been taken, 15,000 Nazis killed, 5,000 prisoners taken, 500 tanks captured or destroyed, 400 guns and 3,000 vehicles taken or destroyed. At some points the Red advanced 50 miles. According to a Moscow newspaper, a Soviet military mission is in Yugoslavia conferring with General Tito.

PACIFIC: Americans on New Guinea have by-passed the Jap lines and made a landing 30 miles west of Saidor, thus trapping a Jap force between the landing force and the Americans advancing up from Saidor. They encountered little opposition...In the Admiralty group, our forces were crossing the island of Los Negros to the west, toward the straits between Los Negros and the main objective, Manus Island...in this war.

BURMA: American ground forces have come into action for the first time on the Asiatic mainland and have driven 200 miles from the Indian border across the Naga hills to seize the village of Willawumb 10 miles behind enemy lines. They virtually trapped about 2,000 Jap troops between their lines and Chinese troops under Lt Gen Stillwell in the Hukawng Valley. The Americans engaged are infantry under Brig Gen Frank D Merrill. They are veterans of the Solomons and New Guinea...In sweeps by the 14th USAF from 47 to 67 Jap planes, were destroyed over the weekend.

ITALY: Two enemy attacks were thrown back by Indian troops on the 8th Army front. The other fronts in Italy reported only patrol clashes. Allied aircraft flew 500 sorties despite bad weather, their targets gun positions on the Anzio front, shipping in the Adriatic, and railways near Rome. 3 are missing, No enemy aircraft were seen over the Anzio front.

UNITED STATES: The Senators who sampled K rations showed reactions ranging from enthusiasm to the observation that Sherman knew his wars. The general verdict of the Senators, who tried the rations for one day, was that "it's good food for its purpose which is to provide soldiers a meal when they can't get anything else." Sen Reynolds (D., N.C.) Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, said, "I enjoyed the front line food down to the chewing gum and cigarettes," Sen Johnson of Colorado said, "It's not too filling but it's loaded with food value; I've seen plenty of times when I'd have been glad for a meal like that." One unidentified Senator said, "The hardtack was as hard as the hubs of hell." As high as $8,000 in tax free bonds delivered on discharge is sought as a bonus by five national veterans' organizations. They suggest credits of $5.00 daily for home service and $4.00 for overseas duty, with minimums of $8500 for home service and $4500 for overseas service with a bonus of $500 extra for those wounded.
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A FORMER COMMANDER of this Group, Col Henry C Kristoferson, of Brownsville, Texas, has received the Legion of Merit. It was announced by Brig Gen Earl S Hoag, India-China Wing, ATC.

THE AWARD was made for "outstanding services from November 1942 to June 1943 in connection with the establishment of air transportation across Africa, the Middle East and India."

COL KRISTOFFERSON first came to Africa on December 1, 1941, as a civilian, Chief Pilot of the Pan-American Airlines African Division, and later was Operations Manager. He entered active duty with the Army Air Forces November 5, 1942 as Captain, ORG, and went to the China-Burma-India Theatre October 1, 1943 as operations officer for the India-China Wing, ATC.

HE COMMANDED this Group, as a Lt Col, from Jan 10, 1943 to March 30, 1943. On Jan 1, 1944, he was promoted to Full Colonel.

LOST: A Schaefer Lifetime fountain pen on the porch of the Bush town PX, by Pfc Tom Biddle, whose name is engraved on the pen. Return to Biddle at H-29, Bush town.

CARD GAMES tonight at 1930 in the Roosy Library at 1900 in the Station Chapel.

BUSH TRIPS are scheduled every Sunday for officers and enlisted men by the Bu sh town Special Service Office. All who wish to go on a bush trip must have their names in by Friday noon at the latest. Names will be taken until transportation is filled.

THE TROLLEY CAR service in Roosville isn't what it should be, complains Sgt Otis F Albrecht, Hq, who waited on Latrine Boulev ard Saturday night for a trolley--and let all Roosville Heights know about it. Otis says he was a waiting for a Gratiot Avenue trolley to take him to his little gray home in the east--side of Detroit.

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MAJOR, A. C.

NO SHOW at the Roosy tonight. At the B u sh town, SONG OF BERNADETTE, with Jennifer Jones and Charles Bickford.

WHAT DO YOU THINK of the National Service bill proposed by the President? Do you think women should be drafted for war work, or possibly for the services? Do you favor national registration of all Americans able to work?

YOU HAVE SOME opinions on the subject. Tonight you can air them at the first meeting of the Roosville Discussion Group in the Roosville Library at 1900.

THE GROUP is open to all. It was formed to give you a chance to swap opinions with others, to discuss current topics, with a chairman to see to it that every one gets a chance to have his say.

A SIMILAR GROUP will meet in Bu sh town starting Monday the 20th, at a time and place to be announced. S/Sgt Victor Or singer of Airways Communications will lead the Bu sh town Group and S/Sgt Norman C McKenna, Hq Sq, will lead the Roosville discussion.

THE TWO GROUPS will discuss topics suggested by the majority of those attending. Among topics suggested already are the post-war world; plans for bonuses, jobs and the like for master-ed-out GI's; the war fronts, the objectives and present position of the Allies.

DAILY FISHING TRIPS have been cancelled, but fishing parties of four will be arranged for any day except Tuesday. Two days advance notice must be given Special Service so that a boat, food and transportation can be arranged. Fee is $5.00 per person for boat rental.
RUSSIA: The great Soviet offensive on a 500 mile front in the Ukraine continued, with advances in some places of 22 miles in 24 hours. The most rapid progress was made in the center and in the east. Since the capture of Uman, German forces on the center front have been falling back, and the term "panic" has been applied to their retreat. Red forces are 30 miles beyond Uman and at the middle reaches of the Bug River. Gaivoron on the Bug has been taken, and just to the south, the rail line from Pervomaisk to Berzula has been cut. Pervomaisk is in imminent danger of capture by the advancing Reds. At the eastern end of the long front, Soviets fished a crossing of the Ingulets River above Kherson and then headed for the lower Bug... Street fighting continued in Tarnopol, where the Germans have put up the hardest fight against the present offensive. Soviet troops are about 100 miles from pre-war Czechoslovakia in this region, and the people of that country have been urged to turn from passive to active resistance, with the Russian promise that they will be well armed. Red troops cut the railroad leading south of Proskurov at one point...

PACIFIC: Americans have made a landing on Wotho atoll in the Marshalls, about 80 miles northwest of Kwajalein... Japs on Bougainville made a desperate attack on our forces at Empress Augusta Bay. They were driven back, suffering heavy casualties... Rabaul, Wewak and Hollandia were again pounded by Allied aircraft. Hollandia, 280 miles northwest of Merauke on the New Guinea coast, is assuming new importance as a Jap base as Wewak and Rabaul are being steadily blotted by the Allies, and are within the enveloping advance of Allied landing forces. 120 tons of bombs were dropped on Wewak, where 40 Jap fighters rose to intercept. 26 were shot down, plus 6 probables, to our loss of only 2 planes... of troop laden barges were sunk off Talasea, and a 5th damaged when the Japs attempted to attack our beach head there. Three of the enemy barges were sunk by an American naval patrol, and the fourth went down under the fire of an American tank, being carried in one of our landing barges... US bombers attacked Loro- cagau airdrome on Manus island in the Admiralties, and enemy held islands in the Marshalls. Only AA fire was met in the latter raid. There were no losses...

EUROPE: RAF Mosquitoes attacked targets in western Germany last night, and all returned safely. Great forces of Allied planes were seen heading over the Channel this morning in the direction of northern France. There was slight enemy activity over northeast England last night, but no bombs were dropped... All unofficial and non-military travel between England and Eire and Northern Ireland has been banned by the British Government, in an effort to stop leakage of information. The only travel permitted into neutral Eire will be on business of urgent national importance. It was not yet stated whether travel between Eire and Northern Ireland would be banned. The action strands thousands of Irish citizens who are working in defense plants in Britain, and cuts off all tourist trade to Eire... Both Axis and Allied leaders were urged to turn their thoughts toward peace by Pope Pius XII, speaking from St Peter's Cathedral in Rome. Referring to air raids and the impending battle for Rome, the Holy Father said, "To turn Rome into a battlefield indeed would be an inglorious deed, an act which history would never justify..." From Gen Tito's headquarters came news of the capture of a town on the island of Brac by patriotic forces said to be under the command of an American officer...

ITALY: Allied artillery action was heavy on the Anzio front, beating off strong enemy patrols... Allied aircraft flew 300 sorties, mostly fighter-bomber attacks on Nazi transportation near Anzio and Rome. Saturday saw extensive Allied air attacks on Florence, Padua and Toulon. At Padua our bombers ran into a 35 minute air battle compared in fierceness with the struggle over Regensburg on February 24...

UNITED STATES: An omnibus veterans' aid bill which has the approval of 70 senators will be introduced today by Sen Clark (D., Mo.). The bill, known as the "GI Bill of Rights," calls for adequate veterans' hospital facilities, speedy settlement of disability claims, educational aid, loans to help buy farms, homes or small businesses... Judy Canova, actress is expecting a baby in August. She is the wife of Sgt Union Leung... Sen Overton (D., La.) said he would not run again this fall. He has served two terms. His withdrawal from the running leaves the field wide open for primaries next September... Martha Raye revealed that she had been married for several months to dancer Nick Condos, member of her vaudeville troupe. She is divorced from Major Neal Land... And last week Hendrik
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THE VERY LATEST in GI pocket manuals on
"How To Act In---" has been compiled by
some anonymous member of the 45th Division,
now in Sicily. This is the manual to end
all manuals, and gives instructions on How
To Act When You Land in the US. We call a
few helpful hints, out of many:

INTRODUCTION: "You have been assigned to
duty in the US...the impression you create
will cause the native to judge all sol-
diers, therefore it is important to be pol-
ite, courteous, generous but at all times
very firm..."

"NATURALLY, having been overseas, you have
automatically become a leading authority
on practically everything...A practical
plan of entering into any conversation is
to prefix all remarks as follows:

"NOW, WHEN WE LANDED in North Africa---
this will silence all other conversation,
especially when a slightly loud tone of
voice is used..."member you landed in the
first wave. These things are hard to check.

"BE GENEROUS with your cigarettes and es-
specially kind to children. Small boys some-
times attempt to loot the glove compart-
ment of a jeep, but may easily be discour-
aged by a kick in the groin.

"THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE is difficult but
will soon pick up enough to make your
wants understood. As to pronunciation,
some vowels are pronounced separately
and then again others are not. Other points
to note are: oy is pronounced erster (the au-
thor must be from Cranport, Brooklyn) oi
is pronounced eri; z is pronounced but you
won't often run into it.

"ONE SPLENDID WAY to ingratiate yourself
with soldiers you will meet...ask if they
have been overseas. When they reply in
the negative, just sneer..."
RUSSIA: A Russian drive of 22 miles in one day gathered in Kherson, on the west bank of the Dnieper. The Third Ukrainian Army, in its sweep down the Dnieper killed more than 20,000 Germans captured 2500 in 6 days, making a total of 359,000 Nazis killed and 44,900 captured so far in ten big Russian winter offensives. The seizure of Kherson, a city of 97,000 leaves Germans holding only 11 Soviet cities of over 50,000 population while at the high tide of Nazi invasion the enemy held 67 large cities. The Germans fell back from Kherson to Nikolaev, but they were hurrying to the one railroad leading west from Nikolaev, and were not expected to make a stand. Nikolaev is also threatened by a force moving from the north. At the western end of the front, the Germans held on to Tarnopol, and the weight of the Russian drive swung eastward and southward to cut the railway between Prokurov and Husyatun, at a point 45 miles from Rumania's border. In the center a Russian column made another advance to the Bug directly west of Ufian, just north of Geivoron, which they reached yesterday. Further up the Bug, Vinnitsa was endangered by another Red force. The US have given the Finns a few more days grace to decide whether or not they will accept the Soviet armistice terms, according to Stockholm. These terms included re-establishment of the 1940 border, Finnish cooperation in driving the Germans out of Northern Finland and repatriation of all Soviet nationals in Finland.

PACIFIC: Americans at Empress Augusta Bay—Bougainville, repulsed another Jap attack after the enemy had made some progress. By nightfall the attacking Japs had been completely subdued. They retired, leaving 500, dead behind, of an estimated 3,000 in the assault. The Japs have lost a total of 1,000 men since they started their desperate attacks on the Americans. 150 Allied planes over the battle area yesterday smashed at the enemy's defenses. American Marines have landed on two of the smaller islands of the Admiralty Group. Allied aircraft dropped about 100 tons of bombs each on Wewak and Rabaul. Liberators bombed Wake island, Mauri and the eastern Marshalls without loss.

EUROPE: RAF bombers struck at Le Mans, 110 miles southwest of Paris, their target being the rail lines which form an important link to ports on the west coast of France. Mosquitoes struck at Frankfort and other targets in western Germany. Mines were also laid in enemy waters. From these missions, 3 RAF planes are missing. Some damage and a few casualties were caused by enemy raiders over south and southeast England last night.

BURMA: Buthidaung, 55 miles northwest of Akyab and 12 miles from the India frontier was captured by British Imperial forces Saturday, New Delhi announced. The continued advance of the British forces brought the capture of another Jap stronghold in the Razabil district. In northern Burma, American and Chinese forces continue to make progress south through the Hukaung Valley from captured Wilawbum.

UNITED STATES: The first aim of the Allied troops in Italy is only to attack positions out of military necessity, Sec of State Hull declared, in reply to the Pope's plea to preserve Rome from battle. If the Germans would refrain from entrenching themselves in positions near religious and historical buildings, the situation would be simplified, Mr Hull said. The Army's newest reconnaissance plane is the Lightning F-5, the latest model of the P-38, designed to shoot pictures. The new plane carried from 3 to 5 cameras controlled by electrical impulses and operated singly or together. A continuous strip film is synchronized to the speed and altitude of the F-5, which is intended for low level flying. Nearly a million Detroit families and business places were getting milk again as 3,000 members of Local 85, United Dairy Workers, CIO, ended a two day wildcat strike. The strikers heeded pleas of their union leaders and the pledge of an Army officer that the US War Labor Board would act in their wage dispute within 10 days. Their demands for overtime pay have been before the WLB for 10 months. An undisclosed number of lives were lost in the collision in dense fog of a tanker with a ship carrying highly inflammable, combustibles. The collision touched off an explosion and a fire which burned 3 weeks. Only 3 members of the crew of the Liberty Ship J Pinchney Henderson were rescued, and 6 of the crew of the tanker, the J H Senior. Maj Gen James H Doolittle, leader of the raid on Tokyo and commander of the 8th USAAF in Britain, was nominated by the President to the rank of Lt Gen. Doolittle is 48; he was Lt Col when he led the attack on Tokyo. He was then made Brig Gen and given the Congressional Medal of Honor. In 1942 he was promoted to Maj Gen and Chief of Strategic Air Forces operating from North African bases. He was
THINGS HAVE BEEN pretty quiet in the Repair Squadron area since T/Sgt Lovin's five ducks went for bush for the good of the service, etc. While we were wandering around the area we dropped in on Cpl Henry M. Sumner, of the Armament Shop and Erie, Colorado (pop. 157).

SUMNER WAS ALMOST buried in charts, graphs, formulae and recipes. One of the strong, silent men of the great open spaces, Sumner said nothing for thirty minutes. Then he said hello. We asked if he were working on a new selling plan for Sumner's Short Root Tonics, but he said no, he had something better on the fire, to wit, Sumner's Fu-Fu, the All-African Dish for All Africans. Without warning he chanted,

Penny, penny, penny—
Sumner's Fu-Fu hits the spot,
Twelve full ounces, that's a lot,
Twice as much for a penny, too,
Sumner's Fu-Fu is the thing for you.

THAT'S GOOD, we told him, but wasn't there an American product with an advertising slogan like that? Mabeso, he admitted, but he wasn't selling fu-fu in America. He was going to sell it in Africa.

HE SHOWED me blueprints for a gigantic fu-fu plant, in Sun Valley (alt. 195 feet in the dry season). "Fu-fu in six delicious flavors," Sumner ran on, getting positively lyrical, "plaintain, cassava and yam, orange, lemon and lime."

"DO YOU HAVE SPOOTS before the eyes? Is your skin a pale pinkish white, instead of a healthy chocolate brown? Do you sit in the corner while all your friends dance the Kokoomba and High Life? Sumner's Fu-Fu will bring you friends, romance, happiness as well as make your teeth three shades whiter."

OPERATIONS baseball team took over the Boulders 5-0 in a league game at the Rockies diamond yesterday. Operations got 9 hits, made no errors; the Boulders got 6 hits, made 4 errors. Sabbatical of the winners got 3 for 4. Bludau, Boulders' pitcher, struck out 11.

ROCKETS play the Bad Fits at the Hospital diamond today at 1600, league baseball.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to 1st Lt Milton E. Garshon.

SOFTBALL managers and players in the Rockies league will hold a short meeting at the Rockies tonight immediately after the show.

PROTESTANT CHOIR rehearsal (Bushtown choir) in Station Chapel tonight at 1900.

"I'VE THOUGHT of everything," Sumner said modestly. "We'll offer premiums. Send in 6 box tops or a reasonable facsimile thereof, and we'll send you a Parcel of Peppy Peppers, or a package of Sax's Brown Bombers, just the thing for fu-fu fans."

"SUMNER WILL BE the Howard Johnson of West Africa. Every road from here to the Sahara will be serviced by Sumner's Fu-fu Parlors. We specialize in Fu-fu, Palm Oil Chops, Ground Nut Soup, All-African Chop for All Africans."

"BUT Y'OU'RE NOT an African," we reminded him. In his strong, silent way, he picked up a batch of far-fu, and began to fill his face between bites he hummed, "Sumner's Fu-fu hits the spot—"
DUE TO a lack of power at the time of the BBC 1100 broadcast, only the following items were picked up. We get our latest news from the 110 broadcast: the news given below is all from Army Newspaper Service, up to 2300, March 15.

ENGLAND: More than 1,000 British bombers last night bombed Germany and the occupied countries, dropping a record load of 8,000 tons of bombs. 41 RAF planes are missing...80% of the strikers in the Welsh coal fields returned to work yesterday and more are coming back today...

ANS NEWS:

ITALY: More than 1,400 tons of bombs were hurled on enemy positions in Cassino in an area less than a square mile. Nearly every plane of the Mediterranean Air Force contributed to the estimated 3,000 sorties intended to pulverize every building sheltering the enemy. The all-out aerial offensive was intended to break the deadlock on the Trans-Italy front. Troops of the American 34th division withdrew from advanced positions just before the attack. When our planes had finished, Allied artillery opened up. Photos showed Cassino leveled off, put in spite of the fury of the bombardment, Americans met stiff resistance on re-entering the town...British forces on the Anzio front took the offensive and in a surprise attack drove Germans from a strongpoint in the vicinity of Aprilia. They made a deep penetration near the Anzio-Alban highway and later mopped up scattered Nazi units which they had by-passed...Naples suffered one of its heaviest raids in months when Nazi planes came over at dawn...

RUSSIA: The Soviet 2nd Ukrainian Army driving southwest from the Uman region widened its front along the Bug river to 62 miles, pushing crumbling Nazi resistance back to within 29 miles of the Rumanian border. Advances up to 19 miles were made and 310 places taken on six sectors. Farthest penetration was Bandurovka, 29 miles north of the Rumanian border province of Bessarabia...Meanwhile the 3rd Ukrainian Army rolled within 14 miles of Nikolaev and occupied two major strongholds in the pocket north of Kherson where remnants of encircled German divisions were split into several groups in yesterday's fighting...

EUROPE: The German raid on London and southeast England, reported yesterday, rival ed in intensity the big attacks of 1914. At least 13 Nazi raiders were shot down...Yugo-Slav patriots in a seven day battle crushed an attempted German offensive based on the Prejidor rail junction in north central Yugo-Slavia. They reported the Nazis withdrawing northwest toward Bosanski Novi...

PACIFIC: Jap fighters were met for the first time in several days in an Allied air attack on Rabaul during which 121 tons of bombs were dropped...

BURMA: Bitter hand to hand fighting continued north of Buthidaung in western Burma while in the Razabil area additional strongpoints were occupied by Allied troops...Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander of the Southeast Asia Theatre, inspected the front line and visited his deputy, Lt Gen Stillwell. Lord Mountbatten's left eye was injured by a bamboo branch as he drove a jeep...

ARGENTINA: The birth of quintuplets to Mrs Franco Diligenti, wife of a wealthy Buenos Aires manufacturer, was claimed, the parents explaining the birth had taken place last July but had been kept secret to avoid publicity. The parents said they would let newspapermen see the quints as soon as the doctor gave his permission. The death of two infants, of triplets born to them 3 years ago was attributed by the Diligenti to excessive handling. The quints were said to be three girls and two boys. Local newspapermen were skeptical...

UNITED STATES: The compromise soldiers' vote bill went to the President after passage by the House, 273 to 111. The Senate approved the bill Tuesday. The action wound up six months of debate. The present measure is predominantly "states' rights" in character with the Federal ballot allowed only where overseas service men and women cannot get state ballots...Col Neal E Kearby, of San Antonio, one of the top American aces in the SW Pacific, with 21 Jap planes to his credit, is missing in action since March 5...There has been no increase in the American living cost level in the last 11 months, Price Administrator Bowles told Congress. He urged continuation of OPA for a year beyond June 30, stating that...
NUPTIAL NOTES

BUSH TOWN--Miss Audrey Rasmussen, a Red Cross worker, of Bush town and P rovo, Utah, announced plans for her coming wedding to Cpl Michael J. Tarrant, of Bush town and Newark, N. J.

The couple will be wed in the Station Chapel at 4 P.M., Saturday. Chap lain James T. Kilbridge will officiate.

All personnel at this station are cordially invited to the wedding. A reception will follow at the BBQ for invited guests, officers from 5 to 6:30 P.M., enlisted men from 6:30 to 8 P.M.

THIS IS THE FIRST wedding announcement to be published in WHO DAT's 16 months of GI-African journalism. The Society Editor of WHO DAT will of course cover the event.

THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY luncheons of the West African Branch of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick was held today in the Rooville Bar and Grill. Among those present were 1/Sgt Clement O'Blomberg, 5/Sgt George O'Schloborn, Cpl Giuseppe O'Renda, Sgt Frankie O'Trujillo and T/Sgt Peck S. O'Mar.

VERY HAPPY about it all was Sgt Howard J. Pique, Sup., of New Orleans--celebrating the first anniversary of his arrival in Rooville, along with a number of other immigrants, a year ago Wednesday.

IT PIQUED PIQUE to find that WHO DAT had let the anniversary go unnoticed. He cannot forget the warm welcome he got from the old settlers of Rooville. That's all right, Pique, we are always glad to see new faces.

PATRONS of the Red Cross coffee shop at the hangars are reminded that 2 cups of coffee per man should be enough--if you take more, one of your chums will have to do without. Share the wealth.

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BINGO at the Rooville PX tonight at 7:30. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Red Cross.


POST WAR GRAVY for soldiers is the topic for the Bush town Discussion Club's first meeting Monday, March 20, at 1915, in the room behind Bush town Special Service. S/Sgt Victor Orcinger will act as chair man.

ROCVILLE DISCUSSION CLUB will also meet Monday night at 1900, in the Group Library. Both discussions are open to all, and provide an opportunity to sound off on topics of the day, the fabulous post-war world, whatever topics prove to be most interesting.

GROUP CHOIR rehearsal tonight at 1915.

JEWISH SERVICES in the Group Chapel tonight at 1815. CATHOLIC Lenten Services tonight at 1900 in St. Louis Chapel; confessions at 1630, Mass at 1645 today, St. Louis Chapel. PROTESTANT Lenten Services at 1745 tonight in the Little Prayer Chapel.

DESER T RATS ran off with the Wolves yesterday, 18-6. The Rats collected 11 hits, made 2 errors; the Wolves, 5 hits and 7 errors. Hooper, Rate centerfielder, got a triple and a homer. TODAY: Rockets vs Bad Pits, Hospital diamond at 1545.
ITALY: American and New Zealand troops fought their way into the town of Cassino in the face of savage resistance from German troops who surged back into town after the heavy Allied bombardment. Allied troops were hampered by the necessity for clearing paths through the rubble in the town. New Zealand and Indian troops took positions on heights overlooking Cassino. Enemy forces were being hammered into a shrinking pocket in the southern sector of town... With the aid of heavy artillery fire, Americans repulsed three small enemy attacks on the Anzio front. The enemy made two small air raids on the beachhead yesterday... There were patrol clashes on the 8th Army front... The Mediterranean Air Force flew 1100 sorties yesterday against the enemy's 30. Three Nazi planes were shot down, while the Allies lost four. Our planes bombed the railway yards at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, for the second time last night...

PACIFIC: Americans have landed on Manus Island, largest of the Admiralty group, and main objective of the fighting there. They met light opposition and have advanced to a point about one half mile from Lorengau airfield. Besides aerial cover during the landing, the Americans had the support of destroyers firing rocket guns... Japanese forces lost 1200 men in their last two attacks on American positions at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. More than 40 enemy barges were destroyed or damaged during Allied aerial attacks on Wewak and Rabaul yesterday... The American offensive in the Central Pacific grew more intensive when land-based planes attacked Truk for the first time. Liberators carried out the bombing. Previously only carrier craft had been used against Truk. US Navy planes hit a new target, Oroluk atoll, 165 miles west of Ponape and almost midway between Ponape and Truk. The raid was part of an attack on Ponape and Rusalia in the Carolines...

RUSSIA: Success of the Red drive in the center of the vast Ukrainian front has brought fresh disaster to the Germans, who continue to fall back on that part of the front, leaving great quantities of materiel, and apparently being unable to cope with the Russian offensive. One Soviet objective, the main railway from Odessa northwest into Poland, has been crossed in many places, while another objective, the Dnestr River, was only 20 miles beyond the Russian lines at some points. The Dnestr forms the natural frontier for Russia and Rumania, and further Russian progress will force the Germans to rely on secondary lines of communication through Rumania... In the western Ukraine the Germans are still putting up a stiff fight near Proskurov, but the Reds continue to cut off segments of the enemy force... Further east, fighting was reported on the outskirts of Vinnitsa...

EUROPE: RAF Lancasters bombed a tire factory 30 miles southwest of Vichy, RAF night bombers attacked Amiens, while Mosquitoes went for targets in western Germany. All returned safely... American heavy bombers over southwestern Germany ran into new four-engined fighters with twin finned tails and capable of great speed. Our Fighter escorts shot down 76 enemy planes, while the toll taken by bombers' guns was not yet known. 22 American bombers and 13 fighters were lost in this raid...

UNITED STATES: Revealing that he had personally intervened in an effort to get Finland out of the war, President Roosevelt issued a formal statement: "It has always seemed odd to me and to the people of the US to find Finland a partner of Nazi Germany, fighting side by side with the sworn enemies of our civilization. The Finnish people now have a chance to withdraw from this hateful partnership. The longer they stay at Germany's side the more sorrow and suffering is bound to come to them. I think I can speak for all Americans when I say that we sincerely hope that Finland will now take the opportunity to dissociate herself from Germany." The statement came close after European reports that the Finnish government had decided to reject the Soviet peace proposal... Answering criticism of the Italian campaign, Sec of War Stimson declared that all broad objectives of the Allies had been achieved despite bad weather which had bogged down both air and ground forces. He pointed out that the blasting of Cassino had been delayed two weeks by bad weather. Objectives gained were: Opening of the Mediterranean to Allied shipping; Knocking Italy out of the war; Use of air bases in southern Italy; Allied control of the major part of the Adriatic; Indirect help to the Russian winter campaign by pinning down 19 Nazi divisions; Inflicting casualties on the Germans substantially in excess of those of the Allies... New Hampshire's
GROUP MARKS 18 MONTHS OVERSEAS TODAY

EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO today a troopship steamed out of New York harbor and this Air Depot Group began its foreign service. About a month and a half before, its advance detail had sailed, taking a northern route. They went as far north as they went in the opposite direction, to the south.

THE ANNIVERSARY is a good time to print the crests of our Group and to explain why our camp is called Rocville and our theatre the Roccy.

CENTER FIGURE of the crest is the Roc, a mythical giant bird of the Arabian Nights, the bird which carried off Sinbad the Sailor. The Roc is shown with a hangar in his claw, indicating the Group's readiness to set up an air base. The motto beneath refers to the Group's travels, probably particular to the long voyages totaling 60 days which finally brought us to this station.

THE BODY of the Roc and the hangar are golden; the claws, tongue, beak and comb are red; the background is blue. The crest is authorized for wear on the flight jacket, and as an official insignia for the Group, has been approved by the Heraldic Division of the War Department. The creator of the design is not

THE DRAWING reproduced in WHO DAT was made by Cpl. State, Tarning, Repair, and stencilled by Staff Artist Cpl. John Stefanski, Service. Fanning also cut out a figure of the Roc from plywood and painted the Roc crest, the Air Corps and Air Service Command insignia on the proscenium arch of the Roccy Theatre.

PHANTOM LADY, murder mystery with Hitchcock touches. Ella Raines and Franchot Tone in the cast. BRIGHTON, BANK DICK, with W.C. Fields as the long arm of justice with the off-bent elbow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to T/Sgt Harry J Hughes, Rep; Sgt Pasquale Di Blasio, QM Tr.

EXCHANGE: Wanted, 620 film. Will exchange for it-2 rolls of 120, 1 roll of 616, 2 rolls of 127. Cpl. I. Suheinbach, Hut D3

FOUND: Ring, native made. LOST: silver plated cigarette lighter. Return to WHO DAT office.

IN LISTING new Library books yesterday, we credited ALL THIS AND HEAVEN TOO, to Hart and Spence, instead of Rachel Field. Spence wrote ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN.

LET'S GET THAT

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Group O.D. may be found in Group Hq, phone 414. Base O.D. may be found in Station 3 Hq, phone 235. Group O.D., Mar. 21, 1st Lt. Milton E. Carolyn; Mar. 22, 2nd Lt. Ormo H. Cross, Base O.D., Mar. 21, 2nd Lt. V.B. Chamberlain; Mar. 22, Capt. John J. Vandrich.

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MAJOR, A.G.
EUROPE: The Fortress Europe was the scene of internal difficulties, with Finland indicating she might come to terms with Russia, and Hungary reportedly refusing to allow the Nazis to reorganize her army along German lines. The first official statement from the Finnish government announced that the Finns have rejected the Russian armistice terms but emphasized that Finland was still anxious to make peace with Russia under more favorable conditions. Finnish officials viewed the Russian peace terms as hard, but regardless of that, they were still anxious to come to some sort of terms if the Finnish government could be allowed to express its views. From Munich came reports that the Regent of Hungary and his Chief of Staff arrived there Saturday and conferred with Hitler. The Nazis are said to have made several demands on Hungary, among them the mobilization of the Hungarian Army under German control. The Regent is said to have rejected the demands and 2 hours later communications between Hungary and Munich were cut. From Ankara, Turkey, came word that the whole southeastern part of Hungary was now under German control. Telephone communications with neutral countries are cut, and it is believed that a special staff of German SS and Gestapo agents have taken over communications in Budapest...

RUSSIA: Vinnitsa, a city of 25,000 people, was captured in the drive of Soviet forces pushing a wedge into Rumania. The Russian advance continued over flat lands beyond the Dneestr towards the Prut River and old boundary of Rumania. One column was 7 miles from Bata, Rumania, and the battle was growing fierer. Red troops continued to widen their bridgehead along the Dneestr, originally 80 miles wide, and great air battles were raging over this front. Since July 12, when the Soviet drive started, the Germans have been hurled westward 650 miles to Luck, Poland, and southwest 500 miles to Mogilev-Podolski. Moscow denied reports that she had sent armistice terms to Rumania.

ITALY: The battle in Cassino continued unabated. New Zealanders continued to have success in house-to-house fighting, while the Germans had the advantage of observation, and their shelling of the town has increased. They made use of underground passages to make their way back into town following the heavy bombardment, and took up positions in the town again. The Continental Hotel, now in ruins, a German stronghold, was taken by New Zealanders. In one place a band of Gurkas were holding out in an isolated point, using supplies dropped by parachute. There was heavy patrol activity and artillery fire on the 8th Army front, in the east, while at Anzio Allied troops made 2 raids on enemy lines yesterday. Mt. Vesuvius continued in eruption, with two towns evacuated after Royal Observatory scientists predicted both would be engulfed by lava. The eruption was said to have reached the proportions of that in 1872 when 20 persons died. The Mediterranean Air Force flew 1100 sorties and shot down 6 enemy planes with a loss of 3 of ours. 50 enemy aircraft were observed over the battle area. San Stefano and Terracina were among the targets, together with rail lines and dock facilities in central Italy.

PACIFIC: Four Jap ships and 2 destroyers were badly damaged when Allied aircraft caught a convoy on route to Wewak. In a second attack on the same convoy 2 transports and 3 corvettes were hit. It is almost certain that none of the ships got through to Wewak and it is believed that 1500 Japs aboard were drowned.

ENGLAND: RAF Lancasters bombed Angouleme, east of Bordeaux, while Mosquitos attacked western Germany. All planes returned safely. No enemy air activity was reported over England last night. British and German guns on the Dover straits exchanged fire, some shells falling on Dover. King Peter of Yugo-Slavia, 20, married Princess Alexandra of Greece, 23. She is the daughter of the late King Alexander of Greece. King George VI was best man for King Peter.

BURMA: The Japanese drive across the Chindwin river in western Burma is apparently aimed at the British Indian base of Imphal. Jap forces were moving west in an attempt to cut the supply line feeding Gen Chennault in China and Gen Stillwell in northern Burma. Operating from their base established by air behind the Jap lines, American and British forces drove the enemy from a strong position near one of the air strips.
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A NEW ADDITION to the Calisthenics Class is Major Berlin R. Slater (Life Begins At Forty), known as the Button Detective. On a clear day Major Slater can spy an unbuttoned pocket at 1,000 yards. We haven't yet confirmed the rumor that the buttonholes on his shirt pockets are sewn closed; we know only that no one has yet found the Major with a pocket unbuttoned. We here and now post a prize of a brand new set of GI buttons to the first man who finds an unbuttoned button on Major Slater.

SHOW ON ROOFS WILL BE REMOVED

Organization commanders were directed this week to remove snow 12 inches in depth from the roofs of buildings under their jurisdiction.

MORE SOLDIERS HOME ON FURLOUGH

Several enlisted men left this field last week, bound for their homes in the States on 15 day furloughs.

OH, JUST a couple of items from the Ladd Field, Alaska, MIDNIGHT SUN. Thought you would like to know how the boys 'may up thar were doin'. Freezing, we guess.

JUST SO WE DON'T feel out-of-things, the War Dept sends us publications on the Maintenance of the Field Snow Flow, which the Message Center dutifully and soberly sends to Field Maintenance. On the beam.

WE HESITATE to advertise good coffee spots in WHO DAT, because every time we do, the good spot disappears, and we have to forage for another. But there is one which should be safe enough, so we take out the brush to lather up what his patrons claim to be the best coffee brewer in camp; Akahama Akoto Bamiyo, better known as 'Bammi.' Standard VII graduate, one of the camp 'clarks'—who always wears shoes.

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Mo. 2d, Capt Irving J Berg

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No SHOW at the Rocky tonight. CASANOVA OF BURLESQUE, with Joe E Brown, is the feature at the Bushtown.

DANCE TONIGHT at the Rooville PX with Red Cross girls. From 2000 to 2200.


LOST: Gold pin, circular, with flower design in center, American made; an heirloom; between Junior Officers' Mess and BWQ. Return to Miss Haskins, BWQ.

LENTEN SERVICES, Group Chapel, tonight at 1830. Choir rehearsal at 1900.

JIG-SAN PUZZLES—a number of new ones have just arrived. They may be borrowed at the Special Service Office, Rooville.

Moscow DATELINE, by correspondent Henry C. Cassidy is one of the new non-fiction books at the Rooville library. Other additions are UNLOCKING ADVENTURE, by Charles Courtney; MODERN ART, by Thomas Craven.

NEW FICTION; SWAMP WATER, by Vereen Bell; SHORT STORIES, by Stephen Vincent Benet; LIGHTSHIP by Archie Bins.

MIAMI ALUMNI, one tear for your Alma Mater, the Miami Beach AAPTC, which will be no more, as soon as present trainees are shipped out. New trainees will go to San Antonio and Sheppard Field, poor fellows.

AT MIAMI yardbirds lived in hotel rooms, marched through the streets, drilled on golf courses and athletic fields, went swimming by the numbers and ate carrots in the hope that in the dark they would not fall on their faces—Miami was in the grip of a blackout. And the recruits were in the grip of permanent party GIs who had "seen action"—a ship burning
INSIDE EUROPE: From Stockholm and Ankara came reports that Budapest and all of Hungary were firmly in the grip of German and Hungarian troops. Soviet Nicholas Horthy and the Prime Minister were said to be prisoners as the Nazi move reduce Hungary to the role of a German puppet state in the path of the approaching Russian steamroller. Pro-Nazi elements in Budapest carried out a coup while German paratroopers seized all vital points. Former Premier Bela Imery was said to be organizing a Quisling regime...Replying to the Finnish refusal of armistice terms, the USSR declared that the Finns would be responsible for any consequences of such a refusal...

PACIFIC: American Marines made a new landing, this time on 2 islands in the St Matthews group about 90 miles northwest of Kavieng, New Ireland. One of the island occupied is Emirau. The new positions draw closer the Allied blockade of the Bismarck Archipelago. Since the Japs were first pushed back into the Owen Stanley mountains away from Port Moresby, New Guinea, the Allies have pushed 600 miles north in the SW Pacific theatre. American warships shelled Kavieng for the first time, wiping out several sections of the town. Rabaul was again pounded by Allied bombers....All five ships in a Jap convoy off Wewak, previously reported hit, were reported sunk in a later report from SW Pacific Hqtrs. A transport of 6000 tons, another of 4000 tons and 3 corvettes were sent to the bottom in an attack in which we lost 3 planes. The enemy loss of life was heavy...

15 Jap ships have been sunk in Pacific and Far Eastern waters; the latest summary of US Submarine activity showed. The latest Jap losses were a large transport, 1 medium transport, 1 large tanker, 9 medium freighters, 2 small freighters, 1 medium tanker; bringing the total Jap shipping losses to 642, a total which includes those sunk, probably sunk or damaged. At the same time the Admiralty announced the sinking of 7 enemy ships and the damaging of several others by British subs...Prime Minister Tojo, speaking before the Imperial Diet, described the situation in the SW Pacific as acute and now truly grave. He warned that the Americans will strike at new places...

RUSSIA: Red troops pushed German communications back another peg when they cut the line linking Balti, Rumania with Germauti. The drive into Bessarabia continued from Mogilev-Podolski, with the Red Army occupying large stretches of country west of that place. Some of their forces are 30 miles from the river Paut, in Rumania...Further east Soviet forces were making progress towards the lower reaches of the Bug, and were threatening Voznesensk and Pervomaisk. They were also moving west from Vinitsa. All German ships were sunk by Russian airmen in Crimea ports, indicating a possible Nazi attempt to evacuate the Crimea...

ITALY: The Allies were making slow but steady progress in Cassino and on the eastern slopes of Monte Cassino. Hand-to-hand fighting was raging in the town and the hills nearby. Patrol activity was reported from the Anzio and 8th Army fronts...Our air forces flew 800 sorties yesterday. 4 enemy planes were shot down, and 4 of ours lost. 40 enemy planes were active over the battle area...Maj Gen Alexander M Patch, former commander of Army forces at Guadalcanal and New Caledonia, has been assigned to command the US Seventh Army, formerly led by Lt Gen George S Patton, Jr. Patch is 54 and a veteran of the first World War. The War Dept said Patton had been given command of another army but did not say where...GI trucks completed the evacuation of civilians in the path of lava flowing down the slopes of Vesuvius. Two towns have already been engulfed without loss of life, and a third, just emptied of its populace, is in the path of the lava...French Commandos occupied an island between Corsica and Italy, killing some of the enemy and taking 36 prisoners. The island was not named; there are several, the largest being Elba, site of Napoleon's first exile...

EUROPE: Mosquitoes were over western Germany last night and mines were laid in enemy waters, without loss of any planes. German raiders over London, and east Anglia caused damage and some casualties. 9 of the raiding planes were shot down...British and German coastal guns exchanged fire again last night, for about 40 minutes. The British guns opened first, their target, enemy shipping...In reply to a question in Commons, Foreign Secretary Eden said it was out of the question that the Allies would offer Bulgaria parts of Greece and Yugo-Slavia, in return for her withdrawal from the war...

UNITED STATES: 38 US-built escort aircraft carriers have been delivered to Britain and some of them will be overseas shortly. Sir John Dill disclosed, adding that the US has about 50 such
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IF YOU'VE BEEN wondering why Capt Jennings seems so cheerful this morning, it was the same news which brought a dark cloud over the usually sunny face of Capt Joel H Smith, Capt Jennings is no longer Group Mess Officer, and Capt Smith is the new Mess Officer.

AS A MATTER of history it should be recorded that up to March 29, 1944, Capt Smith was a cheerful soul, with a bright outlook, optimistic, with no sign of gray hairs. In fact it might be a good idea for him to have his picture taken today.

HIS PREDECESSOR, Capt Owen R Jennings, our first Mess Officer, who took over again some months ago, has some well earned gray hairs, but gripses notwithstanding, he still has a cheerful disposition.

WHILE WE'RE on the mess, we should note the most recent improvement, the new plastic cups, which make it possible to drink hot coffee without sustaining severe burns about the mouth.

YESTERDAY'S bush cot provided some fine chop, especially at the evening mess. And by way of encouragement, the corn fritters we have been served lately prove popular with even the most confirmed grippers.

YOU PROBABLY thought WHO DAT was putting out only a seven star sports final (with all racing results) yesterday, but the delay was due to mechanical difficulties. Our machine had finally worn a cog after 16 months' faithful service, and we had to take WHO DAT to Depot Supply, to be run on the super-duper machine they have.

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ROCKVILLE ENLISTED MEN’s Recreation Committee meets tonight in Group Hqtrs at 1815.

RUSSIA: Nikolaev, one of the largest ports on the Black Sea, fell before the Russian advance, which continued on to menace Odessa, 62 miles eastward. Nikolaev was the southeastern anchor of the enemy line in the Ukraine, and was in German hands all through the war from two months after the blitzkrieg swept through southern Russia. At the other extreme of the long offensive line, Red forces drove to within 40 miles of the Czech-Carpathian border objective, Sieniawa.

Red troops crossed the upper Prut river at two points, driving into Rumania near Jassy and into Poland in the region of Kolomyja (Kolomy), 43 miles northwest of Gernauti. The Soviets were in Suceava (Skulyany) only 9 miles north of Jassy...

PACIFIC: Reports from Allied Headquarter indicated that the Japs have practically given up attempts to challenge Allied aircraft through interception. In a 1,000 mile sweep by Allied planes yesterday from New Guinea to the northern Solomons, no aerial opposition was encountered. Yesterday’s targets included Kavieng, Bougainville, Karkar, Newak, Hansa Bay. In a night attack off the New Guinea coast, an enemy merchant ship was left in flames. The last enemy air activity observed in this area was on March 18 when 5 Jap planes were seen over Saipan and a few enemy aircraft were active over Midway 10 days ago...

BURMA: Allied planes shot down 30 enemy aircraft and claimed 13 probable over northern Burma in the past 2 days. 11 out of 18 bombers were knocked down when they attempted a raid on our positions in Assam. 2 American fighters were lost. Heavy ground fighting continued in the Imphal region, where the Japs were trying to reach, Imphal, capital of Manipur State...

EUROPE: American heavy bombers continued their attacks on airfields in France, meeting no enemy planes but destroying 30 on the ground. American planes in the past 8 weeks have destroyed 2,100 German planes, Lt Gen Doolittle announced. The USAAF destroyed or badly damaged 16 major factories since February 20, most of them plants producing planes or vital plane parts. The Dornier factory at Augsburg was virtually destroyed, and 27 other factories hit, by RAF planes, the British Air Ministry disclosed...

ITALY: Allied troops have withdrawn from the eastern slopes of Monastery Hill in Cassino. The Anzio front reported a lull in fighting. Allied bombers struck at railroad yards in Verona and Milan yesterday. The Mediterranean Air Force flew 1,500 sorties while the enemy flew about 40 over the battle areas. 15 enemy planes were shot down during the day while we lost 10... American litter bearers on the Italian fronts were commended by the War Dept for saving many lives during hard fighting. They were credited with an "outstanding job" in the Cassino sector when stiffened German resistance resulted in heavy casualties and ambulances and jeeps could get no closer than 7 to 10 miles of the wounded. Volunteers from armored and AA units helped the medics carry out the wounded...

UNITED STATES: The US has supplied Russia with 4700 tanks and tank destroyers under Lend-Lease, in addition to 230,000 military vehicles, including 33,000 jeeps... A bill is before Congress proposing the expenditure of 1 million dollars for the Navy to build advanced bases in the Pacific... The State rested its case against Wayne Lonergan, former RAF cadet accused of the murder of his wife in New York. The prosecution had read into the record an unsigned confession made by Lonergan... The President has spent the better part of 10 days away from his office, suffering from bronchitis. He has been ill for three weeks, and had X-rays taken, but he said that he saw no reason for alarm over his health... In an attempt to solve the manpower shortage problem, Selective Service Director Hershey said he was ready to ask the War and Navy Dept to induct 4-Fs into work battalions, so that men unfit for active service could be put into essential industry. At the same time Manpower Chief McNutt declared himself against the proposed National Service Act, stating he didn’t think it necessary at this time to draft 4-Fs... but did believe there should be tighter job controls for the estimated 3 million 4-Fs... Medals of Honor were awarded to John C. Gerand of the Springfield (Mass.) arsenal, inventor of the Gerand rifle; and to Dr. Albert Hoyt Taylor of Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, the latter for having "labored tirelessly in the course of intensive research..." which resulted in the development of Radal, rocket-type device, 1st post a bad gage when two practice
THE AIR SERVICE COMMAND insignia shown above indicates the work done by that branch of the Air Forces, of which this Air Depot Group is a part.

THE RING GEAR represents the radial engine and signified the technical duties of the ASC. The gear rests on the Air Forces symbol, "Wings of Flight." The spearhead, placed in the center of the wings, symbolizes the old Field Service Section of the Materials Command, of which ASC is an outgrowth. The propeller is representative of the three components of the Command—men, machines and materials. The insignia was designed by the Sub-Depot Unit of the Air Service Command Engineering Section.

THE ASC INSIGNIA cut in plywood and painted in Air Corps blue and gold, and silver, done by Cpl State Fanning, Rep, appears on the right side of the proscenium arch of the Rocsy. The insignia was stencilled for WHO DAT by Cpl Stefani.

CALIFORNIANS are reminded of the informal gathering tonight of all personnel from that state in 0 Mess at 1945. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Red Cross.

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AS THOUSANDS CHEER, with Katherine Grayson, George Kelly and an MGM All-Star cast, at the Rocsy tonight.

JILTED GIs play Dem Bums in softball today at our diamond, and the Rockies meet the Ravens. TOMORROW: Grandline Vs Bush Boys; Chow Hounds vs Ramblers.


STATION CHOIR will rehearse Easter music tonight at 1900 in the Station Chapel. New men are cordially invited.

THANKS TO THE WORK of S/Sgt Cecil D Smith, Eq., of Brownsville, Texas and Pfc Frank A Davis, Rep 2, of Greenfield, Ind the WHO DAT mimeo machine is once again turning out Africa's only GI daily.

FOUND: An ever-sharp-type pencil. Claim at WHO DAT office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY tomorrow to Pfc Morris W Sudduth, Rep.

WILL EXCHANGE 1 roll of 116 film, 6 of 616 film, for 120 film, lst Sgt Dressel, Ht B-1.

ALL WHO WISH to congratulate Capt Joel H Smith in his good fortune in being assigned to Mass Officer in charge of Rockville's "shop Houses had better do it before 1800 today." At that hour Capt Smith will don his mosquito boots and pack not only a bottle of Skat but a 45, and declares Open Season on all those who draw attention to his new job.
RUSSIA: Red troops captured Kolomyja in the foothills of the Carpathians, 30 miles from the province of Ruthenia, a part of Czechoslovakia taken by Rumania in 1938. The Germans had good natural defenses around the town and they left valuable supplies in their hasty retreat. 35 miles to the south another Red column took the capital of Buovcina province, Cernabui (in Russian, Czernowitz), after crossing the Prut River at two points. The Nazis suffered severe losses in their fight to hold the town. The two captured places are on the rail line to Odessa, running through Jassy and the Romanian oil fields. The latest Red advance pushes the Germans back on their next line of communications, where rail lines are fewer and roads poorer...The Third Ukrainian Army pressed westward from Nikolaev, crossed the Bug estuary and struck out for Odessa, 75 miles away. Up the river about 77 miles another crossing was made to take Romano-vka.

PACIFIC: Allied naval units joined in the attack on Bougainville being carried out by our aircraft. It was revealed that one American division accounted for 5,000 dead Japs on Bougainville...Rabaul was described as useless to the enemy as an air base, as Allied planes kept up their extensive bombardment of Jap bases from the Solomons to Timor, Dutch East Indies. Fires at the latter place could be seen 120 miles away...

EUROPE: American bombers returning from a raid on Brunswick ran into Nazi fighters on their return, our fighters shooting down 39 of the enemy while our bombers accounted for 9 more. American fighters strafed Nazi airfields on the way home and destroyed 12 more German fighters on the ground. American losses on this mission and a trip to the Pas de Calais were 9 bombers and 9 fighters...RAF bombers were over an unidentified target in Germany last night...

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA: The Jap liner Nahai Maru struck a mine off the China coast near Canton March 19 and sank with a loss of most of its 400 passengers. Another enemy ship carrying valuable merchandise was seized by guerrillas in the same area on March 14, according to the Chinese Central News Agency...Allied fighters met Jap bombers apparently on route to bombing Chabau and Ledo areas of upper Assam and forced them back without dumping their bombs...

YUGO-SLAVIA: Patriots admitted the loss of Rab, an island 30 miles south of Fiume, to German forces. The Germans were reported marshalling large forces near Jablunica, in Croatia, directly opposite Rab. The patriots hold other islands in the vicinity...

ITALY: Two more small enemy attacks were beaten off at the Anzio beach head. Patrols were active on the other fronts. At Cassino the artillery duel continued...Our aircraft flew about 1800 sorties; among their targets were Turin, Bolzano, Milan, Viterbo, and enemy shipping off the Dalmatian coast. 22 Nazi planes were shot down to our loss of 11. 50 enemy planes were over the battle areas. Heavy and medium bombers struck at the rail yards at Sofia last night...

NORTH AFRICA: Lt Col Pierre Cristofolini was sentenced to death for treason by a French military court. He had headed recruiting for the Nazis in Tunisia, under Nazi pressure, he testified. The Nazis had promised him they would re-mobilize the French Army if he would capture a certain five Americans...

UNITED STATES: The American birth rate continued on the up grade as quadruplets were born in New York and a Houston, Texas, minister revealed he was the father of 30 children. The quads were born to Mrs Harry Zarieff who is in her twenties and is the mother of a 6 year old boy. Three girls and a boy, each weighing about five pounds, are in an incubator. Born prematurely, they were reported doing well. The philoprogenitive minister is Rev Ira Knapp, who left his pulpit to become a war worker. 19 of his children are still living. He has been married 3 times, now has 21 grandchildren. He is in his fifties...Eleanor Roosevelt is home. The wife of the President returned from a tour of Caribbean stations made at the President's suggestion, and which he said "apparently had done lots of good." The Navy and War depts concurred on a proposal to put 4-Fs more directly into the war effort by inducting them into labor battalions similar to the CCC, under the control of Selective Service, but not as parts of armed forces, and not to be counted as