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SW PACIFIC

CAPT. TURNER JOINS 13th AS AUSTRALIAN LIAISON OFFICER

Capt. Herbert J. Turner has joined the 13th Squadron as Australian liaison officer, relieving Capt. Peter Lovett, who is going to Fifth Fighter Command.

Sgt. Roland Guillet, squadron reporter, describes the new liaison officer as a talented musician who can toss off Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mozart and other masters on the bassoon or the piano with the greatest of ease. He is tall, dark-haired and handsome.

Capt. Turner is 28 years old and comes from Hobart, Tasmania, the land of apples and hops. He has been an intelligence officer for two years with an infantry regiment. He arrived here on the morning of the big air raid, hardly a proper welcome

NEW SCHEDULE OF MOVIES PROVIDES 4 SHOWS A WEEK IN EACH SQUADRON

A new movie schedule has been worked out under which each squadron will see four films a week, in addition to short subjects, Lt. Richard Rogers, group special services officer, announced today.

Movies will be shown to 89th and Gp. Hq. personnel on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights at 7 o'clock. Occasional extra films lent by the Engineers will be shown on other nights and will be announced on bulletin boards.

The 13th will see movies on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday of one week, and then during the following week will see two shows on Tuesday and single films on Thursday and Saturday.

The schedule for the 90th: In the first week, two shows on Tuesday and single pictures on Thursday and Saturday. In the second week, they will see films on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

BE ALERT AND SAVE YOUR LIFE.

COOL THINKING AND HOT FLYING SAVE 2 B-25s

By Col. Byron Edgett

When books are written about performance of the B-25, they won't look anything like tech orders for that plane.

In first place, a B-25 won't fly on one engine--or will it?

Lts. Howe and Jones were flying at 700 feet, dropping 100-pound demos when a burst of machine gun fire hit their right engine, stopping it cold. The ship dropped toward the ground and as it fell, Lt. Howe feathered the prop, at the same time calling to his gunners, S/Sgt. Axt and Dickenson, to throw out all equipment they could get loose.

As a result of the dive from 700 feet, they had a little altitude left but were losing that fast until Axt grabbed an axe and started a "Carrie Nation" on the radios.

This ship flew 400 miles back to base and made a perfect landing. So if the Japs marked that plane off they were badly mistaken.

Then there is the case of Capt. John P. Hensbry.

While strafing at treetop height, they caught some ground fire. As a result, S/Sgt. McKinney was hit in the foot and severely injured. One wheel dropped down and it looked like a crash landing or worse for them since they were far from home.

Lt. Ranson, navigator, and S/Sgt. Pardue, upper gunner, poured crushed sulfanilamide on McKinney's wound and bandaged it up. As a result of that quick action his foot probably will be saved.

Capt. Hensbry brought the ship back, ordered the wheels cranked down and landed with only minor damage. Cool thinking and hot flying.

NAMED GAS NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER

M/Sgt. August W. Adams has been appointed group gas non-commissioned officer. He will assist Capt. Greener.

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MAINTENANCE STILL UNBEATEN IN
13th SQUADRON'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

By Sgt. Roland Guillet

The 13th Squadron's softball league standings were shuffled around a bit this week when undefeated Ordnance went down, 11-1, to Maintenance, which maintained its unbeaten record. The only other game saw Armadillo take the Outlaws into camp, 7-2.

Major Hull, our C.O., has gone south on leave for about 10 days. With him went Capt. Angel, Lt. Clapp, T/Sgt. Greel and T/Sgt. Harrison.

The 13th played its first basketball game on the new court Wednesday, defeating the 90th in a fast tilt, 16-8. Shellant and Stetson were the high scorers, each getting six points. Davis and Shull also were outstanding. Simpson scored eight points for the 90th.

NAVIGATION DATA SERVICE

The Navigation School at Mather Field, Cal., announced it has established a navigation information service to which officers may send directly any question concerning navigation technique, procedures and the like.

CAN'T MARRY AND STAY IN SCHOOL

Pueblo, Colo.--The school superintendent here says a lot of youngsters around 16 years old ask him if they can get married and remain in school. The answer is "No!"

KEEP YOUR HELMET AND GAS MASK HANDY!

CONTEST FOR SAW MILL NAME AND
SLOGAN IS STILL "WIDE OPEN" TODAY

Several names and slogans have been submitted within the last few days for the new saw mill, but the contest is still "wide open," Maj. Herbert Latt, materiel officer, said today.

The prize is one of the cheering variety, the exact nature of which will be explained by anyone in the materiel office.

Among the suggested names are: "South Georgia Pine Co. Pty. Ltd" and "Ris and Short Lumber Co." A suggested slogan is "You supply the waheene (spelling questionable) and we'll supply the shack."

When a name has been selected, a fitting christening ceremony will be held. The saw mill is adjacent to the Materiel office. Judges for the contest are warrant officers and master sergeants working in Materiel.

COLONEL GETS NO ATTENTION

Colonel Bynum walked briskly into one of the barracks at the Harlingen Aerial Gunnery School the other day.

Not a man jumped to attention. They all lounged about writing letters, chewing the fat or sleeping. Colonel Bynum stopped in front of a private who sat snacking his lips over a hunk of fudge.

The private looked up disinterestedly: "Hello, Colonel, old boy," he said, "sit down before you fall down and have yourself a piece of chocolate."

Colonel Bynum sighed, reached for the fudge and stretched out on a nearby bunk.

Pvt. Colonel N. Bynum is a gunnery student at Harlingen who will graduate soon with wings and a Gunnery Sergeant's rating.

-----Air Force Journal.

COLLECT DATA ON TROPICS

An information center has been established by the Air Force at Eglin Field, Fla., to collect data on the tropics, Arctic and desert as it applies to operation and care of Air Force equipment. Information is also collected on climate, living and food conditions, soil and water supply.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE JAPANESE RAID HERE

The Jap bombers showed remarkable discrimination in their destruction of water cans. The only water can hit in the G. H. area was Col. Strickland's. Among the tents with the largest number of shrapnel holes were: 1. The C.O.'s and 2. The group adjutant's, Maj. Hood.

Everyone in G. H. plans to be around when Lt. Russell, photo officer, returns from leave and has a gander at his tent. Part of the floor is all that's left. It might have been one of the 20 "barracks" the Japs claimed.

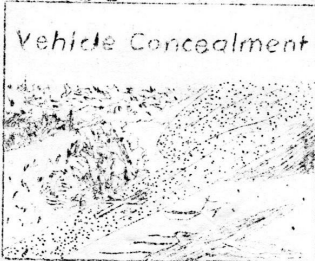
For two days after the visit, typewriter pounders of G. H. took up picks and shovels and dug new and deeper slit trenches. A day was also spent patching tents. Three enlisted men's tents were moved to healthier locations.

A visiting Aussie demolition expert, a Captain, had a look at the large crater near the hut occupied by Intelligence office personnel. He pronounced it the biggest hole left by enemy bombs in the area. Promptly three of the men had themselves photographed standing in the crater.

The epidemic of cut fingers is traceable directly to careless grabs for pieces of shrapnel souvenirs. The hunt was on immediately after the Japs departed.

Every photographer at Group Photo was poking around the area snapping pictures right and left, before most of the others were even out of their slit trenches.

There has been a very noticeable fashion trend toward wearing helmets and carrying gas masks since Monday.



A vehicle should never be parked in the center of an open field. Even when camouflage is used it will appear unnatural and attract attention.

It was the first time under fire for many officers and men. They said they weren't half as scared as they thought they'd be.

In retrospect, says our 90th Squadron observer, Col. Edgett, individual actions now seem funny but they certainly illustrate American ingenuity.

One Lieutenant found refuge beneath a dictionary. He said the big words would stop anything.

A sergeant who had put on fresh clothes in the morning changed that afternoon because they were soiled when he crawled under the trunk of a tree. He peered out like a chipmunk.

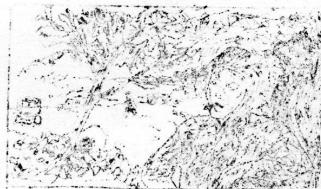
Some officers and men went so deep into the jungle they got lost on the way back. One fellow found half an oil drum, split lengthwise and used it as a helmet. On the way to shelter, another sergeant fell down twice but bounced up and continued on his way without breaking stride.

Three "wheels" were between our airdrome and the native village in a jeep. The vehicle became bogged down and they set about digging a dive trench with tools found at hand. Take it from them, a screwdriver and monkey wrench were never intended for entrenching.

Surprisingly accurate were observations made by casual spectators. Number of planes and height of the formation were estimated closely.

First thought upon seeing so many ships in formation was, "What a beautiful formation!"

LIFE SAVERS



Drivers of motor vehicles should remain in concealment near their trucks but not in or under them and never gather in groups.

TWO NEW OFFICERS JOIN 89TH SQUADRON

By Sgt. Peter Flacjak

About 50 enlisted men and 11 officers of the 89th Squadron worked like Trojans Monday moving cans after the Jap raid. Details are withheld for obvious reasons.

Lt. William F. Houha has joined the 89th as assistant communications officer. He is married and his home is in Oak Park, Ill. He is 32 years old.

Another new officer in the squadron is Lt. Jack H. S. Cates, assistant transportation officer. He is a graduate of an officer candidate school. He is 29 and his home is in Burlington, N. C.

PASSOVER SERVICE MONDAY NIGHT

A Passover service for men of the Jewish faith will be held Monday evening at 7:15 o'clock at the Red Cross Service Club at Fifth Air Force headquarters. Transportation will be provided.

* AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS *

1. Immediately upon the sounding of an air raid alert all personnel will go to their dive trenches. All personnel will wear their helmets and carry their gas masks.

2. All personnel will remain in their dive trenches until the all clear signal is sounded, unless ordered out of the dive trench by competent authority.

3. The enemy will in all probability make repeated mass raids at various intervals. Be on the alert and save your life.

4. When an alert is sounded at night, each officer and enlisted man will make it his personal responsibility to see that all personnel who sleep in his tent are awakened and that they go to a dive trench. All personnel will keep their helmets and gas masks in their possession at all times.

Repeat: Helmets will be worn and gas masks carried!

LAFF OF THE WEEK--

A young (very young) cadet was home from the exclusive military school which he attends and remarked to his mother, "I hate my sergeant!"

"Do you, darling?" she asked with sympathy.

"Yes, I do," said the youngster, "he sucks his thumb."

STATISTICS ON BEER AND BOMBERS

An unofficial report from the Middle East says that Germany's Heinkel 111 bomber, with full crew and equipment, can haul exactly 6400 cans of beer. That information was furnished by Allied airmen who recently captured a Heinkel. Exactly how much captured German beer Allied airmen can carry is a matter of speculation.

DIAPERS HELPED IN NORTH AFRICA

Diapers were used in the North African invasion as bribes to win the friendship of the natives, Frank M. Smith, deputy director of the War Production Board, said. He explained 60,000 suits of three-cornered underwear were included in the equipment of the troops which made the invasion.

WOMEN INCINERATOR DESIGNERS?

New York--Thirteen girl students from various colleges visited a New York garbage incinerator as part of their studies. One, a Miss Judith Turner who is a junior in architectural design at MIT remarked, "I'm terribly interested in all this. Some day someone may ask me to design an incinerator."

EVEN BOOKIES ARE WOMEN NOW

New York--In the new Bowery Court, Mrs. Nellie Roberta was charged with bookmaking. She won the distinction of being the first woman so charged in the court.

Denver--The Trolley Co. says it will not hire women conductors.