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SWP PACIFIC

8 RECEIVE DFC, 50 AWARDED AIR MEDALS

RABBIT STRATEGY

Ft. Worth, Tex. (CNS)—Two rabbits escaped from the Medical Center experimental hutch here and hit the road, honeymoon-bound. They had covered some distance when suddenly back along the trail they heard the baying of hounds.

"Look," said Mr. Rabbit, "we were born and raised in the Army. We're pretty tough. Let's stay right where we are and lick those babies."

The coy young rabbit bride blushed. "Let's wait until tomorrow, dear," she said, "and outnumber them."

JAPS SELECT BEST PICTURE

A motion picture of the sneak raid on Pear Harbor Dec. 7, 1941 has been selected as the best Jap film of 1942, according to radio reports received in the U.S.

SALLY RAND LOSES APPEAL

Los Angeles (CNS)—Sally Rand, strip teaser, will have to cavort without even her shoes in the future. The ration board turned down her appeal for 50 pairs a year. She said her art wore out a pair each week.

1st LOUIE SUNDAE INTRODUCED

Salt Lake City (CNS)—In a super-duper ice cream palace, a "first louie sundae" has been added to the menu. It contains vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce, chocolate ice cream, marshmallow topping, pecan halves, whipped cream and a cherry. (New Guinea orders may be placed with the Special Services officer).

WE WANT TO BE ALONE, THEY THINK

Chicago (CNS)—A convention of furniture men has concluded that men returning from the war will have grown accustomed to sleeping alone and will want twin beds. (Haw!)

MAJ. HALL, PETRIE, EVANOFF ARE HONORED

Eight officers and men of 3rd Bomb have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for participating in more than 50 attack missions against enemy airdromes and bases, shipping and naval forces, troops and lines of communication and supply.

In addition, 50 officers and men received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in participating in more than 25 operational flight missions during which hostile contact from the Japanese was "probable and expected." A Captain and a Staff Sergeant also were awarded the Air Medal posthumously.

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to the following: Maj. Christian Petri Jr., assistant group operations officer; Capt. James A. Angel, Capt. Raymond H. Wilkins, Lt. Ernest C. Jones, S/Sgt. Bernard V. Duclos, S/Sgt. Jack O. Methvin. For completing more than 200 hours of operational flight missions, rather than 50 missions; the DFC was awarded to Maj. Donald P. Hall, assistant group operations officer, and Lt. William C. Clapp.

The citations for all awards said: "These flights involved bombing and dive-bombing attacks, and low-level strafing attacks in the face of intense enemy ground fire and fighter interception."

Among those who received the Air Medal was Maj. Alexander G. Evanoff, group operations officer. The complete list of Air Medal winners will be published in Saturday's Third Strike.

FLOORED BY MEASLES, NOT JAPS

Philadelphia (CNS)—Marine Pvt. Nathan Marcus, 6 feet, 4 inches tall, credited with killing five Japs with his knife on Guadalcanal, was home on furlough after recuperating from shrapnel and knife wounds in a west coast hospital. He was taken to a naval hospital. Almost at once, he broke out with measles.

THIRD STRIKE

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13th BEATS 90th IN BASKETBALL,

18 TO 13; OTHER SPORTS EVENTS

By Sgt. Roland Guillet

In a fast, thrilling basketball game Wednesday evening, the 13th beat out the 90th, 18-13. Superior shooting by the 13th won the game even though the 90th's floor game and defense were better. Cpl. Davis was high scorer and the outstanding player on the court. He scored 10 points while Janoff led the 90th with six.

Unbeaten Maintenance went down for the first time last week as the 13th department softball league provided some exciting action. The downtrodden but aroused Combat Crews turned the trick by nosing out Maintenance, 10-9, with a five-run rally in the last half of the last inning. The game was pretty much a free-hitting affair and the lead changed four times.

Ordnance kept pace by beating Armadillo, 8-3. The Pencil-pushers upset the standings by beating Ordnance, 3-1, thus leaving three teams tied for second place with Maintenance ruling the roost.

There were several promotions of officers last week in the 13th, as announced in Third Strike. Among them was that of Lt. John Hamilton to Captain. He has been with the 13th since it left Savannah and has earned the respect and admiration of everyone by his leadership and his eagerness and interest in any project.

BERIE FLAUNTS ARMY

Milton Berle, radio comic, owns a New York furniture factory now making wooden billies for M.P.'s.

CHISELING NIP GETS NIPPED

Los Angeles, Cal. (CNS)--A half-starved but greedy Japanese soldier braved an American chow line once too often, an American seaman home on sick leave related here.

"This Jap," said Homer Hamilton, "got into an American chow line on Guadalcanal undetected. He was wearing an American trench helmet and a peculiar array of uniform clothing. But he went all the way through the line getting his plate filled.

"He must have been pretty hungry, though, because he started through for a second helping. A cook spotted him, yelled and the men finished him off in a hurry."

LAFF OF THE WEEK

Luke Field, Ariz. (CNS)--"If you are receiving me, shake your wings," the signal tower radioed a pilot in a training flight.

The pilot replied: "If you are receiving me, shake the tower!"

WE ALWAYS THOUGHT SO

Denver (CNS)--The annual softball game between Colorado State Senators and Representatives was umpired by Rep. Bill Lewis, who is blind.

WOMAN BLOWS UP

Great Falls, Mont. (CNS)--"There's a time bomb in my yard!" an excited woman telephoned the sheriff's office. Officers investigated and cautiously approached the hedge where the "bomb" lay. It turned out to be a football.

2 FISH--\$175

Springfield, N.J. (CNS)--Frank Nalbossi was fined \$25 for fishing out of season, \$45 for catching two trout out of season and \$105 for resisting arrest.

ANT EATER ASSERTS HIS RIGHTS

Los Angeles (CNS)--H.F. Berry, restaurant owner, keeps an ant eater to control the ants in his establishment. The animal, named Oscar, refused to eat more than enough to satisfy his appetite. Mr. Berry, annoyed, hired an exterminator. That made Oscar angry. He bit the ant exterminator.

SOUTH SEA ISLAND SERENADE

By Sgt. Roland Guillet

While we don't want to start a regular civil war over the choice of a title of "Poet Laureate of the 3rd Group," we think that T/Sgt. Edgar Pillard of the 13th Squadron has something on the ball as the following poem will testify and therefore we think his verse (of which there will be more) is a good challenge to the present poet laureate. At least competition is good for a champion.

SOUTH SEA ISLAND SERENADE

I'm sick of the Mongol and Tartar,
I'm sick of the Jap and Malay,
And far away spots on the chart are
No place for "Yours truly" to stay.

I've gone long enough without chicken
And milk that's not in a can.
The South Seas is no place to stick in
For this one particular man.

I'm weary of curry and rice, all
Mixed with highly spiced dope;
I'm weary of bathing with lysol
And washing with carbolic soap.

I'm tired of each skin disease,
Mosquitoes and vermin and flies;
I'm fed up on tropical breezes

FOUR-WAY TIE FOR FIRST PLACE IN
13th's SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The first part of the 13th Squadron departmental softball league ended this week when Armaradio, with its ace, Carroll, pitched superb ball to shut out Maintenance and cause a four-way tie for first place.

Ordnance and Pencil-pushers are the other teams which finished with a record of four victories and two defeats. Combat Crews finished last with two wins and four losses.

There will be no attempt to play off the tie for first place. The league is being reorganized for a new season with more teams and a longer schedule. And sunshine that dazzles the eyes.

O, Lord, for a wind with a tingle;
An atmosphere restful and keen.
O, Lord, once again to mingle
With crowds that are scrubbed and clean.

To eat without fear of infection
From implements covered with rust;
And to throw away all my collection
Of iodine, quinine and such.

To know all the noises and clamor,
The hurry and fret of the West;
I'll trade all the South Seas' glamour
The damn lying posts suggest.

They sing of the South Seas so enthralling
And that's why I started to roam
But I hear the Occident calling
O, Lord, how I want to go home.

HIT PARADE TUNS THIS WEEK

1. Brazil.
2. I've Heard That Song Before.
3. That Old Black Magic
4. As Time Goes By.
5. You'd Be So Nice To Come Home To.
6. Don't Get Around Much Anymore.
7. Taking a Chance on Love.
8. For Me and My Gal.
9. It Can't Be Wrong.
10. There's a Harbor of Dreamboats.

Members of the armed forces are insured by the Government for 45 billion dollars--one third as much as all the insurance carried by the entire civilian population of the U.S.



"Aw, I seen the same act a dozen times in Boston".

POINTERS ON MACKAY

By Cpl. Clifford Cotter

Did I moan the blues when I heard all leaves had to be taken at Mackay (incidentally, pronounced Mack-eye, why, beats me)? Having just returned, I can truthfully say I'm not sorry I went there. I really had a good time.

When we arrived there, we were met by Capt. Samuel Cutler, who proceeded to give us the lowdown. We were as free as the air, but we were to stay at the Red Cross, couldn't leave Mackay and were to stand one formation during our stay--weighing in the next morning. He really made us feel welcome.

Here are a few things you might like to know. Everybody didn't stay at the Red Cross. Quite a few stayed in private homes and some in hotels.

The food at Red Cross is excellent. But if you want to eat somewhere else, try the Capital, reasonable prices and well-cooked foods. Also Pengley's next to the Red Cross recreation rooms is good.

The Red Cross will arrange all your programs for you--dates, hayrides, deep sea fishing, horses--even help you rent a bike. You can find any sport you wish--skating, tennis, baseball. That includes sports for lounge lizards. There are also dances galore.

I found the Civic Theater the best--air conditioned and very good programs. Incidentally I saw movies of the Bismarck Sea battle, and there was Maj. Lerner of the 90th, big as life and full of jokes.

The only decent cabs I found were Union Cabs. No attempts at clipping.

You can draw clothes that you need at the Red Cross. Cigarettes are 4 pence a pack. You collect 10 pounds from the finance office for rations and quarters at Red Cross. Don't overlook the milk shakes--they're ice cold.

Whatever you want is there. All you have to do is get out and find it.

MODESTY INTACT

Litchfield, Mo.(CNS)--Roger Ltob awakened to find his house afire, so he jumped out the window. Then he noticed he was stark naked. He jumped back in to get some clothes. When he came out the second time he had suffered minor burns but his modesty was intact.

KEEP AN EYE ON THAT JEEP ALWAYS

ALL AUSSIES IN 90th ARE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONS

By Cpl. Byron Edgett

Australian flying personnel attached to the 90th have been ordered to report to Australian headquarters for reassignment to Australian outfits.

Affected by the order are: P/O B. Johnco, P/O W. Blewitt, W/O W. Callaghan and Sgts. L.H. Mason, R. H. Guthrie, J.A. Langley, A.W. Kenyon, K.A. Richards, A.L. McDonald, I. Wilkinson, J. MacLellan, J. Stephens, N.R. Stibbard.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A YEAR THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO AUSTRALIANS IN THE SQUADRON AND THEIR PRESENCE IS MISSED. From their numbers have come many conscientious and well-trained men, good fellows and willing workers.

The 90th wishes them great success under the new setup.

After seeing "Swiss Family Robinson," many 90th men have expressed the desire to visit the tropics some day. Especially do they want to tour the magic isle of New Guinea.

Accompanied by Maj. Hood, group adjutant, two majors from the adjutant general's department addressed the squadron recently on National Service Life Insurance. They explained in detail how the insurance can be obtained and what benefits it gives. For many members of the squadron, this was the first full explanation. The majors answered all questions, thereby clearing up insurance once and for all.

Life Savers

Weapons



Never point a weapon at anybody unless you intend to kill him.



Always keep the safety lock on when your weapon is loaded and you are not firing. If you don't, you may accidentally catch the trigger and shoot yourself or a comrade.