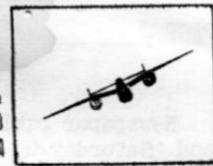




# The THIRD STRIKE



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## -notice-

When going on leave or furlough, personnel will leave APO 503 the day before their leave or furlough takes effect and report to A-1 V Bomber Command, APO 929. Air transportation to the mainland will be arranged there. Each person will carry two copies of orders.

## Classes In Radio To Be Conducted

### CPL BOLTON WILL ACT AS MENTOR

A course of instruction, designed to teach basic principles of radio, its mechanics and repair, will be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday and Thursday evenings in group message center. Cpl Eric Bolton, former instructor in fundamentals of radio at Scott Field and Chicago, will direct studies.

These classes will be open to all 3rd Group members interested in wireless, either professionally or as a hobby. Group experts will be on hand to lecture on various phases as study progresses.

#### Problems Will Be Covered

Communication problems will be covered in detail. Various texts will be used but an International Correspondence School formula will be followed closely.

Bolton emphasized that the course was instituted by enlisted men to further their educations. Its success will depend on regular attendance and interest shown. It has the approval of Maj Hood and Capt Langevin.

### SO-O SOLLY!

An Associated Press story tells of Japanese complaints of American "lack of sportsmanship," according to Tokyo radio.

Appearing before a committee of the Japanese diet, Maj Gen Kenryo Sato, director of the military affairs board of the Japanese war ministry, Monday remarked that he "would like to say to the American people:

"Do not become quite so serious.

"Let us make the Pacific ocean an arena and fight a good battle for superiority."

## BATTLE FRONTS ARE QUIETER

### RUSSIA, SICILY COMMAND SPOTLIGHT

After stirring events on war fronts the world over in the last few weeks, a comparative quiet has fallen. With the exception of the Russian and Sicilian fronts there has been no new action of any moment.

The United States is consolidating its positions in the Munda area after delivering a heavy blow to Japanese occupation in the northeast sector of the Southwest Pacific.

Heavy air raids continue to be directed against air and naval bases in the northern Solomons. Salamua and Lae have been bombed and strafed incessantly and our ground troops seem to be doing a systematic job of clearing Jap resistance from the surrounding area.

#### Russian Advance Continues

The Russian advance will not be denied. Soviet forces of "extraordinary" size, according to Berlin, are threatening Bryansk and Kharkov. The Luftwaffe is taking a constant beating from

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## Soputa Turf Club Will Hold 2nd Meet

Soputa Amateur Turf Club will hold another horse race and track meet at the Soputa race course, starting at 12:30 p.m., Aug. 21.

Eleven events are slated, including a Jeep tug-of-war (one team of 11 per unit), 100-yard dash, 440-yard relay and an 880-yard race.

Entries are invited and should be made with Race Committee, 56 Bty., 26 Fd. Regt., R.A.A., by 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16. Telephone entries will be accepted.

Ten bookmakers will be present to accept wagers on all events. Prizes will consist of war savings certificates and trophies.

### SOMEBODY REMEMBERS US

A best seller back home is the book "Letter From New Guinea" written by Correspondent Vern Haugland, whose article on the 89th Squadron was printed in the Third Strike a few weeks ago. The book mentions the 3rd group.

## THIRD STRIKE

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## 13th potpourri

Sgt Roland Guillet

Two recent additions to the squadron are Lts Lees and Williams. 2nd Lt Donald T. Lees is 26 years old, was graduated from Hondo Army Observers school in Texas and commissioned as an aerial observer and navigator on Dec. 17, 1942. He left the US in May 1942 and joined the 13th a few days ago. He has been appointed squadron navigator.

2nd Lt Regan Stacy Williams, assistant supply officer, is the first product of OCS in Australia to come into the 13th Squadron. Lt Williams was an enlisted man serving in this area when he was sent to Air Corps Administration OCS. He was appointed 2nd Lt on June 26. Lt Williams left the States the same day as the 3rd Group.

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Capt Minor has been appointed squadron securities officer and Capt Small resumed his duties as squadron operations officer when CO Maj Conley returned from leave. Lt Jones is assistant operations officer.

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T/Sgt Brewster M. Land Jr, last bombardier in the 13th, has been notified of his transfer to Australia, pending return to the States. T/Sgt Land, who came overseas as a member of the 13th Bomb Squadron, has won the Silver Star, Air Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal.

## TRACK MEET GOES 'SNAFU'

London--A local track meet for soldiers was delayed recently because the Army couldn't find a pistol to start the races.

GOOD-BYS  
We Would Have Said

When we recall the furtive manner in which we left the States, oftentimes we wonder if our leaving was marked-if the masses ever miss our presence. The following poem seems to populate those blank piers that loom in our memories:

By Margaret T. Raymond

The grave lads and the gay lads,  
The lads with the whistling lips,  
And those whose eyelids darken  
As their convoy leaves the slips

Have none to watch in the evening  
How their mottled gray ships glide  
Through the Gate of the gold Pacific  
Or Hell Gate's cross-ripped tide;  
No fluttering white at the pierhead  
Of hands remembered grace,  
No calling voice, no upturned eyes  
In the unforgotten face;

Only a grinning dockhouse door  
And a white tern's fluttering cries,  
Only a guard at his vigil turning  
Veiled and friendly eyes.

Oh, lads, who go out in the darkness,  
In loneliness and pride,  
Believe that the empty pierhead  
And the grinning dockhouse lied.

All over the land in the nighttime  
More bright than the dark on the sea  
Our hearts beat fast imagining  
The place that we could not be.

"Fare well," we called,  
"fare very well,"  
And we taught our lips to smile,  
And said in our hearts  
As a prayer is said--  
"We'll meet again afterwhile."

Believe that like you we remember  
The words we'd no chance to speak;  
Believe that less than the ocean's  
spume  
Lay wet on every cheek,

And that in the farms and villages,  
In the cities' towering might,  
Parent and lover and wife and child  
Are calling "Fare well!" tonight.

SGT GROVER QUILLIAN JAMES, who has been hobnobbing with the wheels in the south, has returned to renew acquaintances and pass out cigars. He was accompanied by a mass of apparatus that looks like a Rube Goldberg invention. He claims it is a little gadget that answers roll call for him so he can sleep all day.

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One of our fat friends saw Maj Sidney Siegel, former group surgeon, when south. The major has lost weight.

## More About Malaria

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By Major Gilmore

Female mosquitoes live 30 days, laying eggs continuously. She isn't particular where she lays them. Any still water will do; in tin cans, jeep tracks filled with water and every similar place.

The male mosquito in contrast lives only two days. He remains close to the breeding grounds while the female may fly as far as two or three miles. The male does not transmit malaria.

### Why Mosquitoes Bite

Why do mosquitoes bite? It isn't for fun. They must have food to live and reproduce and a blood meal must be had before the laid eggs can develop. Thus the urge to live and reproduce causes them to go about biting people and animals and in so doing they innocently transmit the malaria parasite from one person to another. Knowing this much about the mosquito it is easy to see the only way to eradicate it is to eliminate breeding spots. Where this cannot be done spraying the water with oil will suffice. This smothers the mosquito larvae and tends to reduce, if not eliminate, chances of contracting the disease.

All mosquitoes breed and live in the same manner but not all can transmit malaria. Only the Anopheles type can do this. A doctor named Ross discovered that in 1897 by letting several types of mosquito feed upon human blood from malaria patients.

On dissecting the insects he found the malarial parasite present only in the Anopheles.

### Two Major Types

There are only two major types of mosquito of any practical importance, although there are millions of varieties. These two are the Anopheles and the Culex. The latter is the common pest found everywhere. This mosquito transmits dengue and yellow fever.

The Anopheles is distinguished from other varieties by the position he assumes when biting. If one should light on the back of your hand you would note that body and beak are in a straight line, resting at a 45-degree angle to the hand's surface.

The body of the Culex is parallel with the skin surface. The Anopheles has spotted wings, the Culex plain.

The Culex buzzes or sings, the Anopheles makes no sound. Unlike other mosquitoes, its bite is painless. YOU WILL NOT FEEL THE BITE THAT GIVES YOU MALARIA.

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## 90<sup>TH</sup> CHIPS & CHATTER

By N. P. N.

W/O Caruzzi reports that one of his letters to a beautiful young lady in Australia was so "sweet" it cost her 12 sugar coupons to get it out of the post office.

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Lt Peterson, instructing a few of the boys in the shack asked, "What's absolutely the first thing you do when cleaning a rifle?"

Sgt Ashcroft: "Look at the number."

Lt Peterson: "And what's that got to do with it?"

Sgt Ashcroft: "To make dam' sure it's my gun, Sir."

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Lts Soffer and Meding, Sgts Humphries, Rush, Fiske, Strom and J.H. Thompson left for a well earned rest this week. Four of the above EM have not had a furlough since last July and August.

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In a little friendly game (L50) our boys (Fortner, Nadon, Latta and Davis) should not get so mad when a M/Sgt draws a straight flush, even though it is just 6,7,8,9 and 10 of spades.

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Pvt on line: "I feel like telling Sgt Tucker where to get off again."

Sgt Sumner: "What do you mean again?"

Pvt: "I felt like it yesterday."

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Our pastry shop in the kitchen is completed, under the eagle eye of Sgt Nadon. With Sgt Barton doing the baking and making of pies that're up to mothers' standard, hot rolls so light he has to cover them up to keep them from floating off. Who said that?

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Cpl Modest Wendowski, after reading the news on bulletin board walked in orderly room and informed all, "Yea, boys, I see where the Dodgers (Bums) are in fourth slot in the National League race."

Cpl Burns (from Brooklyn), "Like hell they are, I don't recognize this as an official season."

### DIREC-TIT

A bombardier, so the story goes, returning home after a day of practice bombing, noticed he had one bomb left. Not wanting to land with the bomb he started to look around for something on which he might drop it.

Finally he sighted a woman milking a cow, took careful aim and let the bomb go. It was direct hit, blowing the cow to bits.

In case any of you want to know what happened to the woman, she was left holding the bag.



## Advice to the Lovelorn

DEAR COLUMN:

I received the following letter from a girl in the States. Do you think she loves me; will she wait?

"Dear Glenn: I sat myself down, pen in hand, to type you a letter. Please excuse the lead pencil. My dear, I am sorry we are so close apart. I wish we could move farther together.

"We are having more weather this year than last, don't you think so? You know by now that we have 14 kids in our family; four girls and three boys. Two of the boys were named Jim except Pete and his name is Dick.

"My sister has the mumps and is having a swell time. She is near death's door and the doctor thinks she can pull him through.

"I called up my girl friend today but she was upstairs and failed to come down. So I'm going to call her up now and call her down for not coming down when I called her up. My stomach has been upset lately so I've been eating my dessert first. Guess I will go lay down on my stomach and cover myself with my back. Love, Dorthy."

ANSWER: Yes, I believe she loves you and, unless she hears about your escapades at the rest area, she'll wait. But it's going to be terribly uncomfortable in a straitjacket till you get back in 1950--A.L.C.

M/SGT MURPHY is wondering if it is true that his intended is in New Guinea

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NOTE TO "CARPAL" BILL SHUELL OF THE 90TH: "The only vehicle a man under the influence of intoxicants may operate on the highways of Arkansas is a wheelbarrow."

## Battle-

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the Red Air Force. Capture of materiel by the Russians is enormous.

In Sicily the Axis is fighting a vicious rearguard action as they are driven relentlessly into the sea. On the north coast, American landings from the sea have been effected behind Nazi defenses leaving a large force of the enemy entrapped on three sides. Northern progress places American troops within 42 miles of Messina. American central forces are only eight miles from a juncture of strength with the British 8th Army, moving steadily along the east coast.

## SIGNS of the TIMES

By Pfc Leon Cohen

"Out there, there were about 150 of them to every girl. So back here there's only one thing we're getting a rest from. Yep, you've guessed it--MEN." One of a group of 44 Army nurses just returned to US after 16 months in Southwest Pacific. (Quoted by San Francisco correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer.)

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On our first raid, we made three runs on a Jap transport.

ON THE FIRST, THE BOMBARDIER OPENED THE WRONG DOORS AND THREW OUT COTS, MOSQUITO NETS AND PINEAPPLE JUICE.

On the second, he was so excited by the tracers that he didn't drop anything. On the third, he unloaded all the bombs and the bomb-bay gasoline tank, too. We rolled the ship around a bit, but didn't score a direct hit. After that, the crew learned fast. --Lt John T. McChesney, Seattle, back from 14 months in the Pacific Theater.

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British Commission reports that pregnancies among unmarried women in the Auxiliary Territorial Service were 15.4 per 1000 compared with 21.8 per 1000 among unmarried civilians. (Serves 'em right.)

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I get homesick for my husband, Bill, and, when I get there, I overstay my leave. They don't do much about it because I'm their best cook--Mrs. Treatha Taylor Brown, of Kansas City, reported AWOL from her WAAC company for sixth time in five months.

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In Spokane, Wash., where a curfew law recently took effect, police officer Elmo Springer saw two young girls on the street late at night. "Aren't you a juvenile?" he asked one suspiciously. The youngster drew herself up indignantly. "I'll have you know that I have never been a juvenile in all my life," she said.

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Zoot outfit: Trousers 32 inches at knee and 12 inches at cuff with jacket that runs down to knees. Uniform: 12 inch collar on a 14 neck; cuffs of trousers half way to knees with seat to match.

## FAIR EXCHANGE

Group Hq. swapped four men recently. In the deal Group got T/Sgts J.B. Cheson and Holbert P. Barnes. The 90th took T/Sgt Cutrer and S/Sgt Queen. No matter which team they're playing on, these men will give a good account of themselves.