

# THIRD STRIKE



## Awards Announced

The following awards for the 3rd Group have been announced:

Maj Ronald D. Hubbard, Capt Henry J. Rose and Capt James B. McAffe, formerly members of the 3rd Group, receive DFC.

Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC; S/Sgt James W. Miller, 13th Squadron.

Air Medal; Sgt Wesley J. Hayes, 13th and S/Sgt Victor N. Taber, 90th.

Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal; Capt John C. Conn, 1st Lt William J. Langley, 1st Lt Turner P. Messick and Capt William W. Neel, 89th Squadron, Capt Phil H. Hawkins, 1st Lt Donald J. MacVellan, 1st Lt Kenneth E. Rosebrush, 1st Lt John J. Clark and S/Sgt Franklin I. Timberlake (Posthumously), 90th and S/Sgt Julius R. Moore, 13th.

The total number of decorations the 3rd Group has received to date is 582.

## FUNDS MISSING

By Cpl R. Standing

At the request of the stockholders of the Third Strike Publishing Co. its books were examined by several Certified Public Accountants and it was found that the entire treasury was missing.

The blue-eyed and illustrious editor, Cpl B. Edgett, keeper of the funds also turned up missing. The treasury, consisting of sixpence, included funds collected from subscriptions and classified advertising and were used to defray cost of printing the paper. A rumor has been circulating that Editor Edgett has gone south for a few days and we hope that he has one grand and hilarious time on the company's money. We are waiting his return before pressing charges.

## Group Orchestra

A group orchestra is in the making. For two and one half years T/Sgt Harold Plassman, group personnel, has been watching musical talent in the outfit being shamefully wasted. Other musicians have been interested in the project—but only periodically.

According to Plassman, the requisition for instruments has been submitted through the Special Service Officer and results should not be long in coming.

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## Broadcast on Wewak Given by 3rd Officers

Col Hall, Maj Downs and Maj Conley left Thursday for Australia to broadcast their version of the recent air victory at Wewak. This broadcast will be recorded and flown back to the States and will give a first hand picture of the entire mission.

It is expected that Col Hall will confer with higher headquarters to present various aspects and strategy of the strike that made the outstanding blow against the Japs a successful one.

## WORLD NEWS

LONDON--RAF and American heavy bombers raided the German capital, Berlin for the first time in five months. Mosquito bombers have raided Berlin eight times since March 29.

RUSSIA--Kharkov changed hands Monday for the fourth time since the beginning of the war. Germans are now retreating to the west.

ITALY--Americans and RAF have bombed rail heads in Salerno, 35 miles from Naples. All railroad traffic in Southern Italy has now come to a standstill. Planes based on Malta played a large part in the Sicilian campaign.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC--Several Jap bombers attacked Darwin at night without effect. The Japs are still flying replacement planes into the Wewak area.

ASIATIC--American bombers attacked a Japanese airfield at Canton. In Burma the RAF carried out attacks on Jap factories and river shipping on the Irewaddi. The Japanese made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb the Chinese capital, Chungking. They were forced to drop all their bombs before reaching the city and lost several fighters and bombers in the ensuing fight.

KISKA--In the face of losing Kiska, Radio Tokyo stated that "where the Allies were concerned 'innocence was bliss', for the Japanese had successfully accomplished a large scale evacuation without the loss of one troop." American forces have moved onto the island of Segoola where they met no resistance. Engineers are busy repairing the air base on Kiska from where attacks on the Japanese mainland may be made.

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*editorial*

At the 13th Squadron movie Monday night, the Third Strike was honored by being the first organization named in Lt Newmeyer's new news cast feature, "Credit Where Credit Is Due." This tribute was appreciated by all concerned with the production of our group paper.

There is one point in connection with the Third Strike that can no longer go unmentioned, and it is hoped go unheeded. In the mast head of your paper appear the words "by and for members of 3rd Attack Group"---THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT TELL THE TRUTH.

The paper it is true is for every member of the group, but those individuals who contribute are not a representative class of the various squadrons themselves. The efforts of the 13th, 89th and 90th Squadrons have been sincere in their attempt to truly make The Strike their paper. We wonder why the 8th Squadron has not shown interest

This writing is not an appeal for new, or for sudden burst of spirits, but it is an appeal to make the group paper truly a group paper, in which all the squadrons have the desire to make their activities known.

**The Age Of Scholars**

The editors of the Third Strike express belated willbyburgers to Lt. Crego on his reaching the quarter century mark. His sage remarks such as doodly s---, will continue to stand for us all as linguistic pearls. We hope that in the many years to come, which we will have the honor of spending with him, that his luck in the world continues except in poker. Note: The hand he loves to touch, "four aces and a queen"!

**MALARIA**

(FIFTH OF A SERIES)

By Major John Gilmore

It requires about 150 million malarial parasites in the blood stream to produce symptoms of malaria. These are injected in small numbers by the bite of the mosquito. There they multiply rapidly until the required number is reached and the attack of malaria comes on. There are no symptoms or ill effects during this incubation period of some 14 days duration. It is during this stage that malaria can be stopped by the proper use of atabrine or quinine.

These drugs are essential for killing the malarial parasites. Their action is similar to that of an antiseptic except they have the advantage in that they can be taken internally without doing bodily harm. They act specifically on the malarial germ. The extent of this action depends on the amount taken at any one time. In sufficient quantities these drugs will kill all the parasites. However, doses that large over a long period of time would be harmful.

In smaller doses the drug is not harmful even if taken for years. Yet it acts by killing enough of the parasites to keep the total below 150 million and thus prevent the attack of malaria. This method of preventing malaria is not as good as eradicating the mosquito and its bite but since the latter is most difficult the drug must be taken.

Relatively the drugs have the same value. One is no better than the other. Quinine is a natural product. It is derived from the bark of a tropical tree called the Cinchona. It is found in limited amounts in South America. However, some 90% of the world's supply came from Java prior to the war. Since Japanese occupation of Java, supply of quinine has become dangerously small.

Anticipating this situation might arise the Germans in 1932 developed a substitute, a synthetic drug called atabrine. They were aware that tropical warfare could not be carried out without adequate supplies of quinine or its substitute. One mistake was made by them. In a transaction between the German Dye Trust and an American firm the formula for atabrine came into our hands. The formula was not complete. The Germans had left out small portions of it thinking that it would thus be of no value to us. In 1939 D. A. E. Sherndal of the Winthrop Chemical Company discovered the missing ingredients. Mass production of atabrine in the United States began.

Rumor knows no rank. A soldier who spreads them deserves none.---V.F.C.

# Another Fish-Story

By Perk Perkins

Fish? Of a certainty--we have fish-- or rather we had fish. One of the best fries ever had in the organization was held Sunday night by members of Group Headquarters. An expedition consisting of Lower, Sonneband, Oliver, Chambless, Tremblay and Perkins had exceptionally good luck that Sabbath afternoon. They took along 30 charges of TNT, a native lacatoy, a few native diver boys and found that quite a few finny denizens were inhabiting the waters outside of Sanananda. True sportsmen at all times, they used a three-quarter inch fuse, thus putting the odds about even as to whether they or the fish were about to be blown sky high. But even at even money the fish lost. Rumor has it that the organization as a whole would have been much better off had the fish come out on top.

Lower of the medical, (Sgt temporary, over 0 years service) was thoroughly put in his place by one of the natives. No. 1 boy was poling the lacatoy in one direction. Lower wanted to go the other way. The following conversation ensued.

Lower, "Boy, turn boat around. Go other way."

No. 1 Boy, "No."

Lower, "You do what I say."

No. 1. Boy, "No!"

Lower, "What the hell is this? Who's boss here anyhow?"

No. 1 Boy, "Me boss boy. You just sergeant. What I say you must do. Me No. 1 boss boy!!!"

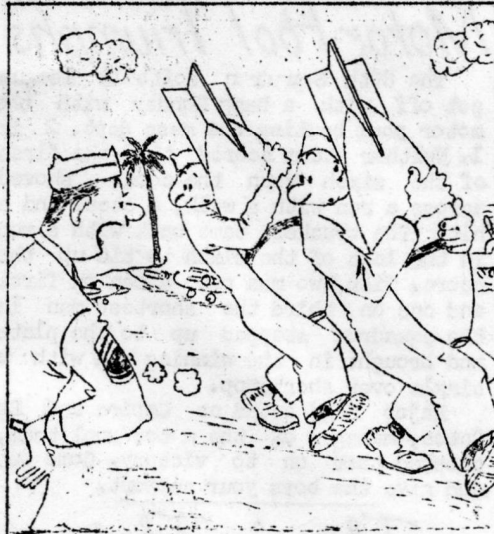
Which just goes to show what will happen when these recruits try to pull their rank. These expansion Sgts don't mean a thing---even to the natives.

**Orchestra** (Continued From Page 1)  
He asks that musicians call him for the purpose of setting a specific meeting night.

The maestro also requests services of tinsmiths with previous experience in making mutes. His efforts with tin cans have not proved successful.

## South Sea Island

Soft winds whispering  
Through the palm-frond trees--  
Pale silvery moon  
Over shimmering seas--  
Golden-skinned island girls,  
Charming,--naive--  
Lolling with GI's  
In contented tropic ease--  
That's the picture  
The other guy sees--  
-----Wonderful-----Ain't it????  
T/Sgt Perkins



"Hurry up and get by---you guys from the 13th make me nervous!"

## Behind the 8 Ball

What has become of the more or less festive activities that took place in the 8th area, adjacent to that of the 89th? Could it be that there are no more occasions for celebration, or is it because the necessary ingredients for such goings-on are lacking? Cheer up, boys--"Not in stock" will be in shape soon.

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This business of changing CO's so rapidly (four times in one week) has the clerks in the Orderly Room in a spin. Seems as though every time they type a letter they run into the CO's tent to see who's sitting behind the desk, and since the CO is a flying officer, he's seldom there, so they take a chance only to find that "somebody else has taken his place."

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A chief topic of conversation is the on-again-off-again status of the movie projector. It works beautifully in the afternoon, but as soon as the communications section leaves for supper, a mob of Gremlins descends on it and it won't talk in the evening. If you noticed a blue tinge in the atmosphere last Thursday night, it was the result of the Communications section being put on the spot by having the Special Service Officer promise the squadron a show without previously notifying them. Two of the boys lost pounds trying to persuade the damned thing to work.

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Incidentally the title of this would-be piece of literature has no connection with a certain black canine who answers to the name of "Eight Ball."

## Motor Pool Triumphs

The 89th Squadron softball league got off with a bang Monday with the motor pool beating the mess dept. 2 to 1. Neither team scored till the first of the sixth when the cooks shoved across a run with a walk, a steal and a hit. The truckers came back with a run in the last of the sixth to tie up the score. With two men out, a man on first and one on third the shortest man in the squadron stepped up to the plate and brought in the winning run with a single over shortstop.

Major Good acted as Umpire and Lt Gates, manager of the motor pool team, cheered them on to victory. Come out and give the boys your support.

## This 'n That

North Africa (CNS)--An MP stopped a WAC sergeant when she failed to salute a group of second lieutenants.

"Would you have saluted," she asked, "if they called you 'Toots'?"

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Camp Sibert, Ala. (CNS)--A sergeant lined up seven recruits--all Indians--and asked them their names.

"Pvt Adkins," said the first one.

"Pvt Adkins," said the next five.

"Pvt Holmes," said the seventh.

"Glad to meet you," said the sergeant, a little starry-eyed, as he shook hands with Holmes.

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Gallup, N. M. (CNS)--An eccentric customer stopped at Dorothy Scanlon's war bond booth. "I'll buy all the 25-cent stamps you can lick in ten minutes," he said. He had to pay her \$48.75.

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Holbrook, Ariz. (CNS)--When informed that the Navajo Indian population is increasing three times as rapidly as that of the white race in the U. S. A., 82-year-old Henry Chee Dodge, veteran tribal segamore, came up with a heap big solution to the problem. Every white man, he suggested, should be given three wives.

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Tacoma, Wash. (CNS)--Edward Strothers is looking for the wise guy who advertised in a local paper for cats using the address of Strother's gas station. When Ed arrived at work the other day seven cats and their owners were waiting for him. Later 70 more arrived.

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New York (CNS)--The other day it was warm so Armando Dario took off his clothes and wandered down 14th street as bare as the cupboard of Old Mother Hubbard. Cops picked Dario up and out-fitted him with a straight jacket.

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

By N.P.N.

Wheel Hasting gazed admiringly at the beautiful dress of the leading chorine in Mackay.

Wheel asked his mate, "Who made her dress?"

"I'm not sure, but I think it was the MPs."

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Doug-out-Wendy said, "A show girl leads a hard life. All the women talk about her right in front of her face and the men talk about her BE-HIND."

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A farmer was driving past the insane asylum in Ark. (it could not have happened any where else) with a load of fertilizer. An inmate called out, "What are you hauling there?"

"Fertilizer," yelled the farmer.

"What are you going to do with it?"

"Put it on my strawberries."

"You ought to live here. We get sugar and cream on ours."

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S/Sgt Hale reports from T/D beach area, "It hardly seems honest or just to decree that all bathing suits must be modest and shy. Yet reformers all cry, 'We'll cover their stomachs or bust!'"

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Cpl Barnes, acting Stat. Officer, "I've just been reading some statistics here. Every time I breathe a man dies."

Charge of Quarters, S/Sgt Phay, "Gad man, why don't you try listerine?"

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We dove down 30,000 feet, and all my sins flashed before me. It was so interesting I made the pilot go back and dive eight more times.

## THE WOLF

by Sansone



"I can think of much pleasanter things to do!"