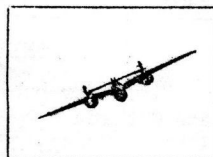


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S.W. PACIFIC

Native Dance Staged for 3rd

CAMERA FANS GO WILD: NATIVE GAL IS STOWAWAY: HULA FEATURED

About 100 natives presented something new in the way of entertainment for Third Group members last Sunday when they gave a program of their dances in a clearing in the Eighth Squadron area. Hit of the show was a New Guinea version of "Show Me The Way To Go Home," which the carrier boys picked up from our infantry during the Buna battle.

The dancers found their style a little cramped because they didn't have their women with them, W/O Jim Haddock of Angau, explained. One bare-bosomed gal, who was not supposed to come here for the dance, got on the truck when no one was looking and watched the proceedings anyway.

Bare Belle Steals Show

Shutterbugs had a field day. If one camera fan found six or seven weirdly-
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ARMY-NAVY GAME?

WASHINGTON--(BY RADIO)-- An early announcement will be made on the status of this year's Army-Navy football game. Acting Secretary of War Patterson, when asked at Thursday's press conference if the game would be played, grinned but declined a premature statement.

4-11 ALARM

4 PANS OF BISCUITS--11 MEN PRESENT

When fire alarm sounded in the 90th area Monday afternoon, first on the scene were Willie McGovern and Joe Burns of personnel. They quickly extinguished the blaze. These men (especially Burns) were experienced fire engine chasers back home but this time they beat the mobile equipment. Five minutes after the alarm sounded, help from all departments arrived, headed by Toby Tucker, Wheels Hastings and Brooks.

Damage was limited to the destruction of four pans of fresh buns and about 10 yards of hessian cloth.

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37 NEW AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED

MAJOR HENEGBRY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Decorations in the Third Group now have reached the imposing figure of 526 with recent announcement of 37 more awards.

Maj John P. Henebry, 90th Squadron CO, received the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross, a decoration he already possesses.

Distinguished Flying Crosses were awarded Maj Glen W. Clark, 89th Squadron; S/Sgt Omar N. Ferguson, 8th Squadron; Lt. Edward D. Benham, Lt Kenneth P. Christianson, M/Sgt Melvin E. Owens, S/Sgt James W. Miller, 13th Squadron.

The Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal was awarded T/Sgt Brewster M. Land Jr., 13th Squadron; S/Sgt Woodrow E. Butler, S/Sgt Redus W.

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BULLDOG GETS SPECIAL MEDAL --FROM GROUP CO

By Roland Guillet

The famous 13th Squadron bulldog, Rabaul, was decorated with the Distinguished Squirting Cross by Major Hall, group commander, at a ceremony Monday night.

The award, a wooden fireplug bearing a cross, was awarded Rabaul for having raised his leg for the first time in joyful and masculine urination against the trunk of a Yukaflantis tree, an act which was above the call of nature.

At the presentation, Rabaul was given a certificate signed by a four-star general, Major Conley, CO; Capt Wiss, intelligence officer; Lt Newmeyer, spon-

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CHURCH NOTICES
 Sunday, July 18, 1943

Protestant
 10:15 A. M. - 8th Squadron
 6:45 P. M. - 13th Squadron

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Ground-Air Support

By S/Sgt Edward F. Hines

Excitement hit group operations July 11 when 80 barges were reported unloading on Salamaua peninsula. Phones rang incessantly for a mad half hour. "What's up?" "Where are they?" "How about a secondary target?" The perspiring intelligence officer, Capt W. W. Shegda, shouted back: "Dammit, there are 89 barges up there. Get the full ones, come back and strafe the empties. That's your target...Right-o!"

Majors Downs and Henebry, Lieutenants Minor and Langley led their squadrons.

Shortly after, bombs and bullets rained around Salamaua. The reported concentration of barges wasn't sighted but many other targets felt the impact of the hard-hitting Third.

Lt Langley's A-20s made four strafing passes on Kila point from minimum altitude.

Maj Henebry's boys then plastered 30 bombs in and around installations, returning to strafe. Photos were taken.

Lt Minor's ships followed, bombing and strafing from treetop height. One copilot saw a red-roofed hut blown sky high.

Maj Downs' planes made light strafing runs on villages and structures near the strip. Radio shack hit and black smoke observed from burning fuel dumps. A power boat was also strafed.

HOLLYWOOD- (BY RADIO) - Film Actress Veronica Lake's premature baby, Anthony, died Thursday. The seven-day-old child was placed in an incubator at birth and given a fair chance of living.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The genuineness of a soldier—his motives and his ambition—is reflected in the manner he carries his responsibility.

One brand of soldier pigeon-holes it, or tosses it in "A" file. His success and life are short.

Another soldier will carry his responsibility under his arm as he does a raincoat in threatening weather -- to wear if it becomes an absolute necessity. He may live long, but is seldom happy--never successful.

THERE IS ANOTHER SOLDIER--ONE WHO WEARS HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

He carries it on his shoulder all the time, living with it, in it, and for it, keeping in his stride.

He is the happy man. He lives every day successfully, victoriously.

He is the man who is a winner -- in the heart of God -- in the heart of his country and fellow-men, and in the heart of his organization.--Chaplain J. W. James.

LATE WAR NEWS

MEDITERRANEAN: Americans 7 miles deeper into Sicily mountains Thursday night, racing with British striking toward Catania plains where p'chutists and glider troops dropped behind enemy lines for what is expected to be major battle.

Lt Gen Patton and his tank boys have penetrated 25 miles inland.

Another Italian general, commanding 54th Napoli Division, surrendered with his entire staff south of Vizzini.

Gains are being made and the invasion, according to official sources, is ahead of schedule.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Americans clashed with Japs on two islands 700 miles apart in two new offensives. Allies were reported closing in on Mubo in Mubo area (near Salamaua) Thursday for decisive action. They have captured Green Hill, an important height. On New Georgia in the Solomons, Americans continue their advance on Munda, important Jap base within striking distance of Rabaul.

BULLETIN

THE MUBO BATTLE IS OVER,, DETAILS ARE NOT AVAILABLE BUT JAP DEFENDING FORCES HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT.

RUSSIA: The Soviet has begun its summer counter offensive. It was initiated three days after start of the Sicilian invasion. They have broken the heavily fortified German lines North and East of Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow.

NEWSOM TRADED

BROOKLYN (BY RADIO)—Earlier this week it was reliably reported that "Lippy" Leo Durocher was on his way out as manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The players recently voiced their dissatisfaction with Durocher and their sentiments are expected to result in more outbreaks. Durocher recently suspended Bobo Newsom for what he called "insubordination."

Now "Lippy's" job has been reaffirmed by Branch Rickey. He said Durocher had not offered his resignation and if he had it would have been refused.

Meanwhile the cause of all the trouble in the Dodger camp, Bobo, has been traded to the St. Louis Browns for two pitchers.

Thursday morning Newsom was still wandering around the Dodger office waiting to see Branch Rickey. "I'm definitely not going to report to the Browns," he said, "I still think I got a dirty deal and was made the goat of the whole affair."

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	43	30	.589	
Detroit	38	34	.528	4
Washington	40	37	.519	5
Chicago	35	36	.493	7
St. Louis	35	37	.486	7½
Cleveland	35	38	.479	8
Boston	35	39	.473	8½
Philadelphia	34	44	.436	11½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	48	24	.667	
Brooklyn	47	34	.580	5½
Pittsburg	38	35	.531	10½
Cincinnati	39	37	.513	11
Philadelphia	34	42	.447	16
Boston	32	40	.444	16
Chicago	33	43	.434	17
New York	30	46	.395	20

LEADING BATTERS

American League

Stevens, Browns	336
Curtwright, White Sox	327
Wakefield, Tigers	327
Hockett, Indians	321
Appling, White Sox	301
Higgins, Tigers	290

National League

Meusiel, Cardinals	331
Herman, Dodgers	328
Dahlgren, Phillies	323
Hack, Cubs	322
McCormick, Reds	315
Frey, Reds	313

Runs batted in, Herman (Dodgers) leads with 59, Etten (Yankees) next with—54

All-Star Game

PHILADELPHIA (BY RADIO)—The eleventh annual Major League All-Star game played Thursday, June 15, at Philadelphia ball park, netted \$115,174 which will be turned over to the fund for sports equipment for servicemen.

The American League aggregation, managed by Joe McCarthy, New York didn't need the Yankees this year to defeat the National League entry, managed by Billy Southworth, St. Louis, by a score of 5 to 3.

For the first time in the 11-year history of the game, not a single Yank played.

The game was the tenth all-star fray for Bill Dickey and the fifth for Joe Gordon.

Summary	R	H	E
American League	5	8	1
National League	3	10	3

Winning pitcher, Emil Leonard of the Washington Senators; losing twirler, Mort Cooper of the St. Louis Cardinals. It was the second all-star defeat for Cooper.—Sweigert.

LEADING PITCHERS

Sowell, Pirates	12	2
Grove, White Sox	7	0
Christ, Cards	7	1

Must Be 'Fall'

An episode of falling branches and vines has everyone looking skyward at the slightest suggestion of a breeze in the tree tops. Some fellows are sweating out falling branches to an even greater extent than they ever sweated bombs. Several direct hits and numerous near misses have been scored. There isn't a red alert to warn one, either.

Latest to suffer damage is one of the big barracks. Barracks Chief Whitehouse was busy admiring his handiwork when suddenly a large tree crashed down

on the newly completed roof, breaking it s back and generally raising hell. "Rosy" can consider himself lucky that he wasn't getting sack time when it occurred. Undismayed however, they are rebuilding on the same spot.

--Cpl Bottge

ANDY ANOPHELES



"Scream, Gremlin!"

"The Wolf"



"—and what is a clutch?"

AWARDS- (continued from page 1)

Harrell and S/Sgt Jess W. Rowland, 90th Squadron; Sgt. George J. Hall and Sgt. Robert E. Berube, 89th Squadron.

Air Medals were awarded Capt. Theodore Arter III, Lt Donald J. MacLellan, Lt Keith A. McKee, S/Sgt Edward M. Casarino, S/Sgt. Chester A. Lukaszak and S/Sgt. Samuel B. Burch, 90th Squadron; Capt. Fred G. Klatt Jr., T/Sgt. Bill J. Orr, T/Sgt. William C. Ralls, S/Sgt Joe Hagan, S/Sgt Wade H. Wright, S/Sgt John

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Painted boongs and lined them up for a picture, 15 other photographers decided that was just the shot they wanted and all crowded around. Then all of them decided to ignore the dancers and take pictures of the native belle. She enjoyed all the attention, placidly chewing her betel nut.

The dancers, who build camps and do soldiers' laundry during the week, are members of three tribes. All are mission-educated. Their dances were mostly festival numbers in which the entire group sings, repeating words of a leader, then all move rhythmically back and forth, their bodies swaying. Others did a hula.

Two dancers proudly exhibited bracelets made from downed Zeros. Several had their bushy hair dyed red on top. Almost all wore red, white, blue or green "sarongs."

In return for their performance they received canned herring (not salmon), bread, sugar and candy. The show was arranged by W/O Haddock, Lt. Richard Rogers, group special services officer, and Capt. Joan Creer, our liaison man with Angau.

89TH LADS CAPER A BIT

That G.I. in what squadron spent the night bemoaning his plight out in the rain recently after falling into a garbage hole of some sort while returning from the movie in the 13th area the other evening. This time his best friends did tell him, and long into the night a scouring process kept the shower heads busy fumigating (?) same. Anyhow he may have gotten a mid-night snack out of it. Shudder.

No doubt you've heard of the first sergeant who threatened a rookie with "If you don't watch out you'll meet yourself coming off guard, going on K. P. some day." Well, a certain Metal Sergeant* roundabouts did him one better the other night. He put a man on guard twice in the same shift...in different areas! Call for Superman...

*Gold in his teeth, silver in his hair and lead in his lower turret.

-T/Sgt Jean Coulter

K. Higgins, S/Sgt John I. Gilson, S/Sgt Clyus L. Ford, Sgt William F. Black and Pfc Robert K. Nycun, 89th Squadron; Lt. John G. Kelley Jr. and S/Sgt. Joe P. Fury, 8th Squadron; T/Sgt Vernon J. Main Jr., T/Sgt Hazell C. Shelnett, T/Sgt. James G. Westbrook, T/Sgt Willis J. Williams, S/Sgt William H. De Geese and Sgt David R. Rogers, 13th Squadron.

Lt Marshall L. Hartline, formerly of the 90th Squadron received an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal.

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ser of the award and radio commentator, and T/Sgt Harrisson, chief witness of the aforementioned deed.

On the back of the certificate is a secret map showing the location of the four rare Fee Trees in New Guinea—so called because of their ability to absorb great amounts of urination.

Makes Staff...the Dog.

NEWS FLASH . . . Pvt Rabaul has been promoted to staff sergeant per special Order 999,999 dated July 14, 1943 for especially notable duty to his country and for the honor and distinction he has brought his squadron. S/Sgt Rabaul has been in the 13th Squadron 10 months and, though having rendered faithful service, seemed to have been neglected when promotions came around. The rare jump of private to staff sergeant was achieved by Rabaul in recognition of uncomplaining service to his organization whose members are justly proud of their favorite bulldog.