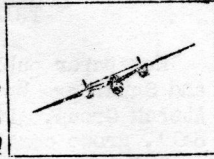


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PRESENTING THE LAMP OF THE WEEK

These name designations on the telephone exchange bring up some mighty odd cracks occasionally—like the guy who asked for the "Dandy CO" — but when Col Augustus Gearhard, chaplain of V Air Force, called Chaplain Michael J. Lyons the other day he took the prize. Getting his switch, he said:

"Hello, Devil? Is Chaplain Lyons there?"—Fifth Fighter Cover

Information On Courses Available

SPECIAL SERVICE DEPT. INVITES INQUIRIES

Information on Army Institute courses is available at the office of Lt Richard Rogers, group special services officer, situated in Headquarters area adjacent to the chaplain's office.

About 150 courses are available, according to Cpl Gamage, assistant to the special services officer, and he will welcome inquiries into enrollment for credit toward college degrees, high school diplomas or learning trades.

Government Assistance

The government has made these studies so reasonable in price that any soldier can afford them. Army Institute

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First Army Nurse Ever To Win Soldier's Medal

WASHINGTON—The soldiers' Medal for heroism has been awarded for the first time to an Army nurse: Lt Edith Greenwood, North Dartmouth, Mass., received the decoration for rescuing 15 hospital patients from a fire.

GI'S SALUTE MAKES LOCEYS FEEL LIKE GENERALS

Hawaii.—Sgt Major White salutes so snappily, that he has been commended publicly for it.

"He salutes with such graceful precision," said Lt Julius Rediman, "that he makes a second lieutenant feel like a general."

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Returns to Base On One Engine

CREW DITCHES ALL REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT;
SHIP DAMAGED BUT SLIGHTLY

By Sgt Roland Guillet

Lt Clint L. Solomon, 13th Squadron pilot, was about to go over the target on a bombing run July 20 when an explosion, presumably ack ack, close beneath the plane shook it violently. Simultaneously the starboard engine went dead and one rudder ceased to function. Lt Solomon was flying about four miles inland at 50 foot altitude. The plane still had its two 1,000 - pound bombs which he immediately salvoed. Anticipating a crash landing, Lt Solomon went into a steep bank, feathered the prop and coolly headed out to sea.

Equipment Goes 'Plop'

Meanwhile the gunners, Sgt Kolonoski and Cpl Simon, began throwing excess equipment out of the plane to lighten

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Shavetail to 4-Star- For Portrait

Australia.—When Lt Cdr McClelland Barclay, artist and illustrator, asked Gen Douglas MacArthur to sit for a portrait, MacArthur said He'd like to have Barclay paint his picture but had no time to pose. So Barclay dressed a second lieutenant in Gen MacArthur's famous gold hat and posed him as the Allied commander. The likeness, said Barclay, is good.

RELIGIOUS OFFERINGS

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday, July 25

10:45 A.M.—8th Squadron Mess Hall

6:45 P.M.—13th Squadron Mess Hall

Thursday, July 29

6:30 P.M.—Group Headquarters

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Sunday, July 25

8:45 A. M.—89th Squadron Mess Hall

Tuesday, July 27

6:45 P. M.—89th Squadron Mess Hall

JEWISH

6:00 P. M.—43rd Engrs Mess Hall

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WORLD-NEWS

(LATE RADIO REPORTS)

UNITED STATES -- Union Leaders Green and Lewis who, by the way, are buddies again, have threatened to withdraw support of their organized membership from efforts to stabilize wages. They have issued to President Roosevelt what may be considered an ultimatum that living costs first have to come down. They suggest that this be done through government subsidization of commodity producers and distributors.

AUSTRALIA--A fantastic battle in Sicily was reported Friday. German and British paratroops descended at the same place simultaneously. The British are reported to have won the engagement though the 'chutists were forced to retire somewhat and await Montgomery's 8th Army.

SICILY-- Americans Thursday captured Palermo, capital city of the island. This move cuts off Axis forces from the south and southwest portions of the island. Fighting near Catania, heavily fortified coastal city defended principally by Germans, continues unabated. Canadian units are making some progress. Most recent bombing has been concentrated on Italy proper. Thirty-four enemy fighters were shot down Friday for a loss of six allied craft.

MOSCOW -- The mighty Russian summer offensive has again plastered the Germans in two different localities. Near Orel, Soviet forces attacked from the north and south and have cut the Nazis' only avenue of retreat in that sector. A large city in the area has been recaptured by the Russians. In the Kursk sector the Germans are in full retreat.

Maj Petrie Home, 8th Sleuth Finds

By Cpl Hertl and Sgt Sieswerda

From a States' newspaper we learn that: "Maj Christian Petrie, former C.O. of the 89th Attack Squadron, is back again in Cleveland, Ohio, where he became the city's most talked-of air hero. Upon being interviewed, he refused to comment on the air war against the Japs, but he did say to the reporters, "Those guys over there are doing a swell job and no one of us wants to be a hero at the cost of other men's lives." Maj Petrie is the holder of the DFC and the Silver Star."

Tech Supply Tragedy

During a recent cleanup spree in the vicinity of tech supply, a large tree was felled. The carefully worked-out plans for its direction of fall must have been miscalculated somewhere as it proceeded to crash with a thunderous, ripping sound against another nearby giant. This one, in turn, fell and practically demolished one side of the tech supply tent.

A clerk, preoccupied with his work inside, did some fancy footwork in the nick of time. When the dust settled the seat he had just vacated now contained said tree.

The building is being reconstructed.
Stranded

A sergeant in the engineering section had an embarrassing experience recently while piloting a 1½-ton truck loaded with men on the way to chow.

Halfway between the line and camp the engine of his vehicle coughed weakly a couple of times, then died.

He tried to explain the empty gas tank by saying his gas ration card had been expended. A lynching nearly took place as other more fortunate G.I.s carned past with broad grins on their faces.

Luckily another 8th Squadron truck picked up the marooned men but, true to the tradition of the sea, the driver remained with his truck until rescued.

From "THE KING'S CHRISTMAS"

"And I said to the man,
Who stood at the gate of the year:
Give me a light
That I may tread safely into the unknown!
And he replied:
Go out into the darkness
And put thine hand into the hand of
God.
That shall be to thee
Better than light,
And safer than a known way."

LOWLY BEAN IS-

'GUINEA GOLD'

The army has finally found something attractive to do with beans. Credit for this discovery of the century should rightfully go to T/Sgt Alonzo (Casey) Jones of the 89th.

His recipe is as follows:

1 jar of (10,365 to be exact) beans. Use a glass jar if procurable as all G.I.s like to see what they think they are getting.

Several tickets (may be made of your rejected applications for furlough or CCS).

Combine the above ingredients. Add 50 or so dogfaces, first separating each from a pound of his money. For that sum they get one guess as to how many musical fruit repose within the container. When all this is done, get some honest fellow (if possible one who can cipher a bit, though the two do not usually go together) to count the nasty little things.

When the birdshot is totaled, pick the contestant whose estimate comes closest to the official count. If you have not lost in a poker game the money previously collected, pay him a sum like, say, 50 pounds. Throw in the beans if you want to.

In the case of Genius Jones the lucky, lucky fellow was one S/Sgt Burke of the 89th engineering.

Solomon- (Continued
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its load. Guns, ammunition, tools, parachutes---everything they could lay their hands on---went out.

By tenacious handling of the controls Lt. Solomon finally succeeded in gaining altitude. They were, however, still some 300 miles from home. Meanwhile Capt Weitz of the 90th Squadron was acting as escort. Like a mother eagle protecting its young in flight he hovered close to the damaged plane. By carefully nursing the ship along, Lt. Solomon brought the plane back to its home base.

The 13th sent out several planes to help the cripple carry on. As Lt Solomon approached the field and tried to put his wheels down the automatic landing gear release failed. They had to be let down by hand. To add to already prevalent troubles, as the plane touched the ground the landing gear collapsed and Lt Solomon had to use all his skill to bring the plane in. He managed it without injury to anyone and with damage so slight that with minor repairs the plane will be back on combat status in the near future.

Gas Lectures
Are Given Group

CAPT. HAY, LT. BAEUERLEN SPEAK ON DECONTAMINATION, FIRST AID

The Third Group was treated---treated is the word---Monday to two very interesting and instructive lectures on gas, protection against and remedies for contamination, by Capt Hay and Lt Carl Baeuerlen assisted by several well-schooled enlisted men.

Capt Hay spoke first on steps to be taken in case of physical contact. He answered all questions put to him and left a clearer conception of the use of preventive measures and equipment. It was learned, among other things, that the eyes must always be given primary attention, irrigation with plain water. Safety in Knowledge

The captain stressed: "Learn gas first aid; keep it always in mind. If and when we are attacked---and I feel sure we will be---don't become panicky. Keep your heads. If the preventives we point out to you are not readily available, improvise."

Lt Baeuerlen handled the practical demonstration of neutralizing contamination of metal equipment. His humorous treatment of a tiring subject kept his audience alert and interested. Two methods of decontaminating exposed metals were shown; also the "what-not-to-do's."

Don't Fear Gas...

The substance of his demonstration the lieutenant summed up as: "Decontamination of gas splattered areas, persons or equipment is not so difficult as one might think. We should respect gas, not fear it."

This demonstration team will be back to teach group members more about technique, according to Capt. John Crerar, group gas officer. In the meantime, he suggested, it might be a good thing for everyone to check his protective equipment and be alert for the day when it might mean his life to be unprepared.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
BECOMES PRIVATE

GRAND ISLAND, NEB.--From lieutenant colonel to private in one day was the experience of Lawrence Huwaldt, senior student at Nebraska U here. Huwaldt, a lieutenant colonel in the college ROTC, became a private in the U. S. Army when his ROTC group was activated as a military unit. However, as a lieutenant colonel, Huwaldt got no pay. Now he gets 50 bucks a month.

G.I. POEM

Rise by the G.I. bugle,
Dress in the G.I. style,
The Sgt walks by in his G.I. way
And gives you a G.I. smile.

Clean the place with G.I. soap,
Then it's time for G.I. chow,
Your G.I. ham and eggs are cold
Your face shows a G.I. scowl.

Scrub your teeth with a G.I. brush,
Give your shoes a G.I. shine,
Hear the G.I. whistle blow--
Fall out in a G.I. line.

Time for G.I. inspection,
Straighten that G.I. tie,
Did you shave with your G.I. razor?
Then you tell a G.I. lie.

A G.I. march this morning, boys,
On the well-known G.I. double.
If you miss one G.I. step
You'll catch some G.I. trouble.

After ten G.I. miles
Your G.I. corns are worse.
You go on G.I. sick call
And try to date the G.I. nurse.

When the G.I. day is over,
Return to your G.I. dwelling.
Limp into your G.I. bed,
Those G.I. corns are swelling.

Time for some G.I. dreaming
Of the one back home so dear;
Oh, my darling angel--
Gee, I wish that you were here.

-By Pvt F. J. Fox,
Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Courses - (Continued from page 1)

courses cost but two dollars, college subjects from seven to 40 dollars. In the event a soldier wants to take a course costing 40, for instance, the government will pay half or 20.

A library also has been instituted and a good collection of reading matter is available.

The special services department is working, too, on a central theater for the group, situated in front of headquarters area within walking distance of virtually all the squadrons. When complete it will take the form of an amphitheater, tiers of seats descending to a 50-foot stage. Plans are being made to hold USO shows in the near future. Grading on the site was done by Third Group men.

Such an arrangement will add to enjoyment of attractions and will permit, as Gamage put it, the men to "leave their chairs and boxes at home."

Stars in Uniform

Charley Gelbert, Cardinal shortstop in 1930 and '31, and Johnny Rizzo, who patrolled the outfield in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Brooklyn, are team mates now at the Norman (Okla.) Naval Station. Recently their team won two out of three from the Waco (Texas) Army Air Field team, managed by Lt. Birdie Tebbetts who used to catch for Detroit.

Eddie Vergeles, son of Chick Vergeles, has been promoted to staff sergeant at Ft. Jay, N. Y. Eddie's dad is Beau Jack's manager.

Before the current baseball season ends, Lt. Cdr. Mickey Cochrane's Great Lakes Training Station team will have met 13 of the 16 big league clubs.

Pfc Bryan (Bitsy) Grant, pint-sized Georgia tennis star, recently won the men's singles crown in the Texas State tennis tournament. Bitsy is stationed at Kelly Field.

Jay McCreary, former All-American basketball star of the U of Indiana, is a sergeant at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Marine Pfc Americo M. Woyciesjes, 175-pound one-time intercollegiate boxing champ now serving in Guadalcanal, collects butterflies in his time off from Jap-killing.

Seventy-five thousand of America's 176,000 physicians are in the Army.

"The Wolf"



"A'RIGHT A'RIGHT! So the birds'n'bees n'th flowers is kid talk. But do you gotta be so blunt?"