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This is the first issue of the Third Bombardment Group's newspaper. It's up to you to name it. A suitable prize (exact nature undetermined) will be awarded for the best suggestion.

Submit your suggestions to the Group Intelligence Office. A committee of five will pick the winner.

The paper will appear every Wednesday and Saturday, conditions permitting. One copy will be printed for every five men. However, unless a regular supply of mimeograph paper can be obtained, only enough copies will be printed hereafter to place one on each bulletin board.

Policies will be formulated as we go along. Everyone is invited to contribute to the paper. Our chief function will be to keep you informed about what's going on in the best organization in the whole Army.

CAPT. G. W. CLARK NAMED COMMAND PILOT OF THE 89th

Capt. Glen W. Clark, commanding officer the 89th Bombardment Squadron, has been placed on command pilot status. He relieves J. Christian Petri Jr., who is now assistant group operations officer.

Capt. Clark, whose home is in Spokane, Wash., has been on 47 missions, as pilot of 20s and B-25s. He received the Silver Star for his work in a raid on Buna. He led a number of several flights of bombers which destroyed 17 Zeros on the ground. He also played a prominent part in the recent Samarck Sea battle. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant Feb. 8, 1941, he became C. O. of the 89th about a month ago. He is 26 years old and married.

A \$200 bonus would be paid to all Massachusetts residents who receive honorable discharges from the armed forces, under a proposed bill.

CAPT. DOWNS INSTALLED AS C.O. OF 8TH SQUADRON

Capt. James A. Downs has been formally installed as commanding officer of the 8th Bombardment Squadron. He had been appointed C. O. by Lt. Col. Robert F. Strickland, Group Commander, March 11, but was not formally inducted until Tuesday.

That morning Capt. John E. Karol, squadron adjutant, described Capt. Downs to assembled officers and enlisted men as "an able pilot, a gentleman of the highest principles and a friend of all under his command."

In a brief reply, Capt. Downs urged men of the 8th to work together in the future as they have in the past to carry on the great traditions of the squadron. He recalled the 8th was founded in France in June, 1917.

The new C. O., who is 29 years old, was born in Morgantown, W. Va. He was graduated in engineering from West Virginia University in 1936. Three years later, he joined the Air Corps as a cadet at Randolph Field and was commissioned at Kelly Field in May, 1940. He joined the 8th Squadron in Australia in October, 1942. His wife, the former Miss June Kaufmann of Savannah, Ga., whom he married in July, 1941, is living there at present.

HARRISON NOW A MASTER SERGEANT

Isaac E. Harrison of the 8th Squadron's radio department has been promoted to Master Sergeant. He has been with the Squadron since 1939, when the Group was at Barksdale Field. A graduate of the Air Corps Radio School, he has since completed a Scott Field correspondence course, attaining a high proficiency score. He has been commended several times for excellence in performance of duty.

Officers and enlisted men found guilty of speeding in the Maple area will be permanently "grounded."

THIRD BOMBER

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S/SCM. FRANKLYN TIMBERLAKE

A Tribute By
Cpl. Byron Edgett, 90th

Well, Tim is gone. He went out in the manner reserved for heroes; the way Americans have been going out since early colonists set foot on the shores of North America and began to hew a nation out of a hostile soil.

Tim wouldn't like to hear himself referred to in laudatory terms so we'll let the records and his buddies speak for him.

Franklyn Lamont Timberlake was born Sept. 1, 1918 at Stevenson, Ala. He attended grade school there; his high school education he received at Sarasota, Fla., where he played tennis and quarterback on the football team. After graduation, he attended Centenary College, Shreveport, La. In civilian life, he was employed by the A & P Tea Co. and later was an assistant projectionist at a theater in Stevenson.

He enlisted in the Air Corps in September, 1939, at Fort Benning, Ga., and took his recruit training in the 6th Air Base Squadron, Barksdale Field, La. He was then assigned to Hq. & Hq. Squadron, 3rd Bomb Wing, for training as a bombardier. Subsequently he saw service with Hq. & Hq. Sqd., 17th Bomb Group, and the 89th and 90th.

At the time of his death, he had been in overseas service just short of 14 months, had participated in 65 missions accumulating 240 hours combat time and about 300 hours flying time.

In May of '42 the 90th needed trained

men--right now! Tim was attached to the cocked dice at that time and was assigned to the outfit in July.

On Oct. 12 last, he was awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action..Sgt. Timberlake was bombardier in an aircraft on a bombing mission in New Guinea. This aircraft acted as a decoy in a co-ordinated effort, and intentionally provoked interception so enemy fighters could be led away thus allowing our second flight of bombers to make an uninterrupted run.

"The formation was attacked by 10 Zeros and during the engagement, which lasted for 20 minutes, his plane was damaged by enemy fire and was unable to keep up with the rest of the formation.

"However, the alertness and accurate fire of Sgt. Timberlake and the entire crew resulted in one of the enemy fighters being shot down. This soldier has always displayed great courage and skill on the many occasions on which he has been under fire.

When the 90th modified its planes, Tim asked to become an upper gunner. His request was granted and he participated in several history-making actions in that capacity.

Recently Timberlake saw an opportunity to better himself by transferring to heavy bombardment. His application had been approved and he expressed the opinion that the mission of March 19 would be his last with the 90th.

It was. But his name is linked with American history. When he went, he was at his post, both guns blazing. We'll wager he helped make a lot of Nip Slips that day.

We grieve with his family in their loss but knowing him has been our gain. Many a day will pass before we forget Tim with his soft, Southern drawl, his easy smile and cheerful greeting, his heart as big as a B-24. Happy hunting, buddy!

INSURANCE FORMS AVAILABLE NOW

Forms are available now at group and squadron personnel offices for officers and men who wish to obtain National Service Life Insurance and for those who wish to increase their coverage to the \$10,000 maximum.

A survey here indicated that in all squadrons about 80 per cent of the personnel had some National Service insurance and 50 per cent carried the full \$10,000.

STILL CAN BEAT PAPA DIONNE

Cpl. Ashton Carter of the 90th has found the news received upon embarkation that his father was the father of twins was propaganda.

NEWS BREVITIES

On the night of the 19th, Sgt. Peter Flanjak of the 89th reports, the height of gayety and entertainment was reached when members of the various outfits mingled with personnel of the 89th and Third Gp., as they celebrated in the customary New Guinea fashion a festive occasion.

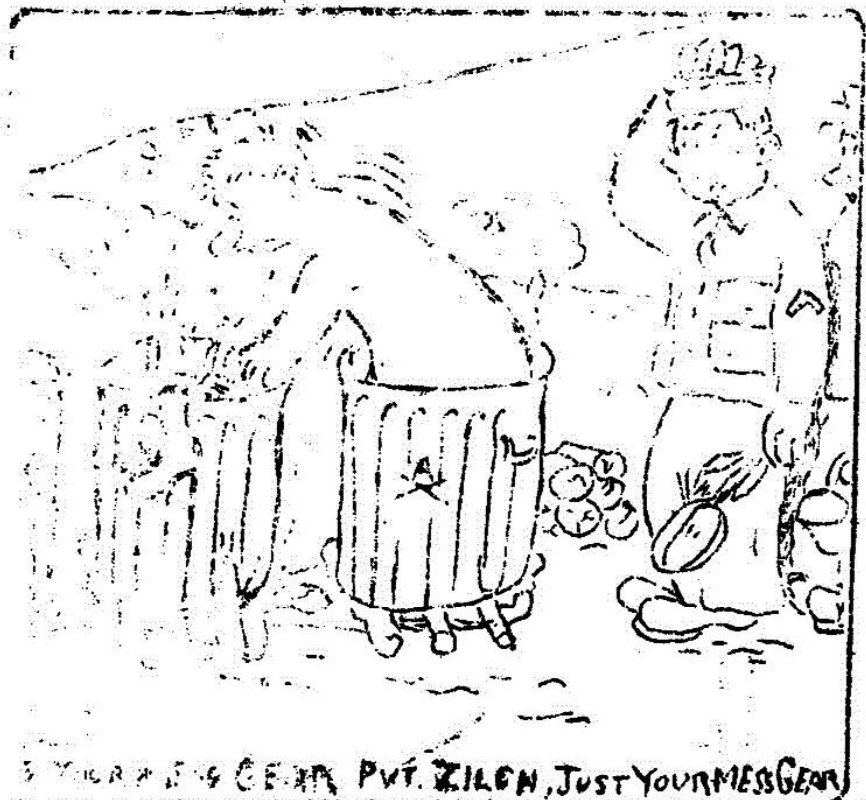
Main feature of the evening was a jive and jazz session by the 135th Medical Regiment Band, which gave out with scintillating rhythms.

The smooth, heart-warming and reminiscent tunes, coupled with the fast-stepping notes of "hot jive" and intermittent whoops of joy and laughter of the GI jitterbugs, broke the tranquillity of the warm, tropical evening. During the course of the festivities, several members introduced novel forms of dancing. The boys saturated themselves with liquid incentives (GI Punch) and everybody remained in high spirits. All returned the following morn in proper order to their duties..well..almost all.

Hidden talent was revealed that night when Lt. Edmund D. Montagano, after much persuasion, sang several songs, with the able assistance of the orchestra. He sang selections which brought to many of us sweet memories of days gone by. He also revealed other talents when he turned to the violin and bass. In both he showed excellent ability. Good work, Lieutenant!..Who would have known it?

Let's hope our next affair will be as successful as this one.

Every evening at the 13th Squadron's mess, the men enjoy the unique pleasure of having coffee served while reading, playing games or sitting in on a bull session.



YOUR MESS GEAR, PVT. ZILON, JUST YOUR MESS GEAR

CAPT. CONLEY AND LT. LANGEVIN ATTEND SCHOOL OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE CLASSES

Capt. David M. Conley, operations officer in the 13th Squadron, and Lt. Robert A. Langevin, group communications, are attending classes at the Army Amphibious Warfare School in Australia. The course began Mar. 10.

Each Air Force Group has one communications officer and one operations officer at the school. Capt. Conley and Lt. Langevin will complete two weeks of intensive training under actual war conditions. Purpose of the instruction is to familiarize Army men with the procedures of air-land-sea co-operation in the execution of landings or seizures of enemy-held positions from the sea. They are learning by doing, practicing the actual landings under bombardment and machine-gun barrages.

Capt. Conley will study operational functions of this type of activity while Lt. Langevin will study problems in communications from ships to aircraft to land forces in landings.

CAPT. E. A. BAUMHAUER, SURGEON, IS TRANSFERRED TO NEW POSITION

Capt. Charles A. Baumhauer, surgeon, often referred to as the "daddy" of the 8th Squadron, has received orders transferring him to a new assignment. He has been with the 8th since February, 1941.

He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry April 26, 1942, when he left shelter during an air raid to assist severely-injured men, without regard for his personal safety. Born in Whistler, Ala., he is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine and also studied surgery for a year at Washington U. He has been popular with the squadron because of a genial disposition and readiness at all times to "take care of the boys."

"GOOD ADVERTISEMENT FOR U.S."

The 8th Squadron recently received a letter from a rancher in Northern Australia requesting the home address of Maj. Floyd Rogers, a former C. O. of the squadron. The rancher met the Major after a forced landing near his cattle station and, having since read of his being lost in action, wanted to write Mrs. Rogers. He wrote: "Maj. Rogers was one of the best men I have had the pleasure of meeting and is certainly a good advertisement for the U. S." Maj. Rogers was awarded the Silver Star posthumously for gallantry in action.

NOTES FROM THE THIRTEENTH

By Sgt. R.L. Guillet

The 13th is conducting a campaign for active participation of every man in squad sports. Capt. Hutchison, squadron public relations officer, with Lt. Walker, recreation officer, are doing a great job in getting this campaign in motion. A tennis court has already been built, a boxing ring and punching bag set up, a volleyball court completed and a basketball court nearly finished. Add to that, of course, the softball diamond on which the squadron softball team is covering itself with glory. Sgt. Julius Moore is in charge of the athletic program which soon will be in full swing.

Since arriving in this tropical paradise, the 13th softball team has remained invincible and unbeaten in six games. The most notable triumphs were the two recent ones in which the 13th beat the 89th and the 17th Trucking Company, 13-0 and 2-1, respectively.

The 13th's star pitcher, Sgt. Hatcher, pitched a brilliant no-hit, no-run game against the 89th on Sunday. On Tuesday the 13th nosed out the 17th Trucking Company, 2-1, with each team getting 3 hits. T/Sgt. Forrester scored both runs, the first when he hit a home run in the 4th inning and the other in the last inning when, after walking, he scored the winning run on Pvt. Percy Bahrman's double.

CHURCH SERVICES

Places and times of church services for the 3rd Bombardment Group have been announced by Chaplain J.W. James as follows:

General Protestant Services:

Sunday morning, Sun Sq. at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday afternoon, 90th Sq. 4 p.m.

Sunday evening, 13th Sq., 7 p.m.

Weekday services announced Sunday.

Roman Catholic Services:

Sunday morning, Maple, at 6 and 8:30

Sunday morning, Hq. 38th Gp at 9

Sunday evening, Maple, 7:15

Jewish Services:

Friday, YMCA Hall, Maple, 7:15 p.m.

Transportation will be provided to and from the service you wish to attend, leaving from the orderly room of your organization, should it be required.

Embroiderers and armament boys should be mentioned for their fine work, especially late, say the 90th's reporter. Union arms don't mean a thing to those unsung

WAR BOND PURCHASE
PLAN IS SIMPLIFIED

A simplified method of handling pay reservations for purchase of war bonds has been announced by the War Bond Division of Services of Supply. All Class "A" pay reservations will be terminated automatically March 31 and, in place of these reservations a Class "B" allotment will be made for each man who wants it, effective April 30.

Modification of the monthly deductions has been put into effect as follows:

Plan	Monthly Deduction	For Purchase of Bond
#1	\$3.75	\$25
#2	6.25	25
#3	18.75	25
#4	12.50	50
#5	37.50	50
#6	25.00	100
#7	75.00	100
#8	150.00	100
#9	225.00	100
#10	300.00	100
#11	375.00	500

Class "B" allotments by officers and others of equivalent status, receiving \$2400 or more a year, will be made only under plans 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11.

Personnel and war bond officers are getting in touch with all who have Class "A" pay reservations to insure continuance of the bond purchase program. Heretofore, bonds could be bought by pay reservations of \$1.25 a month or any multiple of that amount, causing a wide variety of reservations, Lt. R.J. Downey, assistant group adjutant, explained.

13th SETS HOT PACE IN
BUYING LOTS OF WAR BONDS

Challenging any outfit on the island to match them, the Bombbirds of the 13th laid \$10,462 in cash across their orderly room table for war bonds during the first 22 days of March.

Proudly poo-pooing news reports of 10% bond clubs back in the States, squadron bond experts pointed out that the money put into bonds by the men so far this month represents well over half the monthly squadron payroll.

Pvt. Claude F. Garen of the 90th is the possessor of a Jap souvenir of an unusual type found at Buna. It's an officer's sword in excellent condition, even preserved in cosmoline. Not for sale.