


THIRD STRIKE



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REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

By Armed Forces Press Service

UNDER THE NEW Army-Air Force money clothing allowance system, stateside serviceman's repairs must be made at individual expense—except shoes—but prices will be regulated. Alterations will be made at Government expense when individual cannot be fitted from stock sizes, or during the first six months of service if bodily sizes change materially. A joint directive going to the field fixes repair and alteration prices.

THE AIR FORCE will further enlarge its cadet program by opening a cadet navigator school at Ellington AFB, Houston, Texas. The first class starts November 1.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LOUIS JOHNSON has abolished 63 additional committees and boards, raising to 133 the number of such units discontinued since April 1.

HEADQUARTERS USAF ANNOUNCED THAT a wide choice of assignments throughout the United States are available to qualified officers in grade of 1st Lt. through Lt. Col. who desire assignment to duty with the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Service. Interested officers may apply according to the provisions of ARL 36-9, 13 Jan 49.

EFFECTIVE 1 SEPT., the only A officers exempt from overseas duty will be those having less than two years service remaining before statutory retirement. Heretofore, officers with 27 years or more service toward retirement were exempt from overseas assignments.

MILITARY PERSONNEL who actively participated in the Berlin Airlift operation are soon to be awarded the Medal for Humane Action. The Award was recently approved unanimously by the house.

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE and units of the British Navy recently began a series of joint training exercises in Tokyo Bay area.



SQUADRON OF THE MONTH

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)

Capt. Francis E. Kelly and Cpl. Billy G. McConnell, acting in behalf of the members of the 3d Communications Squadron, accept the blue and gold flag which designates them as the winners in Yokota's Squadron of the Month competition for July. Col. Robert W. Witty, Wing Commander, is shown making the presentation.



AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)

Sergeant Alva G. Allen, 8th Tact. Recon. Squadron, is Yokota's Airman of the Month for the month of July.

REPORT FROM YOKOTA

THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS have been promulgated by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as a means to prevent this dreaded disease:

1. Avoid crowds
2. Avoid over-fatigue.
3. Avoid swimming in polluted water.
4. Avoid sudden chilling.
5. Observe the golden rule of personal cleanliness.

A calm attitude and immediate medical attention in cases where polio strikes is recommended.

ALL PERSONNEL are requested to pick up insured parcels and registered articles from the Base Post Office, upon receiving notice.

THE GOLF DRIVING RANGE is now open from 1000 to 1900 every day. Come one, come all.

ALL PERSONNEL are urged to check for overdue library books. Books lost or overdue are covered by GHQ circular 218, which requires payment of \$1.75 for each book lost.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL SESSION OF YOKOTA AEP SCHOOL will begin 22 August. Interest survey is now being conducted to determine courses to be offered. Contact your AI&E representative for further information if needed.

DDT SPRAY, OIL SPRAY AND AEROSOL BOMBS are to no avail unless all concerned diligently practice insect control. Care should be taken at all times that screen doors and window screens are kept closed and every precaution should be taken to insure that all openings in buildings are covered. Each individual on the base must personally take corrective action or all efforts to adequately control this situation are in vain.

DON'T CHISEL ON TRAFFIC RULES WHEN YOU'RE BEHIND A STERLING WHEEL. MANY A TOMBSTONE HAS BEEN CARVED BY CHISELING IN TRAFFIC!

HOMESTATE

UKIAH, CALIF. (AFPS) - Met-tered robbery was his downfall. Irwin Ulrich, 45, was recently arrested here for stealing 33 parking meters from the towns of Santa Rosa, Healdsburg and Ukiah.

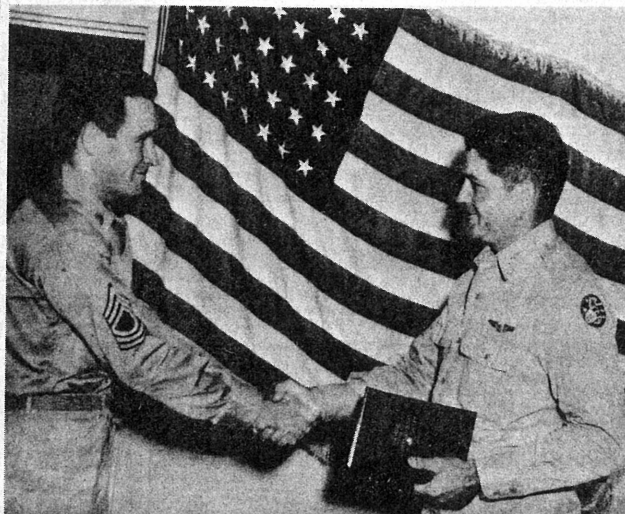
NEW YORK, (AFPS) - A Texan recently termed New York "The hot-doggiest town I ever saw." It was during the Lion's convention. Forty members of the Odessa, Texas high school band playing at the convention collapsed. First it was attributed to the heat. However, after grilling the youngsters a frank answer was found—too many hot dogs.

PLYMOUTH, IND. (AFPS) - Some men might consider themselves lucky if their wives ran away, but not Daniel F. Lafoon who appealed to Indiana police recently to help him find his wife. Mr. Lafoon said he and his wife stopped at Bourbon, Indiana, while enroute to Wisconsin. When he got out of the car, he stated, Mrs. L. drove away. Besides, his clothes, money, tools and false teeth were in the car. "And a man needs his teeth to eat," he lamented.

CHARLESTOWN, S. C. (AFPS) - Twenty-two dollars mysteriously disappeared while Kathleen Shuler was chatting with Mammie Griffin. So she called police. Using a solution of soap and water, the cops told Griffin: "Drink heartily." In a little while he coughed up a twenty-dollar bill and two singles.

WILMINGTON, DEL. (AFPS) - A war Service bonus for Delaware's Service men and women recently was assured after state voters had approved the measures by a 5-to-1 majority. The State legislature will meet in the fall to determine the amount each veteran will receive.

Some lepto-sirens (type of fish) in South America raid hen-houses and devour poultry.



HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)
M/Sgt. Kenneth A. Graeb receives congratulations from his Commanding Officer, Major Robert E. Jarrell, on his recent reenlistment. Sgt. Graeb is Flight Chief in the 13th Bomb Squadron.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME
HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)
An ardent baseball fan, Elaine Payeur, 3, is shown getting double enjoyment with her candy and pop out of the FEAF double-header in the recent All-Star tournament. Daughter of T/Sgt. and Mrs. Paul E. Payeur of Yokota, Elaine cheered her Fifth Air Force favorites to a nerve-racking 5-4 win over the 20th Air Force nine.

LOOK ALIVE WHILE DRIVING—IF YOU WANT TO STAY ALIVE

CHUCKLES

By Armed Forces Press Service

Mother: "What did Father say when he fell off the ladder?"

Junior: "Leaving out the dirty words?"

Mother: "Of course, dear."

Junior: "Nothing."

Student: "I can't understand why this paper only received a 'C.' You all had it marked 'Good and original!'"

Teacher: "Well, the part that was good wasn't original and the part that was original wasn't good."

"Did you know I had taken up story writing as a career?"

"No. Sold anything yet?"

"Yes. My watch, suit and car."

"What do we do now?" asked the golfing dub after he amazed the pro by placing his first drive within two feet of the pin.

"We walk to the ball," said the pro.

Having arrived there, the pro said, "Now hit the ball into the cup."

"New?" asked the new member, blankly.

"Sure."

Suddenly the face of the dub was black with anger.

"Now you tell me!" he shrieked. "Why didn't you tell me when I was over there?"

The farmer was anxiously hunting his cow, which had strayed during the night.

"Don't worry," said the little girl from the city. "She can't go far, because I saw a man drain her crank-case last night."

Explorer: "In the South American jungle I came across a tribe of wild women who had no tongues."

Lady Listener: "Goodness! How could they talk?"

Explorer: "They couldn't. That's what made them wild."

Every wolf thinks he's entitled to life, liberty and the happiness of pursuit.

OUTSTANDING AIRMEN

M/Sgt. WILROY M. BOSWELL, OF HENDERSON, TEXAS, HAD BEEN AN AERIAL GUNNER IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS WHEN HE WENT OVERSEAS TO AUSTRALIA, IN JANUARY, 1942, WITH THE 3RD ATTACK GROUP. SGT. BOSWELL HOLDS THE SILVER STAR AND THE AIR MEDAL.

SGT. BOSWELL WON THE SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTY IN ACTION WHILE SERVING AS A TECHNICAL SERGEANT AND BOMBARDIER ON A B-25 WITH THE 89TH BOMB SQUAD, 3RD BOMB GROUP. THIS ACTION OCCURRED ON A MISSION OVER NEW GUINEA ON MAY 15, 1942.

THIS RAID CAUSED GREAT DAMAGE TO ENEMY INSTALLATIONS, BUT AFTER THE BOMBS WERE DROPPED SGT. BOSWELL'S PLANE WAS ATTACKED BY TEN ZERO FIGHTERS. WITH ONE ENGINE OUT, SGT. BOSWELL HEROICALLY DEFENDED HIS PLANE AGAINST DIRECT FRONTAL ATTACK. HIS COOL AND ACCURATE GUN-FIRE WERE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF THE PLANE.

SGT. BOSWELL RETURNED TO THE U.S. IN SEPT., 1943, AFTER EARNING THE AIR MEDAL FOR 25 COMBAT MISSIONS. HE WAS AN ARMAMENT INSTRUCTOR UNTIL HE WAS DISCHARGED ON OCTOBER 24, 1945. HE REENLISTED THE SAME DAY FOR 3 YEARS, AS MASTER SERGEANT. IN 1948, HE WAS AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, O.

SPORTS PARADE

By Cpl. Floyd Tyler

First thing this week is to answer that daffy question on Joe Blow pitching that no-bitter. He did not allow a man to reach base, yet his team lost 2-0. Sad Sack started on the mound for this team and walked the first batter. The next batter blasted the ball out of the park to make the score 1-0. Joe Blow now came in as a relief pitcher and you know the rest of the story. Remember now, I said Joe Blow's team lost but I didn't say anything about him being the losing hurler.

Yokota boys did all right in the recent FEAF baseball tourney. Bill Glenn won one game with his beautiful curve balls. Teammate Ed Calderone made Glenn's win possible with a home run and a single good for all four runs. Veteran Ben Yoksa was the hero in the first game against 20th Air Force as his two timely singles drove in three runs in the 5-4 win.

Two fine athletic stars departed from Yokota recently, and their absence will be sorely missed in football and baseball. Lt. Walser was set for a good year of football but he was transferred to Guam. Not satisfied with just a football star, Guam will now have our ace southpaw hurler. Yep, Lt. Johnny Thompson had been sent to Guam also. Calderone will be on his way home as soon as the inter-service tourney is over. The Pittsburgh Pirates are after Cal but I imagine a lot of clubs are. The St. Louis Cards are after Tony Passanante. He's the big popular kid that played center field for Fifth Air Force.

The Attackers have only six veterans back from last season's strong football team, but they will still field a potent team this season. Lots of good boys have come up from Itami, and we still have Jerry McKinney. Lt. Ray Cyborski has been shifted from halfback to quarterback. He has been looking pretty good as the man under center.

Something new has been added to our Yokota entertainment program; the Yokota community theater group, headed by Mrs. Robert W. Witty.

The main goal of the group is to provide Yokota audiences with a select type of 3-act comedy plays this fall. Anyone interested in this group may contact Lt. McGowan at Flt "A", 3d ERS or call at 7-489. BACK THIS UP!

5TH AF TAKES
SKEET MEET

HDQRS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) - The Fifth Air Force five-man team edged the 19th Bomb Wing by two birds to cop the Far East Air Force skeet meet held at Yokota August 11-12. Fifth AF scored 959 birds out of 1000 while the 19th hit 957. Other teams entered in the meet and their scores were: FEAF Hq. with 912, 20th AF 907, 1503d Transport Wing of Haneda 880 and 13th AF 675.

Lt. Donald R. Baxter of Tachikawa and 5th AF won top individual honors with a score of 244 out of a possible 250. Giving Lt. Baxter plenty of competition was Lt. Wilkinson of 19th Wing with 243 out of 250.

Fine weather prevailed throughout the two day's firing with the meet being run off in grand style. Members of the winning 5th AF team are Lt. Col. Payne of Yokota; Maj. Williams and Capt. Demius of Itazuke; Lt. Baxter of Tachikawa; and Lt. Grisham of Johnson AFB.

Following completion of the tournament, Col. John D. Howe of Hq., 5th AF, presented the winners and runners-up with jackets. FEAF Hq. presented the Fifth Air Force team with jackets with lettering across the back, that read FEAF SKEET CHAMPIONS 1949. The 19th Bomb Wing received runners-up jackets. Individual and team trophies will be presented at a later date.

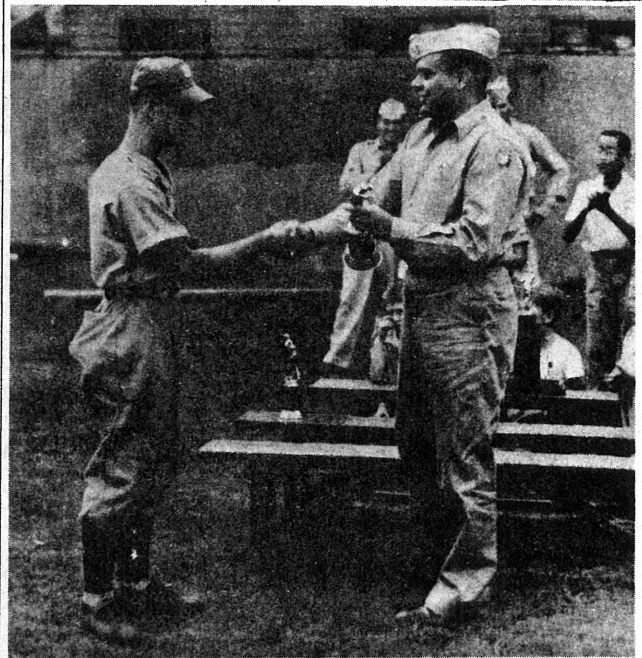
SOFTBALLERS
WORKING OUT

HDQRS., YOKOTA AFB (PIO) - The Yokota AFB softball team, defending 5th AF champions, are working out daily in preparation for the coming FAF meet to be held at Itazuke from the 1st of September through the 4th.

Yokota will have to win an elimination tournament at Misawa against bitter rivals from Johnson, Tachikawa and Misawa before qualifying for the FAF tourney. Similar tournaments will be held at three bases to determine the three teams to play Itazuke.

The team that wins the FAF championship will journey to Guam to participate in the FEAF playoff. No All-Star team will be selected as in the past. It was decided that the winning team could do better in the FEAF meet if they remained as a unit.

Seattle (AFPS) - Sammy White, \$75,000 rookie catcher with the Seattle Rainiers, was called up recently by the Boston Red Sox to join their chain. White had originally been promised for delivery in 1950.



HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)

Sgt. Ed. Calderone is congratulated by Col. Robert W. Witty, CO of Yokota AFB, as he awards him a trophy for being a member of the Fifth Air Force All-Star baseball team which captured the FEAF baseball tournament by defeating the 20th AF Jets 4-3. Calderone drove in all four runs for the winners as he hit a towering 3-run homer in the fourth inning and singled across what proved to be the deciding run in the sixth. Calderone played outfield for Yokota during the regular 5th AF league play and is scheduled to leave for the ZI this month.



YOKOTA FIGHTS TOKYO QM

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)

Members of the Yokota AFB boxing team are prepping for their coming match with Tokyo Quartermaster in Tokyo on the night of Aug. 25. The young sluggers are coming along in grand style under the fine coaching of Lt. Jack Lively. The Yokota team has not lost a team match in over a year, and is scheduled to box in the Yokota gym sometime in September. Members of the team from left to right; kneeling: Forrest Moines, Jack Lewis and Fred Agrillo. Standing, L to R: Dave Sayle, Jim Ferce, Hank Olzowy and Lt. Lively.

A late flash just before deadline for this paper tells us the 5th Air Force All-Stars won the Far East Command Championship in Four Straight games, winning over Navy 8-3 and 10-6 and over Army 7-5 and 7-4.

Harrisburg, Pa. (AFPS)—Pennsylvania deer hunters once more will have an antlerless deer season. It will be for one day and will occur on the day following conclusion of the regular season. The decision was made because of the large increase in the deer herds.

MOVIES

Tue. & Wed.
Aug. 23-24 ***"EL PASO"***starring John Payne and Gail Russell. John has a tough time bringing order to El Paso, with Sterling Hayden and Dick Foran out to stop him. (F)

Thur. & Fri.
Aug. 25-26 ***"THE WALKING HILLS"***starring Randolph Scott and Ella Raines. A Western to top all, and the kind that only Randolph Scott could make. (F)

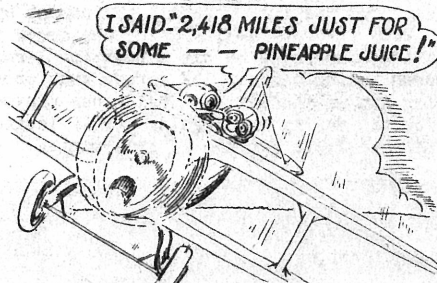
Saturday
Aug. 27 ***"THE LAST BANDIT"***starring William Elliot and Adrian Booth. Bill in another Western thriller, fast action and living a dare. (F)

Sun. & Mon.
Aug. 28-29 ****"MR. BELVEDERE GOES TO COLLEGE"**** starring Clifton Webb and Shirley Temple. What HAPPENS, shouldn't HAPPEN...to a college. (F)

***Excellent ***Good **Fair *Poor

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At Phoenix, Arizona, the obvious feminine charms and leopard skin French bathing suit of Miss Troy Brown fail to bother the Indian. And no wonder. It's a wooden Indian.

EM CLUB

Tuesday August 23
 Band and Floor Show

Wednesday August 24
 Band-Afternoon
 Band & Show-Evening

Thursday August 25
 Band and Vocalist

Friday August 26
 Band and Floor Show

Saturday August 27
 Band-Afternoon
 Band & Show-Evening

Sunday August 28
 Band-Afternoon
 Band & Vocalist-Eve.

Monday August 29
 Hillbilly Band

CLOBBER INN

Tuesday August 23
 Boxing Exhibition-1930

Wednesday August 24
 Moviss-2015

Thursday August 25
 Smoker Poker-2000

Friday August 26
 Pinchle Tourney-2000

Saturday August 27
 Variety Show-2000

Sunday August 28
 Swing Band-Aft. & Eve.

Monday August 29
 Bingo-2000

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Jap Porters Obliging, But They Go Too Far!

Tokyo (AFPS) — Japanese baggagemen are just dandy except for one thing. They carry the baggage too far!
 Police recently arrested 30 baggagemen for carrying off approximately \$27,000 worth of baggage in five years' time.

NCO CLUB

Tuesday August 23
 Barn Dance-Hillbilly Band

Wednesday August 24
 Band-Afternoon
 Band & Show-Evening

Thursday August 25
 Band

Friday August 26
 Bingo

Saturday August 27
 Band-Afternoon & Evening

Sunday August 28
 Band-Afternoon & Eve.

Monday August 29
 Stag Nite-Free Beer-Show

OFFICERS CLUB

Wednesday August 24
 Dance

Thursday August 25
 Bridge Tournament

Friday August 26
 Bingo

Saturday August 27
 Dance

Sunday August 28
 Coffee Hour-0900-1015

CHAPEL

PROTESTANT SERVICES
 Sunday School 0930
 Worship Service 1100
 Evening Discussion 1930
 (Chapel Lounge)

CATHOLIC SERVICES
 Saturday Confession
 1900 to 2030
 Sunday Mass-0700 and 0900
Weekday Services:
 Mon., Tue.,
 Thur., and Fri.-1645
 Wed. and Sat.-0645
 Thursday Novena-1915

YOKOTA PERSONALS

Cpl. Micheal J. Thearella, 3d Motor Veh. Sq., has been placed TDY to Hiroski, Japan to attend an 8 week course for automotive equipment technician.
 M/Sgt. Edward G. Gerold, 13th Bomb Sq., has received orders for his new assignment at Westover AFB, Mass.
 Pfc. Harley E. Rogers, 3rd Maint. Sq., has been placed TDY to NW Guam AFB to attend airplane sheet metal and welding school.
 Capt. Theodore P. Welgoss, 8th Recon. Sq., was recently granted 10 days leave to the Fujiya Hotel with his family.
 Pfc. Marion N. Littleton, 6th Photo Sq., is returning to the ZI for reup leave.