



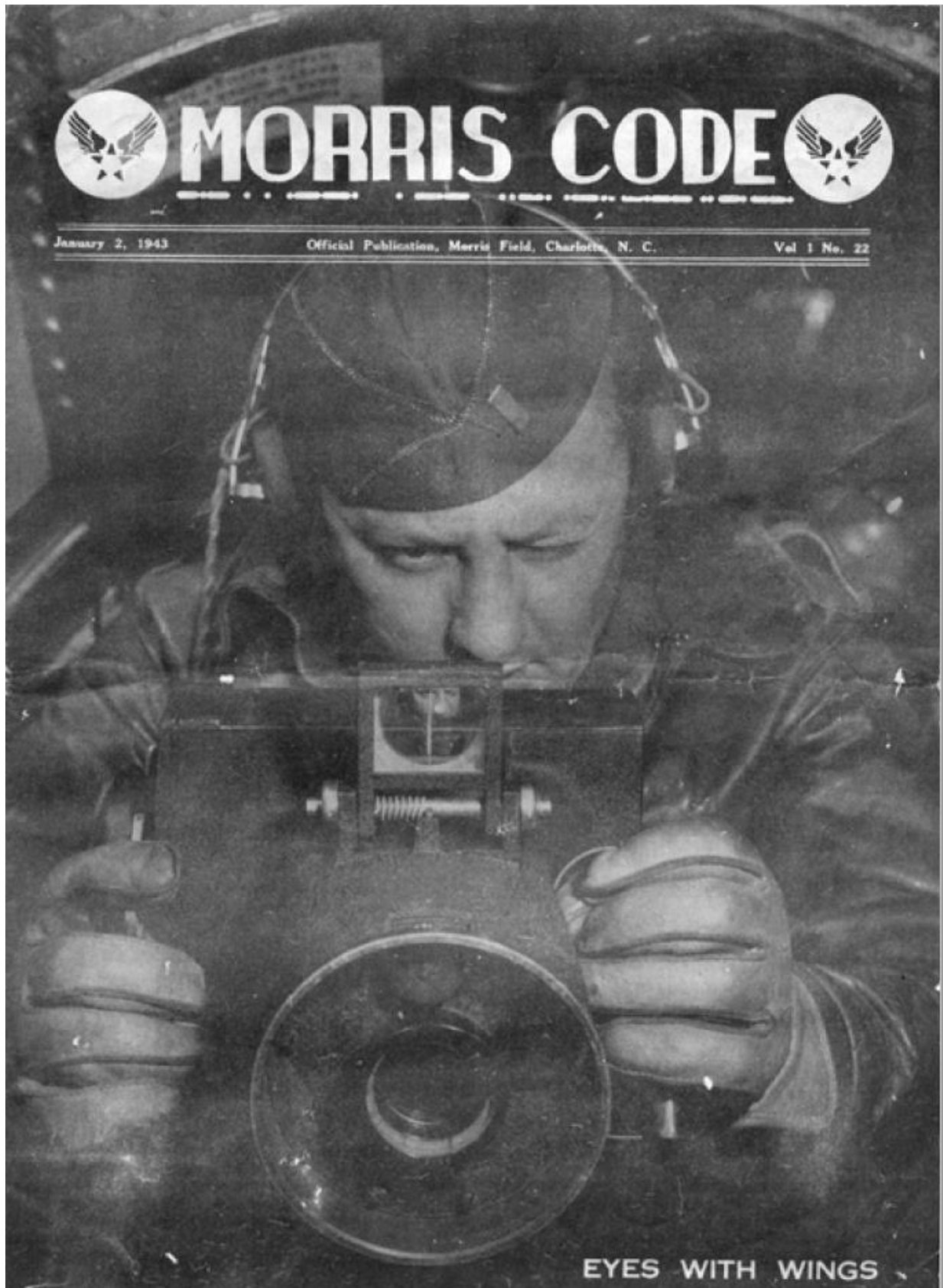
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- Sun. Jan. 3--Cocktail Hour 5:30 to 6:30 P. M.  
Buffet Supper 6:30 to 8:00 P. M.
- Sat. Jan. 9--Cabaret Dance  
Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 P. M.  
Dancing 9:00 to 12:00 P. M.
- Sun. Jan. 10--Cocktail Hour 5:30 to 6:30 P. M.  
Buffet Supper 6:30 to 8:00 P. M.
- Sun. Jan. 17--Cocktail Hour 5:30 to 6:30 P. M.  
Buffet Supper 6:30 to 8:00 P. M.
- Sat. Jan. 23--Cabaret Dance  
Dinner 6:00 to 8:00 P. M.  
Dancing 9:00 to 12:00 P. M.
- Sun. Jan. 24--Cocktail Hour 5:30 to 6:30 P. M.  
Buffet Supper 6:30 to 8:00 P. M.
- Sun. Jan. 31--Cocktail Hour 5:30 to 6:30 P. M.  
Buffet Supper 6:30 to 8:00 P. M.

## LTS. FONVILLE, KING COMPLETE OTU COURSES

1st Lt. John C. Fonville has resumed his duties as commanding officer of the 11th Aviation Squadron and 2nd Lt. William R. King, former assistant adjutant, is serving as acting base adjutant during the leave of 1st Lt. Morton H. Darman. Lieutenants Fonville and King have just completed 30-day OTU courses at Tampa, Fla.



NOW ON DUTY WITH YANK newspaper in New York City is Sergeant Dan A. Polier, who was transferred last week from the Morris Field Public Relations Office to the enlisted men's Army weekly. Enlisting at the base last February, Sergeant Polier served as first editor of THE CODE and is the second Charlotte newspaperman to win a coveted assignment on the publication, joining Corporal Marion Hargrove on the editorial staff.

## SIX OFFICERS PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANTS

Promotions from second to first lieutenants were announced today for five officers, all assigned to the 459th Signal Battalion. They include: Lts. Charles W. Henkel, Lynn W. Hudler, Clifford H. Crain, Clarence W. Hale and William J. Munro.

Lt. Eldon M. Sutphin, Chemical Warfare Service officer, also was promoted to first lieutenant, and Warrant Officer John Steel, of the Base Quartermaster office, was named chief warrant officer.

## COVER PICTURE

His business is shooting, too--thru the magic eyes of the camera. While gunners and bombardiers are unloading destruction, the camera is an invaluable weapon to aerial photographers like Lt. J. F. Dudley, combat observer, with an observation squadron at Morris Field.

## MORRIS FIELD OBSERVES GAY CHRISTMAS



'TWAS THE NIGHT before Christmas' when the photographer caught these nurses digging into a pile of gifts. Grouped around the tree are Lieutenants Myrtle Wood, Joanne Albers, Gertrude Kilbaine and Ethel Baksa, Josephine, the mascot, is an interested spectator.



MEMBERS OF THE BASE Photo Section take time out to partake of holiday refreshments provided by Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Herman Knebel. The line is forming as Sergeant Knebel slices the cake.



SANTA CLAUS DIDN'T overlook the children of enlisted men residing on the base who were guests at a party given at the Non Commissioned Officers' Club. A similar party was staged for officers' children at the Officers' Club.



## COLORED TROOPS HAVE OWN FACILITIES

### SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL FEATURES ARE OFFERED

The welfare and training of colored soldiers, whose race is making a major contribution to the war on all battlefronts, commands a strategic place of importance at Morris Field today.

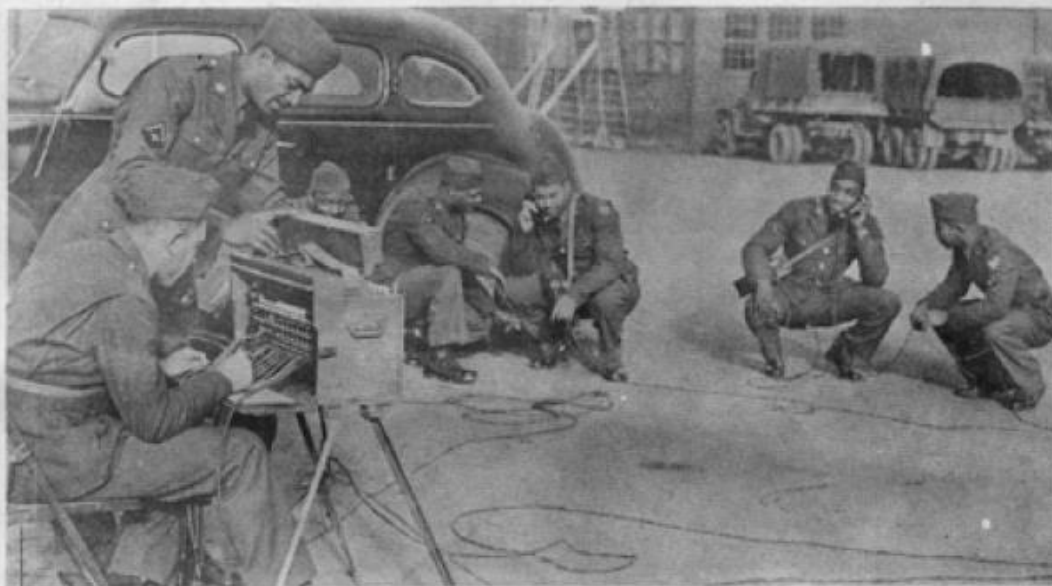
Occupying an entire area on the base are two companies of the 459th Signal Battalion and the 11th Aviation Service Squadron, whose personnel is housed in modern, well-kept barracks and provided with a post exchange and their own mess hall. The troops also have access to the best of dental and medical care at the Base Hospital.

The Area recently formed its own Non-Commissioned Officers' Club with Staff Sergeant Proben Williams as president, and other social and recreational activities center around the day room and base theatre, with special musical and dance events arranged by the Special Services Officer, in cooperation with Charlotte organizations.

In addition to a supervised athletic program within the Area, the companies are represented by teams in the Base Squadron leagues. Charlotte ministers appear as guest speakers at Sunday religious services.



HEAD MAN IN Area Six, which is set aside for colored troops, is Capt. James M. Little, Jr., shown on a tour of inspection. At the wheel of the Jeep is S/Sgt. Booker T. Sylvester of Elizabeth City, N. C., a drill sergeant in 11th Aviation.



THIS GROUP OF enlisted men is engaged in working out problems in a communications class, which comprises part of their training. At the switchboard are Privates First Class William Sawyer and John Green.

## . AREA SIX PROVIDES MODEL TRAINING



**THE FOOD IS GOOD** and one of the big reasons is Cpl. Percy A. Skinner, 11th Aviation cook. Prior to entering the Army, Skinner was employed as a chef in a Philadelphia hotel.



**ANOTHER TRAINING** scene finds a group of soldiers huddled around a .30 calibre machine gun, while First Sergeant Richard A. Stewart of Parkersville, Ky., explains its mechanism and operation.



**A HOLIDAY SCENE** finds these hungry soldiers eating heartily. During a recent inspection, the 11th Aviation Mess Hall was declared one of the model mess halls on the base for cleanliness.

# WHO'S WHO IN THE

## HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG COMES MARCHING HOME

Co "A", 459th Sig. Bn.---The tales related by our 'Signal Commandoes' returning from the land of levees and jiggers in Louisiana would out Byron Munchausen and Banyan to shame..... Cpl. Lester Page tells the story of how Sgt. Hyman Krasinsky got his nose caught on a barbed wire fence while chasing butterflies....Among their activities were 17-mile promenades in cadence in order to admire the scenery. It was a guided tour.....Cpl. Charles Boyd of Childress, Tex., tells us he is the proud possessor of a Stradivarius violin that he received in trade for a sum of money and a dozen ducks. Corporal Boyd was a shrewd trader--the old gentleman wanted a cow and a calf. The outfit that returned is not exactly the same one that left. Something new has been added. Welcome to all the new faces. There is a new spirit, a new cry, 'buckle down'..... After 'sweating it out' for two years, our entire company heaves a sigh of exultation at the thought of Cpl. Carrol Chamberlain's impending marriage to Dolores on January 3. Good luck, Corporal and rs. Chamberlain..... We are indebted to St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Charlotte for decorating the dayroom. Old Saint Nick, bless his heart, has been very good to all of us--and to our friends, our buddies in khaki our belated but sincere season's greetings.....

## COOKS, BAKERS TO SCHOOL; CAGERS HAVE EYES ON TITLE



By S/Sgt. Richard N. Quinn

11th Avn. Sq.---Although a number of Officers who have been guests at our Squadron Mess have remarked we possess the best cooks on the base, we are looking for finer meals when Pfc's Adam Davis, Alphonza Carter and John D. Stratton return from Ft. Benning Cooks and Bakers' School.....The 11th cagers have their eyes on that basketball trophy. They annexed their second and third wins with emphatic decisions over Co. J, 459th Signal and the 853rd Signal. We're gunning for the 30th basketreers. The team is composed of S/Sgts. Richard A. Stewart and Dorcus H. Claytor, Sgt.



A ROOM-FULL of feminine pilots, grounded by inclement weather, surround Major Samuel D. Gibson, Base S-3 officer, during a layover at Morris Field. They're members of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and include, left to right: Barbara Poole, Hackensack, N. J., Esther Manning, Unionville, N. Y., Barbara J. Erickson, Seattle, Wash., Barbara Donahue, New York City, and Evelyn Sharp, Bakersfield, California.

Lawrence E. Hardimon and Cpl. Rufus G. Burruss, guards; Sgt. Walter J. Barton, center; and Cpls. Thomas Jones and Harold G. Cuff, Pfc. Joseph Johnson and Pvt. Sylvester Carroll, forwards....Recent promotions: Cpl. Thomas F. Goode went up to sergeant, Pfc's Joe Wood, Lenard S. Jones and William M. Howard received corporal stripes, and Edward L. Bryant moved to private first class.

## DANCE, MUSICAL PROGRAM FEATURE HOLIDAY SEASON



By Pfc. Charles Graves, Jr.

Co. 'A' 459th Sig. Bn.---Our basketball team dropped its second game last week to the Medicos in a close, 33 to 30 finish. Free

# SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

throws were the deciding factor. Lt. Lynn W. Huddler is coaching the team....Among those returning from recent furloughs were S/Sgt. Reuben Williams, Pvt. Charles L. Shearer and Pfc. Claude A. Benjamin....Social activities during the holiday season were highlighted with a dance at the Armory. Exhibition drills were led by Sergeant Williams and Sgt. Adrain Smith....Following a turkey feast on Christmas Day, a short program was presented for visitors in the day room. Outstanding were selections by a quartet and community singing led by Pfc. Claude Benjamin and his guitar, and Pvt. Theodore Leigh. The two men also displayed versatility in close harmony vocalizing....Activities at the N.C.O. club are becoming more enjoyable. For future success, the cooperation and attendance of all members are solicited.

## PFC'S TO FRIGID CLIMES; TWO CAROLINIANS MOVE IN



By Sgt. Harry G. Fiehl

4th Weather and Communications....Happy New Year! Should our acquaintance be forgotten! Since the last report by your correspondent four more of our men have left. Pfc's Tom Nelson, Bill Mortenson and Bill McKay took off last week for the more frigid climes, while T/Sgt. Ray Williams converged upon the helpless individuals at Wilmington, N. C..... But that was last week. Now, it's the same old story with a different cast. T/Sgt. James Price, the pride of South Carolina, and Pfc. T. C. 'Chuck' Wilson, late of Denver and Wool, are on alert awaiting orders to the Tropics, and people are going 'code-happy' again.... Sgt. Frank Funk has returned from an abbreviated furlough to his home in Kansas, while 'pfc'd' Noe Wigderson and Cpl. Reginald Moore have left on leave for Wisconsin and Michigan, respectively....Greetings to our two new observers, Pvts. William F. Robinson and Benjamin D. Howard. Both are Carolinians, so we know they'll enjoy their stay here....

## IT MUST BE THE SEASON, THE LOVE BUG IS BITING



By Pvt. E. T. Maxon

847th Guard Sqd....What is it that has been getting the boys lately, the Holy Season just passed? Pvt. Perry is seriously considering making that fateful step to the altar with a Charlotte miss. Pfc. Morest wanders around mumbling to himself that 'she is wonderful, absolutely marvelous'. And you, ask him who? and he says, 'my wife, of course'. Even your correspondent has fallen. He went home a couple of weeks ago and hasn't been the same since....Thursday is the kind of a day we would like to see more often--pay day coupled with New Year's Eve....We understand that the basketball team of Co. A, 459th Signal, had the rather doubtful pleasure of making the acquaintance of THE BEAR, our little boy (235 on the hoof) who learned the game on the courts of the Windy City....Speaking of basketball, all who are interested in making a bit of easy money we suggest that you see S/Sgt. Cjpoletti of the 30th. He's willing to spot us 15 points and bet all comers that the 30th can beat the pants off the MP's. Take him boys, he's ripe for plucking. Three of our boys don't know that the fog hanging over Charlotte the last couple of weeks has lifted: Cpl. Shaffer, his little honey; ex-Cpls. McNeill, 3rd and Sheridan, the red, both now sporting 'three up and one down' and your correspondent missed the cigars.

## MEN GET NEW ASSIGNMENTS; NEW YEAR'S HOP IS STAGED

By Pfc. Fred Barash

66th Group Hdqs....Several popular men will be leaving for other assignments as a result of a general reorganization in Group Headquarters. Among them are: Sgt. Albert J. Culkin, acting first sergeant during the furlough of Sgt. Bill Yester, Sgt. Reginald A. Markham, Cpls. Robert Gettman, John A. Ritchie, Pfc's Edith A. Agrino

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\*WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, MAJOR!\*

Art. F. B. Owsen  
30th Base 1943





# Morris Field Sports



A NEW POOL TABLE, the gift of Thomas Cavalaris, manager of the Pex Recreation hall in Charlotte, brightens the day room of the 118th Observation Squadron. Pictured at the table are Cpl. James F. Roswell, Mr. Cavalaris and Sgt. Joseph V. Bernard.

## PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS TO BE REQUIRED

A series of physical achievement tests, designed to properly condition individual soldiers, will be inaugurated this month in each squadron, the Base Physical Training office announced today.

The program will include five events, with minimum times and distances required as follows: standing broad jump (6'6"); leg lifts (25); push-ups(22); low chinning(6), and 220 yd. dash (33 sec.).

Records will be kept of each individual and he will be expected to improve his marks when the tests are repeated on succeeding months, it was said. The program is being introduced at all bases in the Third Air Force.

Captain: 'Why didn't you salute me yesterday?'  
Private: 'I didn't see you, sir.'  
Captain: 'Good, I was afraid you were mad at me.'

## CRUCIAL BATTLE LOOMS FOR CAGE LEADERSHIP

With the Squadron Basketball league locked up tighter than a frozen gasoline pump, Morris Field cage followers are awaiting the resumption of play next week, when the current co-leaders lock horns to unravel the dispute.

In the feature bill Tuesday night, either the 30th Base Headquarters, defending champs, or the sensational 11th Aviation hoopsters will take over the undisputed lead in the red-hot race.

Both continued their unbeaten march during the holiday period. The 30th crew waded into the 903rd Quartermaster to gain a 68 to 12 decision and polished off the 847th Guard Squadron, 42 to 28.

Averaging 40 points a game, the 11th cagers kept up their burning pace to turn back com-

### LEADING SCORERS

Bernardine, Medics	61
Spradling, 1st Air Support	49
Earnest, Co A, 459th Sig.	47
Pierce, 1st Air Support	44
Stewart, 11th Avn.	43
Ryan, 847th Guard Sqd.	40
Pryor, Co A, 459th Sig.	39
Burruss, 11th Avn.	36
Cain, 847th Guard Sqd.	34
Natola, 1st Air Support	34
Storie, 30th Base Hq.	30
Baumgardner, 30th Base Hq.	30

pany A, 459th Signal, 853rd Signal, and the Medics in a row.

The title aspirations of Company A, 459th, which provided the surprise two weeks ago in knocking off the First Air Support Command, suffered as they dropped their second contest to the Medics. Corporal Albert Bernardine bagged 24 points in that game to jump into a commanding lead in individual scoring with 61 points.

The First Air Support, with a lone defeat, still is a major threat in the runner-up spot. The circuit newcomers got back on the winning track by beating the Medics, 4th Weather and Co B, 459th.

## WHO'S WHO IN THE SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

(Continued from page 7)

James E. Feeney, John M. Verger, Frank A. Posillico, Charles C. George, Leo Tolon and Pvt. Howard C. Hansen....E/Sgt. Nicholas F. Toth is bidding a real farewell to the fellows, for he departs for Will Rogers Field in Okla. Friday night was the occasion of the New Year's Dance at the Charlotte Hotel.....Credit for the success of this affair goes to S/Sgt. Wm. D. Barnett and Sgt. Walter J. Sliva.....Apologies to Cpl. Charette for an error appearing in the last issue.....The romeo of S-2 is none other than handsome Sgt. Sliva. But he had better be careful, for his buddy and date companion in the foursome that has the entire Headquarters buzzing, S/Sgt. Titworth is giving him a close race for honors in both fields. T/Sgt. Beasley is back from his furlough and we hope that his 19 days afforded him enough rest to tackle the job of sergeant major. Sgt. David Meyers is also back, but even 10 days in New York Haven't diminished his ability at constructively criticizing just about everything..

### MEN HONOR MACKINTOSH; THE MAIL COMES THROUGH

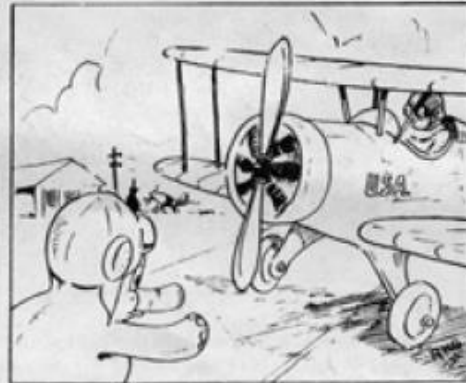
By Cpl. Sidney K. Zucker

30th Base Hdq.---It happened last year: Your correspondent received word from his attorney that his invention of a 'Tree feller' was accepted and approved by the U. S. Patent Office. It is an automatic saw attached to a tractor or truck.....The men on the line and in Base Operations presented M/Sgt. I. W. Mackintosh with a gold ring in appreciation of his efforts in obtaining the new N.C.O. Club.. Pvt. Walter Seitzer rarely leaves the base. He's carrying the torch for a school teacher in Berwick, Pa.....Sgt. Oak Acton's holidays were brightened by a visit from his wife, who came down from Camden, N. J.....Sgts. Joe



CPL. DICE HOOVER, 18-year-old son of Major Clarence F. Hoover, Base Finance Officer, is congratulated by his father upon arrival here from Ft. Benning, Ga., where he won his wings as a paratrooper. Young Hoover attended Assumption College in Windsor, Ontario, and was employed by the American Trust Co. in Charlotte prior to enlisting five months ago.

Fisherty and Paul Cerapellotti, Cpl. Ed Heafner, Pfc's Wm. C. Kelly and Harding Crow, and Pvts. Anthony Camuso, Pete Lomazzo and Al Jordan, all of the 30th, deserve a big hand for their handling of that flow of mail during the holiday rush....Lt. Brown and Pvt. Charles Abbott are looking for those talented men of the 30th, mentioned in previous columns, as casting material for the musical revue, 'High Jinx'. If you can play a musical instrument, sing or write songs and gags, stop at the Special Services Office. You've told us what you can do, fellows--now prove it!



### HE 'KNEW ABBOTT WHEN' GAYLE JOINS BENEDICTS

By Cpl. John C. McAvoy

19th Obsn. Sqd.---Cpl. Al Eichen contributes an 'I knew him when...' item in regard to Bud Abbott, of the screen's comic team. A decade ago the Hollywoodan worked for Al, who was then connected with the management of Werba's Brooklyn Theater. Bud Abbott played a 'Straight man' to the comics there before he hooked up with Lou Costello. Staff Sergeant Gayle, recently returned from his furlough-honeymoon, is one of the more recent benedicts. The bride is the former Louise McCord...Sergeant Richard Heffner also committed matrimony recently.... Some of the best pencil sketches turned out around these parts are from the hand of Pvt. Robert Jewell, according to those who have seen his profile portraits of Lieutenants Shanks and Eley....Love laughs at locksmiths and paper conservation. ....Even the Intelligence Section can't find out what became of the pool tournament....One of our G.I.'s whose civilian vice was playing the ponies claims that after the last couple of weeks he can beat any four-footed mudder.

### HESTER GETS REAL GIFT; STRING ENSEMBLE FORMED

By Pfc. Coit R. Troutman

68th AAF Band.---Pvt. Pat Hester, one of the Charlotte cliché, received a real Christmas present--the new Mrs. Hester was formerly Rosemary Pound of St. Louis. Wedding bells rang Christmas Day.....Pfc. Walter Nechoda received a letter from his father in Russian. Of course, this doesn't worry Nick for he speaks and reads Russian fluently. Nick attended the University of Illinois and during summer vacations traveled in Europe....A string ensemble has been formed, consisting of T/Sgt. Charles Johns, Pvt. Geza Berko, Pvt. David Bennett, Pfc. Walter Nechoda and Chief Warrant Officer William U. Turton as accom-

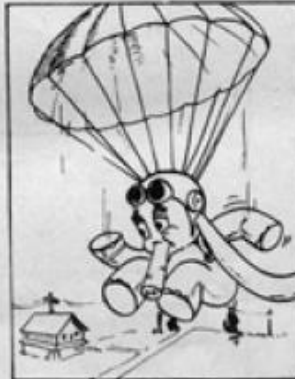
### THE CIVILIAN PLATFORM

#### PARTY GIFTS RANGE FROM ROLLING PINS TO DIAMONDS

By Dora Castle

Post Engineer--Hilites of the Post Engineer Party: Capt. Sam Claus got the party right in the groove by giving out with the gifts and some of 'em here so good we wants sound off about 'em, so here goes--rolling pin for Wiggins, who will never show it to his bride-to-be for fear of giving the gal ideas about home management...Carry for Skinny Ezzell, sweets for the sweet...most versatile man in the office; Barney Robertson becoming junior air warden and lone ranger both at once.. 'Dogfaces' Archer and Hull woofing all over the place after receiving their gold dogs. Archer planning a course in home dentistry with all that gold on hand to solve her problem of missing molars....Mrs. Astorbilt having nothing on McBrayer, who was presented with a magnificent diamond ring....for Capt. Hayworth, soap babies without the barrel, and dice to point the morsl....date book for Dot, to record her engagements and keep'em straight. Bob Alexander received his insignia, a Dorothy Dix doll...and Budweiser for Kiser. Personality of the week: Tall, lanky Lt. Kropp, the guy, who can consume seven and a half pieces of pie a la mode without batting an eyelash and the guiding genius of the Christmas party, ranks tops...with a sense of humor all his own popping out in dull moments to do no end of good for the general joy de vivre and esprit de corps. All together, with no fingers crossed, the Post Engineer and Engineeresses give this No'them boy a big hand.

panist....Checker Champion Shanks and Brain Trust Desnoyers tangle in some very interesting matches....Pawn Shop Poms was among the crowd at Times Square to welcome the new year. Two sailors from the Royal British Navy paid a visit to the Band. Their accent delighted everyone.







**IDENTIFICATION OF GASSES,** their wartime use and effects are currently being studied by this group of Morris Field Officers, who meet two hours daily, five times a week. The school opened December 14 and will continue until January 22 under the direction of 1st Lt. Eldon M. Sutphin, chemical warfare service officer, and 2nd Lt. George R. Crawford, assistant chemical warfare officer, of the First Air Support Command.



*Saturday, Jan. 2--WHISTLING IN DINNIE,* with Red Skelton, Ann Rutherford and Guy Kibbee.

*Sunday and Monday, Jan. 3 and 4--ARABIAN NIGHTS,* with Maria Montez, Joh Hall and Sabu.

*Tuesday, Jan. 5--SECRETS OF THE UNDERGROUND,* with John Hubbard and Virginia Grey.

*Wednesday, Jan. 6--GREAT IMPERSONATION,* with Ralph Bellamy, and Evelyn Ankers.

*Thursday and Friday, Jan. 7 and 8--CHINA GIRL,* with George Montgomery and Gene Tierney.

*Saturday, Jan. 9--REUNION IN FRANCE,* with Joan Crawford and John Wayne.

### CADETS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN EXAMS AT NASHVILLE

Thirteen of the 14 aviation cadets who recently left Morris Field for the classification center at Nashville, Tenn., successfully passed the examinations there, according to a letter received by THE CODE from Aviation Cadet John D. Horgan. Nine were classified as pilots, two bombardiers and two navigators.

### SOLDIERS WILL PRESENT MUSICAL COMEDY REVUE

A call for comedians, musicians, singers, dancers and impersonators was issued today by Pvt. Charles Abbott, veteran of 27 years of stage and theatrical experience, who plans to direct a musical comedy revue composed of a Morris Field all-soldier cast.

Both professional and amateur entertainers are sought for the forthcoming production, which will be staged the latter part of January, Abbott said.

Prior to his induction six months ago, Private Abbott appeared in vaudeville and musical comedy and served as assistant director and stage manager for shows in leading theatres in this country, England and Australia. He has also appeared in motion pictures with W. C. Fields, Marc Connelly and others.

At Fort Devens, Mass., Abbott was co-producer of the revue, 'Park Your Khaki' and repeated the show at Miami Beach, Fla.

Soldiers who can sing, act or dance or have other talents are requested to contact Abbott at the Special Service Office, telephone 300. Rehearsals will begin immediately.

Soldier: 'I'd like to marry you or something.'  
Girl: 'You'll marry me or nothing.'

A second lieutenant on his honeymoon wired his CO the following message: 'It's wonderful here. Please extend furlough several more days.'

The CO wired back: 'It's wonderful anywhere. Come back.'