NOW ON DUTY WITH THE newspaper in New York City is Sergeant Dan A. Poller, 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 Poller 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. Helm, Lynn W. Hunter, Clifford N. Crain, Clarence W. Hale and William J. Munro.

Lt. Eldon M. Stuphin, 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 insurmountable weapon to aerial photographers like Lt. J. F. Duddy, combat observer, with an observation squadron at Morris Field.

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. Dawson. Lieutenants Fonville and King have just completed 30-day OTU courses at Tampa, Fla.
MORRIS FIELD OBSERVES GAY CHRISTMAS

'TWAS THE NIGHT before Christmas' when the photographer caught these nurses digging into a pile of gifts. Gathered around the tree are Lieutenants Myrtle Wood, Joanne Albers, Gertrude Kilbarger and Ethel Rakes, 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 centered around the dormitory 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 H. 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 Barbersville, 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.
HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG COMES MARCHING HOME

Col. "Miss" Ohio Stg. 2nd...The tales related by our Signal Commandos returning from the land of levees and jiggers in Louisiana would put Borne Soughburne and Banyon to shame...Cpl. Lester Page tells the story of how Sgt. Ryman Kaminsky got his nose caught on a barbed wire fence while chasing butterflies... Among their activities were 12-mile promenades in cadence in order to admire the scenery. It was a guided tour...Cpl. Charles Boyd of Childress, Texas, 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, 'hakie down'...After 'wetasting it out' for two years, our entire company heaves a sigh of exultation at the thought of Cpl. Corral Chamberlain's impending marriage to Dolores on January 3. Good luck, Corporal and to Miss 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 K. Quinn
11th Arm. 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, Alphonso Carter and John D. Strutton return from Ft. Benning. Cooks and Bakers' School...The 11th cagers have their eyes on that basketball trophy. They assured their second and third wins with emphatic decisions over Co. F, 459th Signal and the 553rd Signal. We're gunning for the 30th basketteers. The team is composed of S/Sgts. Richard A. Stewart and Dorcas W. Clayton, Sgts.

A ROOM-FULL of feminine pilots, grounded by inclement weather, surround Major Samuel B. 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 Douglas, New York City; and Evelyn Sharp, Dakotafield, California.


DANCE, MUSICAL PROGRAM FEATURE HOLIDAY SEASON

By Pfc. Charles Graves, Jr.
Co.'s 459th Sig. Bn...Our basketball team dropped its second game last week to the Medicos in a close, 33 to 30 finish. Free
throws were the deciding factor. Lt. Lyon W. Fiedler is coaching the team. Among those returning from recent furloughs were S/Sgt. Nenon Williams, Pvt. Charles L. Shepherd and Pfc. Claude J. Benjamin. Social activities during the holiday season were highlighted with a dance at the Armory. Exhibition drills were led by Sergeant Williams and Sgt. Arrin 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. 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, cooperation and attendance of all members are solicited.

PFC'S TO FRIGID CLIMES:
TWO CAROLINIANS MOVE IN

By Sgt. Harry G. Fieh

4th Weather and Communications.... Happy New Year! Should old acquaintance be forgot? Since the last report by your correspondent four more of our men have left. Pfc's Tom Nelson, Bill Mortensen and Bill McKay took off last week for the more frigid climes while T/Sgt. Roy 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 Woot, are on alert awaiting orders to the Tropics, and people are going "code-happy" again.... Sgt. Frank Fink has returned from an abbreviated furlough to his home in Kansas, while "pfc" Sue Gibernett and Pfc Reginald Moore have left on leave for Wisconsin and Michigan, respectively. Greetings to our two new observers, Pts. William F. Robinson and Benjamin D. Howard. Both are Caroliniacs, so we know they'll enjoy their stay here.

IT MUST BE THE SEASON.
The LOVE BUG IS BITING

By Pvt. E. E. Mason

4th Guard Sqd.... What is it that has been getting the boys lately, the Holy Season just passed? Pat Perry is seriously considering making that thoughtful step to the altar with an attractive Charlotte miss. Pfc. Morett wonders 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-pax 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 acquaintance of the bear, our little boy (235 on the hoist) 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 suggest that you see S/Sgt. Cipollutti of the 30th. He's willing to spot us 10 points and bet all comers that the 30th can beat the pants off the 990's. Take him boys, he's ripe for picking. 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-Cpl. McNell, 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 Barsh

66th Group Bldgs. 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, Cpl. Robert Getzmann, John A. Ritchie, Pfc's Eitha A. Amos (Continued on Page 10)
"WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, MAJOR!"
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 edged into the 903rd Quartermaster to gain a 68 to 52 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-

A NEW POOL TABLE, the gift of Thomas Cavalaris, manager of the PX Recreation hall in Charlotte, brightens the day room of the 138th Observation Squadron. Pictured at the table are Cpl. James F. Bowsell, Mr. Cavalaris, and Sgt. Joseph V. Barnard.

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); 100-yard chinning (6), and 220-yard dash (13 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.'

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WHO'S WHO IN THE SQUADRON SPOTLIGHT

(Continued from Page 7)

James F. Fennery, John M. Berge, Frank A. Pasinlico, Charles G. George, Leo Tolen and Pvt. Howard C. Hansen....W/Sgt. Nicholas E. Toth is bidding a real farewell to the fellows, for he departs for Hill Rogers Field in Cola. 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. Sliwa....Apropos to Cpl. Charette for an error appearing in the last issue....The romance of S-2 is none other than handsome Sgt. Sliwa. But he had better be careful, for his buddy and date companion in the foursome that has the entire Headquarters buzzing. S/Sgt. Tittsworth is giving him a close race for honors in both fields. T/Sgt. Peasley is back from his furlough and we hope that his 10 days afforded him enough rest to tackle the job of sergeant major. Sgt. David Mayers 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 V. Stucker

3rd base dugout....It happened last year;
Your correspondent received word from his attora
ty 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 W/Sgt. I. V.
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. BICE 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 Carapellotti, Cpl. Ed Heaf
ner, Pfc's Wm. C. Kelly and Harding Crow, and
Pvt's. Anthony Camuto, 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. Crown 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 Capt. John C. McIlroy

19th Oban. Sqd.--Cpl. Al Richen 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 Werbe'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 Pfc. Robert Jewell, according to those who have seen his profile portraits of Lieutenants Shanks and Eley....Love laughs at Locksmith's 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 E. Troutman

68th AAF Band...Pfc. Pat Hester, one of the Charlotte cliche, received a real Christmas present--the new Mrs. Hester was formerly Rosemary Founf of St. Louis. Wedding bells rang Christmas Day..........Pfc. Walter Netchords received a letter from his father in Russia. 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, Pfc. Gene Berkoe, Pfc. David Bennett, Pfc. Walter Netchods and Chief Warrant Officer William U. Turton as accom-pianist.....Checker Champion Shanks and Brain Trust Desmon ters tangle in some very interesting matches.....Palm 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 CAGES, 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. Stuphin, chemical warfare service officer, and 2nd Lt. George R. Crawford, assistant chemical warfare officer, of the First Air Support Command.

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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, Marjorie Main 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 306. Rehearsals will begin immediately.

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SOLDIER: 'I'd like to marry you or something.'

Girl: 'You'll marry me or nothing.'

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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.'