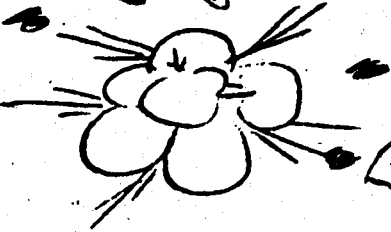


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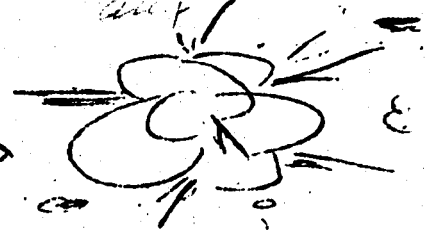
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GI'S TO VOTE!!

G.O.P. CANDIDATE

THOMAS E. DEWEY
Governor of New York
for President

For the first time in history, the American doughboy will have the opportunity of voting in an election. In civilian life voting was always considered a privilege available only in a democracy; in the Army it is doubly so. The governmental bodies went to great lengths and trouble to afford us these facilities. It's quite simple! There have been reams written on the method of voting. Read your bulletin board! If in doubt see your voting officer or don't hesitate to ask for instructions! He will do it gladly!!

G.O.P. CANDIDATE

JOHN W. BRICKER
Governor of Ohio
for Vice-President

The following is to be interpreted as a description of the Republican candidates, and not a biased political discussion:

Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York State, the presidential candidate, gained nation-wide recognition when, with the aid of a superb prosecuting staff, was instrumental in stamping out much of the gangsterism in New York in, what was termed, one of the most publicized "Clean-up Campaigns" that the United States has ever known. Undoubtedly a good showman, Dewey has also proven during his as Governor of New York that he is also a good administrator.

Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, the Vice-presidential nominee, unfortunately got off to a bad start when he was also nominated on the "America First, Inc." ticket, a fascist-approving organization in the States. Frantic denials by Dewey and Bricker undoubtedly helped in bolstering the confidence of freedom-loving voters.

We shall attempt to give thumb-nail descriptions of the Democratic candidates next week.

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CO'S COMMENTARY

In England one may hear, "The English Army was built on the soccer field." In America we may say the same with the substitution of the baseball diamond or the football gridiron for the soccer field of England.

I urge every man to participate in some form of athletics. It is natural for a man to indulge in a little extra sleep on his off-duty moments, but may result in an Army of "haunches, paunches and jowls!"

As a matter of fact I see no reason for the necessity of urging you to do something which has always been the chief form of recreation for we Americans-athletics. It has always been a byword with us since first entering elementary school. The Army has always encouraged it. One of the requisites in the building of an army camp has always been a recreational area.

We now have such an area take full advantage of it. Those of you who feel an occasional nostalgic twinge will find it a good outlet; those who are not in the best of physical condition may in this way rebuild your bodies.

Col A L Schroeder
Commanding.

THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST

LONDON (CNS)--The Berlin radio in a broadcast picked up here, repeated the announcement of the attempt on Adolf Hitler's life and followed through with martial music in place of a previously scheduled discussion on "The Extermination of Rats."

READING, PA. (CNS)-----William Nagle is a patient man but he finally filed suit for divorce against his wife, Imogene, who he complained, deserted him in 1897.....

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Your chapel has made very happy moments evering when the bright light of day reported on your efforts for our new chapel building. Your generosity extended not only our highest hopes. We thank you twelve hundred dollars and to date have received twenty-six hundred. Let us also add the praise and such thankings which He alone can give.

If you desire to contribute a little of your time by helping with the malling or building pews, come to the site of the building at eight in the morning or at one in the afternoon.

Captain Eastwood

The following teletyped message was received from the 15th Air Force:

FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AAF AND THE COMMANDING GENERAL, USSTAF, COME THE FOLLOWING COMMENDATIONS WHICH I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO PASS ON TO ALL UNITS AND TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE AIR FORCE.

A PROUD: THE CONTINUED AIL OUTCOMES BY YOUR HEAVY DUTY AFTER IS MOST CRAVELLING. IT SHOWS TO ALL OF US THAT YOUR COMBAT AND MAINTENANCE ARE TRUE TEAMS. PLEASE CONVEY MY APPRECIATION TO ALL CONCERNED FOR THEIR UNTIRING EFFORTS AND MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE SPLENDID RESULTS OBTAINED."

SPAATZ: "I DESIRE TO ADD MY APPRECIATION TO THOSE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, AAF. THE RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES."

By order of Colonel ACHESON:

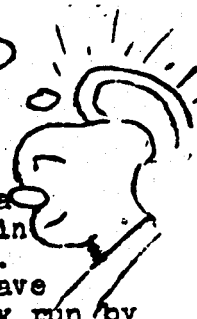
H.W. TITTEL,
Lt. Col., A C
Adjutant.

FILM DEVELOPING

Films may now be processed in the [unclear] exchange. All prints are subject to censorship and will be mailed to the service man upon completion.

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A first lt, co-pilot and two gunners who have been feeding the combat slot machine, long, patiently and with more fortitude than an eagle scout,---saw it come up jackpot over Friedrichshafen, Germany on Thursday when Howard Huggins, 776th co-pilot, S/Sgt gunners Mike Yurysta and Jim Fisher, 78th, hit the 50-and-out column.

According to their crews, none of the three broke down and said he was sorry to be through and leaving such a gallant bunch. After the preliminary hand shakes each left the thought that he'd be perfectly content to sweat out that dawn's- early take off from the depth of untroubled slumber in an untrammelled sack. Huggins, co-pilot to Bob Garlock, in "Little Gismo" and "Little Gismo Jr" has seen the great industrial and cultural centers of southern Europe. The only thing that unduly impressed him over any of these areas was flak. "I had my lap full of instruments or flak bursts." he said. "From what I could see of any one of 'em...I'd just as soon--in fact RATHER be blowing the head off a tall beer in dear America."

Charles Tarver, Rhuett Butler of the toggle switch and a comrade in misery with Huggins, spoke in behalf of the crew's appreciation of their happily departing chum. "His feet were doing a rhumba over the target made so much noise I didn't know if it was flak, the bombs acting up in the caboose or what the hell.....50 missions-well, that's what he gets for flying with any ol' Tom, Dick, Harry and even Herbert. it's his own fault...that's what he gets for being eager. I have no sympathy for the bloke."

When last seen, Tarver was brooding over a bound volume of "Life in a Putty Knife Factory".

Yurysta and Fisher have completed their victory run by riding and gunning with principally their own crew which belongs to Lt Flanagan. When he wasn't flying they could usually be located in the waist and tail respectively of any 778th ship. Yurysta was making nice name for himself in the role of a gunner-photographer, some of his shots being accepted by Air Force. His aerial view of Venice was something to make the Rotary Club president of that city drool at the chops. The place looked like a set-up for the next world's fair but the only place Yurysta wants to paddle a gondola is on Lake Erie with Mrs. Y. and be able to take in a double-winder at the nearest neighborhood theatre in Cleveland--"where the machine don't quit every second minute and you can settle back in a plush seat..." (ED: this was passed against our better judgment)

"Me too," voiced Fisher "Cept it'll be Austin, Texas.....I've seen a lot of different countries over here...but Texas---now that's really a country.... Yeah, America is O.K. but you take Texas....."

Lt. Dave Camerer.

THIS WEEK'S FUNNY BROADCAST.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)-- "The Russians," the Tokyo radio reported in a masterpiece understatement, "are aiming to disturb the German withdrawal."

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



IT'S A KILT TILT

3300R and 3000R SQUADRON

777th UNDERGROUND REPORT

by.....VIC RICE

Deep, heart-felt sympathy for Red Coyne from all his friends, and a little consternation, too, to see him busted to a private for his slight misdemeanor. A lot of people don't know it but Red got his Tech rating for outstanding work as a bombardier in B-17's on combat operational duty over the Gulf of Mexico chasing Hitler's submarines. That was about two years ago, when commissioned bombardiers were still practically unheard of. While at Gowen Field as a Bombardier Instructor, he was cited by General Travis on more than one occasion. That's a record that would justify pride in anybody.

Everybody is getting things straightened out for the coming presidential election. It is gratifying to report that a lot of healthy interest is being shown by the men of the 777th who are determined to get the record in the Group for the number of votes cast. But this will have to be done in the face of a terrific handicap in the person of Arthur C. Pagel, Jr., who won't be able to vote this time -- he is nineteen! But he said he would rather go without voting than be from Georgia (voting age, 18).

The squadron has a new morning report clerk, and it is really commendable to see how much he loves his work. May he have years and years of success at it. But in the event that he didn't like it, could they make a 1st/Sgt. do that?

The inimitable P. X. clerk, Paul H. Toy, was finally rewarded for his exhausting work, he is now a P. F. C.! This is an inspiring example of promotion possibilities for the other privates in the squadron. Sheldon Schaumburg take note.

The best wishes in the world to pilot Lt. Green who is leading the squadron with 44 missions to date. Among the enlisted men are Parker, Cisler and Cordray on Lt. Fennimore's crew and Moore, Hambley, Hiscr, Gac and Shelley on Lt. Lague's crew, all with 42 missions.

SENSE AND NONSENSE FROM THE 781st

by....Tech Sgt "Nails" Kaplan
Staff Sgt "Fish" Vicrock

Miko Yurysta and James Fish finished up their 50 missions today. Congratulations fellows. Capt. Hardy told Lt. "Bub" Foster, "some of the best cooks in the world are in the army" and "Bub" came back with "Well, what are they doing???"...It's a baby boy for the Lt. and Mrs. Dale Morlans. The proud papa was handing out cigars for the event...To date the 778th has earned better than 240 Air Medals....The sqdn. has turned over to Chaplain Eastwood \$714 towards the new chapel.. Thanks to all you contributors.. The entire group collected \$250.. Work is progressing rapidly... Lt. Welch when asked by Capt. "Doc" Goodfried if he was troubled with improper thoughts came back with "No, I enjoy them!" "Charcoal" Carter the wellknown sqdn. mailman is now known as "Farley the III" and Tommy Thompson his first assistant is "Walker the II". But between the both of them they get the mail and that's all that matters....Who's that dark streak on "Nails" upper lip these days? "Sad Sack" E. Hart sure looks peaked after his "rest" at rest camp. Looks like he could use another week to rest up....Three cheers for the work that has started on the sqdn. mess hall....With the way the walled tents are going up all over the hill we ought to be having a regular little city ere long....Who's going to run for mayor?...Business at the Service Club is booming these days and pay night was a regular humdinger. The air crews wish to express their thanks to the ground crews for their swell job of maintenance on their aircraft, also for "sweating" them out on each mission.

SIGN IN A NITA LIAN RESTAURANT

Anyone eating in this establishment will be subject to dysentery action

The Wagon' War

by.....Sgt J. Kennedy.....

THE BACK SEAT DRIVER

Ireland may not be in this ball game but a lot of her sons are, as witness Pfc Michael Aloysius O'Toole. Lots of good men are Pfc's. They can't go higher because the TO is filled.

"Sure I'd like to be Cpl, Sgt ---even full gen," said O'Toole "but I'm not. Still I'm in the fight. That's the main thing."

A fireman back in Cleveland, O., Mike was duly unimpressed by Italy's method of fire control

"No wonder Rome burned," said Mike. "They don't have fire engines. I worked an MP shift for a few days in town. Naturally I wanted to see their fire trucks---they didn't even have a water-bucket. Perhaps they figure they don't need fire apparatus because their buildings are stone, but the insides of those can burn."

Was Mike a hose dryer, polo shiner or what?

"I drove the hook and ladder" said Mike "Long as a city block. I was a back seat driver. They need rear jockeys on those things. There's no thrill like sirening along at 60 perched on the taller seat of a hookie."

"When we come to a corner, that's where you gotta figure, and fast. When the front tiller man makes the turn, I have to swing the rear wheels in the opposite direction. If we didn't time it right, a lot of buildings in Cleveland would have round corners."

THE WOLF

by Sansone



DISCORD IN PANTANELLA

or..Why oh Why?

"I'm moving, I can't stand it any longer. Them guys in tent 39 just had Pfc Flor Boulay to put up with. There's two of them in my tent," sobbed Sgt. Emmert M Anderson of the 76th.

"I know how they solved the problem," he continued. They had a pound of tar and a bag of feathers. I'm a little fellow and I wanna get the Good Conduct Medal. What can I do?"

It was a tragic situation. Special Services had distributed musical instruments. Two these, a uke and a tonette, fell into the hands of Anderson's tentmates.

"That guy Shufford," continued Anderson, "his hobby is skipping rope. Why does he play the uke? When he thrums on that thing the boys nearby jump into their foxholes. It sounds like an air raid alarm. Of the two, Kerswin is worse," moaned Anderson. "He plays the tonette. It sounds like a bazooka. He always gets the yen to play when Shufford plays. Why can't he play the same tune? He puffs---his face swells up---he resembles a frog. Sounds escape. I can't describe them. Like a caliope with asthma. I'm moving---I've had enough."

SWEET SENTIMENT

Pfc Hyman Kranberg of the 776th has proven himself to be an ideal inspiration and whoever she may be, that sweet, emotional creature who wrote the following lines to him, has been recorded in our books as the "Girl I'd Like to Return To".

I PROMISED I'D WRITE OFTEN DEAR,
AT LEAST ONCE EVERY DAY.
YOU CAN'T KNOW HOW I'VE MISSED YOU
EVER SINCE YOU WENT AWAY.
I TAKE MY FAVORITE WALK ALONE
AND AS I COUNT EACH STAR,
I PRAY THAT GOD WILL KEEP YOU SAFE
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.
AND THERE'S A NEW THRILL IN MY
HEART
FOR WHEN THE FLAG FLIES HIGH,
I LIFT MY HEAD UP PROUDLY,
FOR A SOLDIER'S GIRL AM I.

WITS and ERRORS . . .

BY.....Sgt Herbert Hoover.



Henry Armstrong is now a member of the armed services. His last fight was with "Bummy" Davis in New York, 16 June.....

Beau Jack is now a private assigned to the special training unit at Fort Benning, Ga. He will receive special educational training and will assist in physical and boxing instruction.

Jesse Owens competed against a woman named Helen Stephens slated as the fastest femme at Wrigley Field before a crowd of 18,000. Jesse won by 1 (one) stride----but Jesse had been handicapped ten yards-----she still is a fast woman (running).

ORDERED FOR INDUCTION:

George Munger, ex-Card; Ray Hamrick, Phils; Ed Head, Dodgers Jim Bagby, Boston.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

"I will now show you how to snap-roll a Liberaider."

Asked what made his right arm look so swollen last week, Fat Freddie Fitzsimmons, Philly manager remarked: "I pitched 45 minutes to Tony Lupien, trying to straighten out one of his faults. Lupien still has his fault and I still have my arm."

A bomber carrying Joe Louis & Billy Conn narrowly averted a crash landing in England. Careful boys, we'd like that argument settled some day.

Pat Hart, ex-Red, is playing ball in Italy; Al Bithorn, sp/3c ex-Cub, is stationed in Puerto Rico, and Sgt Tom Gorman, ex-Giant is back in New Jersey after organizing a GI ball league in the middle east.

Ben Hulse, U S 1,500 meter champ & Marshall Goldberg, former Pitt & Chicago back, have been commissioned ensigns in the navy.

Coney Island, N.Y. (CNS)--Hot dogs and soda pop are "essential" commodities to Coney Island visitors the OPA in New York has ruled.

LOCAL SPORTS

HQ OFFICERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM UNBEATEN:

To date no officer team in the group has been able to lick the Hq Officer's volleyball team led by that willowy spiker, Lt Jack and ably assisted by Lt Col Molenna, Major Elder, Capt Russell Capt Edwards, Lt Spangler and Lt Bishop, they won their string of 3 more victories this week. The victims were Lt Rose's 776th team 3 games to 1; the 778th, 4 to 1 and Lt Hetzel's 779th team by (score unknown at press time)

Arrangements can be made at Special Services Tent for one wishing to make the attempt at breaking this record.

SOFTBALL OR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

Because of the irregularity of hours in the group, it will be necessary to maintain as flexible a program as possible. Games may be played at any hour of the day. If you can't play in the evening see Special Services and arrange for a game some afternoon morning. Get your teams ready go and have us find the competition for you. This applies to volleyball teams as well.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

777th Engineering softball team won two hard-earned victories this week, beating the 777th Ordnance 3 to 1 and a team consisting of EM flying personnel by a score of 4 to 3. The latter went to extra innings with M/Sgt Mavry pitching and Savekomas doing the heavy-hitting. This undefeated team can't lose any other team in the group.

Flash! On Friday afternoon the Engineers again took the Ordnance boys in a free-hitting game with M/Sgt Beers pitching for the winners. Score was 9 to 8.

SOFTBALL FIELD COMPLETED

Today saw the completion of the softball diamond, situated behind the 779th Officer's Club. The diamond is complete with bases and backstop. No bleacher as yet.

What's Cooking?



MOVIES:

Sat & Sun 5 & 6 Aug
IS EVERYBODY HAPPY
with.....
 Ted Lewis - Nan Wynne

Mon & Tues 7 & 8 Aug
THREE MEN IN WHITE
with.....
 Lionel Barrymore - Van Johnson

Wed & Thurs. 9 & 10 Aug
LOST ANGEL
 ...with...
 Margaret O'Brien - Marsha Hunt
 James Craig

**COMING
 U S O SHOW**

"THREE GIRLS AND A JOKER"

Sunday, 6 August
 Time: 1900 hrs

In the valley between 464th-465th



Mr. and Mrs. Green
 "That's what I like about you honey, you're such a darn swell cook!"

BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

NORMANDY (CNS)-- The Allies have captured a 78-year-old German private and another one who is only 13.

**DARK ROOM CLUB
 TO BE ORGANIZED**

A meeting of all photo enthusiasts was held in the Special Service tent last week. The chief reason for calling the meeting was to discover the number of fans in the group. To our amazement almost 100 men made inquiries the 1st and 2nd days. Nothing definite was decided; however another meeting will be called shortly to iron out a few wrinkles which have arisen. So watch your bulletin board for further notices.

**464TH SWIMMERS ELIMINATED
 AT BARI!!**

You've got to place first or second in order to make the finals in the swimming meet at Bari. Which the reason for the elimination of T/Sgt Kennard and Sgt Carlton. Both took 3rd place in their events.

Kennard, swimming the back-stroke and breast-stroke against men sufficiently trained, remarked: "The spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak." In spite of which he took third place. We're right, proud of him.

Carlton was doing alright until someone in the next lane, pooped out, grabbed hold of him. They both made 3rd, Carlton getting the credit for it, fortunately. "Tis a tough grind when you have to carry someone along with you in a swimming race," commented Carlton. A master of under-statement if I ever heard one.

Winners at the Bari meet will vie for honors at Rome for the Italian championship.

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)-- "Taxi!" gurgled a pedestrian who obviously had been nibbling on a jug.. The car stopped and gave him a ride---to the city cooler....he had hailed a police wagon.

