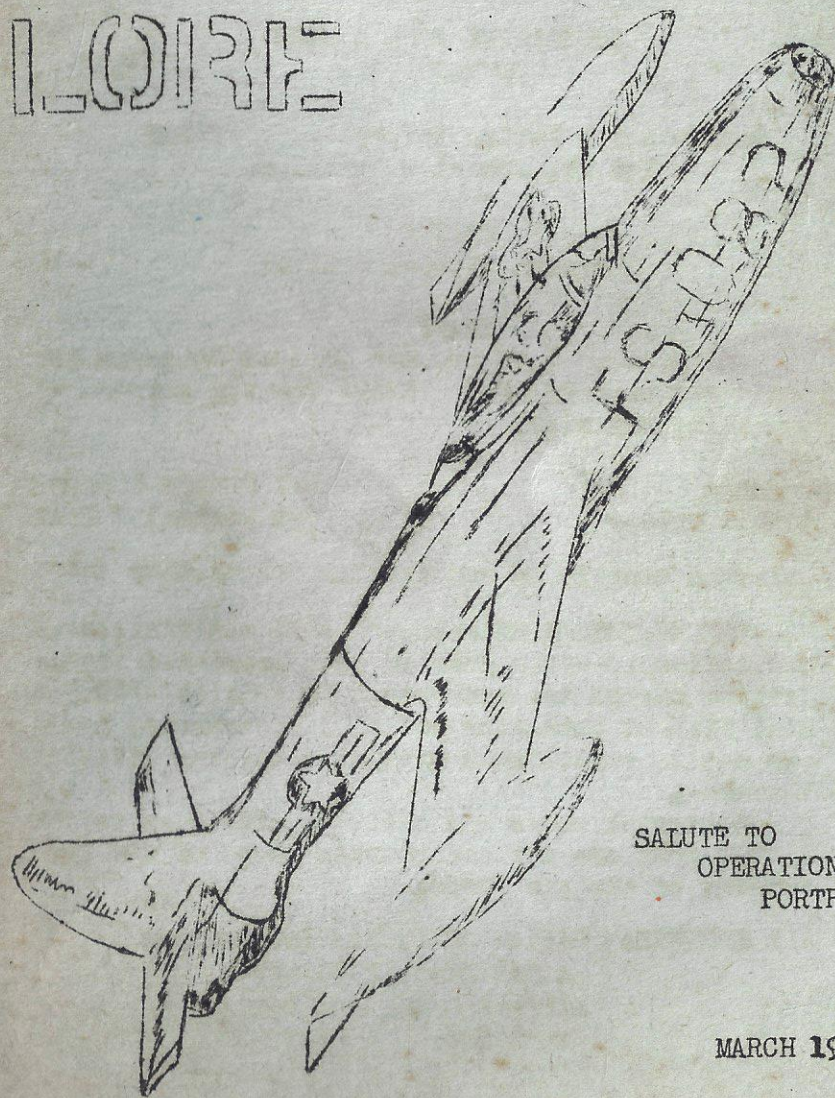


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FAREWELL

Lt Colonel John A Hass

Word has been received that upon my return to the Zone of Interior in the near future I shall be reassigned to the 2101st Air Weather Group at McClellan Air Force Base, California. I would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to the Officers and Airmen of this command.

I assumed command of the 6th in April of last year and have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you in such a splendid organization.

Due to the phase-down of many of our stations in the Caribbean Area we encountered many problems and I would like to thank each of you for assisting me in overcoming those problems.

I know that you will continue to do an outstanding job and show the incoming Commanding Officer the same fine spirit of cooperation you have shown me during my assignment with the 6th Weather Squadron.
Good Luck and God Bless You All!

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain John L Long
Major, USAF

Objectively, man is the greatest handiwork of God this side of the celestial paradise. In man - the glory of the visible universe - the supreme Lord has united the various perfections of His manifold creatures. Man has been termed quite truly by the ancients a microcosm - a small world. However, in virtue of his immortal soul, with its sublime faculties of memory, intellect and will, man is the creature, crown and glory of the largest visible universe. Man in comparison with the other creatures on the earth holds eminence over them because of the nature with which God has endowed him. Superior in nature and dignity to the visible world round about him, created not for time nor for eternity, made for God and by God, obligated to know, love and serve His creator, how can man make even the first step in this trinity of obligations? How can man arrive at any certain knowledge of his creator?

There are three principal ways available to the thinking man - from observation of the visible world around him, from the voice of conscience and from divine revelation.

An appeal to divine revelation and the recollection of God conversing with Adam in the cool of the evening as the prototype of the thunderous voice of God speaking through Moses, Jeremias, Isaias, the prophets - teaching man knowledge of his own powers,

his origin, his destiny, his failures, his glories, his successes - such an appeal is persuasive and valid. Valid, too, the appeal to conscience, that innate knowledge and practical judgement which every rational being possesses of right and wrong. It is by means of conscience that the Creator and Supreme Lord makes His will known to man at all times and under all circumstances. Often conscience is beguiled and smothered by the pressure of worldly pursuits. Nonetheless strip away pride, sense of flesh and conscience will unerringly point toward the Supreme Being as the beginning, the end of man's temporal eternal destiny.

It is from reason itself however that man in the order of logic first comes to know of God and to recognize a fellowship with all other things on the face of the earth.

The magnificent order and complexity of activities that we observe in nature, animate as well as inanimate, forces our minds to agree that such order, such adaptation of means to end that we observe, for instance in the human eye, cannot come from mere chance. Not only is there order everywhere in nature but there is beauty as well in the sky on the earth in the ocean's depths. We observe it in the gorgeous coloring of a sunset or the plumage of a bird.

Magnetically that order, that beauty points to Divine Intelligence the Divine Beauty, the Divine Designer of all things - God. With such opportunity for knowledge can we refuse service, can we refuse love?

OPERATIONS

Major Mark J Brown Jr.

February is a short month. It not only confused my calendar graph watch into a nervous breakdown but it brought your editor, Sgt Zizzi, in to needle me a couple of days earlier than usual. Maybe its old age but the months seem to be speeding up.

We were able to make a rather rapid three day trip to MacDill and Banana River last month. The sferics setup at McDill was progressing satisfactorily and now, of course is in full operation. Captain Carr L Miller, late of Verman AFB is the Acting Detco. At Cocoa we found the usual assortment of run-of-the-mill weather station problems which are gradually being worked out. In addition, Cocoa has technical problems in that they are in business to furnish weather information which pushes present equipment about to the limit. They are handicapped by old equipment and a shortage of personnel to do all the myriad things incident to opening a new weather station. I hope that Banana River will send in an article to The Weather Lore which will tell the rest of you of the difficulties encountered at that station.

It will come as no surprise to those of you who have worked on airplanes to hear that our bird is still grounded. Once again however we have hopes of launching it about 15 March and another freight run to Banana River is planned. Subsequent to that, the long delayed inspection trip to ZI Detachments is programed.

Although it is always dangerous to commend, I do want to state that our rawinsonde "prevention of errors" program is steadily improving. It is my belief that this is completely due to the supervision now being exercised by all echelons and primarily by Commanders and Rawin NCOIC's. If this supervision continues at its present level of intensity and all operators are constantly enjoined to use extreme care, I am sure we will reach a point where rawinsonde errors become negligible.

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KINDLEY GETS HIGH RUN

Detachment 6-31 at Kindley AFB, Bermuda, hit a new high in rawinsonde operation for that station on February 17, hitting an instrument recorded height of 104,631 feet. S Sgt Schubert and Cpl Frey released the balloon and plotted the flight and recordings. Major McAnelly, Commanding Officer of 6-31 stated, "The position of Kindley in the Atlantic makes our forecasting almost 50% dependent on the readings we take from the operations recorded by airmen specialists such as S Sgt Schubert and Cpl Frey."

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and immediately after drew his own number. Dancing proved to be the criteria for the evening. Major Thompson, C.O. of Det 6-1 favored the crowd with a few of his humorous songs. All in all everyone had a swell time and the party proved to be a huge success. The following day (which was a working day) proved to be one of the longest days in the Headquarter's history as everyone sat and watched the minutes tick by until 3:30 and needed sleep.

The softball season here at Albrook started off with a bang for the 6th weather team. The team is composed of players from Headquarters and Det 6-1. The weathermen really went to town in their first 3 games of the League downing the Base Officers in their first game 22-6, the Fire Fighters 16-7 in the second contest, and a very tight and exciting game with C Air C which ended with 6th weather on top by a 4-3 victory. The highlights of the games were the splendid pitching of Sgt Casey and the beautiful long home runs hit by Lt McMillan and S Sgt New the latter, which came in very handy in the game with C Air C! The league will be played in two halves, 7 games in each. Two games are played a week with a Shaughnessy play-off at the end of the 14 games. This play-off will consist of the first four teams with the 1st team playing the third and the second place team playing the fourth. The winners of these two games will play a four out of seven game playoff for the Base Championship. With high hopes and a good team we hope to be the champs.

HEADQUARTER'S SYNOPSIS

Official word has reached us that Lt Colonel Hass our esteemed Commanding Officer will be reassigned to the 2101st Air Weather Group at McMillan AF Base, upon his arrival in the Zone of Interior. It is with deep regret that the Officers and Airmen in the Squadron bid him a fond adieu.

The 28th of February, T Sgt O'Born left with his family for Brookley, Alabama. From there the O'Born's proceeded to Det 6-30 at Banana River, Florida.

With the sad news that our Adjutant, Captain Dunlap will be hospitalized to undergo an operation upon his return to the states, Captain Jordan, former O.I.C. of Flight Section and P.I.O., has taken over the duties of Assistant Adjutant. Captain Jordan will become Adjutant upon Captain Dunlap's departure. Also associated with this change is Lt McMillan who has become O.I.C. of Flight Section and P.I.O.

The 6th of March, Headquarters and Det 6-1 had another squadron party at the Albrook N.C.O. Club. This party was very much on the same order as the one held in January. One of the biggest attractions of the party was the Buffet Supper. From where we sat many of the personnel could be seen returning for seconds and even thirds. Another of the highlights of the evening was the raffling of 12 bottles of V.O. Mr Brown was elected to draw the stubs. It proved quite humorous when he drew Major Brown's (his son) number

MIAMI MAELSTROM
Cpl John Hodges

March has just crept in, reminding me that I have February's column to write. We airmen are so much more glamorous than mere Officers that I usually devote most of this space to our doings. But February, I'm afraid, was shoplifted right out from under our noses by Higher Authority. First, our drily humorous Lt Davis has up and married a Belle Mam'selle from Paris, France, no less, and carried her off to Minnesota for a honeymoon.

We've yet to see her, as he snatched her from her ship in New York and hurried her off, but they'll be here soon now. Our C.O., Captain Ellsaesser, has left on the annual propaganda mission to Washington known as the Hurricane Conference. He's one lobbyist who really knows his business. The two absences in officer ranks have been cheerily filled, however, by the return of Captain Doeker and Lt McPherson from their exile at Banana River. These two always carry an aura of fun with them, and faces are bright because they are back in the fold.

Cpl Hunkins is back from East St. Louis with a new (for him) car which may not give him the best days of its life, but will certainly give him the last. Hunk immediately had to give battle with Sgt Williams, who arrived last month from AACCS at MacDill to tend our ailing machines, for the Comedy Throne. Sgt Williams, after a wild night at the Trail Tavern, has now made his submission

and carried his dragging banners from the field. Of course, he was handicapped from the start: to begin with, he is not a weatherman, and alas, he is not only a Georgia Cracker, but a Cracker named Talmadge. So what could you expect? Hunk's return also means the ransom of his phonograph from alien hands and its return to Active Duty. You haven't lived until you've heard "Silent George" and "Ich Bin die Feshe Lola" on this eccentric machine.

Aside to Cpl English: We have voted you our Gold-plated Artichoke for the Disappearance of the Month. How do you manage all of those days off?

The thin hazy line between us and the base men here has now become a nice solid wall. We're finally in a bay to ourselves again where we may riot in peace. We've such low morals, you know; we didn't want to drag the base down to our level.

At last we are getting paid separately, no longer sweating out the long line of base airmen. Creme de la Creme at last. We even have our own wall clock in the barracks. Others have to go out into the hall for the time; we just flutter our eyelashes. If we can only train the C.O. to leave us in peace in the mornings, our last victory will have been won. We have some surplus Unit Fund money to spend; a popular suggestion for its use is the purchase of a Cozy little Bear Trap to place at our door. Ah me, just one little crisis after another.

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RAMEY REPORTS

Sgt Robert J Copiskey

Tragedy struck the detachment on the eve of 3 February, when Major Robert M. Thompson was killed in an airplane crash near Roosevelt Roads Naval Air Station, Puerto Rico. Major Thompson was Detachment Commander at this station from June till December of 1949 and was very well liked by all members of the detachment. His cheery morning welcome and kind face will be a lasting memory to all that worked with him.

Besides the loss of Major Thompson, the Forecasters Section also lost Lt Earl W. Holtzscheiter to the weather detachment at Cocoa, Florida.

The Sferics Section lost the following men to the station at MacDill AFB, Florida: S Sgt Louis Weldon, Sgt Robert Knupp, Cpl Ronald Richards and Cpl James Trimble. The weather observers section lost S Sgt Rowicki to the Station Hospital at Brookley, Alabama.

A Squadron Party was held during the month of February, but as per usual, rain fell heavy that day. The party was originally scheduled to be held at nearby Guataca Beach, but was held at a Beach Club near the Guataca shores, due to threatening clouds which forecasted bad weather. All in all, a fairly good time was had by those who attended the party.

The Ramey Base Basketball team was announced winner of the newly formed All-Service Basketball League held in San Juan,

during the months of January and February. The team beat San Juan Naval Air Station in their final game by a score of 87 to 71. Another victory was posted earlier in the month against an Army team from Fort Brooke. Final score of this game: Ramey 48 and Fort Brooke 41. Awards were presented to all players and coach later in the month by the Naval Commander at San Juan. The team was coached in their final games by our detachment commander, Major Joseph W Kelly. Other players on the team were Sgt's Lehw and Copiskey of the Observers Section and Cpl Caton of the Sferics Section.

The combined Weather and Medic Baseball team has won a total of four games and lost six in the Ramey Baseball League. Loss of personnel and lack of interest caused the downfall of the team. In several instances, where victory seemed ahead, defeat seemed to seep in. Two of the Weather Officers, Major Kelly and Captain Easley are active players of the Officers baseball team, which is battling the Weather-Medics for fourth place in the league.

Two of our Airmen are presently on leave in the U.S. They are Sgt Pittman, whose home is in North Carolina and Sgt Slatton, on leave in Oklahoma. Two officers took local leaves during the month of February. They were Captain Rodgers and Captain Easley.

Sgt Otto Schramm is presently sick in Rodriguez General Hospital, where he has been since 3 January. Cpl Bierds who broke his ankle in a baseball game was transferred to the Detachment of Patients at Rodriguez and will probably be statside bound.

THE ALBROOK ALMANAC

T Sgt Earl A Newman

Once again, Greetings from the land of Almost-Eternal Sunshine. Don't misunderstand please, the sun shines here all the time, it's just that once in a while there are so many clouds you can't see it and then that stuff that comes down from heaven, it ain't orange juice kiddies, it's the same type that falls on California and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce notwithstanding, it's rain. Not too much yet, sort of a preview of what is in store in the next few months to come. There's a picture of the Det CO's desk that shows the water lapping gently against the doors of the station, reminds one of Ohio or Kentucky in a damp sort of way. So much for local climatology, and now for the news in brief.

The forecast section has been augmented somewhat this last month by the arrival of S Sgt Dale Coventry, late of Alamogordo, New Mexico's Proving Ground. Needless to say we are overjoyed to have him and hope that his stay here will be as pleasant as the way here. It might be noted at this point that he came fully equipped with a chess set and a bartender's guide thus assuring himself of a welcome no matter what.

The Detachment gave a party for the Squadron Hqs. on March 6th. A well attended party by the way and one that will live long in the memories of all who attended. The food was good, the music, in spots was good despite the appearance of several local

amateur singers. The less said about the drinking the better, but a faint humming noise heard most of the evening was finally found to be a slightly inebriated termite, humming to himself the strains of "When the Walls Come Tumbling Down". Wonder how his head felt the next morning?

Just in passing, our able Chief Observer, S Sgt Paul Dolan is about to join the ranks of Dog House Inhabitants, the happy (NOTE: the use of the word "happy" in this instance is somewhat doubtful) day to be sometime in April. The novice rollingpin wielder is from Buffalo and Paul is already beginning to worry about quarters and mother-in-law trouble. Don't we all?

The time is rapidly approaching when some of the happy smiling faces that have graced this station for the past year or so will be even more happily gracing the United States in a civilian capacity. Sgt's Lee, Hall and Eddins and Cpl's Horner and Barker are practically seasick already. Others too numerous to mention are beginning to count the days when they too can swear to the falseness of the claims of seasick pills.

Looks like this is about the end of the tale for the nonce. Be sure and look for the forthcoming instalments of the news from Albroom or Honest Officer, I've Only Had Two Beers.

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She was only a plumber's daughter and everytime an Airman whistled at her, her cheeks flushed.

HEARD AND OVER HEARD

- FOUND:** Captain and Mrs Ronald E Dunlap the proud parents of an 8lb 4oz baby boy born to them March 1st. Cigars and congratulations were in order.
- HEARD:** S Sgt New became the proud owner of a '31 Oldsmobile, (it runs too).
- FELT:** The blow of the recent coal strike hitting all the way down here in the tropics. It seems as though quite a few of the officers here were worried about delivery of their new cars in the states.
- HEARD:** Quite a lot of excitement was started when Lt Eckmann got the hiccoughs for a couple of days.
- PROMOTED:** To Corporal, Pfc Albert E Thum, effective 1 March 1950, Huh, huh, he's the only one.
- HEARD:** Major Ralph P Thompson is supporting a shiny star over his pilot wings.
- NOTICE:** Simultaneously with the long awaited arrival of 570 Air Weather Service Insignia, an AF Reg was received indicating that the wear of insignia on the new blue uniforms is unauthorized. However, they are authorized on the old uniforms and each Airman can expect 3 of these in the near future.



AIR
NEWS

The Air Force discontinued the grade of First Sergeant March 1st. The title and duties of a first sergeant will be assumed by a designated senior non-commissioned officer in units having first sergeant vacancies. He will wear the stripes of the grade he holds.

Warrants now held by Air Force NCO's of the first four grades will be replaced by "certificates of appointment," on or about April 1. Warrants will be reserved for warrant officers. NCO warrants now effective in the Air Force are War Department forms. The new certificates are Defense Department forms, bearing the Air Force seal. This certificate will show the same date of rank as shown on the present warrants.

A new \$100 million air engineering development center to be constructed at nearby Camp Forrest will be named in honor of the late Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold, wartime Commander of the Army Air Force.

Information received from Hq. USAF, indicates that the following items are eliminated as authorized for wear on the AF Blue Uniform:

1. Unit Insignia for wear on shoulder loops
 2. Shoulder patches denoting units, Air Force, or commands of current assignment.
 3. Wound chevrons and marksmanship medals.
- All personnel are advised not to procure the above items pending clarification or official amendment of AF Ltr. 35-46.

DID YOU KNOW??
(AFPS)

The Atomic Energy Commission recently announced plan for construction of a fourth atomic production unit at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Two more states have introduced legislation calling for state World War II bonuses for veterans. Under terms of the proposed bills, Maryland would pay up to \$500 to W W II veterans. According to the area and type of service. In Virginia, a bonus measure introduced in the House, calls for similar payment, both bills having in common the \$500 limitation, with \$15 a month payment for overseas service and \$10 for Z.I.

Two new bombsights, employing radar and found effective at high altitudes at night, have been developed by the Air Force since World War II.

The Veterans Administration reports that four and a half years after the end of World War II, 2,274,000 veterans are still training under the Veterans Readjustment Act.

Operation of the Career Compensation Act will add \$338,560,000 to the Armed Forces payroll during the present fiscal year.

Combined strength of the Armed Forces on January 31 was 1,512,000, a drop of 38,400 from the 1,551,300 combined strength shown on December 31 1949. Total recruitment for January was approximately 32,366, as compared with 44,000 for December.

Former President Calvin Coolidge once wrote a history of the United States. It contained 500 words.

HOMETOWN NEWS
(AFPS)

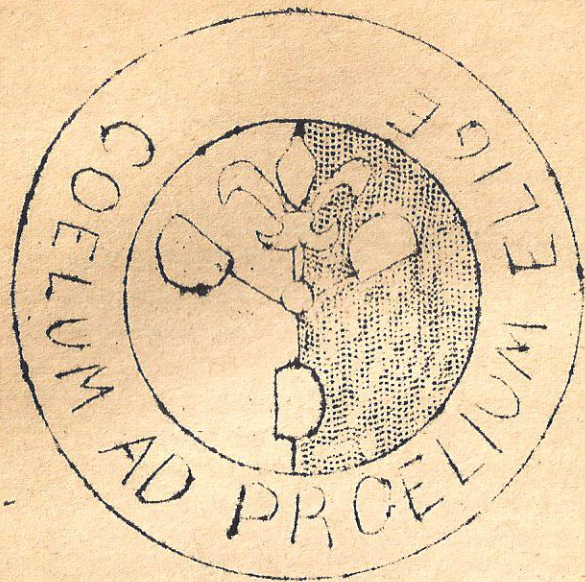
Port Huron, Mich. -- George McCallom recently complained to a doctor of fluttering noises in his head. The doctor examined him and in one of his ears found a moth and four eggs.

Los Angeles -- A small white dog belonging to six-year-old Roy Henderson bit: (1) the truant officer, (2) the school principal, (3) the dog catcher, (4) the owner of a hot-dog stand.

San Antonio, Texas -- Gerald Sanchez was granted a divorce when he proved that his wife had, on various occasions, hit him over the head with his own wooden leg.

Indianapolis -- Jungle Baby, a black cat owned by E.J. Oyler, disappeared. Was gone for nine days and was sorely missed. Then the family's new car developed a mysterious squeak. Nobody could figure it out. Then both mysteries were solved at once. Jungle Baby was found wedged between a wheel spring and the muffler, unhurt but hungry.

New Haven, Conn. -- A leading toy manufacturer has come up with an "atomic energy lab" for kiddies, complete with Geiger counter, samples of radioactive substances and other gadgets. The set is designed to show that atomic energy isn't necessarily destructive. Set costs \$42.50.



Lest newcomers in the ranks of Air Weather Service personnel be not fully aware of the meaning of AWS insignia: The first participation of US Army Weather Service in combat in France during World War I is commemorated by the fleur-de-lis, performance of meteorological duties both day and night is indicated by the blue and black background; the anemometer cups, an important source of data for weather forecasting is symbolic of the service. "Coelum ad Proelium Elige" or "Choose the Weather for Action" heralds meteorology as a vital consideration in modern strategy and tactics.

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THE POOR WEATHERMAN

In going through volumes of war-time publications by the various weather squadrons, the following little ditty by an unknown author was noted by Weather Service Bulletin. (It is apparent that the first three lines of the last paragraph have not been valid since VJ-day).

The bards through the ages have filled many pages

Extolling the infantry's glory;
They loved to enlarge the cavalry's charge
And make it the theme of their story.

The boys in the tanks are beginning to rank,
And the caissons keep rolling along,
While the pilot and the plane will always
attain

Full credit and glory in song.

The news hounds adore the parachute corps;
The medics come in for their praise.
But there's always a crew, a forgotten few,
On which Glory's light doesn't blaze.

They spend their full hours in forecasting
showers

And judging the height of clouds;
But their anticipation of precipitation
Earns no cheers from the crowds.

The problems climatic are not as romantic
As shooting down Japs from the blue;
But you can bet your last dollar the fliers

would holler

If the weathermen failed to come through..

When the bomber command has a mission all
planned

And are set to raise hell with the Japs,
There's a question of whether all's well with
the weather

Enroute to that spot on the map.

That's the weatherman's call to get on the
ball

And get all the dope for the flight.
He can't ask for breaks, or allow for mistakes--
No guessing -- he's got to be right.

When there are no planes to clear he'll sit
on his rear,

He's lazy, that point's conceded;
He'll loaf on the job; he'll "jawbone an Ob,"
And he ain't worth a damn -- TILL HE'S
NEEDED!

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Nothing would be done if a man waited
'til he could do it so well that no one
could find fault with it----Newman.

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes
necessity----St Augustine.

MY ORGANIZATION - BE IT ALWAYS RIGHT
BUT RIGHT OR WRONG - MY ORGANIZATION
(Bering Breeze)

WHILE YOU ARE IN IT, SPEAK WELL OF IT OR
NOT SPEAK AT ALL. Low morale is caused by
dissent within the unit. Dissent is
caused by verbal derogations. What you say
about your unit will influence others opin-
ion of it, whether they be within or with-
out. Basically, members desire to be proud
of their organization. They want to like
the members in it and they want the members
to like them. Nothing is quite as unhappy
as an unhappy family. When you leave the or-
ganization, say what you will - but unless
you can speak well while your in it, say
nothing at all.

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Teacher: "Yes Johnny. What is it?"

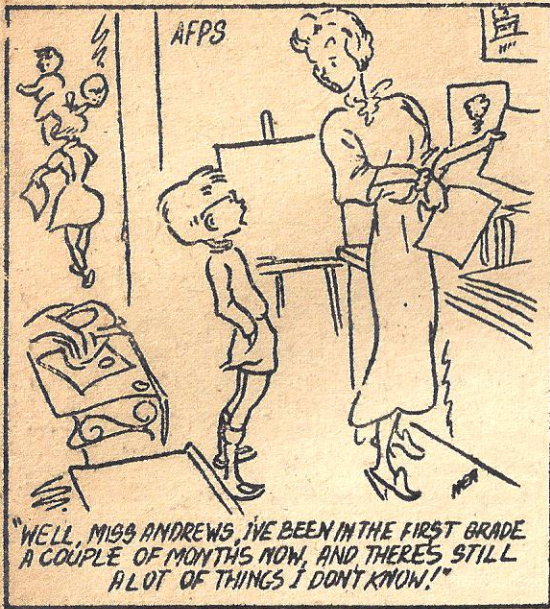
Johnny: "I don't want to scare you, but
pop says if I don't get better
grades, someone is going to get
a licking."

"Have you ever had a miniature cocktail?"

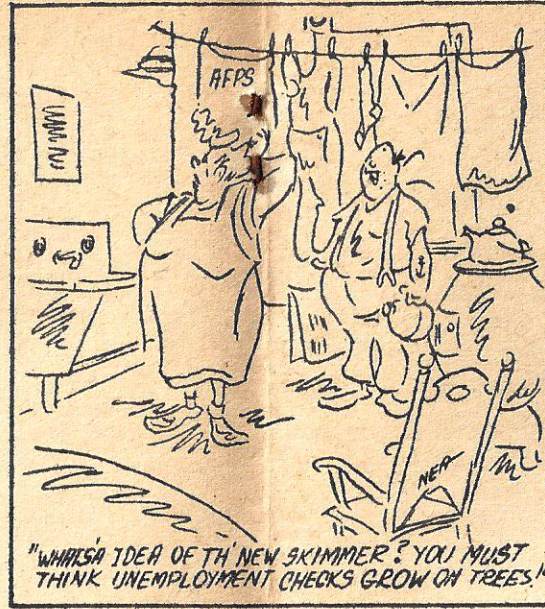
"No. Wazzat?"

"One drink and in a miniature out."

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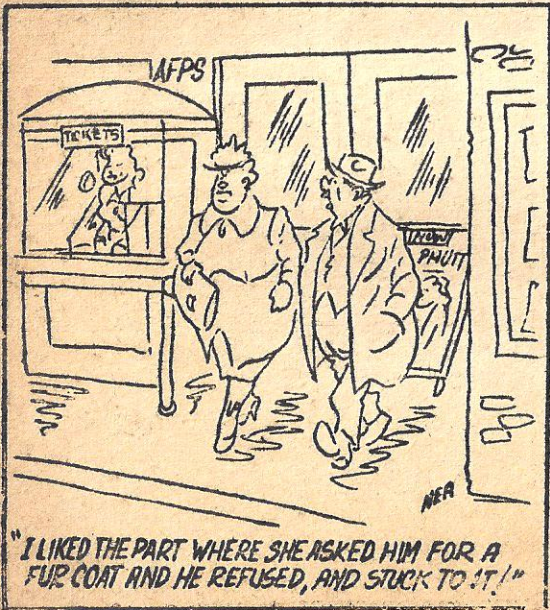
"WELL, MISS ANDREWS, I'VE BEEN IN THE FIRST GRADE A COUPLE OF MONTHS NOW, AND THERE'S STILL A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW!"



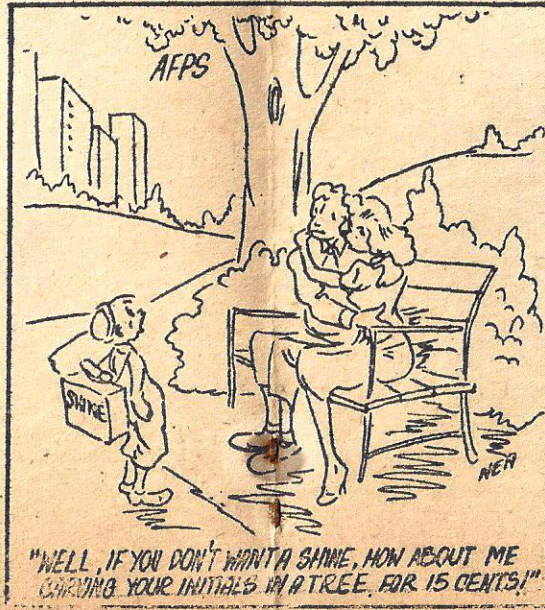
"WHAT'S A IDEA OF TH' NEW SKIMMER? YOU MUST THINK UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS GROW ON TREES!"



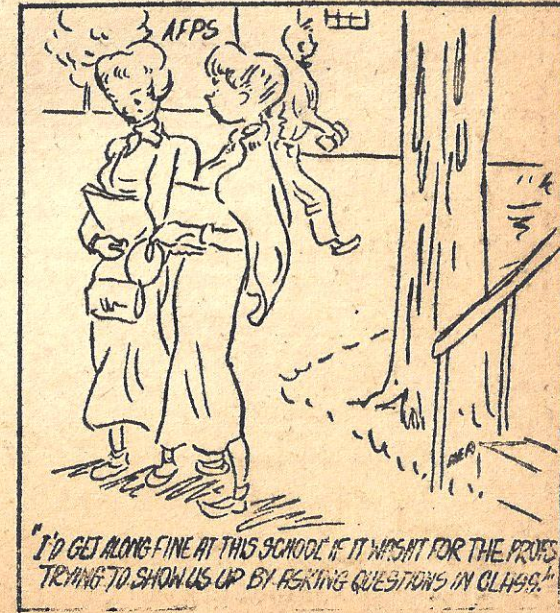
"WE MADE UP!"



"I LIKED THE PART WHERE SHE ASKED HIM FOR A FUR COAT AND HE REFUSED, AND STUCK TO IT!"



"WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANTA SHINE, HOW ABOUT ME CARVING YOUR INITIALS IN A TREE, FOR 15 CENTS!"



"I'D GET ALONG FINE AT THIS SCHOOL IF IT WERNT FOR THE PROFS TRYING TO SHOW US UP BY ASKING QUESTIONS IN CLASS!"

THE OLD SARGE

T Sgt Donald L Lindemer

In last month's issue of "The Weather Lore" I touched briefly on why you fellows should stay in the Air Force. I also mentioned the advantages offered you, if you "stay in" by the projected "Career Program". In months to come "The Old Sarge" will discuss various phases of the career plan, especially career fields peculiar to you as members of the Air Weather Service.

To date the career plan is in its initial stages. In a very short while all of you airmen will be interviewed by a Personnel Classification Board. These boards are being set up under the provisions of AF Letter 35-391, as amended. From this letter I will give you the set-up so you can in some way be prepared for the months ahead.

Portions of paragraph 3, above AF Letter are quoted herewith. "A Personnel Classification Board will be appointed at the wing headquarters of each base or at each installation (whichever is applicable) by the commander having direct responsibility for the personnel classification of warrant officers and airmen. The Personnel Classification Board will furnish service to all organizations at that base or installation. In order to accomplish classification procedures in the most feasible and economical manner, classification boards will function by geographical location rather than by normal command channels.

Members of the Personnel Classification

Board will be appointed and relieved by special orders of the appointing authority. Detachment Commanders of tenant organizations may be appointed as members of the Board when action involves classification of personnel in their respective fields of activity. In these cases, parent units will furnish records and supporting data required for Board procedures to detachment commanders."

To date approximately 40 career fields have been set up. In these career fields are included all warrant officers and enlisted personnel necessary in the carrying out of the present mission of the Air Force.

The development of career fields involved are analyses of all Air Force functions, the development of a graphic chart to illustrate the normal progression of all airmen from job to job in each career field, and finally, the establishment of a systematic technical training program to supplement on-the-job training. Formal training schools are placed at proper intervals in each career field.

Here are some definitions to help you understand somewhat the basic ideas of the new career plan, when you hear them being discussed.

Career Field is a grouping of related jobs within a functional area involving basically similar skills and knowledges. The relationship that a complete knowledge of one or two of the basic jobs provides a broad knowledge of all other jobs in the career field and permits direction and supervision of all jobs within the field.

Occupational area is a grouping of career

fields based upon occupational or functional relationship.

Career Field Subdivision is a grouping of related jobs within a career field involving closely similar skills and knowledge.

Job Progression Ladder is an arrangement of Air Force jobs within a career field and a career field subdivision is graphically portrayed.

Air Force Specialty (AFS) is a grouping of duties and tasks into a job or job specialty. Each AFS will be identified by a job title.

Air Force Special Code (AFSC) is a numbered code which identifies each AFS job title.

AFS and AFSC have been substituted for MOS and SSN respectively because of misunderstanding which has developed in the usage of the two latter abbreviations.

AFS Shred-out is the grouping of one or more of the duties within a job to narrow the skills and knowledges required so that the training time or experience requirements can be shortened.

In this discussion I have touched only briefly on the Career Program giving you just cold facts, but next month and in time to come the program will be discussed from all angles in its relationship to your future as an airman. To help matters somewhat it would be a great help if you fellows asked questions about the career program. In this way any or all angles would be discussed in our forthcoming discussion. So it is up to you. In either case, however, "The Old Sarge" will describe "The New Career Program" to the best of his ability.

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6 February - 6 March

Feb 6 Transferred to Kindley from 375 Rcn Sq
1st Lt Louis A Westphal

Feb 6 Transferred to Westover from Kindley
1st Sgt Eugene H Adams

Feb 6 Returned to Z.I. for Discharge
Sgt Frederick W Burton
Pvt John A Plank
Pvt Ross J Montgomery

Feb 6 Attached to Miami from 1928 A/CS
Sgt Talmadge D Williams

Feb 8 Reenlisted for an Indefinite Period
S Sgt Paul W Dolan

Feb 10 Reenlisted for an Indefinite Period
S Sgt Victor L New

Feb 10 Assigned from 2108 th A W Grp.
Sgt Raymond P Olson

Feb 11 Assigned to Kindley from Westover
Sgt James P Peterson

Feb 12 Reenlisted for an Indefinite Period
1st Sgt Thomas E O'Brien

Feb 13 Transferred to Mitchel from Kindley
Major William B Hicks

Feb 14 Reassigned to Hamilton AFB from Kindley
1st Lt William H Croft

Feb 14 Assigned to Albrook from Brookley
S Sgt Dale H Coventry

Feb 14 Assigned to MacDill AFB
S Sgt Louis E Weldon
Sgt Robert C Knupp
Cpl James N Trimble
Cpl Ronald C Richards

Feb 17 Assigned to Banana River Det 6-30
1st Lt Eugene K Helehan

Feb 17 Reassigned to Westover from Kindley
Sgt Charles R McGlaun

Feb 17 Transferred to MacDill from Robins
Cpl Theodore W Davis

Feb 17 Reassigned to Langley AFB from Ramey
Capt Allen W Sherman

Feb 18 Assigned to Robins from Ramey
1st Lt Joseph B Burris

Feb 18 Assigned to Banana River Det 6-30
Sgt Francis C Cerity,
Sgt George E Grobar

Feb 20 Assigned to Banana River Det 6-30
T Sgt William I Rishel
Pfc William W Aby

Feb 21 Assigned to Banana River Det 6-30
1st Lt Earl W Holtzscheiter

Feb 21 Attached from 25th Weather Sq at MacDill
Capt Carr L Miller

Feb 21 Assigned to Banana River Det 6-30
Sgt Carl K Davis
Sgt Emmett D Waldron

Feb 21 DS Keesler AFB to duty at Robins
Cpl Russell L Ramsey
Pfc Charles L Harris

Feb 24 Reenlisted for an Indefinite Period
S Sgt Arston L Reinhardt

Feb 27 Transferred from Robins to MacDill AFB
Sgt Harley G Barnes

Mar 1 Extended for 1 Year
Sgt Jewett W Borden Jr.

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Sweet Young Thing: "Mama come here and make
Harold stop teasing me."

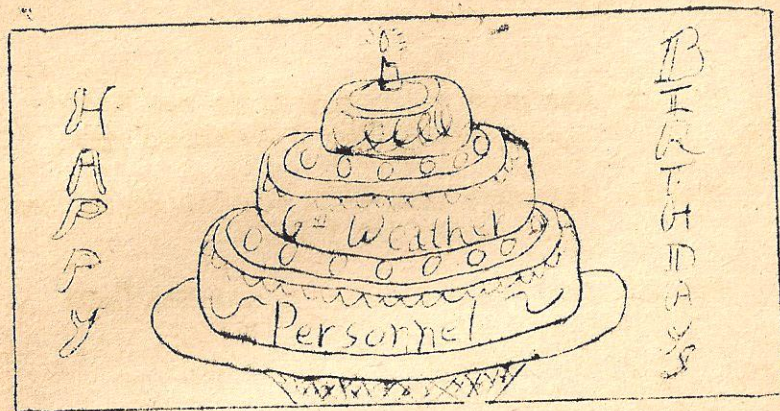
Mama: "What's he doing, dear?"

SYT: "He's sitting at the other end of
the sofa."

"My husband is one man in a hundred."

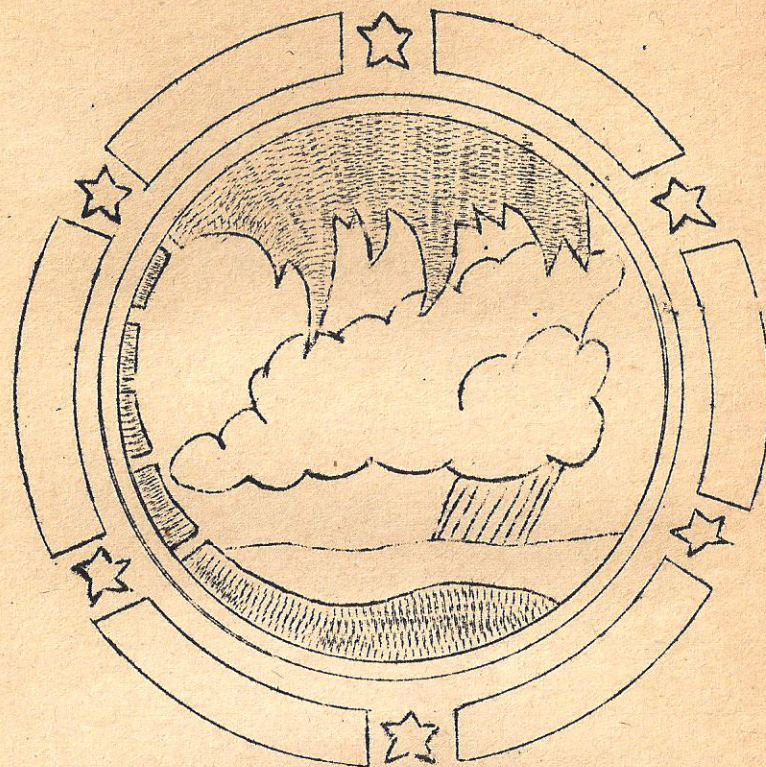
"How do you keep him from finding out?"

(AFPS)



Officers and Airmen
Born in March

Cpl	Maurice H Milner	March	1
Sgt	Jerry P Cox	"	3
T Sgt	Frederick G Baum	"	4
Major	William J Kelly	"	4
Capt	Franklin P Hall	"	7
Cpl	Raymond C Monette	"	8
Cpl	Charles B Parker	"	12
Capt	John R King	"	12
Sgt	John W Eddins Jr	"	13
Capt	Ronald E Dunlap	"	13
S Sgt	William G Smiley Jr	"	14
Capt	William E Schwaderer	"	15
Sgt	Thomas C Machen	"	16
M Sgt	John T Carr Jr	"	18
Sgt	Hugh E McGroty Jr	"	21
Lt	Richard T Brown	"	26
T Sgt	Kedrieth D Neeley	"	27
Cpl	Robert L Webb	"	27
Cpl	Reed Davis	"	28



OUR SQUADRON INSIGNIA

With the addition of new detachments in the 6th Weather Squadron in the past 6 months, it is felt that perhaps some of the personnel are not acquainted with the 6th Weather Squadron insignia which is shown above. We may be bold to say our insignia is truly beautiful when seen in color. For those of you who have seen our squadron insignia, how many of you have thought of when, where, and how it originated? We believe this little story will familiarize and interest you all.

The original design for our insignia was submitted on September 3, 1943 for the approval of the Commanding General, Army Air Force. It was originated by Sgt William Beach, who at the time was on duty with the 6th Weather Squadron.

The insignia is a representative of weather phenomena in the tropical regions. The design shows a cumulus congestus cloud pictured against a light blue sky with rainshowers falling from the base of the cloud to the deep blue waters below, while a lone palm tree stands as a sentinel on the left forming a periscopic view. Two concentric circles of blue and gold indicate the close association of 6th Weather with the Air Force.

The nine streams of precipitation emanating from the cloud base are symbolic of the activation of the 9th Weather Squadron from the area and personnel originally assigned to our organization. The six red stars spaced equidistant around the border of the disc depict the numerical designation of the 6th Weather Squadron and they complete the insignia with a border of red, white and blue.

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Some girls are like cigarettes: they come in packs, get lit, make you puff, go out unexpectedly, leave a bad taste in your mouth and still - they satisfy.

AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

S Sgt Leonard B Huckaby steps up to be airman for the month of March. Though he is attached to the 6th Weather Squadron from the 2108th Air Weather Group we still consider him a member of the Squadron, for it was only recently that he was assigned to the 2108th and then attached to Det 6-1.

Sgt Huckaby was born in Casper, Wyoming. Most of his childhood was spent there and his grammar schooling for the most part was obtained in Iowa, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming. He graduated from the Natrona County High School in Casper with the class of '46. He quit school at the age of 14 and went to work with a construction crew in Utah. From Utah he went to work in California and later on in Arizona.

In November 1942 at the age of 16 he enlisted in the Armed Force at Fort Knox, Kentucky. His basic and advanced training was taken at Fort Knox and Camp Campbell.

In March of '43 he was sent overseas from Newport-News, Virginia as a tank driver-gunner replacement for the 1st Armored Division. Upon reaching North Africa he joined Colonel Darby's Rangers under the command of British Special Service Brigade (Commandos), Commanded by Admiral Mountbattan. With the completion of the North African Campaign, he was transferred from the 1st Ranger Battalion to the newly formed 4th Ranger Battalion. The 6th Battalion was the first wave to hit Sicily. It was on the beach head of Gela that he was slightly wounded by a

sniper (which they got later). With the Sicilian Campaign won, he was sent in with the 1st wave along with the 6th and 9th Commando Brigades at Salerno. It was at Salerno that he was wounded again, this time by enemy machine gun fire. 18 days later, along with the 82 Airborne, they (the 4th Battalion) took the town of Naples and followed on through the Voltuna River Crossing. They were then pulled out for training and replacements and went in 1st wave at Anzio. In February of '44 at Anzio he got hit the third time and after spending 45 days in a hospital in Naples he was transferred to the 1st Special Service Force, a special paratrooper force made up of American and Canadian paratroopers. After receiving jump training he was returned to Anzio. One month of combat here and he was seriously wounded in the battle of Artina and was returned to the 2I. After spending 14 months in McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington, he was discharged from the service.

At the time of his discharge in 1945 he had the following campaign ribbons: Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart with 3 cluster, E.T.O. Ribbon with 5 battle stars and 1 arrow head, A.T.O. Ribbon, Allied Medal by the British, Croix de Guerre from the Canadians, Presidential Unit Citation with 3 clusters and the Victory Medal.

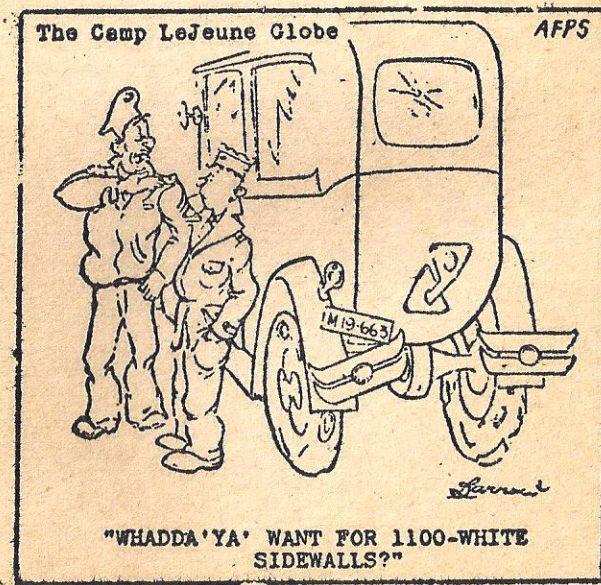
He tried civilian life for 2 years during which time he completed 1 and 1/2 years of study at the Colorado School of Mines.

In June 1947 he reenlisted in the regular Army unassigned. In August the same

year he was transferred to the Air Force and Air Weather Service. He spent 14 months at Spokane Weather station and then was sent to Fairfield-Suisun AFB for 7 months schooling in electronics.

In March of '49 he was sent to Albrook and assigned to 6th Weather Squadron Headquarters. His duties in the squadron includes NCOIC of Special Project. In September he was reassigned to the 2108th Air Weather Group and attached to 6th Weather Squadron, Det 6-1 here at Albrook.

His plans for the future include: receiving his discharge in June and then reentering the Colorado School of Mines where he plans on obtaining a degree in Geophysics.



TOO LATE FOR TEARS
Thomas C Renner

Robert stood nervously in the doorway of a clothing shop, but he wasn't looking at the window display of clothes. His interests lay in watching the Copa Bar across 14th Street. That was the bar frequented by Sam Atlas, and he had to meet Atlas. There were things he had to hear the man say.

He lit a cigarette, holding the match with tense fingers. He inhaled deeply and flipped the cigarette to the gutter as his eyes focused on a new convertible that stopped in front of the Copa. A blonde was driving and she gave the man with her a kiss before he jumped out.

Bob trembled visibly. This was Atlas, the man he sought. After Sam Atlas had gone into the bar, Bob cut across the street and followed him in. He noticed Atlas in the middle of the floor listening to the rapid words of a Spanish girl. The expression on his face was that of an arrogant conqueror.

"Not tonight," he said harshly.

"But Sam, you promised," she pleaded.

"Whats a promise to a woman mean?" he sneered.

Bob scowled and went to the men's room, hoping that Atlas would be at the bar when he returned. He splashed water over his face and pressed his hands against his eyes, burning from the lack of sleep. Then he stared at himself in the mirror, and thought how suddenly life could change from happy well-ordered patterns into chaos. He felt as old

and worn out as his unshaven face looked.

When Bob returned to the bar, he was relieved to notice that Atlas' big shoulders were hunched over a beer. Bob walked over slowly, trying to relax. This had to be good, he thought as he took a stool beside Atlas.

"Whiskey and soda."

Atlas slid one of his muscular arms off the bar as he half turned. "You're not going to spoil that good liquor with soda, are you buddy?" He laughed loudly, as he spoke, but gave no indication of what he was thinking.

"Take you up on a beer friend." The big man twisted on the stool, facing Bob. "I don't drink nothing but beer. Whiskey I don't touch. Takes away your manhood, whiskey does." He laughed again and winked at a girl farther down the bar.

Bob noted the solid shoulders, the almost square face, handsome in spite of its brutal heaviness, and he felt the immense vitality of the man even as he hated him.

The whiskey sloshed in the glass as the bartender dropped it in front of him.

"Put a head on one for me, Mike. This fella's buying," Sam said. He banged his fist lightly against the bar to add force to his statement. "O.K. Sam, sit tight, I'll get to ya." Bob noticed Sam's face square off a minute before the cockey smile returned.

"Some guy that Mike. Usta wrassle in the ring, now he uses them muscles on beer kegs."

"You look as if you could handle him," commented Bob. "Any day in the week...eh, Mike?" he added as the bartender came up.

"Sure, sure anything ya say Sam." His voice

showed a trace of irritableness, but not enough for Sam to notice it.

Bob motioned to Mike. "Pour another brew for the gentleman." "What are we celebrating mac?" asked Atlas. "The frailty of women," he answered slowly, letting his hand slip into his jacket. The big man threw his head back and laughed loudly and coarsely.

"Frails" he said. "I bet that's why they call 'em frail, but I'm glad they're the way they are. Makes it easier for guys like me."

Bob swallowed heavily and spoke without looking up. "What do you mean guys like me?"

"Don Juans. You know lady killers! The babes just can't resist us." He finished his beer, as Bob's hand twitched nervously in his jacket pocket.

"Hey, Mike, bring us more drinks," he called.

When the bartender brought them, Atlas fumbled for the money. Bob paid. "I got it fella," he protested as he quickly pulled his hand from his pocket. "Like I was saying, them being suckers for flattery makes it a cinch." "Get most of them like that, eh?" Bob's anger made his whiskey look red as blood for an instant.

"Sure. Married or single. Lots of times the married ones are easiest." He became confidential and leaned toward the slender man. "You know my interviewing for the paper takes me to a lot of houses, and believe me, buddy, I don't miss many of the lookers."

"Easy as that?" Bob's voice was harsh. He drank rapidly and motioned for more to Mike.

"Well, I won't say every guy could make it that easy," he bragged. "You got to act a bit tough, and convincin. Sometimes they wish they

hadn't afterwards, after you've convinced them that is. It's like they get hypnotized, but then it's too late." He paused a moment, showing the marked traces of thought. Rather proudly he continued. "You remember reading in the paper yesterday about a Mrs Robert Hunt who took an overdose of sleeping pills?" "Accident, they said," he grinned, "Well, I bet it wasn't no accident."

"What do you mean?" Bob rubbed his right eyelid to stop a sudden twitching.

"I interviewed her the first of the week. She was a real looker, and I go for that sort. Anyhow I puts on the old charm and give with a line. A toughy she was. Took two interviews, she was scared some, but she finally..."

"Hey, whats the matter, buddy, you have too much?"

"Guess..so. Could you get..get me to my car?"

"Sure, friend," he chuckled.

"That way," pointed Bob, leaning heavily against the big man who steadied him. As they reached a narrow alley, Bob stopped.

"Cut through," he muttered. "Car's on next street." The shadows of the unlighted alley closed around them, Bob lurched a little and slid his hand into his jacket. Then suddenly sober, he drew out a small automatic, and forced the muzzle into Atlas's back.

The big man's curse was interrupted by low, rapid words from Bob. Then the men walked slowly onward until a muffled shot reverberated in the alley. A second shot followed, then there was nothing but silence and blackness. The next morning I noticed the headlines. "Prominent actor, Mr Robert Hunt, committed suicide after murdering reporter, Samuel Atlas, for undetermined reasons".

COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES
(Armed Forces Plak)

The Communist Party of America held its first convention in September 1919, at the headquarters of the Russian Federation of the Socialist Party, in Chicago. According to announcements published in two extreme Socialist papers in July and August that year, the convention's mission was to answer "the clarification call of the Third International" (Comintern), which had been established in Moscow that same year. On the opening day, the president of the executive committee of the Communist International issued an appeal from Moscow to "all those who are for the Soviets and the proletarian dictatorship...to unite as soon as possible and form a unified Communist Party."

However, the American Communists had trouble in uniting. Russian-speaking delegates dominated the meeting and emphasized the close union between the new Communist Party and the Communist International. The English-speaking delegates, resenting this, decided to hold their own convention and form their own party. They named it the Communist Labor Party. Both parties looked to the Comintern for leadership and sent delegates to the second congress of the Comintern held in the summer of 1920.

The Comintern did not permit two rival parties to exist long in the United States. In 1920, the president of the executive committee of the Comintern sent a note to the leaders of both, calling for "an immediate

joint convention" to unite them into one party. Fearing that refusal would invoke non-recognition by the Comintern, the parties merged, in May 1921, into the United Communist Party, the "American section of the Communist International."

By this time, the party had to meet in secret. Raids conducted by the Attorney General and popular disapproval of the Communist movement had driven it "underground" and had caused its leaders to assume aliases. A number of States declared the Communist Party illegal.

The Comintern, at its third congress held in Moscow in 1921, issued a directive to American Communists to "try all ways and means to get...out into the open...and to unite the masses politically through public activity into the struggle against American capitalism." The American Communists then formed the American Labor Alliance as their open organization. This move didn't meet with the approval of the Comintern either, so the American Communists tried again and this time, formed the Workers Party of America. In 1928, the party adopted The Communist Party of the United States as its official name. It has held that name up to the present time, except for a brief period during World War II when it called itself the Communist Political Association.

In 1930, shortly after it emerged from its underground status, the party had about 7,500 members, most of whom were foreign born. Between then and 1945, it grew to a membership of more than 74,000 and enjoyed

considerable influence. It ran candidates in many elections. It had auxiliaries in many colleges and high schools under the names Young Communist League and American Youth for Democracy. It became influential in labor organizations and had members in the Government and in the Armed Forces. It sponsored parades and held spectacular rallies. It was behind many "front" organizations.

When the Comintern went through the motions of disbanding in 1943, the ties between the Communist Party of the United States and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union professedly were broken. But this move, genuine or feigned, had little significance. The American Communists have continued to operate under the influence and direction of the Soviets and have continued to follow a pattern of activity which closely parallels the interests of the U.S.S.R. This pattern, as we have seen in another discussion, is determined by the "Party Line." Although American Communists have changed their names seven times and their tactics many more times, through it all they rigidly have followed the party pattern.

Since World War II, the Communist Party of the United States hasn't been doing so well. Communist expansion through deceit, force, and trickery elsewhere in the world has awakened many Americans to the Communist danger. But in the past the party has been revived. It has funds. As a supporter of Soviet aims and policies and part of the world Communist organization, it undoubtedly will receive sufficient support to keep it going.

Analysis of Heights Attained by
Upper Air Stations of the 6th Weather Squadron
During the Month of February 1950.

<u>Station</u>	<u>No Runs</u>	<u>Av Height</u>	<u>Max Height</u>
<u>RAWIN</u>			
ALBROOK	58	40,059	101,628
KINDLEY	53	29,032	104,616
*JLRPG	43	47,316	102,402
<u>RAOB</u>			
ALBROOK	36	40,006	101,628
KINDLEY	53	46,758	104,616
*JLRPG	43		102,402

* Joint Long Range Proving Ground - Det 6-30

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"Daughter, you tell that sailor to take his arm from around you waist."
"Tell him yourself, Pa. He's a total stranger to me."

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SPORTS QUIZ
(AFPS)

1. Which college football teams compete for "The Old Oaken Bucket"?
2. Basketball, football and hockey games are divided into four quarters. True or False?
3. Army and Navy are members of the Ivy League in football. True or False?
4. What Red Sox player in 1938 set a record by collecting 12 straight hits?
5. How can a batter drive in three runs without hitting a fair ball?
6. Has a fair ball ever been hit out of the Yankee Stadium?

(ANSWERS BELOW)

1. Purdue and Indiana.
2. False, Hockey games are divided into three 20-minute periods. College basketball is played in two 20-minute halves.
3. False.
4. Pinky Higgins
5. With two out, the batter bunts the ball along the third base line. Just as the ball rolls foul, the third baseman throws his glove at the ball and hits it in foul territory—for an automatic triple, which clears the bases.
6. No.



JOE PALOOKA SAYS:
by HAM FISHER

A lot of things can happen to men and women and their families while they are in the service: Wife ill — Family allowance delayed — Mother needs operation — No mail from home — New baby — Business troubles — etc., etc.



Suppose something goes wrong at home or you have a personal problem? Talk it over with your RED CROSS Field Director.

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