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EDITORIAL

"We Can And Will Achieve Peace..." FDR

In a world where a brother, a friend of early years, or a friend who lived through the words of the last letter lies buried in the oblivion that is the earth, many of us pause to give thought to the words and deeds of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Humanitarian and Champion of the Dignity of Man that inhabits the universe. This time it is most important that peace loving people throughout the world turn their eyes to the United Nations Organization and raise their voices in unity that those things which he strived for shall bear the fruits of victory.

It is not too late to be guided by these words which he wrote:

"The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man or one party or one nation. It cannot be an American peace or a British, Russian, French or Chinese peace. It cannot be a peace of large nations — or small nations. It must be a peace which rest on the cooperative efforts of the whole world.

"It will not be easy to win, this people's peace. We delude ourselves if we believe that the surrender of the armies of our enemies will make the peace we long for. Unconditional surrender of the armies of our enemies is the first and necessary step, but the first step only.

"Peace can be won only by the united determination of free and peace-loving peoples who are willing to help one another, willing to respect and tolerate and try to understand one another's opinions and feelings.

"Responsibility for political conditions thousands of miles overseas can no longer be avoided by this great nation. The United States exerts vast influence in the cause of peace throughout the world. It will continue to exert that influence only if we are willing to continue to share responsibility for keeping peace. It would be our tragic loss if were to shirk that responsibility.

"It is our purpose to help the peace-loving peoples of Europe to live together as good neighbors, recognize their common interest and not to nurse their traditional grievances against one another.

"We can and will achieve such a peace. We shall strive. We may make mistakes — but they must never be mistakes which result from faintness of heart or abandonment of moral principles"

Franklin Delano Roosevelt died April 12, 1945 one year ago last Friday.

GENERAL JAMES VISITS FOGGIA



Major - General L. C. James, (extreme left), Deputy Theater Commander, is shown above, with his staff and Colonel Robert Martin (extreme right), as he addressed the 1898th Engineers last Wednesday, commending the men on the excellence of their work. Colonel G. W. Bennett (on Gen. James left) is the new Commanding Officer of the 1898th.

Spring Baseball Season Opens With Four Games

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Turbos Trim Band: 9-2 As Reed Shines

Foggia - Red Reed continued to show too much for Foggia's training softball clubs, as he led his team, the 955th "Turbos", to a 9-2 win over the FAAB Band "Downbeats", giving up only three hits in six innings of a seven inning ball game. Wednesday Reed whiffed seven batters and allowed only one walk before retiring from the game. Not satisfied with his mound work Reed collected two for two at the plate.

The fast-moving Turbos grabbed all their runs in two big innings. In the first frame, after lead-off man, Al Gaudin, was struck out by Dick Elsea (the Downbeats' big hurler who had difficulty finding the plate in his first game of the season), Glenn Kline, Turbo short-stop, punched one past second Shoenberger followed his teammate with another single to short left field. Losing control under pressure, hurler Elsea tossed up a series of wild pitches that brought in Shoenberger and Kline. After the Turbos left, Charlie Willis got on base when Carrol Wolfe scooped up his roller and heaved a wide toss to first baseman, Fred Owens, pulling his foot off the bag,

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New Ground, Air Training Begins In FAAB

Foggia - The reason for the formations of B-17's roaring low over Foggia recently for the first time this year was explained in a statement released by Major Harold Thayer, Plans and Training Officer, early this week.

"The formations of planes are only an indication of the new training program that is starting this month," said Major Thayer, "to make the men of FAAB more proficient in their positions, both aerial and administrative.

"In a plan that encompasses a six month period, ground personnel and aircrew members will be given both on-the-job and academic instruction to better qualify them for the jobs they are holding, but which they may not have been trained for before this time. In addition, aircrew members will receive both flight training and ground instruction to re-acquaint each man with the duties for which he was originally trained."

Intra - Theater

Mail Speeded

Caserta, April 1 - Effective to day the schedule of the AG Postal Express was changed, and a new 13 hour and 45 minute over-night schedule between Leghorn and Naples was put into operation, MTOUSA Postal Officials announced today. In order to maintain this fast service, only one stop in each direction will be made in Leghorn, Rome, Ciampino airfield, Caserta, and Naples.

All mail coming into MTO can be distributed six hours sooner to field Army Post Offices at Leghorn, Caserta, and Naples under the new schedule. This change of schedule, however, will not affect the theater's outgoing mail.

Transportation Hinders Re-opening of Cannes

Foggia - An attempt to reopen rest camp on the French Riviera is now being made, Captain J. Harrison, FAAB Personnel Officer, revealed this week. Chief difficulty has been the inability to arrange for transportation. It is expected that arrangements will be completed in the coming week, Captain Harrison added.

"Spotlight Time" To Perform In Naples

Naples - "Spotlight Time", Foggia's Army show, under the directorship of S/Sgt Johnny Bowman, will appear here Monday night at the Music Hall of the Seventh Replacement Depot.

The entire cast, with the exception of the Red Cross skit, which appeared in the Foggia viewing of the show on Army Day, will journey here via plane. Aside from the complete "Occupators" swing aggregation, under the baton of M/Sgt. Freneck Di Grazia, eleven performers and two stage technicians will make the trip.

AES Foggia

To Celebrate

Second Birthday

Foggia - The American Expeditionary Station will mark its second anniversary of broadcasting on Sunday, April 21 at 2000 with an hour long program featuring the staff of the station in a dramatic narrative history of AES Foggia. The program which will be recorded, was written by production manager of the station, Sgt. Lou Cook, and will highlight an actual recording of General Eaker's voice, in a speech marking the opening of the station in Foggia. Portions of last year's AES anniversary program at the Flagella Theater were recorded and will be repeated on the program next Sunday.

To Be Recorded

Because of the inability to have all members of the radio staff appear at the same time, the program is being recorded. It will be waxed in fifteen minute portions so that every member will be included in the hour program. In addition to the voice of General Eaker, the program will include various variety acts known to Foggian veterans, such as Sgt. Sid Del Monte, popular violinist of the AES last year.

Sgt. Cook's script will emphasize the history of the AES Station from its inception in Africa in 1943, when the unit started with fifteen records and a public address system. It will review the opening of broadcasting in Foggia two years ago, the world's first Air Corps station, and explain the growth of the station to its present modern, fully equipped standing.

Eisenhower Asks For

Reserve And Guard Officers

Foggia - In an open letter from Washington to all AUS officers and former officers, General Dwight D. Eisenhower invited them to accept commissions in the Officer's Reserve Corps, National Guard, and Regular Army.

Expressing his appreciation for the job already done by AUS officers, the General hoped that the return to civil life would not be viewed as a "separation from the Service", and cited that it is imperative for the United States to remain strong in the years to come.

VD Rate Drops in March

Foggia - The Venereal Disease rate in the Foggia area in the month of March declined to 30 percent of what it was in January according to a statement release, by Lt. Leonard B. Polaski, Adjutant of the 55th Station Hospital. Man hours lost because of venereal diseases were 524 in the month of January, 354 in February, and 178 in March.

CANDY FOR THE KIDS



During Christmas time over 4,000 presents of food and toys were given to Foggia's children by the Red Cross and the various American and British units here. Now with Easter coming, they are trying to meet that quota. It will be hard with the fewer numbers of men in Foggia, but it's up to you. How about it, Jack? Just dump your week's rations in one of the boxes in the ARC's or the PX. (Pictured above is Captain Fox holding one of the daughters of a 55th Station Hospital employee as "Santa" Captain Kitchen gives her a present.)

"Rainbow"

Arriving April 16

Foggia - A new Italian review, "Rainbow" complete with a cast of thirty, including fifteen chorus girls, will make its appearance for Foggia's Allied troops on Tuesday April 16, at the Flagella Theater. Curtain time is 1930.

Authorized Soldiers

May Ride Italian RR's

Caserta - Military personnel are permitted to ride on Italian civilian trains in some cases if they are in possession of competent travel orders, G-4, MTOUSA announced recently.

Reservations on the trains are made through the Railway Transportation officer at the place of origin. Civilian trains will be used only when the demand for military traffic warrants it.

Port of Bari

Returned To Italians

Caserta - The Port of Bari has been reclassified as a "Category A" port and was turned back to Italian authorities there for operation, G-4 officials in MTOUSA announced recently.

1200 Soldier Dependents

Coming To Europe

(ANS) - The first mass movement of military dependents to the European Theater of Operations will take place next month, the War Department announces. Instructions and travel orders are being issued to approximately 1,200 women and children, selected by the Theater Commander on the basis of priorities. Applications of those service men who agree to stay overseas longest are given preference. The April contingent is composed of members of the immediate families of some 700 applicants.

Thief At Sarti

Robb USO Girl

Foggia - Declaring that they "had been warned about Foggia," manager Al Verdi of the USO show "Maids And Magic" reported the theft of almost all the clothes and valuables belonging to Miss Marjorie Edwards of the troupe.

The thief entered her room between 9 and 12 PM Wednesday night, when Miss Edwards was at the EM Red Cross, ransacked her closet, luggage, and even personal mail. Clothing, shoes, jewelry, and many small personal items were stolen.

A Pleasant USO offering

Foggia - "Maids And Magic" passed through Foggia and quietly made a hit. The artists and acts weren't all exceptional, but Maids has something that few remembered ever seeing in a USO show before. They convinced the audience that they too were enjoying the whole thing.

Two cute sisters, Annabelle and Lila Escoc, sang and played the piano. Annabelle smiled and the audience smiled back. Lila played and stared boredly at the ceiling until the fun made her laugh. Ma-

gician Bob Damon performed his wonders and the neatest trick was getting super bashful GIs to cooperate as stooges, while Marjorie Edwards, an outstandingly talented girl, stopped the show with the strength of her violin. It was manager Al Verdi, though, who blew enough mischief into the whole thing to panic the audience and do just short of that to his cast. Al's performance isn't predictable. His amplified cello and three-fingered salute pops up in different ways at every show.

POW's Exhibit

Handicraft

Foggia - Over 90 drawings, and many pieces of handicraft ranging from lampshades to violins were exhibited this week at B Group POW Camp. The work represents the off-time labor of prisoners who made the many novelties with simple tools and salvaged materials.

Many Ingenious Articles

The most ingenious article is a little pendulum wall clock fashioned of wood with plexiglass cogwheels and a can of nails hung on dog-tag chains for motive power. There are two perfectly formed violins, one made completely out of plexiglass. Among the drawings are oil paintings and pencil sketches, with home scene landscapes and portraits of young girls in the majority. Also in evidence are numerous wood carvings including chess sets, airplane models and inlaid jewel boxes.

A voting system which permits visitors to place candy or cigarettes in the box along with the ballots will determine the creator of the finest piece and his prize.

New Books

Teach Themselves

Foggia - Streamlined textbooks designed for Army use are now coming from the presses of top-flight publishers. The new books, written by outstanding experts in their fields are specially designed for use of the Armed Forces with subject material presented so clearly that they are equally useful as self-teaching manuals or classroom texts. Each book contains a complete study guide, exercises, problems, and self-checking tests.

It is expected that I & E and Special Services of many Army units will find it easier to organize off-time study classes with volunteer or inexperienced teachers when supplied with these new textbooks.

Passover Services

In Naples, April 15

Naples - Two hundred and fifty Jewish officers and men, stationed in Southern Italy, will take part in the annual Passover "Feast of Liberation" to be held at the Bagnoli Railhead near Naples April 15th. In accordance with a new Army directive, transportation and billeting will be provided for forty five soldiers who will leave Foggia next week for the two day stay in Bagnoli.

At the Seder feast, held on the first evening of the eight day holiday, matzah, bitter herbs, wine and haroset will be served to signify the Hebrew's escape from Egyptian slavery in Biblical times and the hardships they suffered to gain their religious freedom.

"These symbols promote the idea that once freedom is achieved, it must continually be preserved," Captain Nachman S. Arnoff, Jewish Chaplain, said here this week.

LOCAL ITEMS

For weeks we have been watching the success of a stand of golf clubs at the Post Exchange. There were thirty-four, when we first noticed them some time in January, standing alongside the counter that sold pipes, film, and cigarette lighters. Supplies of pipes, film, and especially cigarette lighters have come and gone, but the thirty-four clubs, all putters, remained to gather dust.

It looked like a crying waste of thirty-four excellent golf clubs, and when an enterprising friend of ours suggested that some one might open a miniature golf course, we whipped out our computers to figure the chance of success in such a venture. We almost bought the clubs - all thirty-four: this had to be done right - but a chance observation changed our minds. All the putters were lift-handed: and there went our margin of profit.

USO: Look To Your Laurels

From the opening to the closing strains of the Occupators, *Spotlight Time* was a success Saturday (Army Day) night. With the advantage of a friendly audience willing to meet jokes more than halfway, S/Sgt. John Bowman's cast got right down to earth and did their parts in a personal manner that was unusual and good in a large stagershow.

The audience wasn't strained by having to squirm through any physical stuff or mediocre dance routines. Instead there was a succession of facile musical acts with just enough comedy, and some really fine music throughout the show by French De Grazia's fine band.



"I don't get it. I got plastered last night, but I don't have a head this morning."

Music and Belly Laughs

Capt. Edward Lucente's mobile baritone started the show and was well received. Sgt. Lou Cook and MC Johnny Bowman followed with a bit of burlesque and then Lt. Phil Polito did some neat harmonica playing, heartwarmed with an air of frank gratitude for his enthusiastic audience. Monologue and a hot piano by T/3 Phil Campichairo provided some of the best solo playing and most honest laughs of the evening and after that there was a wandering accordion duet by Lts. Matesevac and Gliège who might have been twins for all their similarity of stature, battle jackets, instruments, humor, and hairlines.

Pfc. Bruce Owen, his guitar, mellow voice and manner of relaxation on the stage was wholeheartedly applauded. He wasn't allowed to leave the stage until he sang *Rose of San Antone*. After that an obstreperous intruder appeared, obviously under the influence of liquor who interrupted the show. With the deadpan assistance of Sgt. Calvin Bourgeault, the drunk (Pfc. Bob Kerr) engaged MC Bowman in a battle of words and the audience speculated upon the amount of liquor necessary to be able to act that way and still remember lines. Whether Pfc. Kerr was actually tipsy isn't known although popular opinion is that nobody could act that way without a few in him.

Uncle Joe's Chorus Girls

The final act was the surprise of Uncle Joe Hamilton. The skeleton was a song of South Sea Island lowe upon which was hung a routine with the best (in a grotesque sort of way) costumes of the evening and a chorus line of ARC beauties who exhibited a stamina and strength of character that strikes a telling blow for the cause of the American Girl.

With a little makeup on the actors to soften their faces under the hard lights, some speeding up of the comic lines, and a little more discipline in the orchestra when the acts are going on, *Spotlight Time* rates a tour of other military camps in Italy.

Best statement of the week came from Annabelle Escoc in answer to Johnny Bowman's question, "How do you like Foggia?". Said she: "Foggia's OK if you like Foggia".

Flying Engineers

The voice on the other end of the line was that of engineer Colonel Miller and the voice extended an invitation for the coming week. We accepted and when the coming week rolled around we traveled to the colonel's headquarters to find that he had spent the interim of time between the call and the journey finding his way to Switzerland. But behind him he left Major Burke, another man of the Engineer Corps.

Major Burke is a portly, red faced man who was shouting over a field phone when we walked into his office. "Well, if you can't put my call through, damnit, pull out every plug on the board and get it through!" We paused, but he winked and smiled to indicate that this was somewhat less than bitterness against the world, just getting another job through.

Engineers Thank AC

"Now the reason we asked you to come out here," he said to us after brushing away several administrative matters, "is that we wanted to tell you about the kind of job your Air Corps boys have been doing, working for the Engineers. It was Colonel Miller's idea, and that's why he called you in the first place. When he left to go home he made a speech in the mess hall thanking the Air Corps boys for helping us out now and when that severe manpower shortage got us in the middle of the winter. And, I'm telling you what he said was plenty true. Just look around, and you'll see what I mean.

We looked around and saw what he meant.

Tall, silent Paul Cole wears pilot's wings, yet he is now supervising a carpenter's shop consisting of some heavy machinery and more than a hundred workers. "It isn't like handling a B-17 and crew but," Major Burke commented, "he's really turning out what we want and fast."

On our way to the carpenter shop we had passed a large motor pool of engineering vehicles. Over two hundred vehicles were parked in the dust of Foggia Valley. F/O Neale Van Wagner is a rated navigator, but now the problems are more complicated than spinning an



"Gunner my eye, that's McGook, mimeograph operator in A-1."

E-6-B computer. "You bet they are. He's really got a job on his hands, because Van Wagner's supervising a bunch of PW's who were once slated to go back to Germany, so he's got a morale problem on his hands as well as an administrative one."

Scharboneau and Eads

We passed Pilot Gus Scharboneau driving some large, heavy looking vehicle we wouldn't try to name. Down the road the mess hall was being run by Co-pilot Bobby Eads, who, by this time had, the Engineers quite happy with their new club.

"Yeah," said Lt. Parr, sitting behind an administrative desk, but wearing a leather flying jacket, "when we started to work with the engineers they were so short of men you could have counted them on your fingers. Good thing we were around," he mused.

"It sure was," Engineer Major Burke put in, turning to us. "and I hope they stick with us for a while. These Air Corps guys can sure do more than fly planes."

Aw, Major, gwaan.

This Army Doesn't Pay Any Longer

Any one who bought all the brass from gold bars to five stars in anticipation of making all the grades would do well to sell his stars and eagles if he has a business mind.

Latest news from Washington relates that 212 generals have been demoted to the rank of colonel, and now a MTOUSA order just in from Caserta states that no more promotions will be made to the rank of colonel and that as a matter of fact, most temporary officers from the rank of captain upward can expect a one rank demotion soon. From Looeys to Pfc's? No news on them yet.

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The Inquiring Photographer

Should the United States ration food back home until the world crisis is over?



Sgt. James D. Nobles - "I don't think we should. We are already doing our share by sending over more than any other nation. A sort of voluntary rationing by the people themselves would be all right. But not another compulsory system."

Cpl. Walter G. Unverhau - "At first I thought we should. But now I think it would be better to send them farm implements and get them started on producing their own food."



Cpl. Pete Nickols - "I think it would be a good idea. People were used to rationing and shouldn't mind another year of it. The rest of the world has to survive too."

Sgt. Ralph Spina - left - "It would be a pretty good idea if the extra food resulting from the rationing were then distributed fairly among the needy countries."

Sgt. Rocco Chizzoniti - (right) - "Of certain commodities, yes. We could ration wheat and vegetables and it wouldn't hurt us in the least. But rationing meat and poultry would hurt us as much as anybody. Why don't we send them all our excess K rations?"



CHARLEEN GIRL ABOUT TOWN

After a brief and exciting honeymoon in a land of enchantment I again find myself with pen in hand and no thought in mind. Thanks to Jo and Ann for taking over for me while I was deep in the raptures (is that the right word?) of married life. The gals did a swell job.

Ann vs. Lodge and Reebe

Artu walked into her room late one night recently and found it almost entirely devoid of furniture. After laying the blame on half the populace, Lts. Lodge and Reebe confessed their misdemeanors. Rumor has it that Frank's heart is doing a rumba for a certain tall, glamorous ARC girl.

There's a song "He Wears a Pair of Silver Wings" but there's a fellow in our midst who is sporting golden wings. The rarer the metal, the rarer the record - huh, Jack Rork.

Johnny Bowman put on a swell show down at the Flagella Palace Army Day. Master Sgt. Frenck De Grazia is to be thrown a great big bouquet for the excellent band he has produced. They sound Stork Clubish and smooth with their own Frankie (George Keely) and the sweet trumpet of Pelly.

Polito and Matesevac Shine

Little did anyone know that dashing Lt. Polito was the Borah Minovitch of Foggia. He does things with a harmonica. Pennsylvania's pride Lt. Matesevac really squeezed the old accordion with gusto as did his cohort in harmony Lt. Gleige.

Femininity at its lowest was afforded by the Uga Girls. Ann and Jo looked the corniest and no one recognized Cindy. All the girls smoked two cigars backstage - that speaks for their pale green color. They say Uncle Jo really has a salmon scented girl.

Blonde Ritter and Bill Alexander continue to keep the memory of the Hoosier State alive - See Ed Howard, we are not the only ones who love the banks of the Wabash. It is only in New Jersey that they put signs on all the buildings saying "DDT, 4-10-46."

Copp's Parent?

It seems that Lt. Parent has stopped *Staring* and now is concentrating on "I love adventure" Jean Copp.

Twenty five decorations of the Embassy Club were taken away one night recently. I guess the old motto "Safety First" ranks high after all. The Embassy nomination for the pleasantest smile and lots of friendliness goes to MP Larry Rossi.

Newest Beau Brummell in Foggia is none other than dashing Lt. Stanley Handman - the idol of Switzerland. Advance slowly then overwhelm Stan and Picozzi, funny though it may seem, were often more interested in free drinks than in feminine companionship.

Peterson always gets a soulful gleam in his eye as he gazes longingly at Jo. Better watch out Don.

Fine Army Day Parade

You men looked good on Army Day. To see you marching down the street made us all feel honored to be associated with the American soldiers in Foggia. I know, stop waving the flag. Awards and stuff like that there to:

Jo Bosse for his winning smile.

Blonde Don for his suaveness.

Lts. Bast and Curry for their proficiency on drums and guitar.

Lt. Foster for his ability to walk on his knees.

Muley for his driving ability.

Foggia Occupator for their fine pictures of the food demonstration.

It's time to go to lunch so it's hunger over a lot of drives right now (a few of you know what I mean).

A Lire For Your Thoughts

Pfc. Leo Zymroz - 955th Eng. "When are they going to close the Stork Club?"

Paul Cristopher - A.R.C. Field Director. "Getting the new replacements recreational facilities."

Cpl. Frank Wilkins - Security Section. "If I'll be home on time before my reenlistment is up."

Lance Bombadier Reg Dearman and Gunner Glyn Jones - 153rd HAA BT. RA. "We were comparing the ice cream bars in England with that of the American Red Cross."

Lt. Leroy Grote - Statistics. "What I could say no one should read it, confidentially."

Static From Your A. E. S.

by Ken Eill

No, it couldn't be true... but it is. The column is here again. Did you see Deadpan Bourgeault, of « Skim (not a misprint) the Milkman» fame in Spotlight Time? If you did then you also saw Cookie of Cookie Time. Weren't they great? Marvelous? Sensational? Okay fellows you satisfied now, put those guns away and leave me alone. Corpse Bourgeault louses up « Slim the Milkman » every AM from 7:00-8:15, and Cookie does likewise to Cookie Time from 8:00-9:00 every evening. Now: I want to talk about Stan Kenton's great band.

Kenton himself is kind of a fabulous creature. The band started about five years ago in California. In the Roseland Ballroom (their first booking in New York) the band lasted only a couple of weeks, due to an incident. Here's the story: The band was practising one day when the place was empty. They started to play a new arrangement. The trumpets went screeching, and the windows started breaking. Any band that was loud enough to break windows was def too loud for Roseland. And Kenton was handed back his contract.

Re-organized Twice

He went back to California soon after that, but the band had made a great impression on those who had been lucky enough to hear it. Kenton had his own style of music but the public as a whole wasn't ready for it yet. The six foot four inch Maestro was also very uncompromising. He was going to play the music he wanted to, not what someone else wanted him to. The band was broken up. Re-formed, broken up, and re-formed again. The pianist cooled down a little and started playing a few things that Stan Kenton didn't write. Finally the public began to see what the critics meant and with a few concessions to commercialism the band was finally on its way.

Right now the Kenton band has a bunch of young brilliant men who are contributing to the future of modern jazz. Ray Wetzel, and Buddy Childers, two of the five trumpeters are fine soloists. Childers is working on a new slide trumpet which he occasionally uses. Freddy Zito plays wonderful trombone as does Boots Musilli play alto, and Bob Varney drums. Eddie Safranski on bass has done a great deal for the band since his addition to the rhythm section.

Two Fine Vocalists

Singers June Christy and Gene Howard are both fine; Howard is really a find as he does all his own arrangements, something quite unusual. I almost forgot Vito Musso.... He is playing as well as he always has. That's enough for any band. Now for Kenton himself. The guy is one of the solidest pianists around, and is also a very, very fine arranger with a style completely his own.

Critics And Public Agree Now

The Kenton band is on top now. It still plays pretty much of what it wants, and the public likes it this time. But why didn't the public like it the first time? Those of us who saw the first Kenton band will always remember it. As wonderful as this band is, it is not as good as the magnificent outfit that the public turned down five years ago. The public is beginning to wake up now. Let's hope that they continue to, so that bands like Kenton's won't have to struggle for five years before they get the recognition due them.

Keep watching for announcements about our anniversary. April 21 your AES in Foggia will be two years old. So stick around. Sign a waiver if you have to, because it's going to be worth it. Among other things there will be a dramatic narration with every one taking part.

Chow for now.

Stork Club Overflows At Debut

Alcoholics- anonymous christened their latest haven of refuge Tuesday night as the new Stork Club opened. Approximately three hundred men flooded the club's three rooms at the Security Section to demonstrate their will power over Italian liquor.

First nights and passing judgements obscured obituary thoughts with the down-the-hatch drinking; and then there were three flights of stairs to the ground floor. When the demand for liquor exceeded the supply Cpl. Robert Duwe, supervising the bar, was well prepared for the Latrine Run. Late comers were shown to the door and left in disgust.

"It was a premature opening," said one of the guests as he departed. The management vainly attempted to seat and hold its patrons, but for lack of tables and chairs many could not be accommodated. Acting manager Cpl. Rod Crabb stated, "The club was organized for recreational purposes for the man coming off guard duty. We just didn't expect so many outsiders.

The Wolf

by Sansone



NIGHTS 'ROUND FOGGIA

AT THE RIPPLE LOUNGE — Tea dances being held every Sunday afternoon, Sgt. Fred Glickman displayed his fancy footwork with Mrs. Lena DeGrazia as his charming partner. French was at the bandstand talking shop. G.I.'s and hostesses danced to the music of G. M. and his band, while others sipped their punch.— A new addition to the bar known as the Rippter: some ingenious, mechanical contraption, that will delight the bar flies among Pink Elephants and other things.

AT THE WONDER BAR — Classified as a friendly place, catering to the gentlemen and their lady escorts. Dinning and dancing make the evenings pleasant ones, with attendance increasing nightly. Supervising at the bar, Savino "Shorty" Leonetti serving the best in mixed drinks. Treats in store: a summer program being developed with outdoor service.

AT THE 779th E. M. CLUB — Saturday night's dance had a large attendance, with lampo's orchestra in tune for a change. The evening slipped by unexpectedly climaxed by a dimout. Recent arrivals at Foggia made their debut that night, as cherries privately supplied, were served with cognac.

AT THE EMBASSY CLUB — Rigged rulings by the club committee introduced the "White Band" Club police. Forced to these measures, Sgt. Milton M. Berman now expects order to be maintained. Glass breakage has ceased altogether as a problem.

AT THE FORTRESS CLUB — Dancing at the Skyroom to the "Occupators" make for smooth sailing on the floor as well as good listening. Chow-hounds get their satisfaction with tasty prepared dishes at those popular buffet lunches.

Enrollment Limited

In Typing Classes

Foggia - Seventy-two students, many sent by FAAB section heads, will start in two courses, beginner's typing and military correspondence, Monday, April 15th in room 308 Headquarters Building.

The military correspondence course is open to students who already know how to type and consists of three eight hour sections. The first prepares men for positions of clerk-typist and the two succeeding sections give advanced material in the same subject.

For beginners there is also a class of thirty-six students. After enrollment is complete, no new students will be admitted. There is still time to enroll at the I & E Library in Headquarters Building. The Daily Bulletin of April 12th, contains information relating to the courses.

Easter Special at ARC

There will be an Easter Sunday tea dance at the EM Red Cross and although Easter plans are not yet complete, "something special" was promised for the Coffee Hour Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. With the stampede at Christmas time still ranking memories, the candy collected at the ARClubs will be distributed this time by delivery instead of at a party, although there may be a party for some orphans of Foggia.

Flagella Theatre

Sun. April 14 - «It's In The Bag» with Fred Allen, Jack Benny, and Bob Benchey.

Mon. April 15 - closed.

Tues. April 16 - «Rainbow Revue» Italian variety show.

Wed. - Thur. April 17, 18 - «The Fighting Guardsmen» with Willard Parker and Anita Louise

- Rest of week to be announced

MEET THE BOYS

Manager of the Foggia Stadium, Sgt. Melvin Burgess, has an opinion about professional baseball that borders on the absolute.

"I would rather go back to Italy than to professional ball," he stated, projecting himself futureward a few months. With millions of sandler neophytes and not a few semi-pro hopefuls dreaming about the majors or even the class A's, Sgt. Burgess' remark might be regarded as strange. But Mel, who played class B ball about two weeks after he got out of high school doesn't think so at all.

"In pro ball you play only for yourself - for money. Yes you play your best, but it isn't the same as high school ball. That's the only place where you play with spirit - for the team."

Too Much Travel, Drink

"And it's work. You know how pro sports are. Travel around. Knock yourself out. And all you get is drunk every night."

That then, was what made Mel abandon what might have been a career and go to work inspecting B-26s at the Martin plant back in '42.

Sgt. Burgess is a Virginian and it was at Ridgeway High in Martinsville that he really showed his hitting eye by batting a twenty-game. 698 average in his last year. A pro scout picked him up on that and he got a try in class D baseball. After one week of a game-a-day, and a quick 500 average he skipped up to the class B's and played out the season, after which he decided to make the change.

One Of The "36,000"

Mel stayed with the Martin plant for 20 months, right up until the time when he was moved to volunteer for the Army and cadets. He was a little too late. Not a few former cadets remember the "case of the 36,000" - those trusting lads with their noses in the blue who dreamed of P-38s and got 50 calibre machine guns as their ticket to glory. Mel was one of those and went to Kingman, Arizona where the gentle art of blasting an airplane out of the sky was taught. He came overseas two Februaries ago and got five missions before the war was over. After a short hitch stationed near Naples with a project that was ferrying men to Casablanca he came back to Foggia where sport work has kept him moderately busy ever since.

Sports are something that Mel does for the fun of it. He was quarterback on the old 20th Squadron football team (his favorite position in his favorite sport), and played guard on the sharpshooting 20th basketball team that became Foggia champs. At one time or another he has dabbled in track (a mile in under 5:00) and bo-

xing (a technical KO at Kiessler Field, Miss) The coming of Foggia's baseball season doesn't lure him too strongly.

"I'll just keep things running smoothly at the stadium," he said. And that means until his "duration" is over, for more education is what he wants.

"I intend to go to Cornell and study engineering, if I can get in. "Pro baseball? Just a pleasant memory now."

Stu Geschiedt

Turbos Trim Band: 9 - 2

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Parker struck out after Willis went to second on a wild pitch. He crossed the plate by the same rout before Elsea retired the last man with another strike out.

Reed Untouchable. First Three

Reed put down the Downbeats one-two-three in the first three innings, striking out four straight batters and not allowing a ball out of the infield. Coming up in the last half of the third the Turbos nine took a six run gift from Dick Elsea who gave up five walks and three singles during the inning. Al Gaudin and Charley Willis drove in two runs apiece with well timed singles. With bases loaded Abe Parker, lanky keystone man, slammed a hard ball to the Downbeats' shortstop, Wolfe, who nabbed the ball and tossed underhand to thirdbaseman Bob Murphy for the double play.

Going into the fourth inning Reed still had a perfect game and he retired the first two men easily. After fumbling an easy roller, and allowing centerfielder Dale Ferguson to reach first, Reed tossed one down the center to left handed Don Marak. Marak connected and punched the ball down the right field line, for the first hit of the game off Reed. Marak was thrown out at second when trying to stretch his hit into a two-bagger.

Samarelli, Striet Score

In the sixth, relief pitcher Smarelli scored the Downbeats' first run, after getting on with a sharp single to left, came around the bases via a single by Ferguson and a passed ball. They scored again in the last inning when Ferguson again drove in a teammate, this time catcher Johnny Striet.

Rebels Thrash Flyboys: 9-3

A seven run rally in the second inning, feature by Elgin Loyd's and Al Reaud's slugging carried the 799th AMS "Rebels" to a 9-3 win over the Overhead Provisional Detachment "Flyboys" in Wednesday afternoon's game at the hospital diamond. Toni Slavick, well known Rebel pitcher, struck out thirteen men and allowed four hits while walking three.

Mid-season form on the Rebel's part held the Flyboys runless in the first five innings, but yielded three runs in the sixth when Millard's double brought in Rennix and Richardson. Millard made the third run of the game on Severd's single.

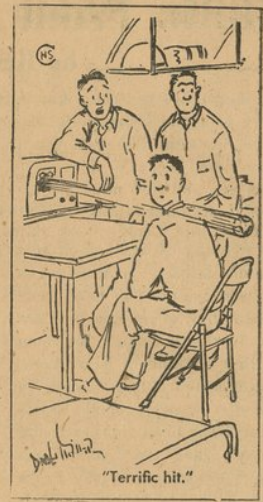
1 - 0: Rebels

In the first inning, the Flyboys failed to score when Reaud's throw to Steve Enright accounted for the first and second outs, relieving Millard and Larson at second, Maxwell struck out for the third out. The Rebels came to bat as Faulk was taken off base at second. Dawson was good for a two base hit. Reaud failed to reach first for the second out. Caley's single advanced Dawson to third and home on a fielder's choice, bringing Caley to second. Tony Slavick retired the side when he struck out.

Three strike outs on Cahir, Rennix, and Antel with one walk by Richardson finished the Flyboys in the second. Last half saw the Rebels stage a big show as Enright and Harrington drove two singles, and a three bagger by Lloyd accounted for two more runs. A hit by Faulk followed by Dawson's dash to first on Larson's error advanced Faulk to second bringing Lloyd in. Reaud's double brought home two more runs. Slavick's single and base steal put men on second and third. An error by Severa brought Reaud home and put Slavick on third and Enright on first. Harrington was struck out by Antel, ending the inning.

955 AES - Turbos	AB	R	H	E
3b Gaudin	3	1	2	0
ss Kline	4	2	1	0
cf Schoenberger	3	1	2	0
lf Willis	2	1	1	0
2b Parker	4	0	1	0
1b Mondor	2	1	0	0
c Schneider	1	1	1	0
rf Williams	1	1	0	0
p Reed	2	1	2	1
c Collins	1	0	0	0
rf Quick	1	0	0	0
	24	9	10	1

FAAB Band - Downbeats	AB	R	H	E
cf Ferguson	2	0	2	0
ss Wolfe	3	0	0	0
1b Owens	3	0	0	0
lf Marak	3	0	1	0
rf Pappas	3	0	0	0
3b Murphy	3	0	1	0
2b Gluck	2	0	0	0
c Striet	1	1	0	0
p Elsea	0	0	0	0
p Smarelli	1	1	1	0
	21	2	5	0



A triple by Millard failed to score for the Flyboys as Larson struck out. Maxwell flied out and a bunt picked up by Slavick to Dawson for the third out. The Rebels began the last of the third with Loyd's walk to first. He was out at second on a fielder's choice as Manderbach made first, and then stole two more bases on Larson's error when Falk hit a single and slid into second. Dawson striking out and Reaud's fly out closed the third inning.

Rich and Bast Fan

The fourth saw Slavick strike out Richardson and Bast in that order, and then pick up a grounder for the third out. Antel picked up Caley's bunt to Larson for the Rebel's first out. Walking Enright forced Slavick, with a single, to second. Slavick got to third on a passed ball when Enright was nipped at second, and Tony stole home on Millard's error. Total: nine runs. Harrington struck out to retire the side.

In the fifth Slavick returned to the mound to strike out Larson, force Maxwell to fly out, and strike out Cahir. The Rebel's were scoreless in the fifth. Severa's beautiful pick-up to Cotters got one; Manderback flied out. Reznick reached first on Millard's error, but was caught as he tried to stretch it.

Larson striking out and Rennix's vain attempt to steal after his single made two outs. Fitzpatrick's and Richardson's singles were brought in by Millard's neat double. Before Cotters struck out Millard slid home for the Flyboys third run of the game. Faulk batted to Cotters and Dawson struck out as Reaud walked and stole two bases. Slavick got to second on a walk and a steal, and Harrington also walked. Bases full, Severa struck out Lloyd.

Their last inning, the Flyboys started off in the seventh with a single by Maxwell followed by Cahir's bunt that put Maxwell out on a fielder's choice. Rennix and Richardson fanned for the last two outs.

529th, 955th Take Foggia Softball Openers

529th Whips Off. Det.: 11-6

955th Beats 1585: 7-3

Foggia-The spring softball season opened on Army Day last week as the 529th Headquarters nine and the 955th ballclub both won their ends of a double header bill played at the Foggia Stadium before a small crowd. Red Reed, of the 955th AES whose speedball held the 1585th Manfredonians to four hits while giving up only two walks, was the day's outstanding player as he led his club to a 7-3 win. In the opening game the Officers of the Provisional Detachment went down by the one-sided score of 11-6. Hurler Frank Lamia had difficulty finding the plate, giving up a total of eleven walks, though allowing only two bingles to the scrappy 529'ers.

First Game: 529EM vs. Off. Det.

In the first game of the Army Day double header the 529 Headquarters Squad took advantage of Lamia's wild pitching to win a victory via the gratis route. They earned only two runs of their eleven counters. The Officer's nine batted in the top half of the first. Ray Miller leading off drew a walk from the opposing pitcher Johnny Smarelli. After stealing two bases, Miller was driven in with a sharp single by 3rd baseman Antel, to give the brass nine a 1-0 edge. Johnny Cahir, who had two for four during the game, ended the inning by striking out with two on.

Coming back in the last half of the first, the 529'ers pushed across a run, as leadoff man Corey, centerfielder, drew a walk, went to second on a passed ball, stole third, and came in on Rennix's error. Lamia steadied up his team with two consecutive strikeouts to end the inning, as Schaufle and Gray fanned.

Lamia Wild

After the officers had gone down in the top half of the third, Johnny Cahir hitting into a double play, the 529 club came to bat, walked the bases as Lamia gave up eight walks, which, coupled with an error by centerfielder Maxwell, gave the 529'ers a seven run gift.

In the fourth inning both teams scored a run apiece. Millard who singled, scored for the Officers team on Maxwell's infield dribble to second base. For the 529 club, Gray, who had been hit by the pitcher, and went to third on an error, came across the home plate on Karpinski's single to left field.

Hgts. Wins One-Sided Game

The Headquarters squad poured across two more runs in the fifth to build up an 11-2 lead. Corey opened the inning with a pop foul out to the catcher, but Van Dien, left fielder, punched a single past the shortstop, and fast moving Goyke, short stop, backed him up with a single into right. Big Bill Gray then stepped to the plate and drove in two teammates with a long double to left field. Schaufle and Smarelli flied out to end the inning.

In the last two innings of the seven inning game the officers added four runs to their total.

529 ASG	AB	R	H	E
CF Corey	1	2	0	1
LF Van Dien	2	1	0	0
SS Goyke	2	2	1	0
3B Gray	2	2	1	1
C Schaufle	3	1	0	0
2B Karpinski	1	1	1	0
1B Gasiero	2	1	1	0
RF Markowitz	2	0	0	0
P Smarelli	2	1	0	0
2B Charles	1	0	0	0
RF Pappas	1	0	0	0
CF Farrell	1	0	0	0
	20	11	4	2

Officers Prov. Det.	AB	R	H	E
C Miller	1	2	0	0
P Lamia	4	0	1	0
1B Richardson	2	0	0	0
3B Antel	1	1	1	0
SS Cahir	4	1	2	0
2B Rennix	0	0	0	1
LF Fitzpatrick	3	0	0	0
CF Maxwell	3	0	1	2
RF Bast	2	0	0	0
2B Millard	3	1	1	1
RF Averill	1	1	1	0
	24	6	7	4

In The Major Leagues

Opening Day for the 1946 baseball season is April 16th and the Family Almanac predicts flood in Mississippi, earth tremors in Nevada thunderstorms in California, and a bright sunny Tuesday for the baseball fans to watch the opening league games in the rest of the nation.

Here is the schedule of opening day:

National League

- Chicago vs. Cincinnati at Cincinnati
- Brooklyn vs. Boston at Boston
- Philadelphia vs. New York at New York
- Pittsburg vs. St. Louis at St. Louis

American League

- Boston vs. Washington at Washington
- New York vs. Philadelphia at Philadelphia
- Cleveland vs. Chicago at Chicago
- St. Louis vs. Detroit at Detroit

Jesse Willard To Visit Foggia

Foggia - Jesse Willard, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and a troupe of six wrestlers will come to Foggia to appear in a four day wrestling exhibition on April 21, 23, 24, and 25, Special Services announced this week. Former champion Willard will referee the matches.

Second Game: 955th vs. 1585th

Unlike the first encounter, the nightcap turned out to be an exciting pitchers' duel between knuckle-baller Red Reed, of the 955th Engineers, and hard-throwing Johnny Tothe, 1585th hurler. Although Tothe held the Engineers to three measly hits, a wild first inning, in which he gave up six walks and four runs cost him the game, 7-3. Red Reed unwound a sizzling hop in the first inning, as fast-talking Jim Protzner, 1585th catcher, led off. On a three-two pitch, Protzner bounced out to third baseman Kellerman who fumbled the ball, putting Protzner on. After stealing second, Protzner came in on Kellerman's infield drive to first.

Tothe Walks Six

Coming up in the last half of the frame the Manfredonians unwound their own hurler, Johnny Tothe, whose delivery was as smooth as Reed's, but he was unable to find the plate in the first inning. After striking out the leadoff man, third baseman Gaudin, Tothe gave up six walks that cost him the game, as the Engineers got four runs without a hit.

With the score 4-1 against them the Manfredonians added a run to their total in the top half of the third, as Protzner singled to open the inning. He went to second on a long fly to center field by Shay. After stealing third, he came in on another long fly, this time by Harper. The side was retired when second basemen Parker made a pretty pickup of Willis' hard drive, and tossed him out at first.

Engineers Score 3 To Win: 7-3

Coming back with three runs in the fourth, the Engineers cinched the game. Gaudin opened the inning as the top half of the batting order came up. He drew a walk, went to second on an error. After Willis forced out Schoenberger, Gaudin came home on a passed ball by opposing catcher, Protzner. With two men on, Mondor singled to left field, driving in two runs and clinching the win.

955th Engineers	AB	R	H	E
3B Gaudin	3	1	0	1
SS Kline	2	1	1	1
CF Schoenberger	3	1	0	0
LF Willis	3	1	1	0
2B Parker	0	2	0	0
LB Mondor	2	1	1	0
C Schneider	1	0	0	0
RF Plummer	2	0	0	0
P Reed	2	0	0	0
C Rewer	0	0	0	0
	18	7	3	2

1585th Ordanance	AB	R	H	E
C Protzner	3	2	1	1
CF Shay	2	0	0	0
1B Harper	3	0	0	1
3B Kellerman	3	0	0	0
P Tothe	3	0	0	0
2B Danile	2	1	0	1
SS Eisenbarth	3	0	1	0
LF Freuch	3	0	2	0
RF Waters	3	0	0	0
	25	3	4	3

Mc Gowan Takes

Handball Singles

Clark-Mc Gowan Win Doubles

The handball matches were almost called off for lack of participants, but the drive of the four contestants decided otherwise. With a playful attitude the Handball tournament opened last Saturday afternoon at the gym.

In the opening singles, Chaplin Myles J. Mc Gowan defeated S/Sgt. Jim Blazejovsky with Capt. Arthur Pecoraro trouncing Capt Robert W. Clark. The winner in the finals, Chaplin Mc Gowan became Foggia's Handball Singles Champion. Capt. Pecoraro and S/Sgt. Blazejovsky lost in the doubles to Chaplin Mc Gowan and Capt. Clark.

Six Walls -- Clark

"There were six walls floating around," was Capt. Clark's excuse. "Yeh, and he couldn't hit the middle one", came Chaplin Mc Gowan's reply. "But," S/Sgt. Blazejovsky insisted, "they kept pulling their rank on me, I had to stand at attention and couldn't swing at the ball."

Absent from the handball tournament were Major David Hartman and Capt. Frank Voightman, two of the top seeded athletes in that sport. The Major is on a trip to Naples and the captain is in the hospital.

SS Building Large

529th Sport Grounds

With Special Services getting on its feet in the reorganized 529 ASG area, a large construction program of athletics facilities has been inaugurated under the supervision of F/O Calvin Millard, 529 Special Services officer.

Volleyball courts between D and C Buildings are being improved, an open theater is being constructed, shuffle boards, and bandminton courts have already been completed. The largest undertaking at the present time is the construction of a baseball diamond near the 529 ASG area.

The regulation size field is being built with the aid of German PW's, next to their soccer field, and there have been as many as forty men working on the field at one time. At present the number has been decreased to ten; however, work continues on the rolling of the smooth infield. Special Services men Sgt. Paul Chaland, Cpl. Wallace Klein, and Pfc's Bill Carson and Charles Buckley are putting through the job.

Said F/O Millard, "When this diamond is finished it'll be the best ball field in the Foggia area. Then we'll start on a softball diamond."

Courier Flight

Five man crews take off daily on regular courier missions to Rome, Naples, and Pisa. Flying the Big Birds loaded with mail, passengers, and supplies over well beaten sky routes is a pleasantly dull routine compared with last year's combat missions.

Today it's a job and not an adventure. But it's an important job and we like it, we like it, *we like it!*



3. At the flight line Captain Edward Maykut briefs Pung and Radio Operator Jim Panarisi (left) on the weather conditions enroute and at destination. The briefing is short, but vital to the success of the flight.



4. Pilot Pung (left) fills out the clearance sheet given to him by Sgt. Arnold Boyak (right) of Operations. Flight Engineer John Kelly (center) reads the latest NOTAMS while he waits for his tool kit.



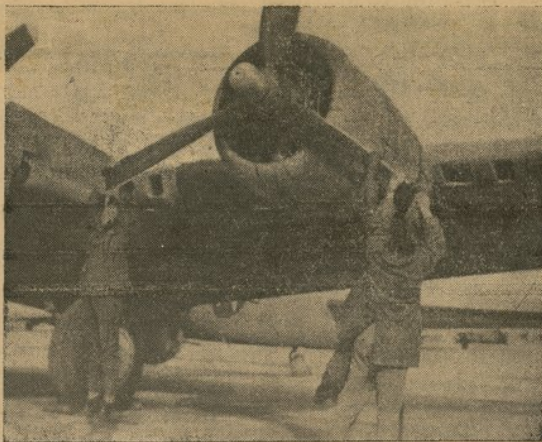
6. On the flight deck, Pung clears right and left, as Haber gives last instructions to Kelly.



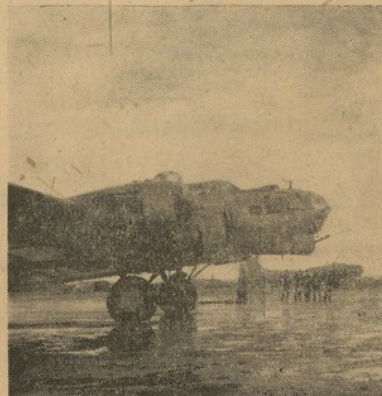
1. "Six-thirty: one hour before briefing. Say it isn't so". Lt. David Pung is the pilot.



2. After breakfast, Pung (center) and Co-pilot F/O Martin Haber (right) climb onto the crowded bus for the flight line. You can see note of cheerfulness on their faces as the morning limps on.



5. At the plane, while the pilots pre-flight, Kelly (left), Haber, and Navigator Brazelton Fulkerson (right) pull the props through. Kelly jumped for the blade too soon and carried the other men up as the props turned.



7. Eight o' clock, time to start engines, and then they're off.

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EDITORIAL

"We Can And Will Achieve Peace..." FDR

In a world where a brother, a friend of early years, or a friend who lived through the words of the last letter lies buried in the oblivion that is the earth, many of us pause to give thought to the words and deeds of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Humanitarian and Champion of the Dignity of Man that inhabits the universe. This time it is most important that peace loving people throughout the world turn their eyes to the United Nations Organization and raise their voices in unity that those things which he strived for shall bear the fruits of victory.

It is not too late to be guided by these words which he wrote:

"The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man or one party or one nation. It cannot be an American peace or a British, Russian, French or Chinese peace. It cannot be a peace of large nations — or small nations. It must be a peace which rest on the cooperative efforts of the whole world.

"It will not be easy to win, this people's peace. We delude ourselves if we believe that the surrender of the armies of our enemies will make the peace we long for. Unconditional surrender of the armies of our enemies is the first and necessary step, but the first step only.

"Peace can be won only by the united determination of free and peace-loving peoples who are willing to help one another, willing to respect and tolerate and try to understand one another's opinions and feelings.

"Responsibility for political conditions thousands of miles overseas can no longer be avoided by this great nation. The United States exerts vast influence in the cause of peace throughout the world. It will continue to exert that influence only if we are willing to continue to share responsibility for keeping peace. It would be our tragic loss if were to shirk that responsibility.

"It is our purpose to help the peace-loving peoples of Europe to live together as good neighbors, recognize their common interest and not to nurse their traditional grievances against one another.

"We can and will achieve such a peace. We shall strive. We may make mistakes — but they must never be mistakes which result from faintness of heart or abandonment of moral principles"

Franklin Delano Roosevelt died April 12, 1945 one year ago last Friday.

GENERAL JAMES VISITS FOGGIA



Major - General L. C. James, (extreme left), Deputy Theater Commander, is shown above, with his staff and Colonel Robert Martin (extreme right), as he addressed the 1898 th Engineers last Wednesday, commending the men on the excellence of their work. Colonel G. W. Bennett (on Gen. James left) is the new Commanding Officer of the 1898th.

Spring Baseball Season Opens With Four Games

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Turbos Trim Band: 9-2 As Reed Shines

Foggia - Red Reed continued to show too much for Foggia's training softball clubs, as he led his team, the 955th "Turbos", to a 9-2 win over the FAAB Band "Downbeats", giving up only three hits in six innings of a seven inning ball game. Wednesday Reed whiffed seven batters and allowed only one walk before retiring from the game. Not satisfied with his mound work Reed collected two for two at the plate.

The fast-moving Turbos grabbed all their runs in two big innings. In the first frame, after lead-off man, Al Gaudin, was struck out by Dick-Elsea (the Downbeat's big hurler who had difficulty finding the plate in his first game of the season). Glenn Kline, Turbo short-stop, punched one past second Shoenberger followed his teammate with another single to short left field. Losing control under pressure, hurler Elsea tossed up a series of wild pitches that brought in Shoenberger and Kline. After the Turbos left, Charlie Willis got on base when Carrol Wolfe scooped up his roller and heaved a wide toss to first baseman, Fred Owens, pulling his foot off the bag,

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New Ground, Air Training Begins In FAAB

Foggia - The reason for the formations of B-17's roaring low over Foggia recently for the first time this year was explained in a statement released by Major Harold Thayer, Plans and Training Officer, early this week.

"The formations of planes are only an indication of the new training program that is starting this month," said Major Thayer, "to make the men of FAAB more proficient in their positions, both aerial and administrative.

"In a plan that encompasses a six month period, ground personnel and aircrew members will be given both on-the-job and academic instruction to better qualify them for the jobs they are holding, but which they may not have been trained for before this time. In addition, aircrew members will receive both flight training and ground instruction to re-acquaint each man with the duties for which he was originally trained."

Intra - Theater

Mail Speeded

Caserta, April 1 - Effective today the schedule of the AG Postal Express was changed, and a new 13 hour and 45 minute over-night schedule between Leghorn and Naples was put into operation, MTOUSA Postal Officials announced today. In order to maintain this fast service, only one stop in each direction will be made in Leghorn, Rome, Ciampino airfield, Caserta, and Naples.

All mail coming into MTO can be distributed six hours sooner to field Army Post Offices at Leghorn, Caserta, and Naples under the new schedule. This change of schedule, however, will not affect the theater's outgoing mail.

Transportation Hinders Re-opening of Cannes

Foggia - An attempt to reopen rest camp on the French Riviera is now being made, Captain J. Harrison, FAAB Personnel Officer, revealed this week. Chief difficulty has been the inability to arrange for transportation. It is expected that arrangements will be completed in the coming week, Captain Harrison added.

