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Defense Rests Case In 'Gang' Trial | Second Bomb Group Inactivated



One of the defense lawyers pleads for clemency in the Railroad Gang trial

Late Tuesday night the defense for the Stridi Bothers and the other 46 defendants finished their pleas for acquittal and leniency before the President of the Tribunale, Avvocato Domenico De Cesare, in the Tribunale at the Palazzo Dogana, in refutation to the charges that the defendants had conspired, associated, abetted, committed, sold, and received Allied military goods from the Cervaro and Foggia railroad stations during the latter part of 1944 and the early part of 1945, estimated by military authorities to exceed one million dollars in value.

The Public Accuser, Guido De Rossi, has asked for prison sentences ranging from one to fifteen years for the 46 men and two women who participated as an organized gang, based on the evidence and confessions submitted by the Criminal Investigation Department of the United States and the local police departments. In the absence of the Allied Military Control Commission in this area the case is being tried before the Italian Court of Justice.

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Late News

**Railroad Gang Receives
Total of 150 Years And
One Million Lire Fine**

FOGGIA, Feb 20—Thirty-five members of the railroad gang were convicted today of criminal conspiracy and continuous theft against the Allied Military Government. Nicola Lioco, the missing member, was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment and a fine of 45,000 lire. This was the highest sentence given out by the court.

Ten of the defendants were acquitted: Vincenzo and Ciro Paladino, Mario, Gaetano, and Giuseppe Lombardi, Antonio Luciani, Francesco Corvino, Luisa De Matteo, Vincenza Ferrazzano and Pietro Soldano.

(For sentences, see Defendants, page 12)

Leghorn PBS All-Stars Defeat Foggia Team 43-42

In the most thrilling game of the Foggia basketball session Leghorn's PBS All-Stars outgamed a fighting Foggia All-Star five in the final minutes of the game, pulling from behind to grab the 45-42 win. Suzuki, of the 442nd Nisei Infantry Battalion, starred for his team, bucketing seven points in the final frame, including a beautiful long shot from the center of the floor in the last minute, to give his squad the margin of victory. Dieters of the Leghorn team was high man for the evening with four teen points.

The Foggian five grabbed the initial tip-up, but ran into a tight defense and were unable to make the possession of the ball good. Each team travelled the length of the floor several times before any score was made. First honors went to Welch of the PBS'ers via the free throw method. Picking up the pace, the Foggians worked the ball to Willie Shaffer who drew the applause of the large crowd with a nice pivot shot. Pop Severa followed him up on a fast break that netted the Foggians two more points. As the defense of both teams continued to outshine the offense, scoring was held down. Halfway through the frame Bruegger found the basket for a nice quarter court set shot. Attempting to break the scoring lag, Manager Griffin shoved the 20th Squadron scoring twins, Jackson and Taylor, into the game. The move paid off fast as Taylor followed one of his one handed specialties in under the basket, and quickly laid it up.

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Foggia Army Air Base Formed Under Command Of Colonel Martin; Surplus Men To Germany

Acting under orders from Colonel Anthony Mustoe of the 40th Bomb Wing Headquarters, Colonel Robert K. Martin announced that the Second Bomb Group will be inactivated on February 20th as part of the reorganization of the 40th Bomb Wing. All personnel of the Second Bomb Group are to be assigned to the 529th Air Service Group, which is now under the command of the Foggia Army Air Base.

Basketballers To Play Theater Finals

Members of the 20th Squadron basketball team and the Foggia All Stars will go to Leghorn to play in the Theater Basketball Finals which will begin on February 28th.

Entered in two classes, All Stars in the Division classification and the 20th Blackbirds in Company competition, the players, their coaches, Captain Frank Voigtman and Lt. H. R. Griffin, and their trainers will depart Foggia next Tuesday morning. The teams will be composed of two separate squads of approximately ten men each, and they expect to return to the base on March 4th.

Colonel Nichols, Surgeon General Of MTO, Inspects 55th SH

The 55th Station Hospital underwent an important inspection on Thursday morning when Colonels Hall and Paul, representing Washington headquarters, and Colonel Nichols, Surgeon General of MTO, visited Foggia to inspect medical facilities of this area, as a part of an inspection of all such facilities in Italy.

The three medical officers indicated that they were interested in the problems of medical personnel, and made note of any brought to their attention. Colonel Nichols, Surgeon General, stated that redeployment has been speeded up for medical personnel, and it is expected that this program will be continued. However, he stated that he did not know when the point requirements for discharge would go below sixty.

It was also stated that medical replacements were expected, but that they will come slowly.

Colonel Martin, who assumed command of the Foggia Army Air Base on February 14th, will organize his new headquarters and the functions of the 529th Air Service Group, as far as possible, with the men who are not scheduled to be redeployed to United States until after July 31, 1946. This will include 564 replacements who are expected to arrive around the 20th of February.

Three Categories of Personnel

Soon after the changeover, a list containing men who are surplus to the needs of the 529th Air Service Group will be made up and it is expected to include the excess flying crews. There will be three categories of personnel on this list: (1) men scheduled to be redeployed before April 31st, (2) men scheduled to be redeployed between May 1st and July 31st, and (3) men scheduled to be redeployed after July 31st. It is believed that men in Category I, can be allowed to remain here the time of their shipment home. Men in the other two categories will be transferred to the 40th Wing in Erlangen, Germany, where reassignments to any of the other groups will be made, after flying crews have been selected for duty here in Foggia.

Among the functions of the 529th ASG after the reorganization will be the maintenance of a flight section of seven or eight aircraft. Flying personnel for this section will most likely be drawn from men in Category III. Additional personnel will be retained for many of the extra functions in Foggia such as Post-Exchange, Adriatic Cleaners and others.

2 Bt Vehicles Go To 529th

The former Second Bomb Group motor pool is being moved, in line with the new reconversion program, to the 529th Service Group Area early next week, according to Lt. Irving Newman, transportation officer. Vehicles will be moved out of the area that had been completely rebuilt and filled-in by the Second Bomb Group transportation personnel, and the land will be derequisitioned shortly after.

All local area transportation will be under the 529th officer Lt. Edward King, and Lt. Newman will revert to assistant transportation officer of the 529th ASG.

Cardinals Arrive In Rome Constellation, Last Word In Aircraft



Edward Mooney and Samuel A. Stritch, cardinal-designates from America, arrive at Ciampino Airport.

(Photo by John Turner, Stars and Stripes)

Rome, February 17:

Four cardinal-designates from America and one from China arrived in Rome this past week on TWA Constellations to attend the first Consistory in seven years. Welcomed by hoards of newspapermen and hundreds of well-wishers, the cardinal-designates were in high spirits and anxious to talk to the reporters who seemed interested mainly whether the cardinals - to be thought the airplane was here to stay. One interviewer actually asked that question of Cardinal Glennon.

Cardinal-designates Samuel A. Stritch (Chicago) and Edward Mooney (Detroit) arrived with a party of thirty on the "Star of Cairo" Tuesday afternoon. Approximately thirty-five reporters, photographers and movie cameramen began a rush to the plane before the engines stopped, and the cardinals stepped out upon the mobile stairs alongside the door of the plane. But for the first few minutes there were no photographers to record the event, because the MP's, obeying strict orders, held every one of the ramp.

LIFE With MP's

Life's cameraman, Ralph Morris tried to challenge the right of the military police to prevent his entrance, but he succeeded in getting pictures only of the angry faces and fists of determined MP's. Sam Schulman (INS) added to the tumult by reminding the police that he was trying to make a living, and by that time all the newsmen, deciding that they could do it with numbers, broke through the barrier and got their pictures and recorded the statements made by the unruffled cardinals.

At the press conference both cardinals posed for the cameramen and amiably answered the questions thrust at them. Cardinal-designate Stritch, a short white haired man with a fatherly smile, reminisced about the time he was in Rome in 1907 when Orville Wright had demonstrated the airplane. He laughed as he said that Wright had prophesied that the airplane probably would never have commercial value.

On Thursday two planes arrived, one of them with correspondents from America, and the other with Cardinal-designates Francis J. Spellman (New York), John J. Glen-

non (St. Louis), and Thomas Tien (China). By this time there were one hundred American correspondents in Rome, according to Ed Ellis of the *Stars and Stripes*.

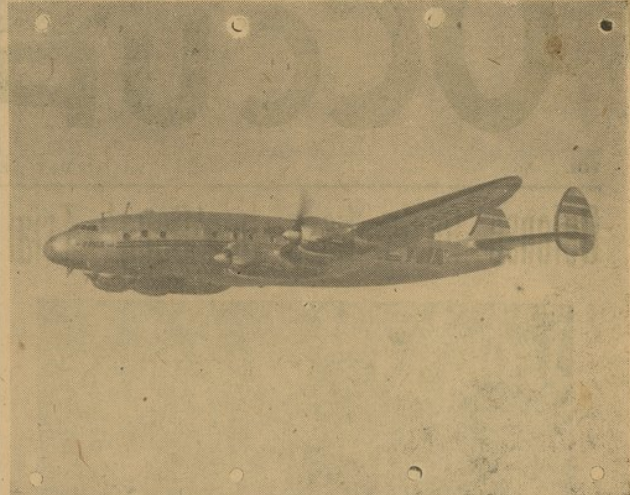
The MP's were taking no chances this time with all these dangerous people around. Provost Marshall Erdworm of the Rome Area briefed the newspapermen on the planned procedure, and only a pre-arranged number of photographers were to be allowed on the ramp. Ralph Morris and Sam Schulman, who were to have been barred by higher headquarters, were permitted entrance only after their promises to behave.

Enthusiastic Reception

As the Star of Rome circled Ciampino at 1710, twenty MP's and *Carabinieri* stood guard on the ramp. The three cardinals stepped out of the plane and walked toward the microphones as the photographers fell over one another getting pictures. The huge welcoming party that had contained itself until the men reached the ramp unleashed a storm of welcomes and swarmed around the dignitaries with enthusiasm that nearly trampled some of the people.

At the press conference, Cardinal Glennon sat and Cardinal Spellman stood at his side, while Cardinal Thomas Tien was surrounded by adoring Chinese worshippers who boasted that "he is the first cardinal China has had".

The cardinals to-be were led to waiting staff cars after the meeting, and a motorcycling escort of MP's cleared their way as motion picture cameras recorded the event to the very end.



TWA's Constellation in flight.

It was my firm belief as I looked into TWA's Constellation, "The Star of Cairo" that the people who would appreciate the huge four engine transport plane the most would be men who had spent most of their flying hours in military aircraft.

Heated thermostatically and with a pressure controlled cabin that keeps a sea level altitude at 12,000 feet, the Constellation is the last word in flying comfort. Two complete meals can be served to the 47 passengers that are carried on over-seas hops, while the passengers can adjust their deep cushioned seats to their own taste.

Crew Of Seven

The international addition of TWA's pride carries a crew of seven (2 pilots, navigator, radio operator, engineer, steward, and a female hostess). Powered by four Wright Cyclone 2200 horsepower engines, the Lockheed built transport plane can attain a speed of 340 miles per hour with a full load, and boasts a range of 5,000 miles.

I spoke to Captain G. D. Sohn, one of the three pilots on the "Star of Cairo" — this plane carried an additional pilot — and he said that the plane had flown at 15,000 feet on the hop from Gander, Newfoundland to Shannon, Ireland at 210 MPH (IAS), and averaged powered settings of about 1700 RPM and 30 inches of mercury. (Pilots who flew the *Green Project* can compare that to their power settings on a B-17 of 2100 RPM and 31 inches to average about 175 RPM).

Service Ceiling Of 25,000 Feet

The pressure cabin keeps the Constellation at a "12,000 foot pressure differential," which Captain Sohn explained means that at 15,000 feet the plane has the pressure altitude of 3,000 feet, and all the comforts that go with low altitude flying. With the use of turbos, the plane has a service ceiling of 25,000 feet.

Captain Sohn went on to say that in tests he had flown on Constellations, they had stalled out at approximately 75 MPH with power and half flaps.

The Constellation, classified the C-69 by Lockheed has a wing-span of 123 feet, empty weight of 51,500 pounds, and can carry a maximum load of 38,500 pounds. It carries from 41 to 47 passengers on overseas

flights (depending on the fuel required) and it has a fuel capacity of 4690 gallons. The required take-off run at sea-level is less than 1600 feet fully loaded; propellers are three blade Hamilton, hydromatic; 15 feet, 2 inches.

Record transcontinental time was 6 hours 58 minutes.

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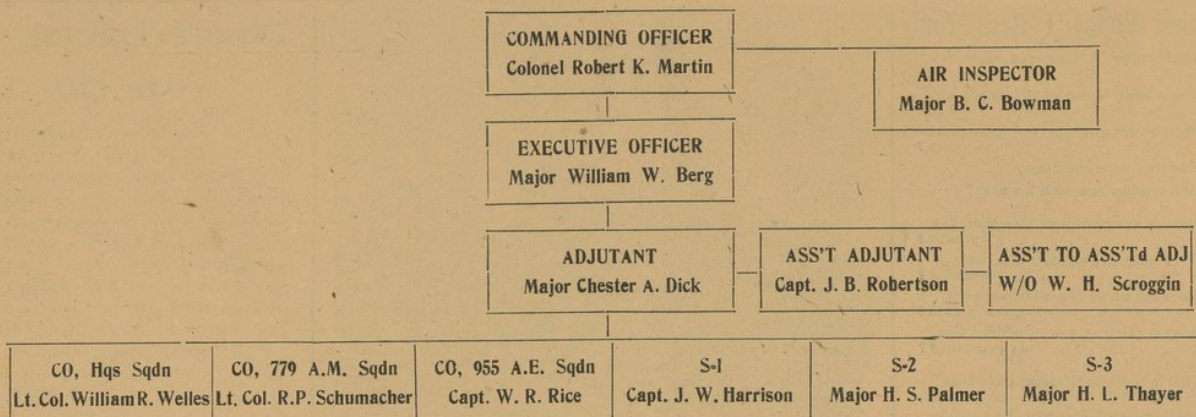
Bob Buffington Broadcasts General's Visit

Bob Buffington, radio announcer on station ARC "The Earphone Ballroom" at the 55th Station Hospital broadcast a novel play-by-play account of General C. H. Lee's visit to the hospital Monday morning. From the ARC studio atop the hospital front, Buffington described the entrance of the General's entourage and all the formalities of the reception as they happened, while the hospital's patients listened to their bedside earphones. Buffington commented on the calibre of the salutes, and when the visiting party disappeared from his view, he played popular recordings until the General reappeared.

Station ARC, built by a signal company in the spring of 1944, plays as a supplement to Foggia AES. Whenever the local AES is off the air, either on the regular 9AM to 11AM break, or because of mechanical failures, station ARC takes over. During the morning broadcasts, Bob Buffington plays a request program for the patients and interrupts the music with advertisements of hospital significance.

FOGGIA ARMY AIR BASE

529th AIR SERVICE GROUP



FAAB Reassigns Personnel, Moves Quarters

The Foggia Army Air Base, 529th Air Service Group, has reorganized under the command of Colonel Robert K. Martin. Using the personnel of the old Second Bomb Group and the 529th Air Service Group, the functions of the two commands will be combined into one group. Personnel who have signed waivers, are married or who have the lowest number of points will be retained here. The new replacements who have just arrived from the states will be assigned to units existing here.

The Foggia Army Air Base will be responsible to the 40th Bomb Wing, Colonel Anthony Mustoe commanding.

Eight airplanes are to be kept here at the Foggia Main field. Each plane will be comprised of a crew of five—Pilot, Copilot, Navigator, Radio Operator, and Engineer. In selecting the Officer personnel for this flight section consideration will be given to those individuals who are capable of functioning in other duties. Surplus flying personnel will be transferred to the 40th Bomb Wing in Germany for reassignment. No date has been set for this shipment.

New Living Quarters

The consolidation of the units has necessitated a shuffling of living quarters for officers and enlisted men. Enlisted personnel living in the Headquarters Building of the old 2nd Bomb Group will move to the quarters of the Headquarters Squadron, 529th Air Service Group. Personnel of the 955th Air Engineering Squadron will be quartered in the 96th Bomb Squadron and members of the Security Section will be quartered in the old 20th Squadron. Personnel of the 779th Air Material Squadron will remain in their present location.

Officers remaining here for duty will move from BQ 20 to the Headquarters Building. Married officers and enlisted personnel of the first three grades who are at present drawing rental allowances will move to BQ 20 as the surplus flight personnel move out.

The only buildings scheduled for early deriquisioning are the office building of the 529th Air Service Group located on Via Santa Maria Della Neve, the old 429th Squadron, the old 49th Squadron, the Motor Pool

near the 96th Squadron, and the motor pool located in back of the 20th squadron, the present 529th Officers Club and several EM Night Clubs.

Special Bus

A special bus system to carry enlisted personnel to mess will operate daily on the old schedule with an additional stop at the 96th Squadron. The famous Second Bomb Group Mess which once served the officers of the Fifth Wing and later enlisted personnel of the Headquarters Detachment, Second Bomb Group will be discontinued and its rooms converted into office space.

This reorganization will not affect units such as the 55th Station Hospital, 1898th Engineers, 1585th Ordnance, AES, 1921st since they are under separate commands.

- The staff officers will be:
- American Town Major — Captain David S Ives
 - Chaplains — Captain M J McGowan
 Captain C Sadler
 - Civilian Personnel — Capt J L Tupper
 - Communications — Capt H L Kilgore
 - I and E — Capt Matthew Picozzi
 - Legal Officer — Unassigned
 - Medical Section — Capt T H Davidson
 - Ordnance — Unassigned
 - Photo — Unassigned
 - Provost Marshall — Capt R W Clark
 - Radar Observer — 1st Lt H C Nease
 - Special Service — 2nd Lt L D Dickinson
 - Statistics — Capt J B Robertson
 - Transportation — Lt Edward King
 - Utilities — Lt Varney

(Ed's Note: This is written as of Tuesday, February 19, and cannot be considered as final and authoritative. Like all military activities it is subject to last minute changes).

Five Officers Leave For States On TDY

Five officers left Foggia this week, but they did with mixed feelings—they have to come back! Having the required minimum of fifteen months overseas, they agreed to sign a waiver to come back for six more months and under a USFET quota, they left for 45 days temporary duty in the States, at their homes, after which time they will return to their units.

"Boy, that's the blow," was Captain B. Thomas' remark, "coming back." He was clearing S-4 when we found him and didn't have much time to talk to us. We trotted along at his heels, trying to catch what he said.

"Where am I going? Well, my home is in Columbus, Georgia; that's on the outskirts of Fort Benning, you know. I'm going back there to my wife and just take things easy for a while. I don't have anything planned exactly, but before this job I was Wing Weather Officer and I've been living in BOQ 20 for twenty-two months now, and after that anything is bound to be good. One thing I'll tell you, though, I'm going to get plenty of the good milk I didn't get enough of in Switzerland." He rushed off before we could get any more.

I'm Not Ready Yet

When we found Captain Joseph O'Neill, Special Services head, he seemed quite calm. "All ready, Captain?" we passed off nonchalantly.

"Hell, no, I'm not ready! They told me yesterday that I have to get everything transferred over to 529 by tomorrow, and, brother, I don't know if I'm going to make it. Boy, will I be teed off if I miss that boat, especially after twenty-four months over here.

"Where will I go? Well, I'm going to visit my mother in Woodhaven, New York, but I really want to see that big city again. Just see some good New York shows, drive a good civilian car, visit my friends and relatives and take it easy.

"And coming back won't be so bad. I expect to feel fine about the whole thing. Besides with that new Army Regulation limiting overseas service to thirty months, I'll be going home anyway six months after I get back. I feel pretty good." He was muttering something about Home, Sweet Home when we left.

Going To Get Married

Later, we bumped into Mr. Irville R. Swan, Group Technical Inspector, in Squadron Supply having the serial numbers checked on his hack watch. "You don't want them to take it away from you in the Repple Depple, do you," the sergeant laughed.

"You know, it's funny about this going home," Mr. Swan mused. "Now that I know I'm going, I don't feel any different, but I hate to think what I'll feel like when I come back. Well, the best thing, I guess, is not think about it. I'm going back to Hartford, Connecticut, get married, then take my wife up to Camden, Maine where my home is.

"But before I leave the States I want to get to New York, and do some good old night clubbing, with some good dance bands, (Say, where is Vaughn Monroe now?) And while I'm home, too, I'm going to get some of the fine New England sea food I've been missing these past twenty-five months.

"And then I guess I won't mind coming back. I'm in the Regular Army anyway, and anxious to finish up with this overseas stuff."

32 Months Overseas

Major Mantovani, adjutant of the 529th Air Service Group, was so surprised by the whole thing he could hardly talk about it. "Boy! if that isn't typical of the Army. Yesterday morning they tell me the whole deal is off, and now they say I'm leaving tomorrow. I don't even know where to start. But I guess you know I was top man on this list with 32 months overseas. St. Louis will really look good after that."

We told him that we liked the city very much.

"Yeah, I hear it's a pretty good town."

"Oh," we said, "we thought it was your home town."

"Well, it is, but I've been away from there ever since I was drafted in 1941, and I guess I'm not up on things. This "rest and recuperation" stuff will brush me up on the place, though. I'm really looking forward to being at that first baseball game in April. I'm not a hot Cards fan. Say, will you pardon me, I've got things to do."

As a parting shot we asked how he thought he would feel when he got back. "Don't know, but I suspect I'll be damn blue," he said.

The last of the lucky five was Lt. Chalmers S. Murphy, Provost Marshall. "I haven't got any plans. I'm just going to Boston to see my wife and baby, then go down Chambersberg, Pennsylvania where I live, and rest. That's all."

LOCAL ITEMS

That Puppy I Gave You

That puppy I gave you must be growing fat,
The picture is due of this terror of the cat.
Does he chew shoes and ruin your hose?
Find you have the blues,
And cuddles you with his nose?
How is the protection this little dog affords?
Does he give detection of a wolf at the door?
Does he whine and whimper when given a bath?
Does he look at you in temper, and do you laugh?
That wrinkle in his face, and those floppy ears,
Would make a picture for the future years.

SAMUEL MCKNIGHT

Permanent Guests

We heard last week some new replacements had come to Foggia from Istres, and being always interested in new faces, fresh from greener lands, we wandered out to the line at Foggia Main to have some talk with the men. It was a windy day and we found *Pvt. Ernie Plummer*, a slow talking Selma, Alabama boy, and "*Red*" *Reed* from Cincinnati, Ohio, sheltering themselves beside the fuselage of one of the planes. They didn't mind talking although when we asked them how things were in the States when they left two months ago, they only lit up with an ecstatic look and were silent, then unhappy.

They related the sad tale of how they had left the States in December, and had arrived in Le Havre on Christmas Day. "Not much of a damn Christmas present," was Ernie's comment. Then they pushed on to Istres, where they stayed four weeks. "Chees, you should see how they live up there. Those pre-fabs, and the outside latrines and showers, ugh."

"Kinda reminded me of Shepherd Field," Red put in.

"Well, how about Foggia?" we asked, like good Chamber of Commerce representatives.

"Well, we ain't had a chance to get around much yet, only been here four days. But I heard some of the fellows say they liked that Top Hat Club, and Red here went out and got drunk there the other night, so I guess it must be pretty good."

"Yeah, and you can put down that when we got a good reception when we came here, everybody was glad to see us, if you know what I mean. We're in the 96th Squadron, and Capt. Skinner gave us a little talk when we arrived, but that's all. Now we're just working out here on the line."

"What I like is the good service you get in the mess hall."



W/O Roland De'Ath and Pvt. Gwenith Hogg and wedding party; best man Sgt. K. G. Porter, Chaplain J. P. Stevenson. W/O De'Ath flew from Suez for the wedding.

"How many points do you fellows have?" we asked.

"Well, I got 19," Red said with a half smile, "and Ernie has 14."

"What do you think about the point system, think it was fair?"

They didn't answer as quickly as before; then Red came out slowly with, "Well, I guess it was pretty fair. We really haven't got anything to gripe about there. We just got in on things too late. But according to the MTO plan that's up on the bulletin board, I'll be home in June." ("And I'll get back by Christmas," Ernie put in, "we're been in the army that long. Fourteen months, you know.")

"But what gripes me is that we have been in the army all that time and we're still privates, and then we got a guy with us whose only been in eight months and already he's a Pfc. What about us?"

With the discussion turning to rank we left.

Recruits Wanted

While we were at Foggia Main a plane came in from Germany. We decided to make some talk with the pilot to see what the latest views on conditions in Germany were. Lt. Al Gutgesell, Engineering Officer of the 96th Squadron, was enthusiastic about the towns he had seen. "And you should have seen that Wiesbaden," he said. "What a place! They really live right up there. Nice hotels, good food. What a place. Of course, the fact that it's USAF Headquarters might have something to do with it."

Always happy to hear good news about living conditions in Germany, we asked him what, in particular, was so terrific about Wiesbaden.

"Boy, you should see it," he exclaimed. "For instance, they have a big taxi service all over the town. Any time you want to go some place, you just call up and get a jeep with a German driver. Or, you can hail them on the street. Terrific. You can go any place you want."

"And the beer up there is out of

this world. You can get a keg of it for a buck ten, or these big mugs full for two and a half marks. That's a nickel. You don't hear any complaints up there.

Since it was USAF Headquarters, we wondered if there was much rank there.

"Oh, hell yes. On one street near the main headquarters I counted fifteen staff cars, and all of them had one to three stars on them. This one guy I was talking to said he saw one car pull up and five full colonels pile out. But, "he went on," I didn't notice that it was very chicken up there. We had to wear blouses at dinner, but that was about all."

"How long were you there?"

"We were in Germany five days, and you should see that weather. I think the whole time I was in Germany I was on instruments."

"Did you come back with anything?"

"Yes, I traded six packs of cigarettes for an Iron Cross. Got the ribbon with it, too. It's red, black, and white. Pretty nice. Souvenir."

The cigarette market, as you can see, has hit bottom.

New Airline Terminal

We walked over to Base Operations to see if anything was happening. Somehow as we entered the building we turned left instead of right, and come upon a hallway that had a line of very imposing signs, and for a second we thought we had hit on a new airline terminal in the making.

We saw "Briefing Room," "Pilot's Locker Room," "Store Room," "Weather Office", and it all seemed like a great set-up. Then, our interest aroused, we wandered down the hallway. The signs were no mirage, but the rooms were empty. The proposed briefing room had a great map of all Europe and North Africa on one wall. There was nothing else there. In the waiting room there was only a desk, no chairs or any of the other of the usual accommodations.

When we walked into the store room we came on Lt. H. D. Kelley, Second Bomb Group wit and also Base Operations Officer. He was looking solemnly at the four blank walls. We asked him what he was thinking.

"Hell, I was just wondering if this place is ever going to get finished. Would really be pretty nice, except the Weather Officer took the warmest room in the whole place."

"And did you see the new counter we've got in the old operations room. Come on along," he said turning to the other side of the building.

We went along.

Where Babies Are Born

Ginny Woolfolk, the 55th Station Hospital's ARC go-getter, was quite insistent that we see the hospital's fine obstetrical ward, when we visited her the other day. She talked us up the stairs, and we entered a bright, airy floor that looked like it would be excellent for such use, although we must admit that we know very little about such things. Her pride and joy was the nursery, where we found four cribs and an improvised incubator. Nurse Angie Scaglione, the guiding light of the department, found respiratory masks for us, and, feeling a little like Dr. Kildare, we entered the blue room.

The babies, two of them, seemed quite comfortable, but they did not have much to say on the subject. Ginny explained for them that all the cribs had been hand made by the hospital staff, and that the big problem had been in getting the all-important scales. Here the Town Major entered with a helping hand, and got an Italian scale. The staff is kept even more busy now converting kilograms to pounds. Some of the blankets and bedding in the room have come from Red Cross chapters in the States, Ginny said, putting in a plug for the home team.

The Doc Delivers

Then we saw the complete diet kitchen, where the babies have their formulas made up, when they get old enough for the stronger things in life, and the delivery room. Here, Captain Edward Lucente is the key man, handling all of the hospital's obstetrical cases. In the entire department the hospital has given him the best cooperation, and he is quite pleased with his pleasant surroundings, and likes the complete equipment.

In the post-delivery ward the wives seem to be aware that they were getting care that compares to anything in the States. When we walked in they were chatting happily, and the bright sunlight streaming through the large windows on the green tile walls made a pleasant scene.

"And that isn't all," Ginny said, as if she were trying to rent out one of rooms, "there is also a pre-natal clinic that is conducted every Saturday afternoon. We have from ten to fifteen wives who come here between two and four in the afternoon to get all sorts of advice and treatment." We understood that smile to mean, "but you're only a man; you wouldn't understand about such things."

"And when the wives are under the doctor's prescription," she added, "they can draw seven cans of milk and fourteen ounces of sugar a week at the PX we have set up for them here. Oh, I think we treat them fine."

And we agreed; they really do.

Sam McKnight Is A Character

After short deliberation we decided; Sam McKnight is a character. We found him in the Fortress Club one afternoon, amid planks of wood and hard banging carpenters, and before we could tell him what we wanted he motioned us to follow him into his room. He continued his conversation with his architect on the fine art of making dice tables.

"Now, look, Vic", he was saying, "you've got to put a ledge on them, so the fellows can put their drinks down". The Italian looked confused, and walked away muttering, "Anybody got a cigarette?". Mac said in our direction. We didn't, but we wanted to know about this fellow McKnight who had nonchalantly walked up to one of the USO girls in Foggia last week and told her,

"You're hep, you're live to the jive with pep,
You're solid as a dollar bill,
You're strictly a kitty from the city,
Down Skiddy—Wa—Diddy,
You're reet, you're pleet,
You're drape with the shape"
and on and on.

We had seen him around the Fortress Club, supervising the renovation of the large club. But it ran in the family, Mac said. His father is an engineer and does construction work, but that wasn't for Mac. He went to Minnesota, studying law. "After getting a discharge, though", he added, "I'd like to go up to Zurich University and study languages".

"Languages!" we thought, mulling over the jive talk in our minds. "This fellow makes up his own".

"Say, Lt. Blessing", he called out to an officer who had dropped up to see the new club, "have you got a cigarette?"

Lt. Blessing said he didn't have a cigarette either, but he wanted to know what the new club was going to look like.

"Boy, you are really going to have a club here; come here, let me tell you about it. This is going to be the best club in Italy. The bar is all done up in a red and black checkerboard pattern that is really "reet". There's even indirect lighting coming right from the glass bricks in the bar itself. Then there are soft seats, like couches and divans and stuff, with maroon upholstery. There's a gambling room, a ladies powder and rest room. It's gonna be terrific. I figure somebody will be using this place for quite some time".

Ladies Man

An Italian woman came into the room suddenly, exclaiming her complaint loudly. Mac nodded slowly and sympathetically. When she had run herself out of words, he matched her in patter as he smiled and pinched

her cheek. She walked out of the room, beaming.

"Say, does anyone have a cigarette?". The Italian standing beside him said that he didn't have one either.

"Where'd you get that poetry, Mac", we asked him.

"Oh, I've written quite a bit of the stuff. Listen to this", he said, and recited a poem called "Women".

"Say", we said, "that's not bad, Why don't you get it published".

"Nope, not that. That's a personal one".

A sergeant walked in the room. "You're just the man I want to see", Mac exclaimed, "Nicky, do you have a cigarette?".

"Yeah, do you want one?"

McKnight was diving at him, when we side-stepped and left the room.

Unemployment Severe Here In Foggia

The unemployment problem in the Province of Foggia has been steadily increasing in proportions until at the present time there are over nineteen thousand unemployed persons in the Foggia area, who have applied for work or assistance. Emergency measures have been taken by the central government in Rome with the appropriation of three hundred million lire for public works. Although this sum has provided seven hundred work-days for the laborers of the province it has until this time proved inadequate to solve the pressing problem.

Additional governmental measures are attempting to cope with the situation. For example an employer may not fire a worker for reasons other than negligence or stealing. If the services of the employee are no longer needed, according to the law, the man must continue to be paid by the employer.

Lack of raw materials has been the chief cause of Foggia's failure to get back on its feet. The main industries of the city remain closed because of a lack in electrical power. An idle cement factory, one of the largest in Italy, and a great bauxite plant, which remains closed, are testimonies to the fact that at the present time in Foggia raw material is far more important than money

There is a need for cement and steel which will provide materials with which Foggia can rebuild, and aid in solving its unemployment problem.

Allied Forces Chief Employer

One of the key causes to the increase of the numbers of unemployed is the pulling out of Allied Forces units. In February of 1945, approximately 22,000 persons were in the employ of the armed forces. At the present time that number has dropped to 2,000.

Low point in the figures of unemployed in the last year came in the past June when only 2,619 persons were unemployed. Insofar as a substantial number of persons were being employed in agricultural fields at that time, the number was low. However, at the present time, because of the seasonal nature of agricultural work, unemployment in that field has risen from 2,428 in June to 13,724 in December.

Unemployment Compensation

Chief agency for the aid of the unemployed is the Istituto Nazionale Previdenza Sociale, a national workers insurance organization, which has provided workers unemployment compensation for Italians since 1922.

However, the exceptional nature of the present crisis is trying the funds of the nation-wide organization, and additional measures are necessitated. Under the organization of the Istituto Nazionale Previdenza Sociale, workers give a percentage of their wage, according to the age and amount received by the laborer. This sum is implemented by an equal amount given to the organization by the employer. Although the organization is not a governmental agency, it is protected and guided by national law. Compensation may be given for ninety days. For the first thirty days, benefits amount to approximately one third of the workers last wage. If benefits continue, they do so for the next sixty days at some what a lesser rate.

In addition to providing unemployment compensation the Institute also arranges for old age pensions for the workers, as well as providing funds for victims of tuberculosis and cancer. Many sanitariums are still in existence in the Italian Alps which were erected by use of the funds of the Istituto Nazionale.

Unemployment, however, at the present time is of such an extended nature that the Istituto Nazionale Previdenza Sociale is unable to cope with the problem. Foggia looks forward to the receipt of the raw materials it needs to begin its reconstruction program which will cut down its problem of unemployment.

The Ladies Wear Black

The Little Friends of the Second Bomb Group Society, which for the past few months has maintained its headquarters in the Excelsior Hotel in Rome heard a rumor last week that their favorite military organization was going to Germany. Our Rome correspondent reports that the effect of the rumor was instantaneous, and that night at the hotel all the women wore black!

A Lire For Your Thoughts

Cpl. CLYDE RUPPERT (2nd Bomb Band):

"Well, the phonograph was playing 'Let Me Love You Tonight' and I was thinking of my wife. I'm going home tomorrow."

JEANNIE COBB (ARC):

"I'd like to go to Germany. I'd even go for the Second Bomb."

F/O FRANK LAMIA, 96th Squadron: "I heard a rumor that the Flight Officers are going to be made Second Lieutenants — again."

Pvt. ROBERT JONES, 64th MP's:

"I was just thinking about going home, but when will they get down to 28 points?"

JOGK JORDAN (ARC):

"I was just thinking about what I was going to say on the 'Around the Town' broadcast, this morning. Got to keep trying to make this place sound intriguing."

School Fund Drive Over 1,000,000 Mark

School officials in Foggia, working hard to bring battered buildings and disorganized courses back into operation, have raised some 1,090,000 lire in a province-wide drive for the schools of Foggia. Heads of schools, working with the school superintendent, have organized several money-raising projects, with the acquirement of 4,000,000 lire as their first goal. This sum, which will pay for a thousand student-benches and forty desks is part of the total of 250,000,000 lire that is estimated to be the amount needed to bring the entire school system back to pre-war condition.

Cooperation from many parties is responsible for the good results thus far. Volunteers have taken up a house to house canvas, soliciting funds in the name of the drive. Receipts are given in all cases and names of the donors are available with the amount each has contributed. Some 10,000 lire is attributed to GIs and officers so far.

Perhaps a third of the money has been raised by a voluntary tax that shopkeepers have been willing to impose on themselves and customers. A certain sum, varying with the size of each purchase is automatically set aside. Other money-raising plans include concerts, one of which has already been held at the Flagella theater. Paper for forms, tickets, and receipts has been donated free and printing plants have offered their services also without charge.

Committeemen report that the first purchase of the desperately needed benches has already been made.



Miss Shiriey Ann Fasso, the redheaded gal with the shape, and Betty Pat Smith, the pretty little blonde, from SONS OF FUN inspect a B-17 out at Foggia Main during their visit here with their USO troupe.



Static From Your A.E.S.

Well, now you know all! That is, all about the life of "Mustache"... His life story was dramatized over "Cookie Time" the other day...

How Did You Do It, Jill

There is one question that remains unanswered here at the studio... How did G. I. Jill sneak in on Cookie Time the other night?

NAAF-EFI Closes In Foggia

After some eighteen months of service to thousands of troops, NAAF-EFI started packing up to leave Foggia on Friday, February 18th...

Similar To Our ARC

NAAF-EFI, which stands for Navy-Army-Air Forces Institute-Expeditionary Forces Institute, performs for British Forces, many of the services that the American Red Cross does...

The British WVS (Women's Voluntary Services), represented by Mrs. Vera High of Wakefield in Yorkshire, gave English boys that sought after touch of home...

Nights' Round Foggia

At the Embassy Club: Receptions are going on full scale, under the supervision of Don Heitzman...

At the Wonder Bar

Pete Leiding's fine club at the hospital is a center of nightly festivity, boasting a special dance every Friday night with music provided by Vita's Invaders Band...

At the Top Hat Club

Milt Berman and Wayne Rickey are boasting about their two new waitresses that are taking the fellows minds off their drinking...

At Pineapple Pete's

Now that the new club officers have been elected, the club is getting back to normal and big things are planned...

At the Fireside Club

It's still closed, but hopes to reopen soon. Remodeling is now being done under the supervision of Lt. Sayers...



AROUND THE TOWN CHARLEEN GIRL ABOUT TOWN

If allence were golden, Foggia would be called the Glistening city... The Ensa Theater closed Saturday night with a performance of the movie, "Conflict"...

Miller, Are You In Love

R. L. Miller, 20th, really looked cute in rump and bonnet when he did the hunkie pokes at the Sport of Fun show...

Jo, Don, A Ring Equals?

Jo and Don have the ring and the ring is wearing on third finger, left hand. They say it isn't so. AES and a group of the 200 boys have been outdoing themselves...

Mumphy Bogart Ryan

Have you all met the "Humpty Bogart" of Foggia. It's none other than Lt. Humphrey Ryan of the APO He calls Jean Copp "The Look"...

Cuestick With Veins

As a draped trophy at its dainties was modeled by Sherry Terms one sick with veins, a stiff giraffe and a lace bra brood his boy frame...

The Ensa Theater closed Saturday night with a performance of the movie, "Conflict"...

BOOK REVIEW

THREE OF A KIND

James M. Cain I and E Library

Among the foremost of the modern American school of authors is James M. Cain, who is now enjoying a period of great popularity in the States...

Title Collector

It was one day last week when we looked in room 227 in the Second Bomb Headquarters and found the man with the longest string of titles in Foggia...

Good To See You, Bub

The replacements scheduled to arrive in Foggia will probably get a pleasantly rose-colored picture of life in Valley Forge...

WHAT THE BOYS WILL WEAR



Bathing beauty, Dick Brown - Linprey, Hy Terman - Whiteblow evening gown, Gordon Kinney

Bridge With The Experts

By EDWINE W. DOW

Here is an interesting case of overidding on a hand that had definite possibilities. An expert happened to be playing North while his partner was in the novice class...

Flagella Theatre

Sun. Feb. 17th - 14:00 & 19:00: "PURSUIT TO ALGIERS" Basil Rathbone & Nigel Bruce. Mon. Feb. 18th - 19:00: "PURSUIT TO ALGIERS". Tue. Feb. 19th - 19:00: "TOO YOUNG TO KNOW" Jean Leslie & Robert Hutton. Wed. Feb. 20th - 14:00 & 19:00: "TOO YOUNG TO KNOW". Thu. Feb. 21st - 19:00: U.S.O. Stage Show "TREASURES OF MUSIC" 6 girls 3 men. Thu. Feb. 21st - 20:15: "TOO YOUNG TO KNOW". Fri. Feb. 22nd - 19:00: "TREASURES OF MUSIC" featuring Rosalind Russell & Lee Bowman. Sat. Feb. 23rd - 14:00 & 19:00: "PURSUIT TO ALGIERS".

FACES AND PLACES



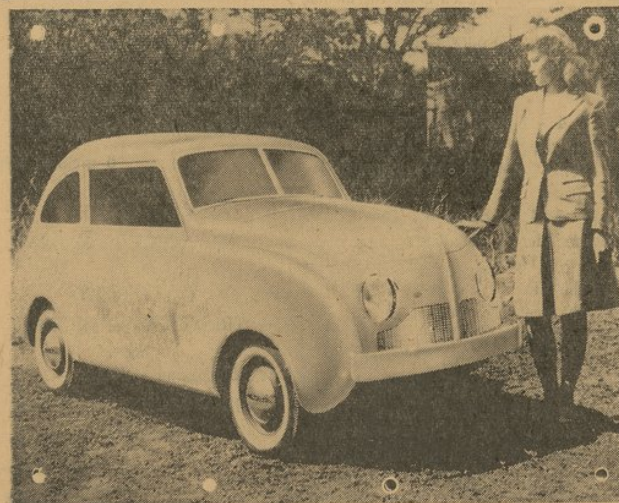
PICTURE OF WHOLE DAY - Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 22, 1945 - A photographer of the AAF's Cold Weather Testing Detachment at Ladd Field, 11th Air Force base 75 miles below the Arctic Circle, made this record of the sun's brief appearance on December 21st, the shortest day of the year. (USAAF)



KRIEGIES HOLD REUNION - American Prisoners of War who endured hardships from the Nazis in German prison camps fulfilled a vow tonight as they held a reunion at the Hotel Roosevelt. The POW's vowed, if they ever got out they'd have a 'superbash' on the first January 14th following end of hostilities. 'Superbash' means a feast which calls for white bread, meat, coffee, cigars and a white table cloth - things not seen at POW Camps. Here, Pin-Up Girl, Frances Vorn, chats with prisoners, Sgt Jack Van Allen, of New York City, and Lt Bert R Shepard, Clinton, Ind. at the reunion. (INS Photo)



MUSICAL FIRST - Duke Ellington at the piano and Louis Armstrong with his trumpet "give out" during a rehearsal at the RCA - Victor Recording Studio, of Leonard Feather's song, "Long, Long Journey." This is the first time the Duke and Armstrong have made a recording together and they will play with Feather's "All Star Orchestra," winners of a 1946 magazine award. (Wide World)



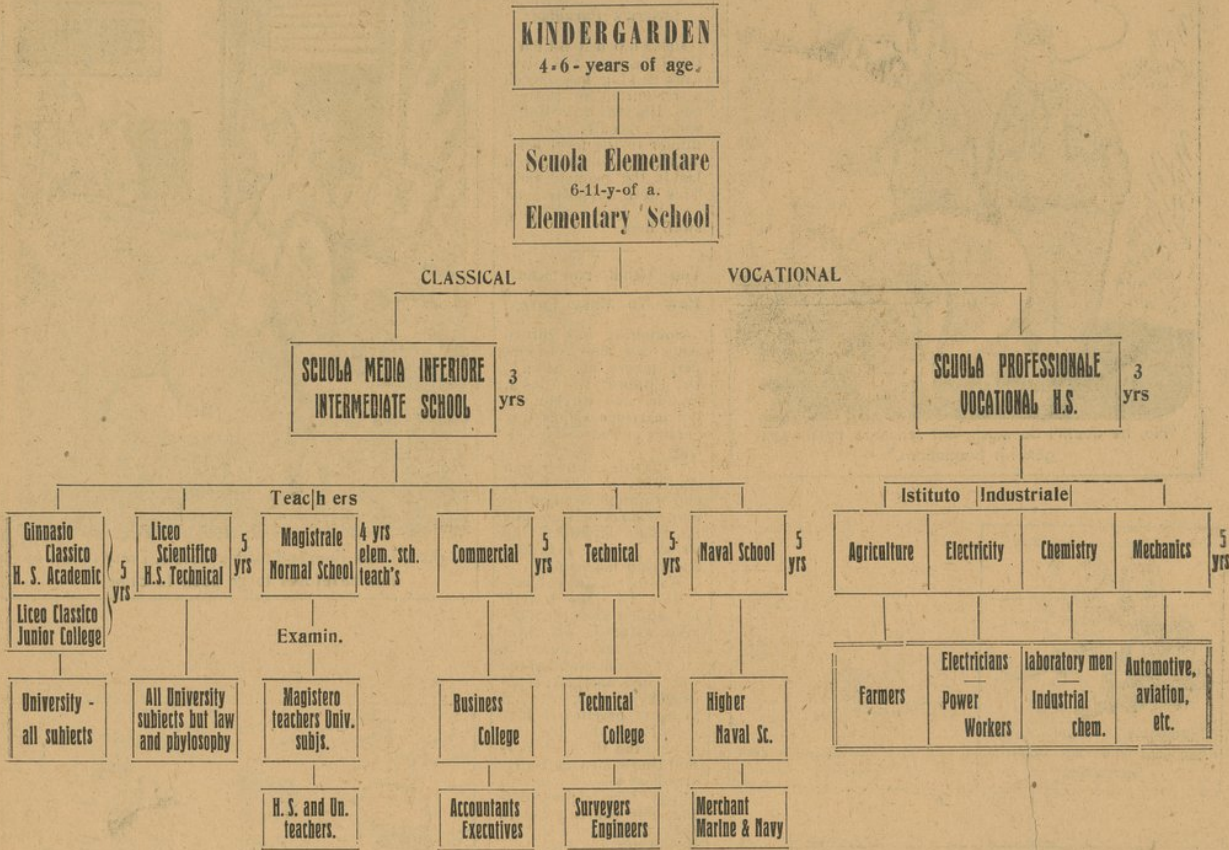
FIRST POSTWAR CROSLY - Crosley Motors' first post war automobile will have a streamline aluminum body on an 80 inch wheelbase and will be powered by a new type, four cylinder, water cooled, furnace-brazed sheet steel engine developing 26 1/2 horsepower. The new model has two seats in front, two in back and a luggage space 25 by 40 inches. The new engine weighs 59 pounds and is only slightly larger than a standard typewriter. This is how the 57 inches high and 49 inches wide car contrasts with the height of the girl. (Wide World)



ON THE OTHER FOOT - Reversing Army life, the officer (ex) shines the shoes of the private (ex) and the corporal (ex). The show-shine boy is former Lt. Charles W. Ziegler of New Orleans, who returned to Tulane College here after serving as Navigator on B - 24's. As part of his "rush" duties for Beta Theta Pi he shines the shoes of ex- Pvt George, Le Gardeur Jr. and ex-Corp Albert Maulin, both of New Orleans. (Wide World)

A REPORT

THE ITALIAN EDUCATIONAL PLAN



The outstanding detriment to Italy's educational system is the fact that the people cannot afford to go to school. The educational plan itself suffers little, if at all, in comparison with that of any other nation.

The Italian laws, which provide compulsory education for children through the ages of 6 to 14, are enforced with greatly varying degrees of efficiency. As in the United States, it is the southern rural areas that suffer the greatest laxity and accompanying illiteracy.

Under ideal conditions, the Italian child starts school at the age of six, possibly after one or two years at kindergarten. In the *scuola elementare*, or elementary school, he learns the same subjects as an American child in the first five years of grade school, with the addition of a non-compulsory course in religion. A difference also exists in the approach to mathematics as Italian children learn the fundamentals of geometry along with addition and subtraction.

Student Specialize

After elementary school, the child begins to specialize, and may attend a secondary school that is either vocational or classical. The child of a poor man or farmer is likely to attend the *scuola professionale* or vocational school as he is ready to go to work after three more years. Though the level of this school compares to the top three grades of an American grade school or the first years of a junior high school, the child receives a lot of practical instruction in woodworking, farming and other manual arts. Girls in this course learn home economics and other subjects fitting them for the career of housewife. Compulsory education stops here. But there is a higher institution in the vocational branch where students specialize in agriculture, chemistry, electricity of mechanics. The course lasts three years and prepares the them for work as lab men or apprentices, or in the case of the agriculture students, for the fields.

The student who chose the classical path after elementary school spends his next three years in a *scuola media inferiore* or junior high school where all academic subjects

are studied including latin, a foreign language, and an elective course in religion.

Compulsory education stops here too. The student who can afford to continue must choose from among six types of schools. These are comparable to high schools and their courses may be roughly classified as academic, science, teachers, commercial, technical, and naval. Each course lasts five years.

Concentration in Classics

The academic student studies in two separate institutions which compare to a high school and junior college. His studies are classical and include languages, histories, and mathematics. After this, with thirteen years of education behind him, he is prepared to enter any university.

The student who enters the science school studies in that institution for five years. His courses are similar but lean heavily toward mathematics, physics, chemistry and are lighter in the classical studies. However, at completion, he enters the same university with the academic student and make take any major except philosophy or law.

The *Magistrale* or teachers normal school is a special institution offering a four year course with many of the studies of the academic student and in addition, subjects of pedagogic nature. The completion of this course qualifies a student to teach in any public elementary school. He may go on, however, after an examination, to a special university called the *Magistero*. Here, a four year course prepares students to be high school teachers. With additional studies in the classics and peda-

Officer Entertainment, Rome And Naples

The Excelsior Hotel has a new show to match the recently altered decorations. The child prodigy this time is a cute seven year old ballet dancer, and the acrobatics are provided by two "Indian rubber" brothers. Best in the city of Rome, however, is the Excelsior's orchestra, as long as they do not play their own songs.

PBS Club, Naples, that lush, well staffed night spot in the Bank of Naples buildings is featuring the Flower of Switzerland, late of Rome. To all who have not seen the Flower before, her performance is a lesson on how little girls can grow old before their time. We like her act, but after seeing it for the fourth time, it appears that her trairer teaches her the movements of her act with a bull whip. "Now I will sing for you..."

gogy he may some day become a professor.

The commercial and technical high schools are actually business schools and each has a college where the subjects may be further pursued. In the commercial course, students learn bookkeeping, accounting, and business mathematics. The technical school produces surveyors, draftsmen and construction engineers.

The naval school comprising a higher and lower institution, trains men for duty in the merchant marine and navy. It is also a trade school that instructs machinists, fitters, plumbers and all the other occupations found aboard ships.

This is a skeleton of the Italian Educational system as it is today. With rebuilt schools, new books, competent teachers, and law enforcement, this system is capable of raising Italy's children to a position of high educational standing in the world.

FOGGIA'S LANDMARK

The Norman Cathedral

The Norman Cathedral in Foggia is the seat of two interesting old legends. There are two chapels in the cathedral and in the "Chapel of the Madonna with Seven Veils" is a picture of a Madonna and Child. Besides the accompanying legend, the picture is interesting for two reasons. It is one of the few Negro Madonnas, and when you go to see it, you can't because it is covered by the seven veils. The painting has a long history. It was brought to Foggia in the sixth century from the Church of Santa Sophia in Constantinople. Then *Zeno*, a Roman emperor sent it to St. Lorenzo Majorana, Bishop of the town that is now Manfredonia, and there it was hidden for four centuries. In 1072, as the tale goes, three small flames appeared on the waves of a lake where the portrait was found. Tradition says that the face of the Madonna appears only to true devotees.

In the other chapel, the "Chapel of the Cross" is a striking life-size statue of Jesus Christ upon the Cross. If for no other reason than to see this statue, the cathedral is well worth visiting. It is carved in a reddish-brown wood with amazing detail by a friar from Trola who is said to have died after it was completed. The legend of this statue is that every fifty years when the statue is carried out of the church, storm, earthquake, or flood comes upon the town. At the last time in 1933, an earthquake is said to have shaken Foggia.

Other decorations in the cathedral is a painting by Tintoretto, beautiful marble walls and pillars, and a plaque placed upon the wall by Fiorello La Guardia after world war I, dedicated to the memory of flyers who lost their lives in the war. Less noteworthy are the newer paintings and stained glass windows added to the interior about seven years ago.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF IT ALL



"No, he doesn't do much, but somehow he always gets his promotions."



"Somehow, I don't always feel safe when Sgt. Smith is instructing."



"I'm sure gonna miss your cookin'."



"He says it's the result of using the Suggestion Box!"

We See By The Papers

Losers's Paradise

Max Addled-A-Bit Baer, the Livermore Cal liver sausage king, has opened a restaurant in Hollywood. His reason: "Hollywood recently gave a dinner to the local baseball team which finished last in the pennant race. This town supports a loser. I'm gonna get along swell here."

You Think You Know How To Make Love...

Soldiering has turned American men into clumsy lovers, according to Dr Clifford R Adams, founder and director of the marriage Counseling Service at Penn State College.

"Pinching an Italian signorina is one thing, and winning the enduring love of an American girl is quite another," he writes in the February American magazine.

Writing on the subject, "How To Make Love," Dr Adams says the inexperience of the American make in love-making is an inevitable result of the war. Guys and gals, separated by the war, lost vital years of practice in love techniques, he declares, explaining that "in normal times men and girls spend at least 8 years in puppy love, serious dating, and courting before they reach the point of broaching marriage."

Dr Adams believes "a good deal of lost time must be made up" and suggests little attentions to pay girls which are helpful to GIs who face the problem of reconverting from the candy circuit to the slower methods of peacetime pursuit.

Prospects for successful reconversion are good, according to the author, because before the war American men were the best lovers in the world.

Dubious Faith

Janice Clemente, 20, from Lancaster, Pa, won a divorce from her husband, Benjamin, 21, when she testified he made her take an oath she wasn't going out with other men after an oujza board said she was.



"I don't think I'm good for his morale. Every time I see him he refuses to go back to camp."



"These money belts sure are a nuisance sometimes, don't you think?"

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Close Order

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"Butch" Stone Leads 20th To 56-32 Win Over All-Stars

The Foggia All-Stars, in skeleton form, met the 20th League leaders and went down to defeat by a one-sided 56-32 count. "Butch" Stone, playing his last game in Foggia before leaving for home the next day, said goodbye with a neat sixteen points. Big Bill Gray, tall center of the former 96th Bluedevil squad, followed him closely with fourteen markers.

20th Squadron Basketball Team



Top; L. to R. Capt. Frank L. Voigtmann, Coach, John Cahir, Roger Taylor, Russel Seeley, Robert Orrell. Botm; Eugene Kaczmarek, Melvin Burgess, Jess Hannan, Paul Weeldreyer, Tony Calabrese. Not shown; Donald Stone and James Jackson.

Gray started the All-Stars off fast in the first quarter by racking up four baskets. Shortly after the tip-off he got his first bucket off the backboard. Jim Jackson, of the 20th-A, came back with a nice flip-up from quarter court. In the first quarter especially the passing was exceptionally good, and the All-Stars did a good job of playing together as a smooth aggregation. Lamia, of the Bluedevils, and Fisher, 55th Hospitaler, both did a good job in the passing department, and worked the ball in neatly to Gray who, in the first frame, did some creditable following up to get his eight points in the first frame. Jesse Hannan, of the 20th, also got two tip-ups off the backboard, and the quarter ended after an up and down the floor fight, in a 10-10 knot, with the All-Stars having the upper hand in the floor game.

Weeldreyer Gets Hot

Starting off fast in the second frame, Jim Jackson, formerly a star player on the Indiana freshman five, swished the cords with an eagle eye shot from the side of the basket. Butch Stone, giving an exhibition of fine dribbling, followed up his teammate with two successive buckets, and later in the quarter added three more to the string to give him a neat ten points in the frame. Complementing Stone's game was Paul Weeldreyer, 20th guard, who usually goes scoreless. He got hot in the second frame, and, along with a good defensive game, found the hoop two times.

Fast breaking plays all during the quarter kept the All-Stars rocked back on their heels, and inexperience as a squad began to show as the tight playing led to several costly bad passes by Gray and Lamia, and the 20th outscored the All-Stars 22-6 in the frame, and pulled out into an undisputed lead of 32-16 as the half ended.

Lamia Scores On Pivots

The third quarter was hard fought, and the All-Stars held the score down, allowing the 20th only eight points, but tight defense on the other side kept them to six points, and they were unable to close the gap. Frankie Lamia, halfway through the period, pulled a pair of neat pivots under the basket to rack up a quick four points.

After being held down, the 20th-A Blackbirds roared back in the final frame. Hannan started the scoring off with a pretty follow of Rog Taylor's set-shot. Substitute Bill Burgess backed him up with two lay-ups from underneath the cords. Bill Gray, keeping his team in the fight, in the scoring as well as in the fast floor work, came back with a backboard tip-up. Then Stone added two more to his total, and Hannan again flipped in a follow-up shot, as the 20th began to pull away. In the last few minutes of the game Gray, Lamia, Hean (of the 529'ers) and Hospitaler Fisher

Officers Lead EM In 55th Volley League

A tight series of volley ball contests has developed between the officers and men of the 55th Station Hospital. At the present time the officers have jumped into the lead, winning two out of three on Monday, and three out of four on the following day. First casualty came Tuesday, when T/5 George sprained his ankle while playing as a substitute on the short-handed officer's team, Tuesday afternoon. The games are played on the hospital grounds.

Thursday's match was called off until a later date. Tentative lineups are: For the Officers; Captains Kitchen, Lucente, Williams, Zinn, and Kelley, and Lieutenant Polowski. For the enlisted men; F/Sgt. Singer, Sgt. Polochsky, T/3 Garrett, T/Sgt. Leiding, T/5 George, T/5 Dennis, and Pvt. Buffington.

dropped individual buckets, but the 20th Blackbirds were too far in the lead to make it close, and the game ended with a 56-32 count.

20th-A	FG	FT	TP	All-Stars	FG	FT	PF
Hannan	4	0	8	Gray	7	0	14
Taylor	4	0	8	Hean	1	0	2
Jackson	5	0	10	Lamia	5	0	10
Stone	8	0	16	Howell	1	0	2
Burgess	4	0	8	Fisher	2	0	4
Orell	0	0	0	Griffin	0	0	0
Weeldreyer	3	0	6				
	28	0	56				

MEET THE BOYS

Sgt Bill Gray could be called an "apple-knocker" if his middle name wasn't "whistle-punk." And the reason it is "whistle-punk" is that during his career as a lumberjack, he was a "high-rigger," "choke-setter," "loader," "bucker," "faller," in fact, almost everything but a "whistle-punk." So, that, logically, became his nickname.

Gray, who has been playing a lot of tournament basketball lately, only went in for two sports at Yakima High. They were basketball and tennis. But sports to him, are more the great outdoors than the ball courts, for his hometown — Wickersham, Washington — boasts a population of 60 (counting hawks).

"Three days before I got in the Army I shot a four-point buck from inside the barn!", says he. His home is fifteen miles from the Canadian border near the Skagit River where "there is the best steelhead fishing in world." And of course there are deer.

"We used to eat more venison than beef," he says. "Steaks two inches thick and just big enough to fit in a frying-pan!"

His first experience with a bear is a real hunters tale in which he took aim, and then stepped off the river bank into six feet of water.

"Never will live it down," he laughs.

It Ain't So

Before he came into the Army, Sgt. Gray was a lumberjack and held jobs with fancy names. "Whistle-punk" is the man who sits on a stump between the "choke-setter" and the "donkey-puncher". The "choke-setter" gets the lines attached to the log, the "whistle-punk" touches two wires together which signals the "donkey-puncher" to start his donkey-engine going. It's that simple. As a "high-rigger", he was the glory-boy of the lumberjack trade and took his chances climbing to the tops of giant trees. He debunks the movie sequences that show "high-riggers" being crushed by their ropes as the trees they are climbing split apart.

"Never saw or heard of anything like that," he says. "I did once see a wind knock the top off a big tree that twested around and knocked the rigger off. He fell a hundred and twenty feet into a pile of logs and scratched his forearm a little."

Logging isn't a business that has modernized very much. The trees still cut down by "fallers" who swing the axe in the old tradition of logging men. It's the old-timers in this business that Bill admires.

"They can set a can on the ground, and then smash it by dropping a tree right on it," he declares.

At this point it began to be apparent that besides their other accomplishments, lumberjacks are also somewhat adept at tale-telling.

Like other radar men, Bill was once a cadet. He's working at the gymnasium now, sweating out the next shipment of 29 month men, and thinking of the day when he'll be back in those Washington woods, hearing the cry of "Timber!" once more.

STU GESCHIEDT

Gym Undergoes Changes

The Second Bomb Group Gymnasium is undergoing a series of changes to keep it in step with changing conditions, Sergeant Russell of Special Services said Wednesday night. Outlining an accelerated program for the coming months, Sergeant Russell announced new sports that soon will be inaugurated and a gymnastics class for Allied Forces Armed Services women which will be held every Monday night from seven-thirty to nine.

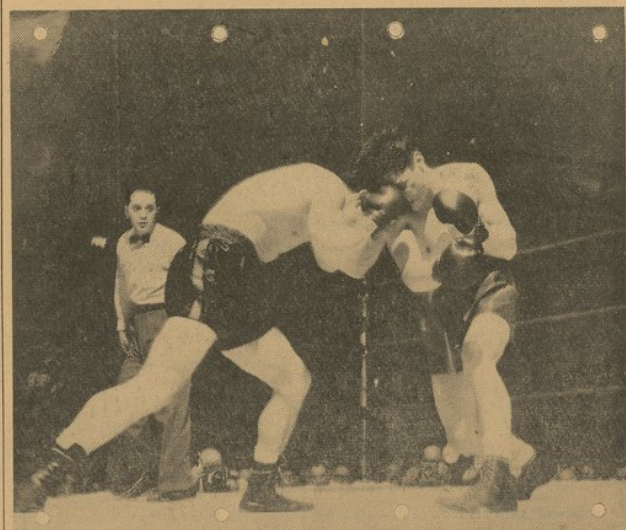
"We've lengthened the basketball court twenty feet, so that now it is a much better court that it was before. Then, we have put in eight more showers, a larger water tank, and a new stove, so that those facilities are much better, too."

"After basketball season is over, we're going to inaugurate indoor tennis, volley ball, and badminton on the main floor, so that there'll be plenty to do for all the fellows who come down to the gym."

"And, also, we have a new coal heating system, as well as having all our formerly opened windows covered over, so that the gym will be warm."

Sergeant Russell announced that Lou Avila, welterweight in the amateur class, and Gus Charbonau, middleweight novice, are leaving on the sixteenth for the Boxing Tournament in Leghorn, where they will fight on the twentieth.

TAG, YOU'RE IT



New York ... Sonny Horne, of New York, at right, is tagged none too gently, flush on the kisser by Rocky Graziano as Rocky Beats him in Madison Squadre Garden ten rounder. Rocky landed plenty of times, like this, to take an unanimous decision. (INS)

MEMBERS OF THE RAILROAD GANG



Standing trial for alleged criminal conspiracy and complicity in the theft of Allied Military property are, reading from left to right: Pasquale Garruto, Attilio Stridi, Francesco Bruno, Raffaele Scaleria, Salvatore Stridi, and Mario Carella.

PROTESTS INNOCENCE



Saveria Palladino Galasso pleads 'not guilty' as she is questioned by the President of the Tribunal Domenico De Cesare. Sonora Galasso is charged with selling Allied Military goods.

(Photo by Savino Bufalo)

Defense Rests Case In Railroad Gang Trial

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Sentence will be passed by the President of the Tribunal and the jurymen, Dante De Iulio and Ugo Gentile, after studying the arguments presented by the defense.

The Chancellors in this case are Padovani and Visconti.

Coercion Charged

Packed courtrooms stood in the tribunal, once the headquarters of the Federazione Fascista, as the leading lawyers of Puglia eloquently charged the local police with coercion in obtaining the confessions. Giovanni Longo, impressive by his constant hammering at the operations of the police, declared that his defendant Pasquale Garruto, was an assistant to the thefts but he had no jurisdictional obligation to forbid them. "There was no association of thieves", Longo declared, "but rather unguarded temptations to men living in inflationary Italy to improve their way of life by taking the goods that were in the railroad cars".

Highlight in the defense was the speech of Vittorio Malcangi of Bari, defending the missing Nicola Lioce, who asked for an independent Italian trial, due to the presence of Allied interference. The court, he declared, is without exact and accurate report or proofs. He charged that the evidence was obtained by violent police methods and by the use of informers.

Human Interpretation

Carlo Ruggero, editor of the local *Avanti* Daunia, asked the court to consider the human interpretation of crime and not the judicial interpretation. "The psychological effects of this war with its lack of materials for civilians, with the lack of discipline among the people, with the high cost of living, with the extreme poverty,

perpetuated the activities of people who were not mentally strong to resist the cars of plenty," declared Ruggero. "These men are not habitual criminals".

(See columns 3 and 4 for the background of this case.)

DEFENDENTS

	Sentence (Yrs)	Fine (Lire)
Stridi Salvatore	11	45,000
Bruno Matteo	6	45,000
Di Prisco Pasquale	5 1/2	20,000
De Maria Nicola	4	30,000
Di Stasio Cosimo	7	40,000
Coletta Paolo	3	15,000
Apollo Leone	4	30,000
Suriano Rinaldo	1	20,000
Palladino Ciro	(acquitted)	
Lioce Nicola	12	45,000
Scarpello Vincenzo	1 1/2	—
Garruto Pasquale	10	40,000
Scalera Raffaele	6	40,000
Stridi Attilio	10	40,000
Bruno Francesco	11	45,000
Bruno Vincenzo	5	40,000
Mottola Antonio	4 1/2	40,000
De Maria Nicola	4	30,000
De Stasio Cosimo	7	40,000
Palladino Saveria	4	40,000
Palladino Vincenzo	(acquitted)	
Lombardi Mario	(acquitted)	
Lombardi Gaetano	(acquitted)	
Corvino Francesco	(acquitted)	
Scarpello Antonio	11	40,000
Gesualdo Lorenzo	3	15,000
Gesualdo Domenico	3	15,000
La Gatta Giuseppe	3	15,000
Garruto Pasquale	10	40,000
Carella Mario	1 1/2	—
Deli Carri Nicola	4	15,000
Debenedictis Attilio	1	20,000
Dipaola Luigi	4 1/2	40,000
Russo Ubaldo	4	30,000
Coluccelli Antonio	3	15,000
Salerni Ciro	3	15,000
Mastire Luigi	3	15,000
Dirienzo Giuseppe	3	15,000
Marrese Alfonso	3	15,000
Raio Raffaele	1	20,000
Lomele Luigi	1	20,000
Carella Salvatore	1 1/2	—

In the latter part of 1944 when the Allies were battling the Germans on all fronts, numerous reports reached the CID office that railroad cars containing Allied Military property were being robbed in and around the Foggia area. During the middle of January the CID received an anonymous letter stating that railroad employees, station attendants, trainmen and Italian soldier guards were involved in the numerous robberies. In the letter it was stated that two brothers, Attilio Stridi and Salvatore Stridi were organizers and leaders of a band of thieves who were hijacking the trains at the Cervaro railroad station about 7 miles south of Foggia.

In February 1945 Salvatore Stridi quit his job on the railroad and went to work for Captain Pietracaprina, CC RR, Foggia, as informant and chauffeur. This was the same Stridi who on his wages as railroad worker was able to buy a Fiat, motorcycle, house, and pass out thousand lire notes for compensation to others.

Too Many Involved

Several times the police almost apprehended the gang but each time they were able to get away. There were too many people involved to get them at the railroad station. It would be much better to use a net and catch them all. Where to start? Who to get first? Who could one trust when one of the leaders was even employed by the carabinieri.

There was only one way. Let the "little fish" swim in the pond. The "big fish" would be right after them. For bait, find some military clothing that had been sold.

Cherchez La Donna

The break came April 10, 1945 when CID Agent Archer T. Johnson found evidence that Saveria Palladino (known as La Galasso) was acting as an intermediary for the gang operating at the Cervaro rail-

road station. *La Galasso* was to receive the goods and distribute to small dealers who would sell it to the civilian trade. Contact was made with her through a confidential agent resulting in a deal to be made on the 27th of April.

Immediately a raiding party was organized. In this group were to be CID Agent in Charge, Captain Carbone, and agents Johnson and Di-ckey. *Questore* Agent Falcone and Carabinieri Giuliano would join them.

Precautionary measures had to be taken to insure the success of the raid. Stridi was too friendly with Italian carabinieri. The Stridi brothers were picked up on the 24th of April and a Fiat belonging Salvatore was impounded. "The Big Mouth" had done wonders at his job of railroad worker.

The operations of the gang had been long and successful. Money had bought out eyewitnesses, money had bought soldiers on sentry duty. This was to be just another successful operation.

Military Trousers For Sale

On the afternoon of Friday, 27th of April, Antonio Scarpello and Benedetto Tucci, later to die in a gun battle with police, went to the home of "La Galasso". They had some military trousers. Would she take them? Yes, she would. When could she get them? Tonight. They would come back at dusk and bring her to the hiding place. The price? 750 lire each.

La Galasso got busy. She looked for some buyers that very afternoon. She found Luisa Di Matteo, 58, at the covered market. Saveria would have 50 trousers that evening. For this they would cost Luisa 800 lire each. Luisa agreed and paid 30,000 lire in advance. She would come for the trousers the next morning.

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DEFENSE RESTS CASE IN RAILROAD GANG TRIAL

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Later, Vincenza Ferranzo, 38, mother of eight but many years separated from her husband, came to buy some material for her children. Saveria told Vincenza that tonight they would go and get some military pants and Vincenza should come along. At dusk Saveria went to the home of her brother, Vincenzo. With her was Mario Lombardi, the brother of her lover, Gaetano.

They told Vincenzo that they were going out into the country to get some American clotting. And insisted that he come along. Shortly after, to Vincenzo's home came Benedetto Tucci and another man with a cart, Mario, Vincenzo, and Saveria got on the cart and their first stop was at Senora Ferranzo's home. San Lorenzo and presently came to the farm of Antonio Luciano, who was cultivating his field of broad beans. He needed some clothing for his children. Saveria asked him to join the group. Antonio got on the cart.

Farther up the road they came to the home of Francesco Corvino, who at that moment was in the front of his house watering his tomato plants. Needing some clothes, he said that he too would join Saveria. He followed the barouche on his bicycle. The group was on its way to the clothing.

Prepare To Move Goods

In the meanwhile, a lame old man, Vincenzo Scarpiello, 67 was walking the streets of Foggia when he was approached by Salvatore Luciani, who asked him if he would go for a load of merchandise, namely linen. Luciani told Scarpiello to hitch his two horses to his cart and wait for him in the country of San Lorenzo near the farm of Barone.

Scarpiello went to the appointed place. After waiting for half an hour there arrived Salvatore Luciani, walking. Luciani told Scarpiello to remain there while he walked across a field of wheat toward a stream. 15 minutes later Luciani returned followed by eight men. Each man carried a bale on his shoulders. The cart was loaded with bales, and then proceeded to the road toward farm No. 214, where he stopped. Four other loaded carts joined Scarpiello.

A Railroad Worker In Uniform

Then, along came Antonio Scarpiello, who was elegantly dressed in black; he came in his barouche. He directed the operations. A railroad worker was there wearing his uniform; also a man named "Dough-earted," son of a certain Lunardello, who sells fruits at the market Cinnetto, and whose father-in-law lives next to the home of Tucci.

Here they were told to get off the land by the owner Soldano. The party moved about 50 meters, crossed a little road, turned and went down to a valley, then proceeded to a cane field. The bales were unloaded, and the carts moved away.

The railroad worker opened a bale and started to count the clothing which they contained. The clothing was a cargo of 55 bales of British summer uniforms.

At about 1800 hours of that day the raiding party had begun to follow the participants in the proposed clothing sale. Contact was lost in the dark and was not reestablished until 2200 hours. As the carts were moving back to Foggia they spotted the raiding party coming in and quickly moved away. Only Vincenzo Scarpiello was caught when his cart hit a tree.

Gambling House Raided

Search was begun immediately. A gambling house was raided and the men captured talked. A few days later *La Galasso* was found in bed with her lover and taken in for questioning. Scarpiello and Tucci were identified as the principals in the theft of the 55 bales of British uniforms which were recovered.

Many suspects were picked up and questioned. Under the questioning of the CID Agents, the Commissioner of Public Security, Dr Antonio Gianatelli, and agents of the Questore, the suspects implicated the others. While the police asked questions about one crime, the suspects told about others. The 'little fish' were used as bait for the 'big fish.' The finger pointed to Lioce, Tucci, Salvatore Stridi and Antonio Scarpiello.

Confidential information led to a raid on a house in Faeto. Lioce and Tucci were captured and while Carabinieri were attempting to handcuff them both struck him at once and attempted to escape. Tucci was fatally shot in the attempt.

Modus Operandi

The method of operation was this. Salvatore Stridi, Pasquale Di Brisco, Nicola Lioce and Pasquale Garruto were all railroad workers employed as car controllers at Cervaro railroad station and at Foggia station. These men arranged their turns on night duty at Cervaro in such a way that almost every night one of them was present, directing the switching and shunting of cars in the yard. Their accomplices in the station itself, Delli Carri in the Vehicle Office and Ubaldo Russo in the Br RTO, notified them of the arrival of cars carrying merchantable freight.

When the cars arrived in the yard, the controller on night duty pointed out the car to be robbed to a switchman confederate such as Scalera, Di Stasio, Colella, or Di Maria. These men in turn notified the brake re-

pairman Francesco Bruno and his brothers Vincenzo and Matteo, the Stridi brothers, Antonio Scarpiello and Tucci to be ready with carts at a side track where the car chosen would be shunted.

At the appointed time the car was switched onto the siding, the Italian soldier guards paid to withdraw a suitable distance, and the waiting carts pulled up to the car. Constant rotation of train guards made attempts to identify them fruitless. Lookout duty was done by Garruto, Francesco Bruno, Delli Carri, Scalera or Di Brisco, depending as to who was on duty. For this they received a share of the proceeds.

Carters, Breakers, Sellers

The actual breaking and entering was done by carters, under the direction of Tucci, Selling arrangements were handled by Antonio Scarpiello through intermediaries such as Saveria Palladino and Francesco Garretta. Buyers were notified to come at an appointed place and time to meet a guide who took them to where the goods were to be sold. Carts were loaded by local farm laborers and dispatched to small communities surrounding Foggia.

During the criminal activity train cars containing Allied Military equipment were stolen:

- Salvaged blankets
- Candy
- Woolen Underwear
- Military Shirts
- Shorts and socks
- 20 Bales of Military Shoes
- 20 Quintals of Flour
- Brown sugar
- Military overcoats and blankets
- Bales of British Mosquito Nets
- Shirts and trousers
- Military sweaters. (Police interrupted theft, part of loot recovered)
- Barrels of caustic soda
- Canned goods
- Leather jackets
- Sugar (Members of the gang accused each other of having stolen the sugar from the hiding place)
- Numerous small pillferages were continued from day to day.

Engineer Thwarted Cigarette Theft

One attempt was made to rob about 20 cases of cigarettes from a freight car being shunted in the Cervaro yard. The cases were thrown off into the ground, but were noticed by the engineer and switchman who gave the alarm to the American police. The cases were recovered.

It would seem improbable the thefts on such a large scale could continue daily, with many workers present. Were all the railroad workers involved? Did they all share in the take? Why hadn't this been

reported to the police? What were the Italian guard doing all the time?

Some of the railroad worker had criminal records. Other railroad workers barely existing with the high cost of living, took their share, whatever the principals would give them (sometimes 1,000 lire, sometimes 6,000 lire) to keep quiet. Others were threatened with bodily harm. To have told the Italian soldiers on duty about these thefts would have been of no value since they themselves were involved.

Pay For Closing Your Eyes

One railroad worker who did not participate in any of the thefts, however, admitted receivings 5,000 liras on one occasion, 6,000 liras on another, and 4,000 another time, since he was on night duty at these times. That was his compensation for keeping quiet.

The extent of the operations can be illustrated by the case of the caustic soda. Salvatore Stridi and a few other members stole from the rail cars, barrels of caustic soda. Stridi approached Raffaele Raio and Rinaldo Suriani and told them that he had eight barrels of caustic soda which he wanted to sell. If they could find a purchaser, he would give them due compensation. Raio knew the owner of a soap factory, Attilio De Benedittis, and offered him the opportunity to buy the caustic soda. Raio, Suriani and De Benedittis deny that they had knowledge that the caustic soda was stolen property.

The price of 265 lire per kilo was agreed upon. Next day delivery was made, and De Benedittis paid the sum of more than 600,000 lire to Stridi. For brokerage fee Stridi paid Raio and Suriani the sum of 8,000 lire each.

LAWYERS

BENVENUTO Emilio
RUGGERO Antonio
DI PERNA Matteo
VECCHI Guido
MALCANGI Vittorio
LONGO Giovanni
SAGGESE Antonio
MASI Alessandro
NARDELLA Ferdinando
RUGGERO Carlo
SCARPIELLO Vincenzo
DELLI CARRI Nicola
GESUALDI Lorenzo
SBANO Luigi
CAVALLI Vittorio

NEWS IN REVIEW

Spaatz to Succeed Arnold As Chief of AAF

Washington (CNS) — Gen Carl A. Spaatz has been appointed by President Truman to succeed Gen Arnold as Chief of the AAF. He will step into the top job in the Air Forces when Arnold retires, about Feb. 15.

The new air chief, who was head of the US Strategic Air Forces in



Gen Spaatz

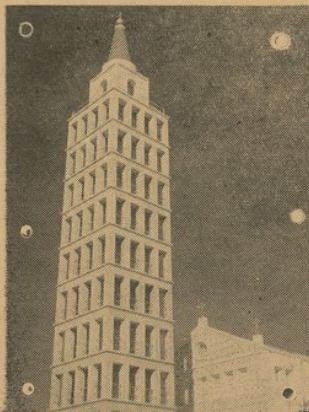
Europe and later held the same assignment in Washington, is an advocate of a peacetime Air Force of 400,000 men and 6000 planes. He also favors an air college similar to West Point and Annapolis, and has been working on a sweeping reorganization plan for the Air Forces.

Tasty Straw, That



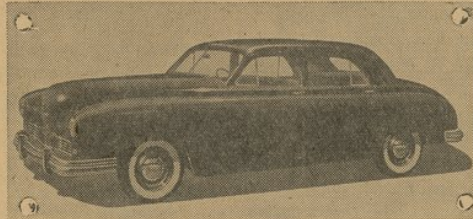
Jane Russell (above of course) has appeared in as many pinups as anyone else in Hollywood, but never displayed her charms in a movie. All this will soon change with the release of "The Outlaw," which has been held up 2 years: Reason: Some scenes were considered too sexy.

Planned City's Tower



This is the bell-tower outside the church at the planned hamlet of Segezia. Located about six miles from Foggia on the road to Naples, it is a common sight to many "commuters" though few have ever entered it. The interior is a plain spiral staircase that winds up the eleven stories with a door entering upon each balcony. The view on a sunny day is more an impression than a picture; the rolling fields and distant mountains are calm, the sun on the white buildings, peace.

They're Buying It On Faith



Henry J. Kaiser, master shipbuilder, is going in for auto manufacture at the giant Willow Run B-24 works. He showed his two forthcoming vehicles, the Kaiser, above (1000 dollars, 6 cylinders, 6 passengers, front wheel drive), and the Frazer (1100 dollars, similar to the Kaiser, but larger), at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, recently. Some 155,000 people came to see them in 5 days, and cops had to control the crowds. Although the price is tentative, subject to OPA approval, and no cars were available for a test spin, 11,000,000 dollars worth were ordered.

HEADLINES THIS WEEK

Stars and Stripes

STEEL STRIKE ENDS — CIO United Steel Workers and the U. S. Steel Corp signed an agreement ending the strike of 125,000 of the 750,000 steel workers. The contract provides for an increase of 18 and one-half cents as proposed by President Truman.

HAROLD ICKES resigns as Secretary of Interior in protest against the nomination of Edwin W. Pauley as Undersecretary of Navy.

FOOD PROBLEM becomes more severe as India appeals for more rice, and England states her food situation is worse now than during the days of Dunkirk.

U. S., ARGENTINA RIFT expected as the result of the publication by the State Department branding the Argentine government and its predecessors back to the time of Pearl Harbor as active supporters of Nazism.

UNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY adjourns until September when it convenes in New York City, but the Security Council and the 18-member economic and social body stay in session here to tackle the remaining issues on their agenda.

THE NAVY asked Congress to approve the "peacetime transition" force of 558,000 officers and men pending the outcome of atomic bomb tests on warships and United Nations efforts to stabilize world conditions.

The Italian Press

The **CONSULTIVE ASSEMBLY** voted in favor of the obligatory vote for all eligible voters by a count of 179 in favor and 156 opposed.

FIFTY SHIPS loaded with 400,000 tons of coal from the United States are on the high seas and due to arrive in Italy during this month.

700 MOTOR-PLOUGHS arrived from the U. S. A. under the transitional program of imports.

REPUBLICAN PARTY CONGRESS calls for the Party to put itself in the vanguard of an anti-monarchist front formed by the unification of all republicans in the country.

FERRUCCIO PARRI, former Premier of Italy, commented on the results of the Congress of the Republican Party remarked that the popular forces want a republic, for only if the monarchy is overthrown can they start to rehabilitate the institutions and economy of the country. The forces that support the monarchy consist mainly of former supporters of fascism and of landowners who are trying to save their estates. To keep the monarchy would mean civil war for it would be against the will of the working masses, the leftist parties and part of the rightists too. The conservative middle class had better think about that.

VITO MARCANTONIO will ask the American Congress to withdraw the Allied troops and the Allied Commission from Italy in order to re-establish the full sovereignty of the Italian Government on the entire peninsula.

COMMITTEE FOR A JUST PEACE FOR ITALY with members Charles Poletti, Edward Corsi, and Joseph Di Fede among others, outlined the following measures to be taken in favor of Italy: the Wilson line should be confirmed, frontier between Italy and Austria should be left unchanged, Italy should retain all colonies acquired before the Fascist Government took power, Italy should not pay reparations, Italy should be given back her merchant fleet and, finally, she should be granted membership of the UNO.

Educators Warn Of Fly-By-Night Colleges Gypping Veterans

(ANS)—There's a band of unscrupulous educational racketeers throughout the country who are anxious to grab off some of the 500,000,000 (million) dollars set aside for veterans' schooling under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

This was stated recently at the Chicago convention of the American Association of Junior Colleges. Educators declared that many quack, fly-by-night colleges totally inadequate and educationally unsound, are springing up in many parts of the country to gyp veterans of millions of dollars.

Reports disclosed that "racketeer" institutions, taking advantage of overcrowded conditions in legitimate colleges and universities have already been organized, or were being planned. The college heads warned that in some states the officials were lax and that often second-rate and poorly equipped schools and even the "quack" type were accredited.

This applied particularly in the case of new commercial schools or colleges, frequently established for the sole purpose of getting on the Veteran's Administration list and offering all kinds of inducements and making false promises to the veterans to get them to enter. Most of the fly-by-night schools are in the vocational field, one educator reported.

All signs indicate that the "shady" institutions will become more numerous within the next few years, the educators said, warning that the schools were advertising in metropolitan newspapers. A committee had been established to attempt to track down and put out of business all illegitimate institutions.

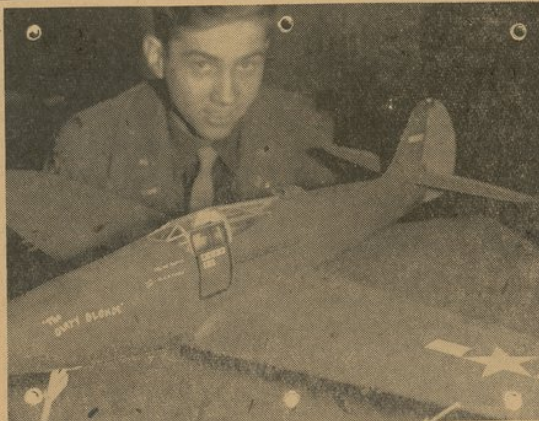
To reduce the danger further, it was recommended that more community colleges be established with an overall plan to include cooperation among all the agencies within the State concerned with veteran problems. Overcrowded colleges and universities were urged to refer veterans to junior colleges or smaller four-year institutions where facilities were still available.

Eighty-eight junior colleges reported that special steps had been taken to accommodate returning veterans.

Heads UNO Assembly



Paul-Henry Spaak, Belgian foreign minister, was chosen head of the United Nations Assembly, at its opening meeting in London.



The Only Pea Shooter in Foggia — "The Dirty Blonde", culmination of many hours of fond labor is the handiwork of Lt. A. L. Buddin. Now ornamenting a headquarters office, the model (it's a P-39 Airacobra in case you've forgotten aircraft rec.) is one of many that has been built with kits supplied by Special Service.

YOUR ORGANIZATION

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We say that it is inexpensive because only if you try hard enough you can make it expensive. There are free admission theaters, clubs that cost you nothing or a very small sum, and a radio station that has no advertisements. But there are also black market restaurants and transient prostitutes who drain you of every cent you have if you let them.

There are no prostitutes from the City of Foggia itself.

The woman who propositions you is a camp follower from other parts of Italy, and she knows more about sex than you do. Why not? She learned from German soldiers, French soldiers, Italian soldiers, Indian soldiers, Polish soldiers, from the 5th Army, from the 8th Army, from the 12th Air Force, from the 15th Air Force, from the RAF, and from your own countrymen.

These girls do not make men; they only louse them up. Whether you are single, virgin, married, or senile, you can live much better without stuff like that, and if you have any excess energy, work it off at the gym.

Restaurants in town, all of which are off limits, cater to a certain type of military personnel who will pay exorbitant prices for food of inferior quality than is served in the mess halls. Aside from the fact that this food does not pass any tests for cleanliness and often is diseased, it takes food from the civilians who are as close to starvation as any people in the world. The racketeers who run these restaurants are serving you because you pay them more than any Italian will, and they care little for the welfare of their countrymen.

Two Theaters

There are two military theaters in Foggia: The Flagella shows regular motion pictures, USO shows, and local GI shows, and the Red Cross. Both are open to all Allied military personnel.

The American Red Cross operates an enlisted men's and an officers' club. They have full

programs that run all day and half the night. You can have your breakfast coffee there, doughnuts and ice cream all day long, and if you want to read a book or write home, there is special room for each purpose.

Night life is plentiful all week long. ARC has their regular dances, and the local GI clubs usually have music every night of the week. Most clubs, both officer and EM are either open to all or are anxious to enlist you as a member. At the present time there are a series of change-overs occurring which makes an accurate listing difficult. Ask some one who knows the town to show you around.

The Information and Education office provides those two services for your learning and advancement. It publishes the *Foggia Occupator* — all the news that's fit to print, and a little besides — and has books for most of the for the United States Armed Forces Institute courses. The books are for your personal use, and when enough men are available, I and E will re-open its night school that was in operation at the end of last year.

The chaplain's section holds services for Catholics, Protestants and Jews (schedule of services on another page) and provides the first arrangements for overseas marriages.

Large Post Exchange

The Post Exchange is the place where you will do practically all of your buying. Operated by Lieutenants DeVogelaere and Skeele it offers you cigarettes, candy, soap, toilet articles clothing, and even locally made jewelry and trinkets for souvenirs. The PX is the General Store of Foggian Americans, and although it has been hard hit by re-deployment, you will find nothing to compare with it for fair dealing and bargain prices in Italy.

The Adriatic Cleaners do all military apparel with about a three day service.

For laundry you will have to find a civilian establishment. Ask some of the men who have been here for a while, and they will recommend a reliable place.

There you have Foggia in a capsule of three columns. At regular intervals we will cover every topic of interest to you new residents. Look for them, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask us.

**Leghorn PBS All-Stars
Defeat Foggia Team 45-42**

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Coming back into the game, the Leghornites ended the frame with two nice shots by Welch and Miglietta, after the Foggians had missed at least eight shots in a tight flurry under the basket.

PBS Leads at Half 18-17

Changing their tactics in the beginning of the second frame, as the score was 7-6 against them, they set up a fancy long throw for Frank Lamia, as he swished it through the cords. Welch, of the PBS'ers came back with a beauty of his own from the center court, while Jordan, playing a nice floor game for the northern Italy invaders, continually upset the Foggian's fast plays. But after several fast exchanges, Rodge-Dodge Taylor pulled a beauty, dribbling down the floor and racking up a pretty basket, to knot up the score at 11-11. Outside of Big Bill Gray who at that point in the game was having an off night under the basket, the Foggians were outplaying their opponents on the court, but more accurate shooting by the PBSquad was keeping them on the short end of the count. With the score in a tight knot, Rodge Taylor started on his way down the floor again. Suddenly Suzuki pulled a pretty interception, passed the ball down the floor to Leghorn's hard playing forward, Dieters, who racked it up, as the half ended in a close 18-17 count, the PBS boys on the long end.

Foggia Leads 29-25

Coming back fast, the Foggians started with some hot court work. Passing the leather around rapidly, they broke through to Jess Hannan in the center position, who wheeled around and dropped it through the cords. Gene Cruce followed up his teammate with a nice lay-up, to put his team ahead by three points. After Nash made good a free throw for the Northerners, Willie Shaffer followed his own set shot in and racked up another bucket, to make it 23-19 in favor of the Foggians. Taylor continued to amaze the fans by overcoming his lack of height with continual long leaps under the PBS'ers basket to bring the ball into his teams possession. Despite some nice shooting by the Leghornites, the score was 29-25 in the Foggians favor as they entered the final frame.

Jordan, tall center and captain of the PBSquad, opened the last frame scoring with one of his pivot specialties. Guarding the three point advantage Pop severa took a pretty pass from Taylor and laid it up. Scoring remained on an even par until five minutes remained. Coming in for Nash, Suzuki, who had been warming the bench for the entire half, came into the game. He quickly dropped a counter and made good a free throw to even up the score. After an exciting exchange a baskets, Suzuki came through again for his team with another nice pusher from the corner court, to tie it up again. Dieters dropped another through, and Welch backed it up with a free throw to grab a three point lead. The Foggians worked the ball hard, but could not find the pay hoop. Suzuki punched again with a long, long from center court. After another interchange of baskets, Pop Severa let go a long one that swished the cords as the whistle blew, ending the thriller.

Foggia All Stars	FG	FT	TP
Shaffer	4	0	8
Cruce	1	0	2
Gray	1	0	3
Lamia	2	0	4
Severa	2	1	5
Hannan	3	1	7
Taylor	3	1	7
Jackson	2	3	7
	18	6	42

PBS (North) All-Stars	FG	FT	TP
Nash	1	1	3
Miglietta	3	0	6
Jordan	1	0	2
Welch	4	1	9
Breugger	1	0	2
Suzuki	3	1	7
Dieters	6	2	14
Collie	0	0	0
Van Zandt	1	0	2
	19	7	45

**UNRRA Benefit
Dance Packs Gymnasium**

Without the assistance of a single Stateside hep-cat, the gymnasium at the NAAFI building roched under the flying feet of more than 800 prancing Foggiana Sunday night, as UNRRA got its benefit dance off to a fine start. The first notes of the band were heard at seven o'clock and from that time until after one in the morning, they played steadily. Dancers fox-trotted, waltzed, tangoed, rumbahed and did the *ritmo svelto* which may not be as smooth as the lindy hop but has it out-classed in energy output. When Russo's Top Hat Band got hot, couples broke into the shag and even joined hands for a lively cotillion. Every thing considered, observers were quick to admit it was one of the liveliest and most enjoyable dances held in Foggia.

35,000 Lire Raised

The purpose of the affair was a money-raising benefit for the U.N.R.A. Couples, families, and stags came on gratis invitations and paid only for drinks, cakes, sweetmeats, oceans of confetti, and party hats for the women. Some 35,000 lire was raised for UNRRA which will be used to help establish kitchens where hot meals will be distributed.

The gymnasium had its face lifted so well that it seemed a different place. Paper streamers and Chinese lanterns netted the ceiling, crepe and tinsel drapes, and greenery stuffed into each brick in the wall transferred it into a gay dance-hall. Above the entrance in green and silver was lettered UNRRA. We were reminded that it was the gymnasium only when we saw Sgt. John Russel there, a little weary, but joining in the festivities.

The liquor and sweets were excellent and everyone was treating. However, though the atmosphere became perceptibly livelier as the evening progressed all stayed happily above the weather.

Climax Of The Evening

When the hats were sold, the drawing which climaxed the evening was held. The hats, bands of bright paper with an alphabetical letter for ornament, were numbered, and first all the girls were lined up in numerical order. The letters spelled "United Nations Relief And Rehabilitation Association," the same thing in Italian, and "Aiutare Ad Aiutarsi Da Se," which means "We help those who help themselves." Then the drawing was held and several lucky girls won pretty carved dogs, silver bells, and other attractive oddments.

Among the more than eight hundred guests were several important Foggia civil officials and high-ranking Allied Forces officers.

The managing of the affair was carried out by the *Scienza e Patria*, an Italian Student organization.

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT FOR NEW TROOPS IN FOGGIA

A Soldier's Report On Occupational Duty: YOUR NEIGHBOR

The City of Foggia in 1942 contained about 75,000 inhabitants. It was one of the more modern cities in the Southern part of Italy. As a railroad center it connected, the South with the Industrial North. In freight tonnage carried it rated second in Italy. On the outskirts of the city there was one of the largest airfields in the world. The Foggia plains situated south of the Apennine mountains and about ten miles in from the Adriatic was perfect for airbases for Allied Air Forces.

It became the first military target for the 8th Army of the Allied Forces. Ten bombing raids rained tons of explosives on Foggia; the worst one was on the morning of July 22, 1943, and during the day and night of August 19, 1943. Added to this the retreating Germans laid mines in the devastated homes. The homeowners of Foggia left their houses and moved to other parts of the province.

Captured By The 8th Army

Foggia fell the 8th Army during the latter part of September 1943. In the meantime from the time of the air raids until April 1944 the town was pillaged by German troops before they left and by the people from the country who came in and took what the owners had left. Thirty (30) percent of all the homes were destroyed; forty (40) percent are damaged. The total number of civilians dead or missing was over 20,000 - twenty five percent of the total population. Fifty percent of the office buildings have been requisitioned by military forces for operational purposes. The schools have just recently been returned to the scholastic population of 12,000 children and these are without heat, benches, chairs or windows.

Food Critically Short

The living conditions are below normal for healthy living due to the overcrowding of rooms. Food is critically short for several reasons: one, the production of grain in Italy this year was below normal due to the drought and the low level of allotment made by the government due to the general wheat shortage in the world, and the shortage of livestock.

The unemployment situation is grave. Last year the Allied Forces hired 25,000 civilian laborers, this year there is less than 2,500 on the payroll. There is no industry to absorb the labor surplus due to the lack of raw materials. Most of the population are farm laborers, and at this time is off season for farm laborers. The reconstruction of buildings in Foggia is handicapped by a lack of investment capital, and materials.

The high cost of living-15,000 lire a month for subsistence for a family of five-make living conditions more deplorable. Consider this in the light of a civilian employee of the military forces who averages about 8,000 lire a month.

Clothing is the most expensive item. Shoes retail from 2,000 to 6,000 lire a pair.

The problems of war remain in Italy.

YOUR ORGANIZATION

The staff of the *Foggia Occupator* has compiled a little welcoming speech for you men who will be living here for some time to come. Your first impressions of the town have probably given you a distorted idea about life in southern Italy, and we will attempt to show you that things are not quite as bad as the place looks or as bad as the flak-happily old timers have led you to imagine.

FAAB 'Wheels' Stop For Coffee



In the photo above, the commanding officers of Foggia Army Air Base take time out for their morning coffee. Shown from left to right are: Major William W. Berg, Lt. Colonel Richard P. Schumacher, Lt. Gorman King, and Major Chester A. Dick, Jr. The beautiful young lady serving the coffee is Miss Giullana Bensi, who is now employed as Secretary of Front Office.

DO YOU KNOW:

Col. ROBERT K. MARTIN...
Home town... Dayton, Ohio. Was graduated from University in Dayton in 1933. Was graduated from Flying School... Attack Aviation... in 1934 at Kelly Field. Reserve commission in Air Corps 1 July 1935. Regular Army commission 1 October, 1938. Married Mable I. Sloane Shreveport, La. 1935... Command Pilot with 3300 flying hours. Completed five combat missions.

Lt. Col. RICHARD P. SCHUMACHER...
Army for 12 years... served various posts in States and Hawaii. Command Pilot with 3000 hours. Served as Director of Training on B-29 Field. Arrived overseas in time to see V-E Day. Served in Deactivation and Redeployment and on "Green Project". Married, one boy 5 years old... Born Ashland, Wisconsin... Home-towns... Ashlands and Los Angeles...

Col. JAMES J. GROVES...
Entered service as a Captain at Ft. Harrison, Ind., July 1941. Came overseas July, 1942, to serve in Syria, Amoria, Egypt, Tobruk, Soluch, Bengazi. Later moved to Enfidville, Tunisia, and Bizerte and thence to Naples, Dec. 1943. Assumed command 529th May 1945. Was awarded Legion of Merit for superior work in Libyan desert during a "rough" moment for the Allies.

Lt. Col. WILLIAM R. WELLS...
First served in 1917... Enlisted Jefferson Brks. St. Louis. Transferred to Fort Riley, home of the 13th Cavalry, and thence to 342nd Machine Gun Battalion. He sailed to England, to France, commanded a 30cal M. G. Btl., supporting an infantry unit of the 89th Division. Received field commission of 2nd Lt. Shortly before armistice. Remained in France with a service of supply unit. During this time, he commanded 14th Company, 14th Division Railway Engineers. When returned to States, he was released from duty. Applied for and received reserve commission in 1924. Active duty World War II in 1940

with Infantry. 1942 was transferred to Luke Field, Arizona with Air Corps. Assumed command of 74th ASG, Aug. 1942. Took 80th Serv. Sq. to Casablanca, 1942. Later to Sallé Air Port, Rabot, Morocco and served 12th AF. Arrived Italy Jan. 1944 with 563rd ASG. With 37th ASG in June, 1944. May 1945, 527 and shortly thereafter with 529th and present position.

Major WILLIAM W. BERG...
Hometown in Logansport, Indiana. High School and Business College in same town. Accountant two years with Standard Steel Corp of America... Served 3 years as enlisted man before the war... 7 years altogether... OCS Adjutant-General School in Washington D.C... 26 months in Foggia area with 455 Bomb Gp. and 2nd Bomb Group...

Major CHESTER A. DICK Jr...
Home town New York City. BS Degree 1931 from the City College of New York and Law Degree from Fordham University Law School 1936. Practiced Law from 1936-1942 when he entered army... Married 1938. Originally held commission as 2nd John in Infantry reserve. Was called to active duty as Air Corps Administrative Officer. Was graduated from Adjutant-General School in April, 1943.

Captain ANTHONY P. SCHULTZ...
Four years with Navy on USS Quincy. Served in Navy from 1936-40. Helped with Spanish evacuation during Spanish civil war. Entered Cadets in 1942. Was graduated from George Field, 11l. Married in 1943: Home town West Hazleton, Pa. Wife, New Britain, Conn.

Captain WILFRED F. SKINNER...
Born in Burma. Came to the States when 11 years old. British. Naturalized at 21 years of age, was in "construction" before the war. Married a girl of Monterey, California. Will make that town his "hometown". Wants to become a deep-sea diver...

Recreational Facilities

There are many recreational facilities and educational possibilities at your disposal here in Foggia. They are open to you, and the wise man will take advantage of them early in the game. As you will discover before you are in Foggia long, the largest problem confronting the soldiers is one of how to spend his free time best, rather than how to find enough time to spend.

Athletics are handled administratively by the Special Service section, and personally by Sgt. John Russel at the gymnasium. The big competitive sport this season is basketball, and the gym has a fine court for anybody or any group of persons that desire to play. There is a four walled hand ball court for the fans, and tumbling and wrestling mats, parallel bars, punching bags and all the equipment that goes with gymnastics.

Boxing Ring

Russel, a former pro-golfer and hockey player can instruct in most of the sports or provide qualified trainers for any of them. He has a good boxing ring that is always waiting for pugilists, while fans of the more modest sports have ping-pong tables, pool tables, fencing foils, and badminton courts at their disposal.

You can check your valuables at the check service that is open whenever the gym is operating, and after you have had your work-out hot and cold showers will clean your sweaty body.

Foggia Stadium, that saw many local footballers perform this season has an outdoor track, and any teams that organize can play softball, football, or soccer.

The Special Service storeroom in the Headquarters building contains a large stock of small games, athletic equipment, musical instruments, radio tubes, and playing cards. All of these are available to you through your unit Special Service officer, and if there is anything you want that is not in stock a requisition gets it as soon as a place makes its run to Leghorn.

Thanks To Red Cross

Entertainment in Foggia is plentiful and inexpensive, thanks to Special Service, the British, and the American Red Cross.

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