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**American Independence Day,  
July 4th**

"We cannot look to a world of freedom and security in the midst of famine and impoverishment." - President Harry S. Truman, June, 20 1946.

## Diphtheria Shots Next Month

June 29 — "To avoid an epidemic and safeguard the health of the military personnel, all men under thirty-five will receive the Diphtheria shots during the month of July, according to a recent War Department circular," stated Capt. Luis Diaz, Base Surgeon.

The Diphtheria inoculation will be given in a series of four. The first two will come forty-eight hours apart, with a three week difference in the remaining two.

Squadron bulletin boards will post the date for the inoculations at the Base Dispensary.

## Promotion Board Meets Again

Between 60 and 65 AAF men appeared before the Promotion Board June 28th for promotions ranging from Corporal to Tech-Sergeant.

The officers comprising the Board are as follows: 529th Headquarters & Base Service Squadron, Major Harold L. Thayer, Captain James W. Harrison; 779th Air Materiel Squadron: Captain Raymond R. Hagar; 955th Air Engineering Squadron, Captain Boyce E. Alvord; 2042nd Quartermaster Trucking Company, Captain Henry L. Jones.

## De Grazia's Orchestra Vacationing

The FAAB Band will return to Foggia July 2nd after a ten day vacation in Switzerland, during which time they combined business with pleasure, playing at various stops along the way.

Colonel Robert Martin, Commanding Officer of FAAB, stated that the suspension of the Saturday morning reviews was due to the absence of the band.

## New Currency Control, QM Store Books To Be Issued Soon

### USFET Attempts To Nip Black Markets By Tightening Up On Transmitted Funds

June 28 — Two new finance developments were to be put into effect in Foggia Army Air Base within the next two weeks. The first, according to a USFET circular 82, announced a new Currency Control Book that would impose stricter controls on the transmission of funds to the States and would make deductions for purchases made in government stores. The second, concerning dependents of men stationed here, was the announcement of the proposed opening of the Quartermaster Sales Store (commissary) in the Foggia area early next month.

## Red Cross Combines Clubs And Cuts Snack Bar Hours

June 27 — The American Red Cross Clubs in town combined this week on an officer-enlisted men basis, and at the same time the new club was preparing to comply with a Rome order to close the Snack Bar, in all except special occasions.

### Closed On Orders

Foggia's Uncle Joe Hamilton, ARC Director, will close the refreshment counter on orders from ARC Headquarters in Rome, which cited the "general world food shortages and greatly reduced appropriated funds" as the reason for the closure. However, an open letter to local ARC directors from Washington in May had hinted at a cut in food dispensing since the Army, which is now paying for civilian labor in Red Cross clubs, is attempting to nip expenses.

The local Theater command in turn had refused to pay the wages of snack bar employees.

In spite of Mr. Hamilton's persistent efforts in the past month to change the snack bar ruling for the Foggia area, the cut will go into effect. Local military personnel were taking a pessimistic view of the end of this incentive to visit the ARC, and Mr. Hamilton quoted a Military Police officer as predicting that drunkenness in the Foggia area would rise 100%.

### Ceremony Saturday

The Red Cross people were planning to make an ironic ceremony of the snack bar closing Saturday night when they will hold a mock Irish Wake. At nine PM Saturday the Cristiana Maria Band is to march through the streets to the Red Cross Club playing Chopin's funeral march and carrying a coffin marked "Old Man Snack Bar".

## 2 Wives Arriving Monday, 9 More With 6 Children Later

June 28 — Two wives of men stationed here are scheduled to arrive in Naples July 1st on the SS Vulcania, according to Capt. Stewart Scull of the S-2 Office, and fifteen more dependants are expected to arrive in Foggia within the next two weeks.

Arriving this week are the wives of Lt. Edwin Hodges and Lt. Oakly M. Krough.

In the middle of next month the following dependants are expected to be in Foggia; Capt. Wilfred F. Skinner's wife Marion, Sgt. Grayson F. Staley's wife Jean, Lt. Chalmer S. Murphy's wife Lilyan and daughter Thelma, W.O.J.G. Irville R. Swan's wife Ruth and son Robert, Capt. Stewart G. Scull's wife Helen, Lt. Wesley R. William's wife Loraine and daughter Sharon, Lt. Nicholas E. La Rocca's wife Evelyn, Capt. Boyce E. Alvord's wife Bess and sons, William and Fred, and Lt. Elvin L. Gipson's wife Margaret, and daughter Florence.

## Last Of Austrian POW's Leave

On July 3rd 1946, according to orders received early in June, 118 Austrian P.W.'s will leave the 55th Station Hospital, going by train to the first leg of a long awaited return to their homes in Austria.

Stationed at the hospital since October 1945 they have proven their efficiency and capability in the various duties assigned to them. Maintaining their own hospital, with two of their own doctors, they also worked in the American hospital as ward boys, mess attendants, cooks, and in various other capacities.

Originally a company of 220 men, half of them left Foggia, homeward bound, five months ago.

### Few Changes

The new Currency Control Books are expected to be issued to FAAB personnel before the middle of July. Chief changes from the old book will be that it is now designed to be a permanent "bank book" and that purchases made in government theaters, post exchanges, commissaries, and clothing stores of five dollars or more will be entered in the book. Men with dependents will not be issued additional books, and the entry of money will only be made to the nearest dollar.

Large scale black market operations in Germany was suggested by Finance officials here as the main reason behind the change. Entrees of the number of the book owned by each man will be made on his AGO 66-2, and spot checks will be ordered regularly to ascertain if a man is using his properly issued book when transmitting funds.

### Sales Books

"The new QM Sales Books will be available to all US military or civilian personnel who get the approval of the Commanding Officer," said Lt. Joseph Metzler, FAAB Finance Officer.

"Rationing of purchases made," he said, "will be as strict as they

(See QM Sales, Page 4)



### New Coat Of Paint

The ARC converted this week, and Romeo Trovatore changes the signs. (See col. 2)

# LOCAL ITEMS

## Executive

One of the longest titles we've discovered in Foggia is attached to Pfc. (S/Sgt.) Ben D. James: "Medical Administrative Non-Commissioned-Officer In Charge". Remarkably a Medical Technician: "He just sits there and shuffles the papers like a deck of cards."

## Befanatrofio

Around Easter time the 55th Station Hospital "adopted" the Befanatrofio Orphanage in Manfredonia. The orphanage is more accurately a foundling home (the only one in the area since Foggia's was bombed out), housing children from two weeks to fourteen years, many of whom are of illegitimate American fathers. "We chose to adopt this orphanage in particular," said Elizabeth Thornton, ARC Director at the hospital, "because we felt a responsibility for these babies whose American fathers had deserted them."

Some of the Staff of the 55th visited Befanatrofio during Easter, and they reported on the situation of the children. "Conditions are truly tragic," said Miss Thornton. "Some of the babies are just pale, pasty looking things, and they just lie there. They have come from various sources - many of them were brought in by people who found them in the fields or by the shore, where their mothers had deserted them. Some had been lying unattended for days. There were a few who would not live." During Easter, the Staff of the 55th Station Hospital donated approximately 448 dollars, to Befanatrofio.

### EM Give 15,000

Chaplain Myles Mc Gowan had originally requested the 55th to help the home, and after Easter he asked them to take it as a permanent benefice. Thus, the staff of the hospital made the home's charity their responsibility. The enlisted men's club at the 55th donated 15,000 lire immediately, and the doctors, nurses, and other officers added 10,000 lire more. Two of the doctors wrote home about the state of the orphanage and their wives contacted pharmaceutical companies. Lt. Elrie Rodgers' wife got answers from many, and she mailed him 1500 cc's of vitamin A and D concentrate

(enough to feed 100 children for three months) from the Walker Vitamin Products Company. E. R. Squibb and Son promised to send many forms of vitamins and minerals, and Mead Johnson and Company sent an eight ounce bottle of Cod Liver Oil.

Other donations have come in. Chaplain McGowan's collection box at church services has gathered thousands of lire for Befanatrofio. The Fortress club decided to donate all the money thrown into the ring during the weekly boxing matches at the club (amounting to between 5,000 and 10,000 lire) and the boxers will be paid directly by the club instead. Men who have been going home have left a great deal of food and clothing, and some have even given money for the home.

### Progress Made

Since Easter, Befanatrofio numbers have grown from 157 to 174 children. Says Miss Thornton, "People who visit the home now for the first time are shocked at the sight of such poverty in children, but now that I've seen some of the children grow, I can tell of the progress made in some of them. Those tiny starving things have grown, and although they are still pale and small they sit up now and play around a bit."

## Handle

"You have to roll your tongue to pronounce his name," Cpl. Robert Worthen explained, when he demonstrated, through the rigid calisthenics on his vocal cords, the name of Cpl. Uville Ogle.

## Humanity

The Geneva Convention occupied the busy Medics at the Base Dispensary during the last few days, and such a diversion of interest prompted us in paying them a call to satisfy our curiosity. Thrusting a hypodermic needle, with a sweeping curve, into his victim's arm, Cpl. Freeman Wilmer, Medical Technician, greeted us, "I'll be with you in a minute." We snapped our eyes back into their sockets and entertained our attention to the upteen V. D. Posters, that decorated the walls of the Dispensary. A rather sinister smile came from Cpl. Wilmer as he advanced towards us' weapon in hand, "Sweating it out I see, well you should have thought it over before."

### Breaking Glasses

We explained our presence and managed to hold off this aspiring Medical Doctor, before he had the opportunity to practise on us. The Corporal retreated to his desk, picked up a couple of small glass containers, and began the process of destruction, using a pair of scissors for a hammer. We wasted no time and made a quick departure.

As we stepped into the waiting room, Pfc. Ed Booth, Assistant Base Sanitation Inspector, with that grin (after effects of extreme indulgence in that potent stuff) shouted, "The Geneva Convention stated so." We knew then, that our man was found.

Ed Booth, one of the remaining Pfc's on the Base, recognized us. Perhaps it was our

magnetic personality that convinced him to inform us about the drastic measures certain people have taken, in violating the Geneva Convention according to the Medics' claim.

### Guard Duty

Ed poured his lamentations on us, and with him were his fellow Angels of Mercy. An injustice was done to them, so they claimed, when they were notified to stand guard duty at the Headquarters and Base Squadron gate. The Medics felt, that they were not called for extra curricular activity of such a nature where firearms were involved.

These ex-gunners and mechanics, now attached to the Base Dispensary, received approximately a hundred and ten hours of basic instructions in the Medical Department from Lt. Frank Crider, Assistant Base Surgeon. The boys are proud and happy in this new venture of theirs in Medicine, be it Sanitation, Malaria Control, First Aid, or Pro Stations.

We learned to our amusement, what the Geneva Convention was all about, as far as the Medics were concerned.

## Allergic

ATC: Allergic To Combat, was what Corporal Foster Kelley told us in reference to the outfit he was attached to, for twenty-three months, in Africa. He was with a crash crew on the line, and we wondered if the corporal treated any of those casualties resulting from air mishaps. "All we got out were either dead or all right," Kelly stated.

## A GI Returns

W: said hello to a guy in a neat civilian suit with a Ruptured Duck in his button hole. McConnell Staley had come back to Foggia to marry Miss Margaretta Tizzano.

Mac had come to Foggia originally in February, 1944 with the 31st Depot Supply and was stationed at Foggia Main airfield. He met Margaretta later that year, and although he wanted to get married soon after, the future father-in-law objected on the grounds that the war was still on and he did not want his daughter to end up a widow. The war ended in Europe, but not in the Pacific and McConnell was concerned. For when he applied for marriage papers, he was shipped to Naples in July, 1945. Here he asked for a discharge on an age count (he was 37), but they laughed officially and shipped him out to Pacific parts unknown.

He was unmarried and on (continued on Page 3)



A GI Returns. McConnell Staley and wife-to-be Margaretta Tizzano. Photo by Bufalo

**STATESIDE**

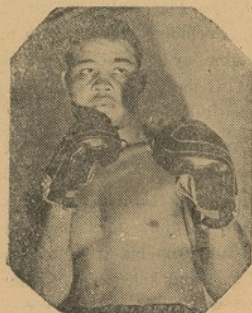
**Washington:** Secretary of War Robert Patterson approved nine out of 14 recommendations by the Doolittle "Gripe" Board. Among those are 1) Equitable distribution of allowances for officers and enlisted personnel for food, clothing, quarters and travel pay. 2) Enlisted men will be able to accumulate leave or furlough time, and will receive terminal leave. 3) The hand salute will be abandoned outside Army posts except in specific conditions. 4) Promotion sheets will be completely reviewed.

**Aviation:** One of the newest Army bombers to have some of the hood of secrecy removed is Northrop's XB-35, "the flying wing". Shaped like a huge boomerang with no fuselage or exposed engine nacelles, the plane spans 172 feet (span of a B-17 is 104 feet); the crew, engines, fuel, and armament are housed inside the wing. From a center width of 37 feet and 6 inches, the wing tapers to a mere 1 foot and 4 inches and the empty weight of the plane is 89,000 pounds. It can carry from 73,000 to 120,000 pounds of useful load.

The Army Air Forces has ordered 15 of the huge Wings, the first of which will cost 13,000,000 dollars to build. The first ones will have pusher-type gasoline engines, but it is expected that later models will be jet propelled.

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**Boxing:** Joe Louis beat Billy Conn Thursday night to retain his championship of heavyweight boxing. The win occurred in the eighth round, and Conn was knocked completely unconscious. The fight may have been dull but the after-effects were noisy enough. Representative Donald O'Toole (D., NY) demanded that the purses be held up until the fight, which he called a "stinkeroo", be investigated. He wanted an investigation of the arrangements made between Promoter Mike Jacobs and the



**Champ Joe Louis**  
Investigations in Progress

fighters, the splitting of the purses and the existence of any debts of the fighters to Jacobs.

Assistant US Attorney General Wendell Berge said that the Justice Department would look into Jacobs, boxing, and baseball. Then a spokesman for the Justice Department denied it. According to O'Toole, Jacobs said, "O'Toole was trying to shake me down for fight tickets." And on the strength of that remark, O'Toole is attempting to sue Jacobs for 100,000 dollars.

Rome American

**Jobs:** According to Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO, there is room for more than 100,000 returning servicemen in the clothing industry. A recent program was inaugurated by the union to train and absorb into the needle trades these vets who had never held jobs before, including many with amputations and major disabilities.

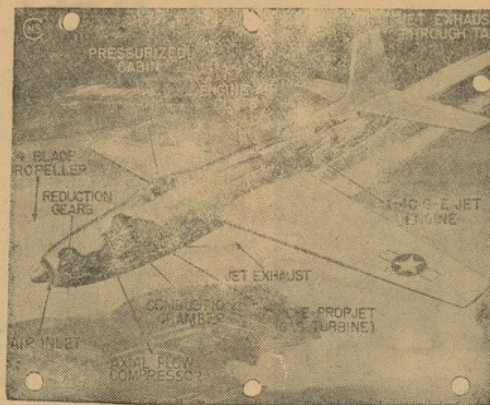
A New York specialty store head says that better apparel supply cannot improve materially until more men go into the needle trades field. In some factories, he points out, the workers' average age is as high as 60 because for several years few skilled hands have entered the field and during the war labor shortages became more acute.

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**Housing:** President Truman recently signed the emergency housing bill, intended to provide 2,700,000 homes for veterans in two years through private construction. The "heart" of the program provides 400,000,000 dollars for subsidies to spur production of bottleneck materials.

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**POWER FORE AND AFT**



**XP-81**, one of the hottest of the Army's new fighters, is shown diagrammatically above. Built by Consolidated Vultee, it is the first plane ever to fly with a gas turbine engine designed for propeller drive. Powered by a General Electric gas turbine engine in the nose and a GE jet engine in the tail, the trim fighter will fly at a speed of more than 500 mph.

**"I Love The People"**

The Assistant American Town Major is Foggia's own Poet Laureate Lt. Fiorentino A. De Marzo spoke with us for a while after he deposited another poem on our desk; and as he spoke he seemed to be speaking as the American historian of the people of Foggia — and all humanity.

"Nature does not appeal to me as much as human beings do," he said. "I love to watch people and write about people, and I try to describe what I see in Humanity. And there is a tinf of pessimism in my work."

His work, with its pessimism and with its beauty has been popular. It might be explained in one respect that he not only writes in English of the people of Italy, but he writes in Italian as well. Some of his works have been published in Italian language magazines in the States.

**Jet Of Feelings**

"Poetry is a jet of feelings," he went on. "I write free verse because I think that one sacrifices meaning for rime."

Fiorentino De Marzo's experience shows why he knows the Italian people. He lived nineteen years in Italy; then he taught Italian (and French) in America. During the war he came back to this country with the Army to act as an interrogator and censor of POW documents with a section of AFHQ.

He is a lover of Rooseveltian doctrines and he writes of Freedom:

"The cheer of Freedom from fear is an echo today resounding from our dead heroes, whose sacrifice before the Altar of Humanity whose glorious deeds shall make it live eternally."

From "Freedom from Fear" by Lt. F. A. DeMarzo

**STRUGGLE**

I saw a fight yesterday.  
Two young lads  
in rags  
in tears  
with rage.

Their fists,  
their tender bodies  
fought with blood  
and cries that puffed their veins,  
their eyes.

They pushed and hit and scratched  
and bit at each other, as at  
Hunger, Privation, Destitution:  
all that is misery of life.

Some men stood by  
and watched  
but did not move for  
their faces were lowered and  
bloodless.

Their bodies stood still  
like statues  
and looked at the  
little ones in whom  
they saw the Struggle  
the Bitterness of life.

One pale man, alone,  
moved his jaw  
and a shiny tear,  
resembling a falling star,  
furrowed his cheek  
and spread on the ground  
upon the tumid blood  
shed by the two little beings  
in a Foggia alley.

F. A. De Marzo

**A GI Returns ...**

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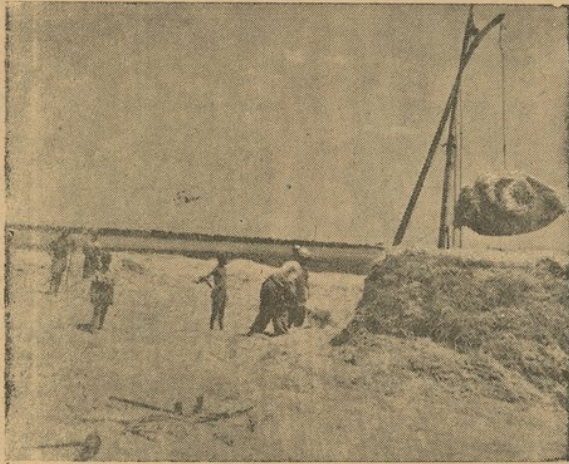
his way to Manila when the war ended in the Pacific. His ship had just negotiated the Panama Canal when the good word came through, and they turned around and sailed for New York. There he got his discharge, and went home to Portland, Oregon. He should have been happy, but he was not. His Margareta was still in Foggia. So he came back.

He returned to Foggia in May of this year and the two plan to be married and go back to Oregon where Mac works for the Southern Pacific Railroad. The marriage date is July 4th. Says Mac: "That was the day America got her Independence, and that's the date I'm going to lose mine."



**Lt. F. A. DeMarzo**  
Foggia's Own Poet Laureate

## HARVEST TIME AT LAST



Grain, the life-blood of Europeans is finally ready for harvesting. Foggians, who had planted every yard of soil for their precious grain, have been cutting it this past month and the crop looks good. (See Column 4). Photo by Don Barfa

## The Water You Drink

The first of a series of four articles by the Town Major's Office.

Did you know you were drinking water out of the longest aqueduct system in the world? Or that the direction of a mountain stream had been changed in order to get good water here at all? These and other interesting facts came to light recently in discussing the coming water reduction with the Italian water engineers.

### Government Subsidized

The Ente Autonomo per l'Acquedotto Pugliese is the government-subsidized company which supplies water not only to Foggia Province but also to the other four provinces of Puglia Region (Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, and Lecce), with a total population of 2,524,000 (in 1940) distributed in over 300 towns.

The water for most of these Puglians — pardon us, it's Pugliesi — all comes from the same place: an underground source in the mountains at Caposele, 48 miles south-southwest of Foggia, which provides an excellent brand of H<sub>2</sub>O at the rate of—take a good breath from 3 to 6 tons a second. (The way it all happens, and why and how the rate varies is described in an article quoted below.

### Started in 1902

The Acquedotto company first started its activities in 1902, utilizing the more easily harnessed springs. It was not until 1915 that the main source at Caposele was captured—a procedure which involved some smart engineering, because the water, while plentiful, was all running out the wrong side of the mountain. Since it would have taken considerable time and effort to turn the mountain around the engineers decided to cheat nature in another way and made the water come out on the Poggia side of the mountain. Having taken most of nature's trumps with that trick, they went on to a grand slam by piping this vast supply hither and yonder through all of Puglia right down to the base of the heel.

But that wasn't easy. From Caposele to Villa Castelli (10 miles east of Taranto, a total of 152

miles of main had to be laid, branching north and southeast at Venosa (40 miles south-southeast of Foggia). The main trunk from Caposele passes through 99 tunnels—one of which, near Spinazzola is 12 miles long and 675 feet underground - 93 bridges and 6 siphons. The next most important line runs northward, passing Foggia about 10 miles west and supplying Foggia's reservoir by means of a smaller branch line. Some U.S. systems carry more water, but none, the Acquedotto says, is as long as that right here in Puglia, which is 1196 miles long. (Cats Kill, N. Y. 92 miles; Los Angeles 240 miles; Coolgardie, W. Australia 350 miles).

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### QM Sales...

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were in the States during the war in order to be sure that no food leaks into the Black Market. The quantity of food, however, will assure adequate diets and nutritional values.

"Originally the plan had been to remove coupons when personnel owning books ate in the military messes, but that procedure has been changed in favor of leaving the issuance of mess cards up to the local commanders. Probably all members of the command will receive a mess card permitting them a specific number of meals."

"If all men who desire cards," concluded Lt. Metzler, "will make application with the Banking-Ration Officer well in advance, it will make our and their jobs much easier.

## ITALY THIS WEEK

### International

**Paris Conference** saw Italy caught between disagreements in which she had little to say. The Four Powers did not seem likely to resolve their differences in time to give Italy her requests for control of Trieste and no war reparations, Russia has been insisting on Yugoslavian control of the Trieste area and also for payments from the Italian government for war damages; 100,000,000 dollars. The Americans and British are taking the Italian side.

**Britain** has agreed to credit Italy for expenses of quartering and moving British troops by writing off an equivalent amount from the debt owed by Italy. The agreement was written into the Italian armistice terms.

**American** officials plan to start negotiations this week to buy fruit from Italy to offset shortages in the States.

**Liberty** ships, fifty in all, will be sold to Italy at a cost of 25,000,000 dollars. An Italian maritime commission is at present touring US shipyards to choose the ships, which will be sold to the Italian government after American shippers had first choice.

### National

**Giuseppe Saragat** was proclaimed President of the Constituent Assembly in Rome this week. One of the heads of the Socialist Party and former Italian Ambassador to France, Saragat was elected by an overwhelming majority of 401 out of 466 votes. (Saragat visited Foggia late in May during the political campaign).

The Assembly, consisting of 468 delegates who are to draft Italy's new constitution, opened sessions Tuesday as Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, senior statesman of the group, addressed his colleagues. He appealed for reconstruction and peace all over the country, and said that Italy would be unable to accept impossible decisions from the Paris Conference. Twenty women listened to his speech. They were of the newly elected members, sitting in a democratic assembly.

**Amnesty** was granted to thousands of Italian political prisoners in the first act of the new Council of Ministers. The action granted complete amnesty for political prisoners convicted between the day of Italian Liberation up to June 18 of this year. Death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment and life sentences to 30 years. Many men were released entirely. The act was the first in line to solidify the nation on the eve of a new government.

**Food** demonstrations were held in Bari and Brindisi Province last

week in protest against local authorities for the high prices and the unemployment of ex-soldiers. Local newspapers reported few acts of violence, none serious.

**Italian Committee** for Supply in Rome has requested UNRRA to increase the bread ration to 250 grams per day. (Now it is 200 grams.) This year the total grain production is expected to be 57 million quintiles, but the number calories for Italian consumers is still inferior to most European countries. UNRRA has not answered the request yet.

### Foggia

**50 tons of grain** were contributed by farmers to local warehouses (Grani del Popolo) by June 23rd, the *Corriere di Foggia* reported. The fine results of the first part of the harvest — increased production and good quality grain — has resulted in shipments to Naples and Bari to increase supplies there.

**Weather** recently — the high temperatures followed by stiff breezes — were described by Professor Redia, famous Italian meteorologist, as characteristic of June and determined by Atlantic sea currents. Next summer, however, he predicts it will be "scorching".

**FAAB employees** report good progress in their club. Their own dispensary in Headquarters Building, organized in May by a civilian doctor Rossi, functions for the aid of any of the 1,664 members than need medical aid. A food co-operative has also been set up recently in order to bring food to members at a lower cost than sold at the markets: and the Civilian Mees has proven popular with the employees who like American style food at a low cost.

The club's entertainment and educational section has been one of its most active with the weekly issue of *Il Portavoce*, a mimeographed poop sheet on civilian employee affairs, and with the dance committee that puts on weekly affairs, including excursions to the suburbs. Say the directors: "Attendance at the affairs is multiplying geometrically."

**An American gun** was cited as the weapon that killed a farmer in Foggia this week. The farmer presumably caught a thief trying to steal fruit from his tree, and the thief shot and killed him. Another farmer was killed when he surprised some people trying to steal wheat from his fields.

# Foggia Army Air Base, a living community



**The Red Cross Gets A New Front.** As the ARC changed to an all-ranks club, it changed its signs to match. The girls and their helpers are: Top, Peg Staring, next, Jean Copp, left to right, Luigi Mendolicchio, Ann Martin, Joe Balliano, Jock Jordan, sitting, Ann Starbuck, extreme right, Romeo Trovatore.



**And So Does AES, Foggia.** AES, whom we all take for granted, decided to do some advertising on its own and put up a new sign, which now hangs in front of its door. Standing around the sign are three of the boys who keep the Voice of Foggia speaking: left to right, John Lorfink, station manager; Jonn Bowman, chief engineer; and Lou (Cookie Time) Cook, program director.



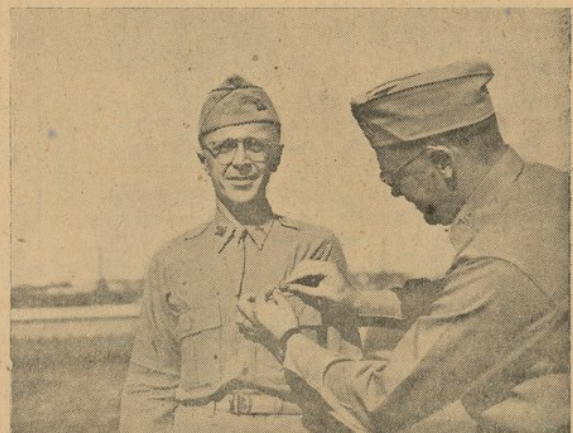
**The Castle Bar Has Guards.** Vincent Siano's wierd Castle Bar is a place to behold with dark cave-like fixtures, and spiders and devils hanging from the ceiling to warn drinkers when they have had enough. The officers say that Vince prepares the food at their mess as well he decorates these lovelies above; left to right, Olga Fiorenza and Nella Giocaimillo.



**And A Farewell Party There.** Many officers left last week, and the big celebration of the week was held at the Castle Bar. Among the dancers above we see Ann Martin and Joe Franey, left; Ann Starbuck and Red Parent, center; and the Archy McCaslands, right rear.



**The 55th Has Its Marriages.** Phill Royone of the 55th Station Hospital and the former Miss Maria Maiorono were married last week, and the Hospital's fleet of vehicles were out for them with sirens screaming.



**And Its Awards Too.** Captain Fritz Bluhm of the 55th Station Hospital was awarded the new Army Commendation Ribbon and a cluster to go with it, for his excellent work at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Pinning on the awards is Captain Houston Zinn, Commanding Officer of the 55th.

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## THEATER SCHEDULE

### FLAGELLA

Sun, Mon - June 30, July 1 -

#### Breakfast In Hollywood

with

Tom Breneman

Bonita Granville

Tue, Wed - July 2, 3 -

#### Kiss And Tell

with

Jerome Courtland

Shirley Temple

Thur, Fri - July 4, 5 -

#### Perilous Holiday

with

Pat O'Brien

Ruth Warrick

Sat - July 6 -

#### People Are Funny

with

Jack Haley

Helen Walker

## A Lire For Your Thoughts

T/5 Loren Johnson — 55th Station Hospital: "I've been waiting a month now for my wife to have a kid and she hasn't had it yet."

Pfc Joseph Tackett — Special Services: "Just wondering on what basis all this rank was given out."

S/Sgt. Philip Svetz — S-1: "I'm happy over my promotion but I couldn't know how to put it in words."

Lt. Nicholas La Rocca — Base Dental Surgeon: "My mind is all cluttered up in knowing that my wife is coming over in the next month or so. It's a great pleasure as I'll have to stay over here another eighteen months."

## CUTIES •• By E. Simms Campbell

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"When we were first married he used to give me a kiss, candy and flowers when he came home. Now, he just comes home!"

## ANN GIRL ABOUT TOWN

More about the peoples of dusty Foggia which borders on the dirty in this small space typical small town, it says here in small print.

Appropriate Rivers and ditches to the lucky Flyboys who partyed their way out of Foggia and who are now sweating out that boat. And once they embark, look out New York!

The remodeled Stork Club reopened on schedule Saturday night with multa bizness. As promised, 'tis the brightest spot in town, so best you check out a pair of sunglasses from Supply, and since these days are so sunny in sunny Italy, an extra pair of eyes are recommended for those mornings after. Van Den Bossche, who's culturing a handlebar mustache by the way, is congratulating, himself all over the place on the electrical system at said nitespot, and incidentally Templer went home from the brilliant opening with the blackest of all black bottoms.

### Seen At Fights

Various areas around Foggia were well represented in the Fights' audience Monday nite. Doc Burton and his assistant tooth collector from 55th were there. Looking lovely and sparkling was Ann Martin aside Tommy Triplet who finally bowed to a dated with a Red Cross girl. And then there were the MacCaslands en famille, Larfink and Cookie from AES looking well entertained by it all, and our Father McGowan escorted by Captain Diaz or visa versa probably. Did you know, too, that Diaz gets hives from coca cola?

Back from Switzerland is Bob Johnson of 529 looking refreshed but expressing the desire for rest, and almost back but delayed in Rome is Benny Berger. But they come and they go, and going today are Lefty Dywer and Joe Bosse — happy trip!

Victims of sand flies are Red McDonald, Shorty Ogdan, and Don De Vogelaere. May those nasty bugs be tamed and Shorty's hair, too.

Noticeable empty spot in town is that formerly occupied by the 803rd

M. P.'s who have returned to Naples where they probably like it better anyway.

Kincade, Father of Kincadism, was in bed all day Sunday after Saturday night's campaign, S/SGT. Vick, who wasn't mentioned in last week's column, is campaign manager for the party leader, he wants the readers to know.

Tommy "Mr. Anthony" Blanchard is lending his advice to the loveless this week, and he is so nice to have around, while Jim "Newmarket" MacDonald is most convenient as he knows all the right telephone lines to Leghorn why, he's hardly had any Bloody Ex time all week.

### Wilshusen Names Jeep

Willie Wilshusen of Security was first-prize winner of the "Name the Jeep" contest for his name, "ARC Angel", and we liked "Step-in" so well that we gave second prize to Tom Sullivan. Sam Rizzo and Tom Hartford, both of the 812 Signals, decided that if Jo Balliano was to drive one of the jeeps the proper name for the jeep should be "Miss Dreamer" or "Miss Serious", but sorry, fellows; Jo doesn't drive. Some other name entries were: "ARC Spark" submitted by John J. Beznak of 529, "Malfunction Junction" by Howard Williamson of the Band Section, "Wheels Wagon" Schweizer of EATS, "Move-it-Over" by Red McGill of 345, and "Bouncin' Bolts" and "Foggia's Last Stand" by PFC Conway. Thanks for everybody's help.

Sad times are ahead as we lose Jeannie Copp to the 88th Division where she's expecting to jump into a foxhole and where she'll be missing the Aircorps, doncha bet? (*Bye Jeannie — Editor*). And hungry times are ahead for all when the Bloody Ex will be squeezing snacks only on Saturday mornings and Wednesday and Sunday nites. But that's life in the Army as only Willie and the rest of of as know.

## MAIL CALL

Dear Editor:

After reading your editorial entitled "Justice" I see that you too must be affected by the shortage of skilled personnel. If not, what is your excuse for letting such an editorial appear in the Occupator? It seems that this particular writer has taken on the role of a self appointed crusader. If "Justice" had taken it upon himself to find out the true conditions I'm sure he would have thought (?) twice before writing such an article.

At the present time there are 11 M. P.'s available for general duty in Foggia, whereas the 803 M. P. Co. had more than 50 men to pull duty.

I'm certain that "Justice" would feel as if he were persecuted if asked to work more than 8 hours a day, but some our boys are pulling 16 hours duty every day.

I'm sure that after writing such a fine and stirring article the writer will probably make staff or tech, while the only rating the thankless job of M. P. gets is that of First Class.

So "Justice" please have pity on the M. P.'s and save us from the fury and wrath of your mighty pen.

### Down with Justice

Sorry about the bad timing, but the comment was meant for the 803rd — Editor.

# New Swimming Pool To Open Saturday

After a month and a half of hard work chasing down elusive equipment, Foggia's new swimming pool is practically completed and will open Saturday, June 29. Thanks to the efforts of S/Sgt. John Russel, aided by Cpl. Ed Lencowski and Pfc. Skelly, swimming enthusiasts no longer need make the long trek to Manfredonia to indulge in their favorite sport. Located directly across the street from 803 M. P.'s, five minutes walk from town, the pool is easily accessible to all and sundry.

Housed in a building which was severely bombed during the war, the pool was unrecognizable as such when the boys started to work on it. A pile of steel girders and other debris outside of the building is mute testimony of the labor involved in resurrecting the place.

A scarcity of necessary materials added to the difficulties of the job.

## 70 By 35 Feet

Holding approximately 3000 gallons of water, the pool is 70 feet long, 35 feet wide and is 10 feet at the deep end, 3 feet at the shallow end. The water is pumped in from the same source the Foggia drinking water comes from, but due to the former sabotage of the chlorinating system, chlorination has to be attended to after the water is in the pool. Water will be changed once a week, probably the latter part of the week to insure fresh water over the week-end when the biggest crowds are expected.

At the present time the pool will be open from 10 A. M. until 6 P. M. As soon as nylon netting is obtained for screening to comply with Malaria Control regulations, the hours will be extended to 10 P. M.

Cpl. Lencowski hopes to install a three meter diving board and possibly have diving exhibitions in the near future. If there are any good divers in the crowd he'd like to hear from you.

## Bulldozers Thump Specials, 8-1

June 21 — In a game shortened to five innings by mutual consent the 1898th Bulldozers, sparked by the newly arrived 442nd boys, trounced the Special Service Special 8-1 at the Foggia stadium today.

It was the fifth straight loss for the cellar dwelling Specials and the first win in four starts for the Dozers. George Shimizu was the winning pitcher as he struck out seven and allowed two hits in the four innings he worked. Slim Malenka was tagged with the loss as the Bulldozers hammered out six hits including Akira Minamide's three run single with the bases loaded in the big six run second inning.

## Foggia Boxers Win 8 Out Of 9

### 3 Opponents Quit

June 24 — Foggia pugilists under the managership of Alfredo Russo dealt out terrific punishment to the boys from Giovinazzo as they took eight of the nine bouts at the Fortress Club tonight.

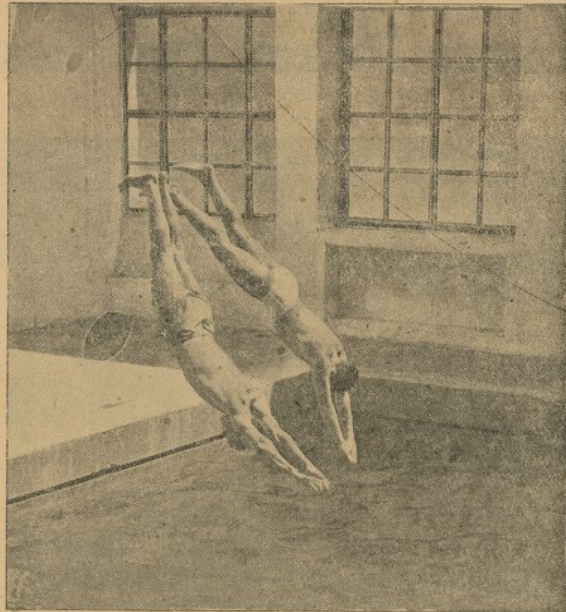
The main bout of the evening was a bloody, slugging affair with Sammy Sabotini winning over Kid Caccoco by a technical knockout in the second round. The aggressive Sabotini was slamming hard lefts and rights to Caccoco's face and body when the Giovinazzo boy threw up his arms in gesture of defeat while the crowd booed him and cheered Sabotini.

### Two More Quit

In the seventh and eighth bouts the fans almost brought the house down with Jeering. Zucco Zuccaroni and Rocky Fiore TKO'd Bonserio and Mastadrea in that order. Foggian Zuccaroni had a slight edge on Bonserio going into the second round when Bonserio folded up and quit. Zuccaroni was proclaimed the victor by a TKO. The circumstances in the eighth bout between Fiore and Mastadrea were a little different. After Mastadrea had floored Fiore with a terrific uppercut to the jaw he retired to his neutral corner while Fiore was being counted. As Fiore was struggling to one knee, Mastadrea lunged across the ring and battered Fiore with hard lefts and rights. Fiore rallied and made a valiant comeback by standing toe to toe with the Giovinazzo husky and trading punches. Disgustedly, Mastadrea turned his back on Fiore and walked out of the ring. The fight was awarded to Fiore on another TKO. These three bouts had the fans howling and booing the angry Giovinazzo fighters.

In the other bouts of the evening Boanarota, Foggia, defeated Bavaro; Russo, Foggia, decisioned Mastadrea; Papapico, Giovinazzo earned the nod over Ubana; Marella, Foggia, won from Casaburi; Sereno, Foggia, wipped DePalo; and Rossetti took a four round decision from Perroni.

## THE WATER'S FINE



Leonard Peterson - Josaph Sisson try out the water in the new FAAB swimming pool located opposite the old 803rd MP area. Photo by Bufalo

## Sport Shots

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By the Sports Staff

■ A team that will bear watching in the pennant race for the remainder of the season is the 1898th Bulldozers who are at this writing in a second place deadlock with the 345th Rangers with a 4-4 won and loss record. The Dozers have been re-enforced by the 442nd Infantry boys from Leghorn. The 442nd had the enviable record of nine straight victories and no losses to lead the league. until their outfit was transferred to good "o' Foggia". Coupled with the fast 442nd's are the already established Bulldozer sluggers Bill Biergam, Lefty Johnson and Bob French. The boys of the 442nd were noted for their daring base running and tight defense.

■ The "unsung hero title" of the week should go to "Ready Eddy" Greiner of the 345th Ranger nine. Greiner, ace flinger and shortstop of the team is macing the ball at a solid .483 clip and is leading the league in doubles, collecting seven in eight games.

The "ranger Rocket" has also scored eight tallies and driven in the same amount. Not only does he play a mean game of shortstop but he is the Rangers best pitcher. While winning three out of his four league starts he has chalked up fifty strikeout victims which makes him the leader in that department.

■ The 442nd Infantry Regiment boys, exhibited their baseball qualities on the Foggia diamond, as

they teamed up with the 1898th Bulldozers, playing a fast game that included speed and team work in defeating the 955th Sparkplugs, a top standing ball club in the American League. The recent arrivals to the Foggia area, came from Leghorn, where they held the first place position in the Como League.

■ Sparkplug manager, Red Cooke, discovered a potential hurler in Al Levick. Al, who played center field up to last Wednesday, stepped into the pitcher's mound in the fifth inning during the Bulldozer game and stopped the powerful Dozers from scoring in the last four innings. This side-arm pitcher demonstrated a good curve with a lot of smoke.

■ John Russel of the FAAB Gymnasium, is convalescing at the 55th Station Hospital, where a host of admirers (feminine) cluster beside his bedside to look at a hunk of masculinity. Naturally, John holds them off with a big stick. Flowers overcrowd the adjoining table.



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## Dozers Reach For Lead With 442nd Support



Hollywood sends us this leggy pin-up with the story that she is Ruth Valmy, who appears in a swing version of a Gek ballet in the picture "Down To Earth". Rita Hayworth is also in the picture.  
Acme Photo

### Enlivened Team Trounces Sparks, 8-4

June 26 — Strengthened by the 442nd Infantry Regiment boys, the 1898 Bulldozers outfit and outscored the 955th Sparkplugs, 8-4.

Today's triumph over the first place Sparkplugs edged the Dozers into second place tie with the 345th Rangers.

Backed up by a well coordinated and snappy team, Bulldozer, Bob French and Shimizu hurled the Dozers to an easy victory.

In the first five innings, French fanned four, walked one and gave up four hits, while Shimizu allowed three hits, in the last two innings.

Sparkplugs hurler, Red Cooke, who struck out seventeen Rangers in yesterday's game, retired at the end of the fourth, giving up seven out of the eight hits the Bulldozers got. Levick replaced Cooke for the remainder of the game.

Bulldozers	AB	R	H	Sparkplugs	AB	R	H
Seo lf	2	3	1	Thompson 2b	4	1	1
Omly 2b	1	1	0	Reese rf	3	0	0
Minamide 3b	4	1	2	Jugente 3b	4	0	2
Berigan cf	4	0	1	Cooke p	2	1	0
Miyast ss	4	0	0	Owen f	3	1	1
Johnson lf	4	1	1	Johnson c	3	0	0
Shimizu rf & p	3	1	2	Levick cf & p	3	1	2
Sakanashi c	4	0	0	Palmer lf	3	0	0
French p & rf	2	1	1	Horaby ss	1	1	0
				Varga lf	1	1	0
				Latchaw cf	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
				<b>R H E</b>			
Bulldozers	1	1	2	4	0	0	0
Sparkplugs	1	0	0	2	1	0	0

### Rebels Whip Rangers, 5-1

June 26 — The determined Rebel Nine opened a three run rally in the top half of the second, adding two additional runs in the fifth, as the Rebels beat the 345 Rangers, 5-1, in today's twilight game at the Foggia Stadium. Winning pitcher, Tony Slovic, gave up four hits, three walks and fanned eight Rangers. Losing hurler, Edd Greiner, struck out thirteen Rebels, allowing two walks and six hits.

The 345 Rangers slipped one run, in the last of the second, when Greiner drove in Keysor on a hard hit single through short and second base. Although the Rangers threatened repeatedly to score, Slovic's fast pitching and double plays by his team mates, Janovick, Robarge and Dawson, fumbled any chance for the Rangers to score.

779 Rebels	AB	R	H	345 Rangers	AB	R	H
Falk cf	3	0	0	H. Iose 2b	3	0	0
Babb 3b	4	0	0	O'Sullivan lf	2	0	0
Manderbach rf	3	0	0	Fritpatrick ss	3	0	0
Janovick ss	3	1	1	Keysor c	3	1	1
Dawson lf	3	1	0	Caniford lb	2	0	1
Bresett lf	3	1	3	Greiner p	3	0	1
Runnell c	2	1	0	Brown rf	3	0	0
Slovick p	2	1	1	Korbic cf	3	0	1
Thompson (pitch)	1	0	0	Jergason 3b	1	0	0
Robarge 2b	3	0	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>R H E</b>			
779 Rebels	0	3	0	2	0	5	6
345 Rangers	0	1	0	0	0	1	4

### Major Leagues

Stateside			
League	W	L	Pct.
National League			
Brooklyn	38	22	.633
St. Louis	35	25	.583
Chicago	31	25	.554
Cincinnati	26	30	.464
Philadelphia	25	30	.455
New York	25	36	.410
Pittsburgh	23	34	.404
American League			
League	W	L	Pct.
Boston	44	17	.726
New York	40	25	.615
Detroit	33	27	.550
Washington	31	29	.517
St. Louis	28	34	.452
Cleveland	27	36	.429
Chicago	24	33	.420
Philadelphia	18	43	.295

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
955 Sparkplugs	7	3	.700
1898 Bulldozers	5	4	.555
779 Rebels	4	6	.400
345 Rangers	4	6	.400
529 Yankees	3	5	.375
Special Services	1	8	.111

### Leading Hitters

(As of June 29)

Name	G	A	B	R	H	BA
Janovick, Rebels ss	10	38	0	18	479	
Dawson, Rebels p	9	31	4	14	451	
Greiner, Rangers p-ss	10	7	8	10	432	
Home Runs Ths Walk						
Shimizu, 1898 Bulldozers 1						

### Sparks Nip Rangers, 2-1

June 25 — Red Cooke fanned seventeen Rangers and held the 345 Engineers to four hits, as the 955 Sparkplugs defeated the Rangers, 2-1. Losing pitcher, Keysor, allowed five hits while adding four strike outs to his credit.

In the last of the sixth, Levick scored the winning run for the Sparkplugs with the Rangers failing to tie their opponents in the seventh, as Sparkplug hurler, Red Cooke forced Russel to fly out with Ferguson and Johnson going down on strikes.

The most talked about baseball player, on the Foggia diamond, added another victory to his credit when he tied, Ed Greiner's ten inning strike out record, in one of the best played games at the Foggia Stadium.