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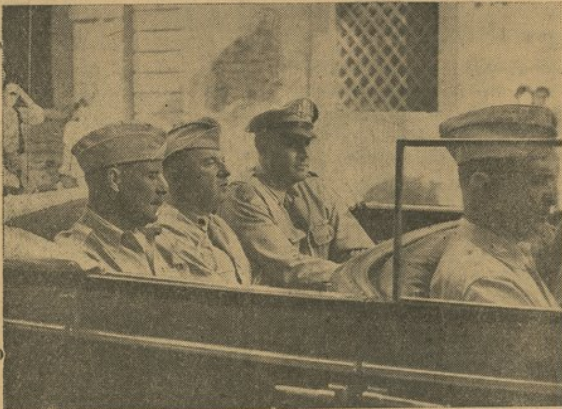
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

General Lee Visits FAAB



A day of activity was highlighted by the visiting party of high ranking army officers who made an inspection tour of army installations in the Foggia area. Shown in the photo are, Lt. General C.H. Lee, Brig. General Kenneth T. Blood, Col. Robert K. Martin and Col. Wood. Photo by Bufalo

"Its All Yours"



USO Variety Show concluded a six day billing last night. Photo by Bufalo

Three FAAB Officers Presented With Commendation Ribbon

Aug. 3 — In a special presentation ceremony at the monthly garrison review this morning, the Commendation Ribbon was presented to three FAAB officers by Colonel Robert K. Martin. The following officers received the award.

Major Harold L. Thayer - Accomplished the transition from combat operation to occupation and the move from Amendola to Foggia with efficiency in spite of loss of personnel.

Major William W. Berg - As executive officer he administered the Second Bomb Group during the transition from combat operations to occupation. He secured recreational facilities and instituted and consolidated the Unit Personnel system.

Captain David S. Ives - Exercised sound judgement in disposition of requisitioned property and did excellent work as Foggia Town Major during a difficult period. He helped to avoid undue distress and under him Italo-American relations became very much improved.

Flagella Installs

New Equipment

July 31 — Flagella theatre manager, Corporal Heefner, announced today the installation of new equipment in the theatre. The equipment, recently received in a shipment from the States, includes Simplex Arc Lamp Projectors, Sound system and perforated screen.

Installation man, David F. Stimeling stated that there would be a definite improvement in the acoustics as both high and low frequency speakers will be used and the sound will be evenly distributed throughout the theatre.

Corporal Heefner is expecting new movies from the States and hopes to be able to provide theatre schedules two weeks in advance in the near future.

Siponto Officers Club Beach Hotel Fold

The Siponto beach hotel which was to be used as a rest center for FAAB personnel will not open, it was learned today.

The beach is still restricted to swimmers because of the presence of mustard gas in the water. Recent investigation has disclosed the fact that currents are constantly carrying more of the gas in from sea where several gas bombs have been discovered so the beach will, in all probability, not be reopened.

The officers are abandoning their beach club and it will be turned over to the 6600th Engineers. The enlisted men beach club will remain open.

FAAB Civilian Club

Organizes Lottery

July 31 — The FAAB Civilian Club organized a lottery to give aid to the poorer employees of FAAB, and their children. Any aid, such as old clothes or other articles of which the GI's have no further use, will be deeply appreciated by the Civilian Club and further seal the bond of friendship between the Italian civilians and U.S. troops stationed here.

Contributions may be deposited before August 15 at the Editorial Office of the *Foggia Occupator*, where they will be forwarded to the director, Mr. Carmen Guidarelli.

Commissary Open For Business

Aug. 2 — All FAAB personnel who applied for commissary ration books are advised that the books are now available in the pay roll section of the Unit Personnel office.

The commissary will officially open for business Monday, August 5 and store hours will be from nine AM until twelve-thirty PM daily except Sunday.

AES Installs

New Generator

July 30 — The installation of a new generator has made it possible for the American Expeditionary Station in Foggia to resume its normal broadcasting schedule from six-thirty AM until twelve-fifteen AM, beginning today.

STATESIDE

Mail: ATC is now flying four flights a week from Morrison Field Fla., to Rome, thus insuring a steadier flow of mail, both to and from the U. S. *Rome American*

Washington: A raise in pay for the nation's lawmakers and sweeping changes in their methods of working, became virtually assured as the Congressional Reorganization bill was sent to President Truman. *Herald Tribune*

Aviation: Giant rockets, the forerunners of space ships, are to be built for the U.S. Army Air Forces. The giant missiles, designed to reach much greater heights than the German V 2, will be used to find out more about the upper atmosphere. Present plans call for the construction of ten rockets capable of reaching altitudes up to 130 miles. *Rome American*

Allied headquarters in Tokio is issuing a Japanese phrase book to occupation troops which includes the following conversational aids:

"You are very pretty."
"How about a date?"

The booklet also includes fourteen ways to say goodbye. *ANS*

ITALY

UNRRA Food Rushed To Italy (AP) — About 24,000 pounds of food sent from Chicago by air by the American emergency food collection on behalf of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was delivered to an Italy-bound ship in New York Harbor Sunday. The shipment including baby foods, meat, fish, soups, vegetables and milk was flown by US ex-service men who worked throughout the day to get the vessel off on time.

20,000 gift parcels arrived last week at Naples from the United States in the "Elberton".

10,000 gift parcels arrived last week at Palermo from the United States in the "Middleburg Victory". These parcels were sent to Italy through C.A.R.E.

Included in the leaders of an underground fascist movement arrested in Milan last Tuesday, is the editor of (Fascist Struggle). It is supposed that the chief of the underground organization "Fascist Democratic Party, is the former Secretary of the Fascist Party, Mr. Scorza.

The strong reaction of Italian Public Opinion against the conditions of Peace has been expressed by the Italian papers.

The Vatican journal "stated that the peace is not born yet because the winner nations are trying to oppress the vanquished nations.

LOCAL ITEMS



838 th

About a week ago the 838 Engineers moved into Foggia from Caserta to take the place of the 345th Engineers. When we visited their camp recently everyone was anxious to show us around so that we could see the improvements in the past week despite the fire that started while they were preparing the Officer-Enlisted mens Club for a stage show. Before it could be brought under control one side of the building, with the exception of one room, was ravaged by flames. The room, which contained special service equipment, liquor and beer rations, was undamaged except for the ceiling.

Rejuvenation Of The Caves

Lt. W. R. Bartley, the Special Service Officer, stated that plans in effect now call for the rejuvenation of the caves located in the rear of the camp. These caves will house a Chapel, Theatre, Day Rooms, Basketball Courts and Club. "The Club will be finished in about a week," said Lt. Bartley, "and it will have the added attraction of being a cool place. The rest of the rooms will be completed as soon as possible."

Just then T/4 Harry A. Bell, the theatre manager, came forward with the information that the caves were over 200 years old and were originally used by the Vindita, a bandit tribe, as a den.

Hearing the "Diaveleers" playing in the next room we asked Lt. Bartley if they had anymore engagements in Foggia. "Yes," he replied, "we will play at the 55th Station Hospital next Thursday evening and we might broadcast Saturday afternoon. What did you think of our orchestra when they played at the Red Cross?" We answered in accordance.

Chuckle

Best quotation of the week overheard at the Red Cross; "When I was born I was so dumbfounded that I couldn't speak for a year and a half."

Task

The time has come, we believe, to outline briefly the function of the AES Ground Station. Here we met Pfc. Tom J. Paul, the noncom in charge, and his staff of two men, Pfc. Jim Pursley and Pfc. Don Priddy. "Starting as early as 6 A.M. we have our hands full with this antique generator," Tom stated as we walked into the shed. "We have trouble getting cotton waste for our oil filter," he went on to say, nodding towards the generator, "but we expect two new generators in tomorrow or the next day from Naples. Because of the condition the motor is in we must keep two men on duty at all times," he said, "and that means nineteen hours of work each day. Of course we have our free time pretty well filled up but somehow we manage to squeeze in a few moments to operate our "Ham" radio. It means quite a bit to be able to reach almost any place in the world and in that way we can keep abreast with the world events."

Immense Transmitter

After that we looked at the immense transmitter that would strike awe into the heart of any man. "With these dials here on the front of the machine," Tom chuckled. "we can tell where the trouble is and quickly make the necessary repairs." Leading us around behind he showed us the many wires and tubes that make up this giant mechanism. "These tubes on the right," he went on to say, pointing inside the cabinet, "are worth about seventy three dollars. That will help to give you

an idea of how much the machine costs"

The boys impressed us with their work and responsibilities attached to the AES Ground Station. Our departure was then hastened with the familiar story of the lonely strippers. We marked the place in our notebook in red, but it was like all the others along the line, and....

Turnabout

Contrary to the popular belief that the MP is constantly checking on the GI recent visits to the Air Inspectors Office lead us to believe that the average GI is out to get the MP... Almost every week someone thumbs through the well worn manual on MP regulations anxiously looking for some way to foil the overworked Military Policeman.

Creative

Beaming with pride, S/Sgt. Manuel Ramirez sang us his song, "Afraid", at the Ripple Lounge Roof Garden last evening. It was only right that the song should make its debut at the Lounge because two weeks ago while Manuel was quenching his thirst at the bar he got the inspiration for the words and music.

"Afraid" is Manuel's first endeavor in the field of music, although it is in the experimental stage, this creative piece of music shows definite promise.

The first arrangement had a noticeable rumba effect, but the composer is of the opinion that a fox trot tempo would be more suitable.



Dear Sir and Dumb-Belles Lettres

By Juliet Lowell
Hurry, Hurry

Newark, N. J.

Model Brassiere Co.
Empire State Bldg.,
34th St. & 5th Ave.
New York City
Gentlemen:

My busts are terrible. Last year they weighed twelve pounds each and this year the two weigh thirty pounds. They now hang as low as my waist, O, for goodness sakes, tell me what to do. Were will they go next? What shall I do...Gentlemen?

Enclosed find stamp. Hurry, Hurry and write me at once or send someone to see me.

Yours truly,
Miss Christine

Consolidated Aircraft Corporation
San Diego
Gentlemen

I have just finished a wonderful brake to be put on airplanes. This brake I invented can stop a plane that is doing 400 miles an hour in less than ten feet.

Now I am working on an invention to stop the pilot from going through the windshield.

James J

State Selective Service
333 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir;

I received your notice of Seduction and will be there March 29th.

Gene P

The Wolf

by Sansone



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ANN GIRL TOWN ABOUT

A Lire For Your Thoughts

Pfc. Frank Nichuta, 955 Engineers — "Just read about the GI leaving Italy ninety days after a Peace Treaty is signed."

Pfc. Richard Becker, 529 ASG — "If we can beat 955 without Tracy and Smarelli just think what we can do in Leghorn with the two stars."

Pfc. Roy Price, 1776 Engineers — "It seems as if the movement of troops to the States is slowing down. In Germany men with twenty three months are scheduled to leave."

Pfc. John Cogswell, 529 ASG — "The food at 529 is getting worse day by day. With the addition of a new mess sergeant I hope something will be done about it."

Chaplain. Miles J. MacGowan — "The best morale builder in all Foggia is an Argus C-3 Camera and now where is my Lire."

Befanotrofio Orphanage

Foggia Area Italy — Only the sun and wind now rake the fields along the roads and the long beaches of Manfredonia, and kids without food or proper care lie in the roadside ditch, the sand or field, abandoned by their mothers.

In some, where strength remains, cries of anguish with never ending tears pour out in hope that a samaritan may overhear the call for aid and tend to their cares. Others just struggle with the disease inherited from their parents.

The farmers, plowing their fields, stumble onto these stray infants. The beach-combers, sunning on the sands, rescue the drifting castaways before the tide can lay its claim. The travelers, interrupting their journey for a few minutes rest, find a bundle along the road.

Rediscovered, the nucleus of tomorrow's civilization, for the present, is sheltered at the Befanotrofio Orphanage in Manfredonia.

A recent visit to the Befanotrofio Orphanage in Manfredonia brings the gratifying disclosure that conditions have been vastly improved since the orphanage was unofficially adopted at Easter time by the 55th Station Hospital.

"I visited the Befanotrofio orphanage at Manfredonia yesterday, after an interval of two months and I was delighted to find the improvements which have been made, and about which I had heard, wrote Mr. M. E. Wood, UNRRA Field Welfare Officer in this area, in a recent letter to the orphanage committee.

Sponsoring The Orphanage

Although sponsoring the orphanage was originally the project of the 55th Station Hospital, interest in the campaign has since become widespread in the Foggia area. To take care of contributions, and see to the proper dispensation of cash donations in the purchase of food, clothing and medical supplies, a committee has been formed. Included in the committee are Lieutenant Elrie Rodgers - President, Mrs. M. Martin - Treasurer, Sergeant George - Secretary, Mrs. B. McCasland, Lieutenant Helen Bowerman, and Mrs. Melvin.

Facilities for the care of the foundlings were pitifully inadequate when the orphanage was first brought



SACK TIME
Disease stricken infant

to the attention of the hospital staff. Due to a lack of bedding and beds, as many as six babies slept in a single small cot and although the children received a sufficient amount of food, it was lacking in the proper vitamins resulting in a large number of malnutrition cases.

Efforts Of The Committee

Through the efforts, of the committee, aided by contributions from personnel throughout the Foggia area, beds, mattresses, sheets, and rubber matting have been provided for all the children and their diet has been greatly improved. An appeal from the committee brought gift parcels of Cod Liver oil and other vitamins from several Stateside Pharmaceutical Companies with promises of more to follow.

More than 100,000 lire has been donated to the orphanage in the past two months, from various sources, including proceeds from the weekly Friday-nite boxing matches sponsored by the Ripple Lounge, Church collections, and individual contributions.

Huttin!, huttin! — In spite of my po' achin' arm which was at the mercy of dart-throwing medic Wilner not so long ago, guess I can give with the weeks gorry gab the sorriest of which is that there are broken noses and toeses. Sunday nite Seth Spaulding was all nose because Saturday nite he fell out of bed and landed on it. The bands Bush broke his foot when he bumped into a wall - honest! And Miller of the petrol point broke his big toe when he pushed Peg into the pool last week. ha, ha, ha! "She who laughs last laughs best," they say. One even gorrier item no one will ever forget, much to the dismay of the Red Cross, happened Saturday at "Breakfast With Jock" when Lady Jorden MacBeth poisoned the troops by serving donuts saturated with benzine. Funny the troops don't seem to mind *cognac* and benzine though.

If you want to find out what life with Father is like, just take a ride in his jeep next time he invites you. Dear George McClain got a "Dear John" this week. so the boys at AES are sending the girl a card of sympathy with all their names signed to it "Cutie" Dywer is about to launch out with the barbers itch because he's been shaving every day lately because of reasons. Harry Grabske is Foggia's most perfect soldier because he's forever having his shoes shined...boy, are his feet ever handsome. T/5 Steve Merrihew of 1776 Engineers is the Club Ping Pong Champ even though he never plays in any tournaments... you can tell just by the way he holds nis paddle, but Dale Ferguson beat him the other nite. Wish some of the rest of us had all day to practice up on our Ping Pong. Skinner is Foggia's Pool Champ as was decided by the ARC Pool Tournament, Uyesu is the runner up and Schrowe following close behind, and Keg, Skelly, Meyer, and Olivigni sneaking up to the second round.

Most sensational entertainment

in a long time took place Sunday evening when the whole town turned out at the "Bloody X" to jump to the jive of the 838 "Diavellers" who are made up of Sgt. Commodore on the trumpet, Pfc. Johnson on the first Alto, Pfc Case on second Alto, Pfc Elder on the first tenor, T/5 Clark playing a mean base, T/5 Marr and Jitchock alternating at the keyboard, and Carlos Engs on the drums...all led by Bandmaster Cpl. Morse, and all vocalized by Pfc. Wm. Mosby.

And now eyewitness reporting on the two parties of the week... one of which took place at Security Section Wednesday afternoon for the sole purpose, they said, of honoring Junior L. Gaines' birthday which was two months ago. Zebe was there sporting his boy-scout patch (4th Division), which really indicates he is a full fledged helicopter pilot, and so was Wild Bill (Josephus) Parsons, Gabby, George Curran, Lester "Smoe" Growe, and Tom Sullivan, who was very much there 'til he had to get a haircut and shave like all good guards do. Everything was well under control 'til everybody tried to put "The Head's" head in the tub with all the beer and ice. I was all right, too, 'til I got konked on the head with "The Bat" which belongs to Security Section inclusive.

The other party was whooped up in apartment 2a in celebration of the departure of "The Hat", and natch the "Hat" wasn't there but there were lots of other hats there pulled well down over the ears. The MP's were warned before hand, but they came anyway. Brewer, Bravachus, Gipson, Diaz, LaRocca, MacCasland and the Mrs, the Kreuses, Larsen, Bowman, Thayer, Hager, Williams, and Donaldson, and Rose were very much present at said party, and Capt. Hager is still looking for the Army Mule in Barn no. 4 stall no. 5 which can only be tracked down by telephone.

Now that you've read this, smile when you say what you're thinking.

A TRIP TO THE ORPHANAGE



Members of the Orphanage committee made another goodwill tour of the Befanotrofio Orphanage. Standing left to right. T/4 Frank George. Sister of Mercy, Mrs. Krough, Mrs. R. K. Martin and S/Sgt. Ralph Ceccarelli



CHOW TIME
A Teaspoon full

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She's Lovely, She's Married



The blonde blue eyed beauty belongs to Pfc. Curly Buckley. Eighteen year old Peggy hails from Corpus Christi, Texas. She's five feet three and weighs a hundred and twelve pounds. Married nine months, the twosome go for exhibition Ballroom dancing as their favorite hobby.

Specials Trim
Yankees 9-6

July 24 — The Special Service Specials won their second straight victory by downing the 529 Yankees 9-6, in a two-light game at the Foggia Stadium this evening.

Paced by catcher "Tex" Childs' big bat the Specials scored eight runs in the first innings and hung on despite desperate attempts by the Yankees to cut down the lead. Childs drove home five runs with a triple and a single in four appearances. Lefty Owens spanked out three for three to take batting honors for the day. His three hits included a single and two doubles.

Lefty Elliott was the winning pitcher and "Dutch" Van Velzen twirled for the losers. Elliott whiffed twelve batters and Van Velzen set down nine via the strike out route.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

(As of July 31th)

Team	W	L	Pct	*GBL
1898th Bulldozers	10	5	.667	
955 Sparkplugs	9	6	.600	1
779 Rebels	7	8	.466	3
529 Yankees	5	10	.333	5
Special Service	3	11	.214	6½

*Games behind leader

LEADING HITERS

(As of July 31th)

Player	G	AB	R	H	BA
Damato, Specials P-SS	14	47	22	20	.425
Elliott, Specials P	9	27	7	11	.407
Schaber, Yankees P	12	41	10	16	.390
Ingenito, Sparkplugs 3B	14	48	11	18	.375
Thompson, Rebels OF	9	22	6	8	.363

(Includes players participating in 8 games or more)

Runs Batted In
Janovick, Rebels 16; Childs, Specials 15.
Home Runs
Damato, Specials Ingenito, Sparkplugs 3.

838's Take Two
Straight Practice Tilts

July 31 — The 838th Engineer's vaunted baseball nine upset two of Foggia's best teams by taking the 1898th Bulldozers 4-3 and the Special Service Specials 9-5, at the Foggia Stadium.

838th - 1898th Game

The 838th-1898th game will undoubtedly go down in the records as one of the most thrilling games yet played at the stadium. A left-hander by the name of Lefty Gilrath and the Bulldozer ace, George "Joker" Shimizu tangled in a seven inning pitching duel that wasn't decided until the seventh and final inning when the 838s managed to push across the game breaking tally. Gilrath allowed four hits and Shimizu five.

The Engineers' power was too much for the cellar dwelling Specials in Sunday's match before a record breaking crowd as the Specials went down 9-5.

BASKETBALL
LEAGUE STANDINGS

(As Of July 31st)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Security	6	0	1.000
529 ASG	5	2	.714
1898th	5	3	.625
Fire Department	4	3	.571
779 AMS	1	6	.142
955th Engineers	0	7	.000

Present European Champion And Former
Title Holder Tangle At Flagella Monday

Foggia, Pescara, Teramo And Chieti
Clash In Third Inter-City
Boxing Card

Yankees Upset
Sparkplugs 7-4

July 27 — Ed McCaully, making his debut on the mound for the 529 Yankees, handcuffed the 955 Sparkplugs with three hits as the Yanks upset the Sparks 7-4 at the Foggia Stadium this afternoon. McCaully's steady hurling plus Ron Schaber's big day at the plate brought the Yankees out of a seven game losing streak and sent the stumbling Sparkplugs a full game behind the league leading 1898s.

Ano Hitter

The Yankee hurler had a no-hitter within his grasp until the eventful sixth inning when Al Levick led off with a single. Nick Ingenito then drove one of McCaully's deliveries to left center field for his third home run of the season.

Ron Schaber proved to be the big gun of the 529 attack as he drove out two singles and a triple in four tries. He figured in most of the Yankee scoring as he drove home three tallies and scored two. Lefty Owens and Wilmer Smith contributed two hits apiece for the victors.

McCaully sent eleven Sparkplugs down via the strike out rout and walked two. Levick whiffed eight and walked four as he went the distance for the losers.

July 29 — Salvatore Tiberi, welterweight champion of Europe, and "Bruiser" DeGiovanni, former title holder, are featured on the eight bout boxing card at the Flagella Theater, Monday, August 5th. The flashy Tiberi is well known to Foggia fight fans due to his fine performance two weeks ago at the Flagella, when he decided Foggian Mike Pippo. It promises to be a rugged match as the fighters are rated one-two in the welterweight class. It will be a non-title bout.

"Hot" Tamalio Brothers

The "Hot" Tamalio brothers will also be featured and if past records are any judge, shall put on a good show, win or lose. Tamalio First will pair off with Buster B'Amamo and Tamalio II tangles with "Tookie" Cinesi. Santorelli vs. Gallo, Pantolfi vs. Scarano, Acquilone vs. Ricucci make up the rest of the professional card. In the two amateur bouts, Buonorato and Gatto take on Venturini and Tenace respectively.

Tickets are now on sale at the Flagella Theater and also at the Red Cross from 1300 until 1700 hours and from 1800 to 2000 hours. Seats purchased by the GI's will be held open until the end of the first bout.

Sport Shots

By Jim Boyle

The surprise of the past month has been the sustained batting slump suffered by one of the leagues top-notch sluggers, Ed Greiner of the 1898th. Greiner, on the 26th of June was sporting a slightly terrific batting average of .470. In the last five games the pitcher and infielder of the league leaders has made but one safety in fourteen official times at bat, dropping to a .354 percentage. Of these fourteen appearances he has gone down swinging seven times which more than doubles his previous nine game record of three strike outs.

"Ready Eddie" will undoubtedly snap out of his hitless streak if that age old adage, "you can't keep a good man down", still holds true.

One of the main faults of the Foggia American league is the poor sportsmanship displayed by some of the teams. It is common knowledge that competent umpires are almost impossible to find and instead of

making the best with what is available, a few players insist on "baiting" the volunteer arbiters and taking advantage of them through technicalities. This isn't, the big league fella's so let's play the game to win but have fun doing it win, lose or otherwise.

For you GI's that are tired of taking your favorite girl to the movies or to a night spot and are looking for some new place to go for entertainment, why not take her to the local gymnasium some evening about 7:00 o'clock to see a basketball game.

The games thus far in the season have been thrillers from start to finish with plenty of action and scoring. A team always plays a better game with plenty of support so why not give the boys a break and come on out. Who knows, your girl might even like the game. There are games almost every night. The schedule is available at the Red Cross.