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Occupators To Make Regular Weekly Broadcast

Frenc De Grazia's "Occupators" will be heard on the Foggia A.E.S. (1500 on your dial) from 10 to 10:30 every Thursday night. Due to the success of the Occupators on past remote broadcasts, it was decided to make their weekly appearance at the Fortress Club a regular feature on the air.

Four of the selections being featured on this week's broadcast have been announced by De Grazia. The outstanding number will undoubtedly be George Gerschwin's "Rhapsody in Blue". They have a specialty arrangement made by Marty Dell, a former member of the band who at one time worked with Fred Waring. "Somebody Loves Me" will be vocalized by Tex Richter who also did the arranging. Tony Pastor's arrangement of "Time Waits for No One" will be sung by Rex Bowman. The fourth feature will be the Occupator's own special arrangement of "Robin Hood".

The half hour broadcasts usually run about seven numbers but they only intend to announce three or four before the show. That leaves a little element of surprise for those listening in.

Band Composed of Three Combo's

The band section is made up of three different combinations. The Occupators are the large fifteen piece band that is usually heard over the air.

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CID Very Active In Recovery Of Stolen Military Equipment

Between fifty thousand and seventy five thousand dollars worth of United States Government equipment has been recovered by the Foggia Branch of the Civilian Investigation Department in the past 30 days. Most of the equipment was in the form of military vehicles and tires.

Most stolen vehicles are recovered in the vicinity of Naples or Avellino. The town of Avellino near Naples is known as a center of crime for deserters and Italian gangsters. A great many of the recovered vehicles were found while engaged in black market operations.

The CID headquarters works in quite close liason with the carabinieri headquarters in the various towns. In spite of the fact that most vehicles are recovered within a few days, there are some that are never recovered. The CID men emphasize the necessity for care of equipment. Keeping things from being stolen is easier than getting them back.

Oh Dear!

Someone "told" on Sgt. Guldenshuh. Shame, shame, Goldie! You must have left your glass eye behind. Twenty-five shells and nary a duck. Tsk, Tsk.

Peacetime Strength Of AAF Estimated At 400,000 Men

(ANS) — The Army Air Forces has disclosed that its peacetime program calls for 400,055 officers and men, with 8,200 operational planes, plus 6,000 planes in the air reserve and air units of the National Guard.

The proposed peacetime force compares with 354,161 officers and men and 10,327 aircraft of all types in service when the Japanese attacked. The program has to be submitted by the War Department to the Joint Chiefs of Staff before it goes to Congress.

To be emphasized are very heavy bombers, which were largely responsible for the strategic bombing of Japan. The active force under the plan will consist of 70 air groups, each to have, according to type, two to four squadrons. There will be 25 very heavy bomber groups, 20 fighter groups, five medium and light bomber groups, ten transport and troop carrier groups, and five tactical and reconnaissance groups.

It is expected that it will be necessary to replace one fourth of the aircraft every year. To save expense it is planned to operate units at 80 percent of the authorized table of organization, instead of 100 percent as during the war.

The spokesmen for the Air Forces stated that at its war-time peak, in March, 1944, the Army Air Forces had 2,383,000 officers and men and 64,599 planes, including 41,848 combat planes. On Oct. 31, demobilization had reduced personnel to 1,553,000 officers and men.

It was also announced that the wartime division of authority over the air force in the Pacific had been ended and that Gen. George C. Kenny, Chief of the Far Eastern Air Force under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, had received command of all air units from "Hawaii to Korea," excluding the Aleutians and China, where the Tenth and Fourteenth Air Forces are being deactivated.

Armored Car Name Contest In Final Stage

"Queen of the Dance" Maria Antonietta and Ann Starbuck, ARC, will christen the MP's two armored cars in front of the 2nd Bomb Officer's Club at 12:45 Wednesday, January 9th. Miss Antonietta was chosen as the "Queen of the Dance" at the regular Red Cross Enlisted Men's Club dance last Thursday night. Votes were taken from all the men present and she won by a good margin. Miss Starbuck was asked by the MPs to christen one of the cars because of her help in the contest to name them.

The Second Bomb Group Military Band under the leadership of M/Sgt. Frenc DeGrazia will provide the music for the ceremony. The girls will break beer bottles over the snub noses of the cars as they name them. These vehicles, once dogs of war, are now watch-dogs of peace. That is why, as a symbol of co-operation, they are being christened by one Italian girl and one American girl.

Basketball Tournament Begins

20th A Defeats 96th A, 37-33 (see page 7)

96th B Defeats 20th B, 31-29 (see page 7)

1898th Defaults In Third Game

By STUART GESCHIEDT

The 1898th Engineers, sadly depleted by home-goofs were not able to put a team on the court Friday night and so are out of the tournament by default. It will count as "no game" instead of a forfeiture and the 529th ASG Team will play a make-up game in the near future.

It is rumored that another team already named the "Pickups" is being hurriedly organized to make a seventh team. It will be composed of a number of fellows who haven't joined any team but have been playing together lately. If the Pickups don't get into the tournament, the schedule will be readjusted to have every team play five games instead of six.

As yet it is much too early in the tournament to publish standings. Although the 20th A's and the 96th Bluedevils are tied for first place with one victory apiece, there are still two (or maybe three) teams that haven't played.

Col. Schumacher Opens Tourney



Big Jess Hannan and Danny Howell reach for the ball in the toss-up by Col. Schumacher that opened up the League Tournament Wednesday night.

Observe the picture closely. It could be "youth" versus "declining youth" as Big Jess leaps into the air before Danny Howell can unbend his knees.

Both played good ball throughout the game. Howell did well on long shots and spinners, and Hannan, if not the spark-plug of his team (That title probably belongs to shifty Donald Stone) is certainly the "crank-shaft". He is one of the fastest-moving big players in the league.

(See page 7 for sports news)

Veteran's Administration Grants 63 Million In Loans

(ANS) — The Veterans Administration to date has committed itself to 63 500,000 dollars in GI loans.

A breakdown of the Administration's latest figure discloses that 59,361,000 dollars went to buy homes, only 970,000 dollars to finance farms, and 3,169,000 dollars to set up new businesses.

Of the 100,000 servicemen who made preliminary gestures to apply for loans under the GI Bill of Rights, 46,442 actually completed their applications. And of these, 39,022 were successful in getting money while 5,512 were rejected or withdrew.

About 1,900 applications still remain to be acted upon.

A Veterans Administration spokesman said the number of veterans who have been turned down "are relatively small".

"By far the greatest number of rejections have not been the fault of the applicant but of inflated real estate values", he said. He explained that under the bill, loans cannot be granted unless the property to be purchased can be obtained at "a reasonable normal value".

"Reasonable normal value has been the joker. Real estate prices have gone sky high and what was a reasonable price when the bill was passed can hardly be found now."

Senate and House conferees on a bill liberalizing the GI Bill of Rights have voted to remove the words "reasonably normal" from the act.

Contest Deadline Changed

The contest to name the two cars will end at 1700 Tuesday, January 8th, not on Thursday as originally announced. The men who submit the winning names will each receive a case of beer at the christening ceremony and be guests of honor. All men interested in submitting names for the cars may do so by dropping a piece of paper with their entry and their name in the boxes in either Red Cross club, by sending them to "Cookie" at the A.E.S. or by sending them to the FOGGIA OCCUPATOR office.

Judges for the contest are the staff of the FOGGIA OCCUPATOR and "Cookie" of the Foggia American Expeditionary Station. No entries will be judged until after the deadline Tuesday night.

Miss Mary Dolliver Leaves Foggia For Germany



MISS MARY DOLLIVER

Miss Mary Dolliver, ARC Enlisted Men's Club Director, left Foggia on Thursday morning, January 3, 1946. She will be assigned to the ARC ETO Headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, where she will supervise the programs of all clubs in Europe. She also intends to start a magazine that will help the ARC field workers to keep things moving.

Miss Mary was no happier to leave than Foggia was to see her go. "This is the first time in my life that I've been in a club that was small enough to feel 'homey'", she told us. "I'm sorry to leave just as I'm beginning to know so many of the boys."

Moving is not a new thing to Miss Mary. Even before the war she saw six of the European countries. Now, after forty eight months overseas, she has added Iceland, Africa and Italy to the list of places she has been.

"There is only one thing that I have set a record for in all my time overseas", she said. "That is that I have spent more hours playing the piano for GI Singers than any other woman. At times in Iceland I played almost steadily for five or six hours."

She neglected to mention another "first". She was part of the first Red Cross unit to come overseas in this war. That is almost a whole story by itself.

Entered ARC Before Pearl Harbor

Her entry into Red Cross work came on very short notice. About midnight on December 4, 1941 Miss Mary received a phone call in Birmingham, Ala. where she worked as recreational director for United States Steel. It was the American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

"How would you like to go to Iceland?" they asked.

She found out why they wanted her and then asked for a little time to decide.

"All right", they said, "we'll give you until tomorrow morning."

Then started a rush to get ready. Between the time she decided to go and December 6th when she arrived in Washington, she sold her car, made her will and bought all sorts of things she imagined would be needed in Iceland. On December 12, 1941, just after Pearl Harbor, she got on the boat.

How Miss Mary Got a Black Eye

There she had a very rough time. The ship ran in to a storm and was badly battered. Miss Mary got hit by a flying table leg in the midst of the storm and developed a black eye as a result. After fighting the storm for over a week the ship was forced to put back to Boston where they docked on Christmas Eve.

The Red Cross Unit, slightly the worse for wear, returned to New York for a fresh start. After three false starts they left again on January 6, 1942 and finally arrived in Iceland on January 26th.

Born In South Dakota

Miss Mary was born and went through high school in Papaw, South Dakota which she describes as "a little mountain town in the Black Hills". Upon graduation from high school she attended Morning-side College in Sioux City, Iowa. From there she went on to take

graduate work at Boston University. She received her Master of Arts degree in speech work.

For some time she worked on a Chautauqua circuit, something that most GIs are little young to remember. In that she was an accompanist, singer and reader.

"I think I saw every railroad spur and small town in the Midwest", she said. "That's one part of the States that I really know well."

Recreational Director At U.S. Steel

Add to these things teaching for a year in Hawaii, doing recreation work in Yellowstone Park, teaching in a small college in Michigan and doing a little concert work and you have a fraction of Mary Dolliver's life. For the last thirteen years before she entered Red Cross work she was supervising the recreational work of the United States Steel Corporation mining villages around Birmingham Alabama. There one of her hobbies was getting scholarships for boys to go to college. While she was there the first boys ever to attend a university from some of those towns graduated from college.

It is a marvel to most people how Miss Mary has been able to keep going steadily for the last 48 months. Actually she has not been sick one day of the time. She says she has liked her work every minute of the time and if you know her it isn't hard to believe. Few people in the world have a zest for life like Mary Dolliver.

J. C. C.

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De Grazia himself handles the direction. The Jive Bombers are an eight piece unit that is entirely separate from the Occupators and has recently come under the leadership of Cpl. Clyde Ruppert. The other combo is the Ambassadors. They are made up from some of the men in the Occupators and are now directed by Cpl. Tex Richter although De Grazia occasionally sits in with them.

Like every other section, the band has been hit by redeployment. They just recently lost Sgt. John Maxwell, assistant solo clarinetist, Cpl. Early Kern, third trombone in the Occupators, Cpl. Rowe Scott, tenor sax in the Jive Bombers, and Pfc. Steve Mizerak, bass man in the Occupators.

"Even if all the men with over forty five points left we could carry on," said De Grazia who has forty-two points. "We're doing our best to keep things rolling until the last man is out of Foggia."

From Newmarket To "Sack"

The second of a series of three articles about Group Communications.

Today we will look at the telephone exchange.

American Tel & Tel might not exactly be envious of the Foggia telephone system, but they'd have to admit that it works. Any place within Foggia can usually be contacted within a minute. Naples? Bari? Rome? Well, that isn't the concern of Group Communications which is largely the Foggia system.

First consider any telephone system for a moment. A telephone system is a unit with many sub units, the latter being the individual telephones. As we know, but seldom consider, in a telephone system every sub unit must be capable of becoming connected with every other sub-unit. Perhaps this will render some idea of its complexity. In fact, the only thing in the human anatomy that can compare in complexity to the entire telephone system now in existence, is the human brain.

"Sack" Busiest Exchange

The Newmarket exchange, a part of Group Communications is under the supervision of Maj. William L. Havard. When the Second Bomb Group was at the old Amendola area, his job was relatively easy. The only extra things his department had to do were some odd tasks of the missing Engineer Corps, install lighting, power it, put up PA systems, and repair phonographs and radios.

When the group moved to Foggia, the department had to take over a set up that was formerly run by an entire Signal Battalion, the telephone exchange of Newmarket. Some circuits were discarded while others, namely Oilcan, Red, Black, and "Sack" were added. "The busiest exchange", says Maj. Havard, "is Sack", otherwise known as BOQ 20. The operation of the switchboards, the telephone frame and all the maintenance was formerly a function of the Signal Battalion.

The Switchboard And Frame

The two most important devices in the telephone system are the switchboards and the telephone frame. The functions of a switchboard are well-known. It is a central terminal for calls, a connecting-place for the sub units. The frame is less generally known. It is simply an exposed place in the cable, a testing-place where the multitude of fine wires are separated and fused. No telephone system can be operated without it. The frame is the troubleshooter's prime instrument. When trouble is reported, testing gauges are attached and the short, ground, or in most cases, the receiver-left-off the hook, is detected.

Civilians Serve

Redeployment has cut deeply into Communications personnel but Maj. Havard has neutralized a negative effect by gradually replacing military personnel with Italian civilians. They now operate the switchboards, telephones, and ground-station, do repair work on same, and maintain the

529th ASG Hqs Mess Joins Country Club Set

The Country Club Directory has now added the enlisted men's mess at the 529th Air Service Group to their eligible list following the innovation of new dishes, new linens and a group of waiters and waitresses. This policy follows the same procedure which has made enlisted men of the Hqs Detachment, Second Bomb Group, the envy of all chow hounds in the Foggia Area. As yet we have received no report on the change of menus or the improvement of the food.

Our mail call awaits comments on the change!

Flight Officers

Jack Of All Trades

Humourist FO Eugene S. Cohen, who is the Humour Editor, Sports Editor, and Red Cross Editor is at present vacationing in Switzerland. Gene who also is a photographer should be back with a wealth of material on the people that call themselves Swiss. FO Stu Gescheidt in the meantime is writing his weekly features and doubling as Sports Editor and Photographer. These Flight Officers are really amazing—they can do anything! They have the energy of a Corporal, the prestige of a Private First Class, the carriage of an Air Force Colonel and the luck of a Flight Officer.

lines. The only soldiers remaining are department chiefs and crew-chiefs. This accounts for the large number of girls running loose in all sections of the department. But remember, they each replace a service man!

S. H. G.

"NEW MARKET"



S/Sgt. W. Bastian, Switchboard Chief, and two civilian operators.

FOGGIA FROLICS ON NEW YEARS EVE



*Smooth and Sweet at the Repple Depple Lounge
529th Air Service Group*



*Hoisting a few at the Top Hat Club
96th Squadron*



*Dancing away the old Year at Pineapple Pete's
20th Squadron*



*Mellow and Hot with the Occupators at the Fortress Club
2nd Bomb Group*

Ass't Town Major Marries

*Lt. Fiorentino De Marzo, Ass't
Town Major, Foggia, and Miss
Ioelle Colamine, daughter of
Hon. Giuseppe Colamine of
Corso Matteotti, Foggia.*



*The wedding took place at the
Church of San Michele. Maj
John P. Mantovani, Adj. 525th
A.S.G., and Capt. Ioes, Foggia
Town Major, were attendant.
The couple are spending their
honeymoon at Sorrento, Naples,
and Rome.*

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MAIL CALL

Reply To Vermin Letter

DEAR DISGUSTED:

Letters such as yours might appear many times for any item that the Army Exchange carries, so let us set you straight. The instruments in question were widely advertised before going on sale and during sale for quite some time by the American Expeditionary Station in Foggia. Most of the instruments were in the store for at least two weeks. We regret that you were away from your organization during that two week period and failed to get an instrument; however, many men are slighted on other items when they leave their organizations. We know who purchased all the instruments by checking the back sales slips and if you care to press the "Black Market" angle, we shall be glad to help in any way we can providing there is any basis to your claims.

With us, Disgusted, it is the man who gets here first that makes the purchase. We cannot be responsible for what happens to merchandise upon leaving the store.

The Military Personnel of the PX, Foggia

Heaven Is Foggia

EDITOR:

Recently I was fortunate, or should I say unfortunate, enough to go to Leghorn on temporary duty. I would like to say to all guys, including myself, that have bitched and complained about "chicken" in Foggia that this little town of Foggia is Heaven compared to Leghorn, Italy, operated by Peninsular Base Section.

Down here a GI at least feels at ease when he walks down the street, but up there you're even afraid to flash a toothy smile for fear some new Three Point PBS MP might pick you up for not having your teeth washed.

Just feel good you're an Air Corps soldier and not stationed in an area under PBS Military Police.

NAME WITHHELD

Possible Sucker

DEAR EDITOR:

Your paper is nice but is not complete. What is lacking is a stock market report that all papers should have. What kind of a stock? Cigarettes of course. Why not a column of the prices on the streets, with your favorite operator. Also the current rate of exchange in Rome. GI shoes could also be quoted. The column could look like this:

CIGARETTES

Foggia Streets	27*
Foggia Shops	25*
Rome Streets	32*
Rome Shops	28*
Naples Area	26*
* Unofficial	
§ Known Agent	

I ask you, why not? Maybe Tony is cheating me.

POSSIBLE SUCKER

(Confidentially, the only real suckers are the American people who deeply believe that their "beloved boys" overseas aren't getting enough smokes, and the only one who is getting cheated is the Internal Revenue who could use a lot of the taxes that are lost on the cigarettes you sell: Ed.)

Thanks To ARC

EDITOR,

I would like to pass a note of thanks to Uncle Joe, all the Red Cross Women, and all GI Soldiers for letting us English boys use your Red Cross Club in Foggia.

You let us go in your Club and use it as if we were GI Soldiers.

Boy, that means quite a lot to us boys some where to go where we are happy and also good friends with everybody in the Club. I only wish we could all do thing for you all as you have done for us English boys in Foggia.

We shall all miss your club when it is time for us to go but it will never be forgotten at all by us.

FREDDIE G. CAPES

"...Which is the better bargain? To lend wisely now and reap the profit of expanding markets, increased goods for our consumption, and enduring peace? Or to withhold our aid and watch trade diminish, free enterprise decline, and the world divide into three camps for a war of trade. The Russian bloc, the sterling bloc, and the dollar bloc? I submit to you that dollars invested now in rehabilitation will pay rich dividends in the form of markets, goods, contentment, and peace. Today we and the world must choose. But there is really no choice. This time it must be one world."

HENRY WALLACE

A LIRE FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Sgt TOMMY NASS, Hqs, 2nd Bomb Group:

"I was just wondering when the group was going home and if I was going home with it."

LAC RON CRANE, RAF:

"My buddy and I were looking at the Swap Board. I was wondering whether or not I could get some ammunition."

Major HAROLD L. THAYER, Hqs, 2nd Bomb Group:

"All of us here were discussing the general loss of memory on New Year's Eve. No one seemed to remember a thing after 11 o'clock."

Pfc ROY WEGAR, Organization Unknown:

"It was getting ready to ask you what sort of PX rations you had in that sack."

Sgt PETER CIOFFARI, Hqs, 2nd Bomb Group:

"Getting home to my wife and drinking this case of beer."

Hope For Mankind Dep't

A pilot walked into one of the squadron orderly rooms the other day and informed the personnel clerk that he was credited with five more points than he was entitled to. And yet, he signed a Category 5 Waiver, which states that the individual desires to be discharged as soon as his point group is reached.

CHURCH SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass
Gesù Maria Church 0900 - 1630
55th Station Hospital 1100
Weekday Mass
Gesù Maria Church (daily) 0800
Mass and Novena (Wed) 1730
Confessions Before All Masses

PROTESTANT

Sunday
Enlisted Men's Red Cross 1100
55th Station Hospital 1000
Afternoon Devotional Services 1530
Service of Songs (Sunday and Wednesday) 1030

SECONDS

by Eads



"Ship Spinning In On Base Leg. Make this Your Final Landing."

MERCHANTS AND JEEP TIRES

An order is in the process of being issued making it mandatory for all vehicles to be parked where a protected parking yard exists. The cause of this is due to the rising number of jeeps and jeep tires being stolen from parked vehicles.

It is no longer a matter of an incident. Now it has become organized crime where groups travel around with all types of tools to take the tire off the wheel. It is not a minor theft for the black market value of these tires vary between 10,000 and 30,000 lire.

Who buys these tires? Surely, a young boy doesn't take it as a play thing. Certainly, these tires don't find their way into the home of a laborer or farmhand. These tires are being bought by individuals who should have a greater respect for the law. Individuals who have automobiles and who deal in Commerce can be the only ones who can have any use for these tires. These are the very men who seek constant assistance from the American Government to reestablish industry and commerce to aid their stricken Italy.

Who and what are these men? They are trade people who not only deal in black market grain, in black market oil, but who also travel to the North to buy goods and bring it here where they sell their merchandise to farm laborers and other workers who barely earn enough to keep body and soul together, for exorbitant prices. They never know what a day is without a piece of bread or a glass of wine. They conducted business as usual in the days of Fascism and now they conduct business with stolen American property.

Think, you men of trade, for your greediness for property which is not yours may alienate American soldiers who as citizens of America vote for those members of our government who consider your request for assistance.

FROM A LETTER TO ROSE

The old year is running out, the radios will be saying tonight,
And the millions will turn their back on it as it passes.
A year to forget, an unwanted year,
One that was only a portent of the Future
For, yes, it brought peace,
But before that it also brought deaths and pain,
And took its due for the peace it brought,
Before laying it on Humanity's doorstep.
No, we're not sorry to see it go.

Too much hope comes with the new year as it crosses our threshold
To be sorry for the old one.
New opportunities, new work, new problems, but easier,
And happiness. New and old.
A burning dream that leaps up in front of me
Alive and open arms.
A smile seen a million times I see again,
Through a stubborn set of misty eyes that want to see and cry
At one time.

And the New Year brings room with it;
Room, space, time, place,
To develop this life.
Not three days. Five. Fifteen.
Not a furlough's time, an overnight pass,
Crudely rushed,
But room, time to be real,
Through,
Alive,
Honest,
Sincere,
No forcing, pushing,
But an easiness, fullness, depth.
A new year to wander in
On my own. Free.
Planning, then doing.
A new year? Hell, a new life.
And if the New Year doesn't begin tonight at twelve,
It will soon,
Soon,
Soon.
Begin soon, my New Year.

STANLEY B. GOMBERG

The Future Of The Atom A Report - On Economic Conditions In Italy

By Camp Newspaper Service

The American soldier — as well as the man in the street — has been told that someday a scientist may turn a switch that could set off a chain of radio activity capable of destroying the earth.

This fact the average American is as yet unwilling to believe. The story of the atom and the terrible effect it might have on our destiny is too vast a story for him to comprehend. It doesn't — as yet — effect his personal well being. But some day it will.

Some day — says Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who was head man at the atomic bomb's research and development laboratories at Los Alamos, NM — our cities will be heated and lighted by atomic power, our machinery will be driven by it and our lives will be made fuller by the employment of nuclear force in everyday living.

"It is quite feasible," said Dr. Oppenheimer in a recent interview, "that a city the size of Seattle could be completely heated from an atomic energy source in less than 5 years. Of course, it will take much longer than that for the full technological benefits of atomic power to make themselves felt."

Others Less Optimistic

Other scientists are less optimistic than Dr. Oppenheimer. Dr. Henry D. Smyth, official historian of the atomic bomb, wrote in his report that in the fall of 1944 the possible uses of nuclear energy in industry were considered by a technical committee. "While there was general agreement that a great industry might eventually arise, comparable, perhaps, to the electronic industry," wrote Dr. Smyth, "there was disagreement as to how rapidly such an industry would grow."

The committee concluded that "there is no immediate prospect of running cars with nuclear power or lighting houses with radioactive lamps, although there is a good probability that nuclear power for special purposes could be developed within 10 years."

To get back to Dr. Oppenheimer: He believes that now that the atomic bomb has achieved its military goal, there is no reason why science can-

Oppenheimer



Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer looks into the future of the bomb

not turn to the peacetime development of atomic energy.

It Won't Run Your Car

"From what we have learned so far," Dr. Oppenheimer told a Liberty magazine reporter recently, "it is a mistake to speak of having atomic energy run your car, airplane or motorboat. Atomic energy, as we know it now, is not feasible for such purposes or for private home use. It can be employed only on a larger scale — for tremendous industrial installations or for the needs of an entire community. We face limitations at present which we must recognize. Still there are things we already know we can do. To these we can turn at once. The production of heat or power for whole communities is one of them."

"The truth is," continued Dr. Oppenheimer, "that we cannot consider atomic energy merely in its industrial or military sense. Its possible uses are infinite. With our restricted imaginations we cannot even guess at them. The same could be said, I think, for every new principle for producing power that man ever discovered."

"Our hope for the future is to see this new form of energy as the peril, the challenge, and the hope that it really is. It can bring about a major change in human life. Here, if we are wise, is a force we can apply to forge the peoples of the earth into closer unity, for in it they will see a new common danger, a new common interest, a new common wealth. I hope we will have the wisdom and the courage to use this new power."

Economic conditions in Italy in early November showed little improvement as compared with recent months and were in sharp contrast to the optimistic plans for agricultural, industrial, and financial recovery to be put in operation in 1946, insofar as foreign assistance permits.

The Minister of Reconstruction stated on October 24 that Italy's national wealth has decreased since 1938 (in terms of the prewar lira) from 750,000,000,000 to 550,000,000,000 lire and its national income from 160,000,000,000 to 75,000,000,000 lire. He estimated, on the present lira value 100 to 1 dollar U. S. currency, direct war damages at 2,500,000,000,000 to 3,000,000,000,000 lire, loss of income at 1,200,000,000,000 to 1,600,000,000,000, personal injuries at 2,400,000,000,000 to 2,800,000,000,000, and financial losses at from 800,000,000,000 to 1,200,000,000,000 thus reaching a total of between 8,000,000,000,000 and 9,000,000,000,000 lire exclusive of losses to works of art, to the military establishment, and to foreign assets.

Merchant Marine Reduced To 350,000 Tons

Italy's merchant marine (ships of more than 500 tons) has been reduced from 3,300,000 to 350,000 tons, he said, and rail and highway transport facilities to 43 and 35 percent, respectively, of their prewar levels. Industrial capacity and output reportedly stood, as of October 24, at the following percentages of prewar: Railroad construction, 90 and 20; rubber, 90 and 10; building, paper, and farm machinery, 80-85 and 20-25; automotive, chemical, and steel, 70-75 and 20; and ship construction, 40 and 20.

The Minister summarized the financial situation of Italy as including a public debt of about 1,000,000,000,000 lire, a current budget deficit of approximately 250,000,000,000 and a total currency circulation of about 350,000,000,000. Measures to offset the deficit, he said, may include an additional national reconstruction loan, currency conversion, extraordinary taxes, confiscation of Fascist profits, and of profits from speculation and war profits since 1939, as well as the derivation of special income from the sale of surplus property and of certain imported supplies purchased and distributed through Government channels.

Efforts To Control Black Market Continue

Efforts to control the black market continue, limited largely to extending controls over prices and distribution of a few essentials. The Government has been able to market relatively large quantities of textiles, clothing, and shoes to the fixed-income class at moderate prices, and special efforts are now being made, at a cost of about 8,000,000,000 lire, to establish and finance co-operatives and similar agencies for the distribution of food to public employees whose salaries, even with the proposed increases, would scarcely cover necessary expenditures for food.

October rains ended the drought which has seriously reduced harvests. Pasture conditions improved and fall plowing and planting were proceeding satisfactorily, although shortages of draft power, fuel, fertilizers, and selected seed were reported from most regions. Most recent official estimates of grain crops are even more pessimistic than previous ones, except in the case of rice. A survey of grain and other crop estimates is being made to check the low production figures now being published. Because of the small crop and of excessive farm retentions, collection of wheat has fallen below expectations and import requirements have increased.

"Me... I'm Staying In The Army!"

There Are Plenty Of Reasons... And Here They Are!

1 "First, I keep my present grade. That means a lot.

2 "By reenlisting for 3 years I can pick my own branch of service in the Air, Ground or Service Forces, and can go to any overseas theater I wish.

3 "I get my mustering-out pay, even though I'm reenlisting. Also, I get 50 dollars a year reenlistment bonus for each year I've been in the Army. My dependents receive family allowances for the full term of my enlistment. And I'll be eligible for GI Bill of Rights benefits when I get out of the Army.

4 "My food, clothes, quarters, medical and dental care are all supplied to me. And I can learn any of 200 skills or trades in the Army schools.

5 "All of us who are reenlisting are going to have from 30 to 90 days' furlough at home with full pay and our travel paid both ways. And we'll have 30 days' furlough every year with pay.

6 "Any time after 20 years I can retire at half pay increasing year by year to three-quarters retirement pay after 30 years of service. And the time I've already served in active military or naval service counts toward my retirement time. *Added up - reenlistment seems pretty sound to me!*"

January 31, 1946

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR MEN IN THE ARMY

MEN now in Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in grade held at time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

You may enlist AT ANY TIME for 1, 2 or 3 year periods. (One-year enlistments for men now in the Army with at least 6 months of service.)

PAY PER MONTH - ENLISTED MEN

In Addition In Food, Lodging, Clothes and Medical Care

(a) Plus 20% Increase for Service Overseas, (b) Plus 50% if Member of Flying Crews, Parachutist, etc. (c) Plus 5% Increase in Pay for Each 3 Years of Service.

	Starting Base Pay Per Month	MONTHLY RETIREMENT INCOME AFTER	
		30 Years' Service	33 Years' Service
Master Sergeant or First Sergeant	138.00	89.70	155.25
Technical Sergeant	114.00	74.10	123.25
Staff Sergeant	96.00	62.40	108.00
Sergeant	78.00	50.70	87.75
Corporal	66.00	42.90	74.25
Private First Class	54.00	35.10	60.75
Private	50.00	32.50	56.25



"Yes, Private, what this Army needs is more 30 year men."

"Demob" Or Redeploy It All Means Home

Wednesday, January 2nd at 11:45 p. m. seventy-eight British troops left Foggia bound for home. No sweating out a boat for them. They left by train for Milan where they will stop a few days for processing. From Milan they will go by train across Switzerland to Calais, France on the English Channel. At Calais they will get on ships for the few hours trip across the channel and they will be home.

Their leaving left only about 375 British troops in the Foggia area. The unit stationed here is the 21 Town Major Unit which will leave for Naples within one or two weeks when it will be replaced by another unit. Also about one half of the Polish troops, who do guard duty under the Town Major's jurisdiction, will leave for other assignments soon.

The men who left Wednesday were only a fraction of discharge group number 25 which has 35,000 men in the Central Mediterranean Forces (Italy) alone. It will take that group about one month to clear Italy and then group 26, largest in the British Army, will start leaving. When the 44,000 men in group 26 leave from the C. M. F. British "demob" will be over the hump.

"Demob" is short for demobilization and means the same thing as redeployment. It is quite a simple system over all, the only big gripe about it being that it penalizes the younger men. All they have to do is to look at a chart to see which discharge group they are in. If you are twenty-five years old and have three years in the Army that would put you in group 48, which will probably be out in about a year. Since most GIs with that much time plan on getting out in a few months, they have it comparatively easy. Even so most of the Britishers are fairly well pleased with their plan if they do think it's "a little slow".

When a British soldier gets home he is immediately given a fifty-six day leave with full pay. He has the option of wearing his uniform or not. In addition to that he is allowed one days leave with pay for every month served overseas. When that time is up he is a civilian. The United Kingdom has a veterans seniority system similar to the one set up in the United States whereby a veteran is entitled to his old job should he want it. There are also other benefits such as educational, loans, and unemployment insurance.

Lack Of Material Hampers Foggia Railroads Return To Normalcy

Foggia, once proud of her modern railroad station and importance as a center of railroad communications stands as a tragic monument to the horrors of war. Her railroads are badly in need of new cars and tracks. The lack of coal is in itself a great hindrance to reconstruction, for without this essential raw material the factories of the North are unable to produce the railroad stock.

Air Raid Destroys Tracks

Before the war the station was comprised of a large office building and a work-shop joined together by a large metal shed which was removed to the side to make guns and shells. Later, on August 19, 1943, it was the target for a Fortress raid. The tracks were wrecked and the shed partially destroyed.

In this same raid 2,000 people perished in the air raid shelter at the station when bomb hits exploded five gasoline cars stationed outside the shelter pouring the melting liquid into the shelter.

The Day After Liberation

The day after Foggia was liberated, the civilians of this city under Allied supervision went to work on the repair of railroadbeds damaged by the bombs. As a result trains commenced to carry goods and travellers between Foggia and Bari or Naples.

However, the Germans destroyed all locomotives and cars that were left after the Allied bombings. As the war moved North may civilians fled southwards taxing the rail traffic, to this was added the return of ex-soldiers and the travel North where goods are purchased.

The distance between Foggia and Naples — 140 miles — was a matter of four hours before; now the trip takes ten hours!

Return Home

When the Northern part of Italy was being liberated the traffic began to move northward to their homes. The lack of trucks increased the burden on the railroads.

There are no more first and second class cars in Foggia. There are a few third class cars traveling daily, but the bulk of the traffic are those who stand in the boxcars with their luggage.

Trains are so crowded that civilians hang outside and sit atop the cars and the coal tender behind the locomotives. At the end of the journey you may find Passengers Missing During Travel....

A seat in the locomotive or the postal car costs 600 and 700 lire.

Since no food is available on the trains, passengers, either carry bread and fruit or buy edibles from vendors along the way stations. The maintenance of sanitary conditions is impossible in these cars where women, children, men, goods and sometimes animals crowd together. These are Foggia's railroads in 1946.

Reconstruction of the city of Foggia itself depends on how soon this important railroad can be brought back to normal for the material needed to rebuild Foggia must be transported from nearby towns in the Province.

Dan Grover And The Family Pedone Bombardier Hides With Foggia Family

It was September 7, 1943 and the fires of the air-raids smoked in Foggia. From the surrounding countryside, the town looked like a simmering boil upon the land. Toward Lucera, there is slight rise in the plain and the peaceful countryside made a safe grandstand to watch the raids upon the city. All who could possibly afford to, had left the town.

The family Pedone moved to their small farm near Lucera and on that day, shortly after the "mezzo giorno" another of the raids began. For twenty minutes the B-24s were overhead as their rally took them over the farm. Flak was active, and shook the ground so not all the family was watching when the B-24 exploded. Mama was inside under a table. Enrico and Adriana saw the explosion. "E stato abbattuto un apparecchio!" (A plane has been shot down), cried Adriana. They watched three chutes descend slowly to the Earth.

Survived Plane Explosion

The Pedone family returned to their rural life. Mama and Adriana ran the house, Papa and Enrico worked the farm.

They thought much about brother Giovanni, a prisoner of the French in Algeria. It was four days later that Enrico met Dan Grover. He was walking near a small wood in the vicinity of the farm. He heard a noise, and turned to see a haggard figure coming toward him. Enrico understood English and though the man's voice was thickened by thirst and hunger, he knew he was an American flyer asking help. Enrico half carried him to the farmhouse and brought him into the kitchen. Mama was terrified. "He can't stay here!", she cried. "The Germans are hunting him! He can't stay!" The man could understand no Italian. But the meaning of this was plain enough. He took Mama by the arm and added his pleas to the protests of Adriana and Enrico. Mama was convinced, the man's immediate needs cared for, and then Enrico learned his story.

His name was Dan Grover. He was a Lieutenant and a bombardier in the U. S. Air Force. He had been shot down on the 7th of September

and only two others in his plane escaped the explosion and bailed out. He had fallen in a river "Vulcano", said Enrico, and had hidden along the banks while German searching parties were close by. He had seen a German trooper with a dagger between his teeth and a pistol in one hand, poking the bushes near the river. This man had actually brushed against his back and not known it. That night he had left the river, consulted his compass, and headed toward American occupied Naples. He got as far as a small wood when hunger and pain forced him to stop. For three days he hid, taking water from the well and grapes from the vine at night. On the fourth day, the fear that he would die had made him ask for help.

Germans Miss Hide Away

After an hour with the Pedones, Dan Grover felt much better. His stomach was comfortable with macaroni and the wounds on his face and foot were not as painful as before. Enrico, Adriana, Mama Papa, and Grandpapa, were all together with him in the front room when the unmistakable sound of German trucks was heard. "They are looking for him!", cried Mama. The house was panicked. Grover was hustled into the kitchen white and fearful, though not as much as the family Pedone. Enrico answered the door.

"Where is the road to Foggia?" was the calm question. The crisis passed.

Dan Grover lived with the Pedone family for sixteen days. On the seventeenth day the town was captured by English troops and soon after he joined with American and went home. The letter he left is ample testimonial to his feelings about the family Pedone. It follows.

To Whom It May Concern

In case you are able to extend any courtesy to this family, please do so. As for me, they could not ask too much. Sept 7 I was shot down over Foggia, they gave me medicine, care, and sheltered me when the "Huns" were all around. Their risk was great and any favor they ask of us they would get if I had my way.

It might have been you.

DAN F. GROVER

2nd Lt. Air Corps.

S. H. G.

AN ARTICLE

The Great Chewing Gum Invasion

G.I.'S don't only do it with guns, tanks and P-51's. They reserve the unnecessary roughness for the more strenuous times of combat. But whether in combat or in peace, so long as the GI is overseas the invasion goes on. Now Switzerland, as most of them have seen by now, is peaceful little country that somehow managed to keep the Germans out during the progress of the war. But now the American GI with the latest of his weapons is roaming the countryside, carrying the riches of the country away with him. And most amazing of all, the little people seem to be perfectly satisfied with what's going on.

The most potent of these weapons is the little stick of richness known as chewing gum. This innovation to Europe is most adaptable to conditions, strategic and tactical, found in the land of the Alps. Why this is, cannot be said so easily, but ever since this new weapon was let loose on the people last summer there has been no stopping the effects that are taking place. Little children, jingling valuable centimes, meet you on the street, eager to buy your wares. And you notice, too, that that they have begun to chew their cud in good old American fashion.

School Teachers In Opposition

Now, I cannot say that all is well in Switzerland so far as the chewing gum invasion is concerned. Some of the less liberal elements in the country, such as the school teachers, who seem to be the same the world

over, take a dim view of their pupils' jaw rhythm. In Lausanne recently one little boy was taken to task for chomping away in class, and it seems as though the teacher had warned them only shortly before that she would allow no un-Switzerland activities to undermine her class. "Oh-ho!" she said to the little boy who was green with guilt, "so you want to be like an American. All right, you shall sit for the rest of the hour with your feet on the desk!" I did not learn whether they furnish cigars for the little students on such suspicious occasions.

Insofar as the weapon is a completely new one in the annals of Swiss History many of the uninformed are taken completely by surprise at the sight of its use by the conquerors, and even more so by the conquered. Professor Pajillard of the Lausanne University, who seem to be making a study of this new Swiss practice told me this story he had picked up in his extensive research. A tall lanky Texan pulled his big frame onto a bus, one day, in one of the smaller Swiss towns. He was working his gum with that devil-may-care attitude that only Texans can really effect, and he strode silently up the bus looking for a seat. There were none. So he stood in front of an old peasant woman, hanging on a strap and silently chewing away. Finally the old woman got up to gather herself together before leaving the bus. "Well, thank you for being so nice," she said, "but I'm sorry, I didn't understand a work you were saying. You see, I'm deaf." S. B. G.

20th "A" Spikes 96th "A" In League Opener 37-33

STONE HIGH WITH 10 BASKETS

Lt Col Richard Schumacher made the toss up that started the first game of the League Tournament Wednesday night. The 20th Squadron "A" team beat the 96th Squadron "A" team 37 to 33 in a fast game.

The form displayed was definitely tournament-style though both teams showed particular strong points. Capt. Voigtmann's boys played fast, were fast on most of the breaks, and did some good though occasionally over-fancy passing. The 96th team showed careful ball-handling with very few wild passes. Frazier and Howell of the 96th did the heaviest part of their team's scoring with many long shots and fast pivots.

Referees Bill Schaffer and Bill Gray were "on the ball" in almost every case and though 18 fouls were called, the game did not appear to be a rough one.

Point honors for the game went to 20th's Stone who was hot from the second quarter on and scored 20 points. Frazier of the 96th was second with 15. Following is a play by play summary of the game.

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The 20th starting line-up (first five in box-score) were short men except for Hannan, and the teams stayed neck and neck in the first quarter. The first point for each team was made on foul shots by Hannan (20th) and Frazier (96th). Stone, beginning a hot evening established a very temporary lead for the 20th which was broken by three successive goals by Cruce, Howell, and McDonald. All these were long shots, the first of many for the evening, and Howell's was a spinner to boot. Then the score was tied by two fouls for 20th goals made by Stone and then Taylor a minute apart. With two minutes of the quarter left, Weeldreyer and Burgess came in for Cahir and Seeley (20th). But only Frazier scored before the quarter was over and made the score 11 10, favor the 96th Squadron.

In the second quarter the 20th established their lead. They broke fast and made four field-goals before the 96th could score; the first was by Hannan and the next three in succession by Stone. Frazier sunk one trying to recoup but Stone countered it with a running basket. Frazier made another and this time Burgess (20th) sunk one immediately and Taylor increased the lead with a goal. Kaczmarek came in for Weeldreyer. Then Howell (96th) made a shot from 1/3 court and shortly after, Hannan (20th) tapped in a foul shot by Taylor. With thirty seconds of the quarter left, 20th sent in Calabrese and Orrel to replace Burgess and Kaczmarek. Frazier again made the last goal of a quarter during the last fifteen seconds, and at the half the score was 26-19, favor 20th Squadron.

The third quarter was the shortest in points made. Frazier (96th) led

off with a basket shot on the run and Taylor (20th) was able to sink a one-handed side shot. Then Howell (96th) surrounded near his own basket sunk one of his habitual long spinners. The ball changed hands rapidly a few times; Stone sunk a basket; there was some more shuffling around the court and Taylor found a chance to get good and set at 1/3 court and sent the ball through without touching the rim. Burgess replaced Calabrese (20th) and there was no more scoring that quarter. The score, was 32-23, favor 20th Sq.

The 96th Squadron really found the hoop in the fourth quarter but were only able to pick up five points on the 20th's lead. Sweeney replace Orr in the 96th at the start. After the first few minutes of play, Stone lost the ball on a fancy behind-the-back pass, the 96th grabbed it, and McDonald sunk a basket in the clear. At this point, Hannan was sent out of the game on fouls. They just sneaked up on him, and Weeldreyer came in. Cruce made a foul shot for the 96th and Taylor did the same for the 20th. Stone caught a pass and sunk one under the basket and then Frazier made two 1/2-court shots about a minute apart. Seeley came in for Burgess on the 20th. Stone sunk the last basket for the 20th and then Orr (96th) made a goal and foul-shot in quick succession for the last points of the game. Score at the finish, 37-33, favor 20th Squadron.

BOX SCORE

20th "A"			96th "A"				
FG	FT	TP	FG	FT	TP		
Stone	10	0	20	Cruce	1	1	3
Taylor	4	2	10	Frazier	7	1	15
Hannan	2	1	5	Howell	4	0	8
Cahir	0	0	0	McDonald	2	0	4
Seeley	0	0	0	Simpson	0	0	0
Kaczmarek	0	0	0	Orr	1	1	3
Burgess	1	0	2	Sweeney	0	0	0
Orrel	0	0	0				
Weeldreyer	0	0	0				15
Calabrese	0	0	0				3
							37

Referees: Schaffer and Gray Scorekeeper: Donovan Timekeeper: Blessing.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

January 2	96th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "A" Team.
January 3	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.
January 4	529th Air Serv. Group	vs	1898th Buldozers.
January 5	96th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	55th Station Hospital.
January 6	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "A" Team.
January 7	529th Air Serv. Group	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.
January 8	1898th Buldozers	vs	55th Station Hospital.
January 9	96th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.
January 10	20th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	529th Air Serv. Group.
January 11	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team	vs	1898th Buldozers.
January 12	55th Station Hospital	vs	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.
January 13	96th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	529th Air Serv. Group.
January 14	20th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	1898th Buldozers.
January 15	20th Bomb Sq. "B" Team	vs	96th Bomb Sq. "A" Team.
January 16	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team	vs	529th Air Serv. Group.
January 17	55th Station Hospital	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "A" Team.
January 18	1898th Buldozers	vs	96th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.
January 19	20th Bomb Sq. "A" Team	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.
January 20	529th Air Serv. Group	vs	55th Station Hospital.
January 21	1898th Buldozers	vs	96th Bomb Sq. "A" Team.
January 22	55th Station Hospital	vs	20th Bomb Sq. "B" Team.

All games will be played at the 2nd Bombardment Group (Hv) Gymnasium located on the second floor at the NAAFI-EPI Other Ranks Club Building.

Games will start promptly at 18.35 hours.

96th Blue Devils Tip 20th Bees 31-29 In Extra Period

Lamia's Long Set Shot Wins Game

The second tournament game got off to a slow start Thursday night as the old 429th Blue Devils, now the 96th "B" team, beat the former 49th Sq. team, now the 20th "B" team, by a score of 31 to 29 in three extra minutes, added to break a tie.

Shaffer of the Blue Devils let fly at the basket from wherever he happened to be for the first three quarters. He'd sunk one out of a possible thirty tosses until he warmed up in the last quarter and made six buckets to give him 14 points and honors for the game. Eastman was second with 10 points for the Bees, and the other scoring was fairly well distributed.

The Blue Devils trailed throughout the game. They didn't score at all in the first quarter and made only two points in the second. The half dragged and in flurries of activity the 20th Bees made 5 points in the first and 6 in the second quarter.

The third quarter was better. Seventeen points were made in steady playing throughout the eight minutes. Players warmed up and started sinking long shots and fouls, the neither team seemed to show any strong inclination to work the ball up to the basket.

The last quarter had as much action as the rest of the game combined as the 96th Blue Devils fought their way out of a ten point hole. The teams broke fast, passed better and began to sink goals from under the basket. Shaffer got hot and sunk his six needed baskets. When time was called the score was tied at 29-29. Three minutes to break it were allotted and in this time there was plenty of action, an unsuccessful free throw by O'Conner (Bees) who incidentally played careful basketball throughout the game, and the winning goal sunk by Lamia, a long set shot. The game was won by the 96th Blue Devils 31-29, in the best traditions of a "money-team" finish.

S. H. G.

BOX SCORE

96th Blue Devils			
FG	FT	TP	
Schaffer	7	0	14
Bastion	2	0	4
Maxwell	0	0	0
Lockren	2	1	5
Lamia	2	1	5
Gray	1	1	3
			14

20th Bees

FG	FT	TP	
Eastman	5	0	10
Pereria	1	3	5
Eads	1	0	2
Poel	0	0	0
O'Conner	3	0	6
Lauletta	3	0	6
			13

Referees: Cruce and Taylor Scorekeeper: Donovan

THANK!

Nice Red Cross people have been faithfully on hand at the basketball games to warm the spectators with hot coffee and icing - covered donuts.

It's good!

Football Ends With Gameless Flight To Leghorn

The Foggia All-Stars went to Leghoro Xmas day and returned on the 28th without ever having put on their uniforms. This bit of bad luck ended the football season in Foggia.

S/Sgt. Gordon B. O'Harra of Special Services explained that the 88th Division they were to have played was retained by their CO because they had been playing too much football, getting too much time off, and were wanted back to begin soldering again.

Capt. Hy Simon, All-Stars coach says that they tried in vain to get another opponent. The 442 Division (Niseli) team and the 351st Regiment team that played on Xmas day were scheduled to play again on New Years Day at Udine. Special Services at Leghorn was unable to drum up any other opposition.

This means the end of the football season as Capt. Simon says that many men are leaving on points and others are in brackets that will soon be called. "I am appreciative of being able to work with the team", he says and gives credit to S/Sgts. O'Harra and Eugene A. Zerden who spent much time working with the team.

At The Gym

Boxing Begins

The Australian welterweight, LAG Howard Price, of the RAF started instructions in the "manly art", Friday January 4th. Training for boxers, amateurs, novices, and never-tried-it-before is now in session. Instruction and sparring starts at 1830 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

The instructor Howard Price, is well known to Foggia boxing fans. In the "good old days" he was quite a terror and boxed at the Flagella Theatre. Sgt. Russell says that he will continue as instructor until a better man comes along. Of course, the better man will have to prove it.

There is a complete line of equipment for boxers. The ring has been completed and for training purposes there is weight-lifting apparatus, and gloves. All you bring is yourself and athletic shoes or whatever you use for the purpose.

Four Wall Handball

The four wall handball court is now in use and already much favorable comment has been heard from users. Sgt. Russell says that so far the best men he's seen are Capt. Voigtmann and Chaplain MacGowan. More players, experts and beginners, are urged to attend.

Miscellany

* Fencing, that art of fighting with the foils, will start soon. Ask at the gym.

* Checking service for valuables operates from 1300 to 1630 and from 1730 to 2200.

* Hot showers are available from 1800 to 2000.

* A billiard table with a set of new balls is ready for use.

* Get the hell up to the gym and start using this stuff!

"STATIC FROM YOUR A.E.S." Sgt. BOB DEWART

Well, another Christmas has passed, and with it, many excellent Christmas programs. By far the best was "Special Command Performance", a two hour platter program featuring most of Hollywood's top notch performers. And of course, there were many more outstanding shows, including those of Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, Jack Penny and Dick Haymes. Another special attraction of your A.E.S. was the remote broadcast of Dicken's "Christmas Carol", direct from the American Red Cross. Then on New Years Eve, we presented an extra three hour request program, from midnight to three A. M. The requests were phoned in, and we here at the studio endeavored to play them as soon as possible.

It Ain't The Uniform, After All

Our own Cookie pulled the boner of the week at the Flagella Theater Saturday evening when "A.E.S. took the stage". Advancing fearlessly through the audience selecting victims for his quiz program, Cookie couldn't seem to get an answer from four soldiers, dressed in what appeared to be British uniforms. After several fruitless attempts, he was informed that the persons in questions were Polish soldiers, and couldn't speak a word of English!

The most welcomed Christmas present received by any of the boys here at the station was a one way trip to the States, received by our engineer, Vaughn Giles, who left Saturday at seven thirty A. M. His only comment at that time was "Yawn Oh Boy! (Yawn)".

New Time Program

For those of you who haven't noticed it yet, our new opening hour is 0700 on week days, and we are off the air from 0900 to 1100 hours on week days. On Sundays, we are on the Air from 0900 hours to midnight.

And now for a few programs to be heard over this station this week, Don't miss Jack Benny this week. Along with his guest, Ingrid Bergman, he will be heard Monday evening. Tuesday brings you Bob Hope, broadcasting from the deck of the U.S.S. South Dakota in San Francisco. On Wednesday evening, "Suspense" brings you Joseph Cotton in "Beyond Good and Evil". Everyone's favorite, the "G. I. Journal" will also be heard Wednesday evening, with Jack Carson, Bonita Granville, and Jerry Colonna.

And so, for this week, this is your A.E.S. announcer, signing off for your Air Force American Expeditionary Station, in Foggia.

Round Foggia On New Year's Eve

AT THE EMBASSY CLUB - Things began to liven up early in the evening with the place filled to capacity by 9 o'clock... Manager Nick Pavia had to move in extra tables and chairs and still that wasn't enough... The restricted dancing space didn't seem to bother any of the jitterbugs (does it ever?)... People were three deep at the bar and the waiters were hard pressed to keep up with the demand... The "Jive Bombers", under the new leadership of Cpl. Clyde Ruppert, gave out with music that made the dancers jump and soothed the drinkers at the same time.

AT THE TOP HAT CLUB - It seemed that revelers there had more drinks per capita than anywhere else in town... "Genial Freddie" Glickman, the manager, was no exception but managed to keep everything under something resembling control... The music was nothing much due to a snafu somewhere in obtaining an orchestra... No one minded the music anyway since the noise made it a little difficult to hear.

AT PINEAPPLE PETE'S (20th Sqdn) - The crowd was not large but had as good a time as was had anywhere... The unique (for Foggia) system of having the dance hall and the bar completely separated worked out well... Dancers could dance in peace and drinkers could--drink.

AT THE REPPLE DEP-PLE LOUNGE (529th ASG) - That little place was probably one of the quietest spots in town... Freddie's orchestra provided the music... The movement between the bar and the dance hall when the music started or stopped reminded one of tides at the seashore... The lack of noise didn't prevent anyone from having a good time, in fact it helped.

AT THE FORTRESS CLUB (2nd Bomb Officer's) - Hilarity was the keynote... The American whisky flowed faster than the coke and people had plenty... French DeGrazia's Occupators supplied music that topped any other night spot around here... Balloons, paper hats, and kisses all around marked the stroke of midnight... New Year's toasts caused broken glasses by the dozen in most Foggia clubs, but in the Fortress Club it was by the hundred. J. C. C.

CHARLEEN GIRL ABOUT TOWN

As this is being composed, I am sitting listening to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (I'm from Indianapolis) over the Foggia station and my mind is far from here. But I'll struggle to come back to reality and relay a few tid bits about Foggiaites (sounds like a kind of termite, doesn't it). F/O Homer Fraser says to tell Jo. "That he loves her madly." Homer, I believe is the crawler of Christmas night up the 2nd Bomb Officers dance.

That baby blue scarf Lou Seebo has been sporting is really snappy. Esquire, January, 1946.

Johnny Guldenshuh's back from Switzerland minus everything but the mere essentials. Is it true that they are crazy for gold in Switzerland?

At a December birthday party Saturday night Ann and Jo gave a choice select few Red Cross commando badges. Lucky men receiving awards were:

- BILL ELLIS - JOHNNY GULDENSHUH - BOB ORRELL - SYLVESTER - JIM PANARISI - LOU SEEBO - DICK KESSLER - PHIL FUNK.

SPEAKING OF SYLVESTER

And speaking of Sylvester the following anecdote appears. 96th Squadron held a bingo party Thursday at which Ann Starbuck assisted. Sylvester was the only one there that Ann knew very well. The fellows realizing this said that Sylvester had better not receive the door prize or they would suspect something fishy. Extreme care was taken that all the numbers be well shaken up in a container. Ann pulled out a number - number 7 - yes, none other than Sylvester's number and he walked out with an extra 2000 lire in his pocket. They are still shaking their heads at the coincidence.

Who does Larkin the 3rd think he is getting two promotions within one month?

UNCLE JOE' NEW EM DIRECTOR

Uncle Jo just called in to say he was stranded in Naples. The 6 x 6 broke down on the way there Sunday and Jo Jo had to hitch hike in the driving rain. He had an Italian with him so no one would pick him up. Nothing but trouble! While Uncle Jo is the subject, best of luck to him in his new job Club Director of the EM Club.

They say Loving's first name is Gene because his folks were disappointed in getting a "he" instead of a "she".

Lt. Bill Cannon is in town with his brand new wife Lucia De Forcade from Capri. Congratulations to both.

Ask S/Sgt. Jim Helmricks how he got his nick name.

Seen wondering about with a lost look in his eye is the Astabula, Ohio boy - 3 pointer George Campany.

EXPLAIN S/Sgt FALLICK

By the way what does S/Sgt Fallick mean putting all the Red Cross Commandos on guard duty? Speaking of guard duty the most familiar request on the phone these days goes something like this. "Orange" - "Security Section, Please" - "37 - Ring 2" - "Sgt. of the Guard" - "What time does Sgt So and So go on guard?"

I have only two awards to make this week.

A big Bermuda onion and a hunk of limburger cheese to those officers who broke into apartment 313 early Sunday morning. When they heard someone coming, they went out so fast no one could get a good look at them.

A Good Conduct Medal to Matty Picozzi, line operator deluxe.

Some new capital letters to the type setters who use the three letters ESC so much in the Occupator.

A Baby to Stu Gesheid so he can practice those fear conditioning experiments he talks about.

It's about time to see the New Year in with a few shots of water - so chow for 1945.

IN FOGGIA

Flea Market

Sometime ago the "Flea Market" presented itself as a typical foreign curiosity.

"Flea Market" it was called by the French to distinguish it from the other markets, in that it was constituted by displays, on the public street, of a thousand poor things, a thousand kinds of clothes, and spare leftovers, among which it was possible to find an umbrella handle, a bottomless cup, a musical instrument case, a doll's head, a used pipe, fruits, even drugs and heap of edible locusts; surely everything with an aspect, both of misery and of foulness. The "Flea Market" exists among the poor who are without economic power to purchase in the stores, and, it might be added, also without the knowledge of soap. It is a dirty market, frequently with a bad odour. In North Africa the French suggest that you visit it, to show an uncivil world how to be civilized.

But there is no illusion for the visitor: he may be able to exempt himself from any purchase, but he won't be able to avoid the flea's aggression.

It is a flea market, then, in all respects.

Now, the people of Foggia do not need to organize long and arduous trips to admire the flea market.

It's enough to walk down the streets: everything is a flea market, everything a civil outrage, everything in scorn of commerce and hygiene. The great number of ill-clothed hungry bimbos. And the old men or old women who run from their asylums are there; and all that is under the civilian authorities' eyes, but they are impotent to treat hostilely this singular postwar market.

Male Call



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



Class B, Class A's

