

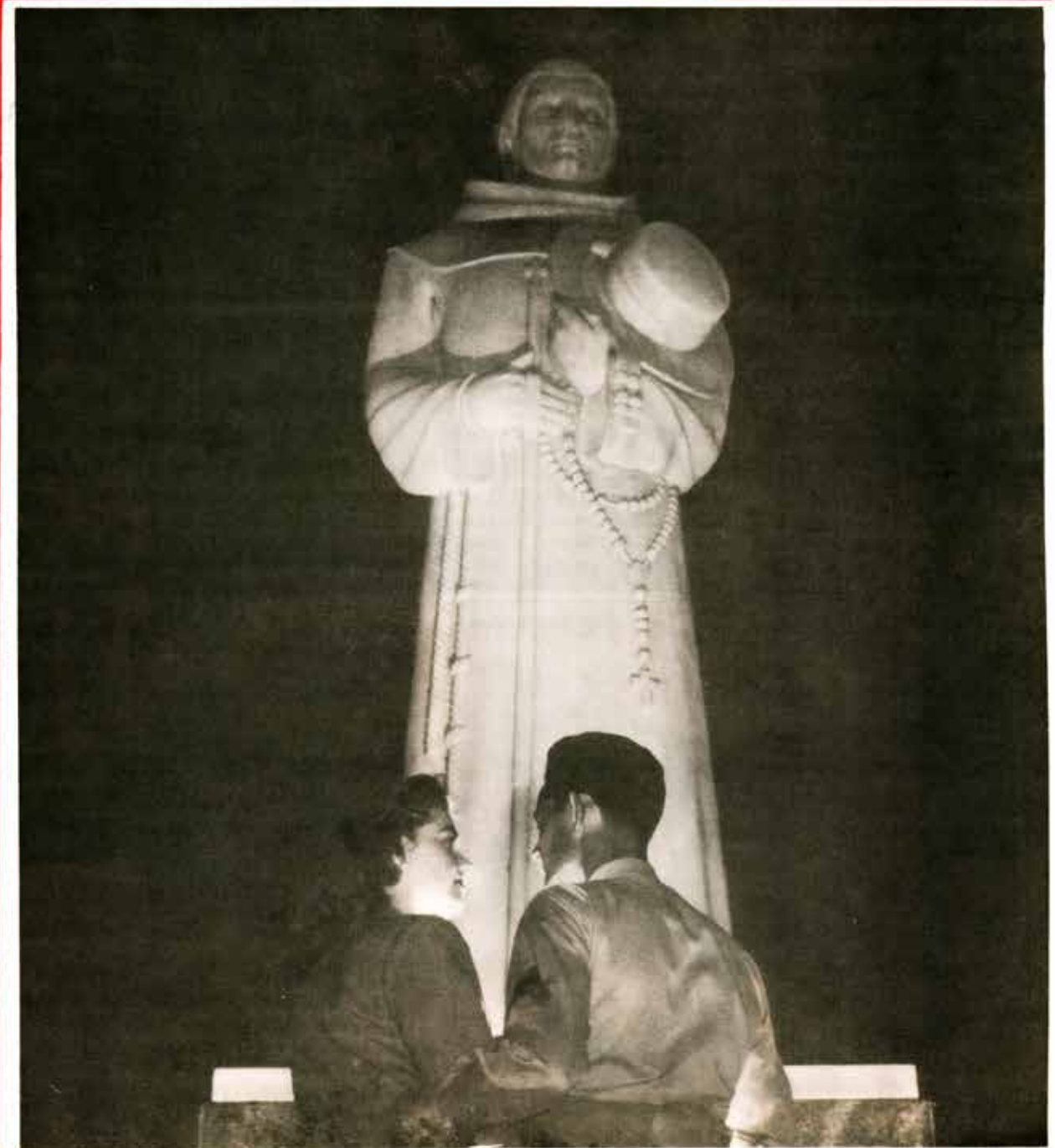


MINTER FIELD

# *Snap roll*

JUNE 30, 1943

ARMY AIR FORCE BASIC FLYING SCHOOL



## RECREATION PROGRAM . . .

## HERE IS "GOOD DEAL"

In addition to the present swimming pool, which lends a country-club atmosphere to the Post, the tennis courts, basketball courts, the spacious athletic field, squadron day rooms, recreation lounge and Post theater, builders are rushing the completion of the new Post gym and the Negro swimming pool.

When these two projects are completed, Minter Field will have one of the most outstanding recreation programs of any post on the Pacific Coast.

Most of the recreation program is operating under the direction of Major Lee Frankovich, Special Service Officer.

Next week, the SNAP ROLL will present a lavish display of the Post Recreation Program, which has grown from nothing during the past two years to its present creditable state.

Starting with nothing but a dream, Major Frankovich began to construct a recreation program that would take a back seat to nothing of its kind in this area.

Despite many handicaps, the dream began to take form. Various centers and groups were organized

## PACIFIC PILOT . . .

Air men in the Southwest Pacific claim today that Lt. Harvey Dunbar of Easton, Pennsylvania, is both the luckiest and unluckiest man in the A.E.F. Unluckiest because he was in two plane crashes on the same day; luckiest because he came through without a scratch.

Dunbar, a fighter pilot, was forced down into the sea when his motor conked. He managed to struggle out of his chute and swam nearly a mile to the nearest island. He was rescued by a plane which landed on the beach.

Near his home base, the rescue plane crashed killing the pilot and four others in the crew. In his own words Dunbar stated, "I was at camp a few hours later, feeling very humble and glad to be alive."

for recreation. Athletic teams of various sorts were formed.

Aided by good equipment and expert coaching, the football team, hockey squad, boxing team, baseball team and basketball teams began a saga of sports history that put the Post on the map.

## MORALE CORNER



Lita Ward is this week's nominee for Snap Roll's Morale Corner. She recently appeared in "Aerial Gunner", a Paramount picture, with Richard Arlen. She is a Texas gal and just loves to look lovely.

## News Review

A report from Washington, D.C. this week discloses that civilians may be issued ten per cent more pork this year than last. This is believed to be the forerunner of a report that the beef supply is dwindling.

On the baseball front the Yanks still have a toehold on the American loop and the Cards are clinging to the lead in the National League. On the Coast, the Los Angeles Angels are out in front by nine and a half games.

This week the war news featured the "shuttle" bombings of Germany by the RAF, and the heavy aerial drives by the U.S. Army Air Forces.

In the Far East, Japan predicted that the allies would start a drive through Burma. They also predicted that they would soon be catching 'em from our planes in their own back yard.

## Snaproll

Colonel Carl W. Pyle,  
Commanding Officer

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"I had no idea you dance. Too!"



This week, Burma, Milton Caniff's gal from Terry and the Pirates, dropped in to see how SNAP ROLL was coming along. Pvt. Jim Smullen and Pvt. Charles O'Hare do not seem to be making any points with the gal.

### Red Cross Locates Brother For Minter WAAC

Charles L. Smith, Minter Red Cross Field Director, recently reported the rapid service of his organization in contacting service men overseas.

On June 7, a WAAC stationed here came into Mr. Smith's office, asking that her brother, serving somewhere overseas, be contacted as she and her family had not heard from him in over eight months. Her only information was his APO number.

Mr. Smith, using the number, sent a wire to the director at the overseas station. Two weeks from the day of inquiry, a reply was received stating that the WAAC's brother was O.K.

### THIS WEEKS COVER

Standing before the statue of Father Garcia at the circle are a Minter Field soldier and a girl. The Spanish padre was the first white man to set foot on the Indian Rancharia, which is now Bakersfield.

# SNAP ROLL MAKES BOW

Publication To Headline Art, Feature News

Here it is boys and girls--Minter Field's brand new journalistic venture, the SNAP ROLL. Due to the many handicaps that always accompany the first edition of a new publication, it falls short of perfection. In fact, it may never reach that plane. However, it will always be the goal of the editorial and photographic staff of the SNAP ROLL to attain that objective.

Among the features appearing in the SNAP ROLL through courtesy of Camp Newspaper Service are "Male Call", the comic cartoon created by Milton Caniff which por-

trays Miss Lace, curvesome gal and her G. I. pals; the Wolf cartoon and various news releases.

In contrast to the deceased "Windsock", this journalistic infant is adorned with a spacious layout of art. On page 2 you will notice (how could you miss it?) is Morale Corner. Lita Ward, Paramount studio morsel, ushers in this new feature.

On the editorial mast-head are listed a few of the many people that get the SNAP ROLL on the press. However, they are only a small fraction of the large force needed to make this publication a reality. Space will not allow mention of these people.

### IMAGINE BEAUTY IN A UNIFORM

At left is a news shot from "On the Beam", Army musical that played two shows here. The WAAC, shown here, is Afc. Betty Beam. There is no need to say she is attractive. The guy with her is just one of the cast that we had to run to round out the picture.



### Squadron Scribes, Get On The Beam

Let's get on the beam, you squadron reporters, and get some copy into the SNAP ROLL editorial office every Friday by noon.

This publication belongs to the field. In order to keep it going, we have to have news. Your squadron is news. Keep it short--but give the squadron news page editor the dope on what is going on in your outfit.

In preparing your copy use first and last names, type it double space, via, (approximately 6 1/2" wide, field) IT IN ON TIME.



Recent innovation in the chemical warfare field, according to Lt. George V. Gushue, Jr., chemical warfare officer, is the specially impregnated woolen suit worn by decontamination squads and troops exposed to gas attacks. The suit is reasonably comfortable and affords free movement to personnel wearing it.

# WAACs at WORK

by Sgt. Ernie Peeler

When the United States Government set up the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps a little over a year ago, howls of protest and grunts of disgust burst forth from male population of the Army.

"Women in the Army, whatinell can they do?" veteran G.I.'s growled.

"They can't do this to us, this is a man's Army. We ain't got room for a bunch of dames cluttering up a post," the females muttered.

When the news broke at Minter that the WAACs were moving in, several of the G.I.'s began consulting railroad timetables, knowing that many of them would be ousted from their happy home to make way for the skirted soldiers.

The arrival of the khaki clad gals was preceded by a barrage of rumors, designed to make one believe: (1) The WAACs were going to do just *P.P.* (2) They would be assigned only to non-air force installations. (3) Every department would be taken over by them. (4) The story of their coming to Minter was just another Army myth. "They'll never replace us guys; it's just another rumor, a G.I. dayroom-a-gram," one soldier wishfully rumored.

While the male members of Minter peacefully slept one night during the early part of May, the first contingent of WAACs, led by Third Officers Rose B. Lederer and Grace Benedict, established a beach-head here. They were reinforced a few days later by the main body of feminine soldiers.

The male force retreated to their barracks and day rooms and through the windows observed the new arrivals marching to and fro around the post in a snappy, military manner.

First Sergeant Joe Schaffer of the 64th commented, "They look better than my outfit."

On May 31, the fatal ax that every G.I. had been dreading, fell. In the File Room, Sergeant Major's Office, Message Center, the Post Office, School Secretary's Office, the Control Tower, Weather Station, Mimeograph Room and Post Headquarters.

The enlisted wise guys immediately came forth with the sage prediction--"They won't be able to turn out the work."

However, as in the case of most male predictions, this above statement was and is being proven wrong. In support of this claim the following statements are issued by some of the department heads.

From the Mimeograph Room M/Sgt Bill Spink says: "The WAACs are O.K. Those working for me are on the ball and are doing their job swell. I have one typist that I will stack up against anybody."

Jumping to the flight line Cpl. J.J. Bottoms of the Control Tower discloses the feminine soldiers are learning fast and have good mike voices. "They'll be able to take complete charge soon, I believe," he said.



"Hut!...Hut!...Hut! Ho! He! Ho!"

Afc Maude Phillips takes Army life in stride as she swings along toward her job. She works in the WAAC beauty parlor keeping her sisters in khaki glamorous for the role they are playing in Uncle Sam's new army of feminine soldiers.

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# WORKING WELL!



"No, she's relieving you for combat duty."



Two enlisted men in the Minter School Secretary's Office are showing the whys and wherefores of their work to a couple of WAACs who are ready to take over. Pvt Merle D. Corrick is giving a few pointers to Afc Ruth Wolfson and Pfc Gordon Hambly is instructing Afc Matilee Garland.



Third Officer Grace L. Benedict is shown getting "the works" from Aux. Maude Phillips in the WAAC beauty shop. The operator seems determined to give the feminine officer a 1-A job.



"This, girls, is a screw driver," says S/Sgt. Francis G. Rafter, Crew Chief down on the line, as the WAACs listen intently. Left to right are Afc Olive Griffith, Afc Muriel White, Afc Elizabeth Jones and Cpl E. E. Muncy.



No, fellows! This is not a WAAC performing her ablutions in a G.I. bathtub. It is none other than Sgt Bill Endicott, late of Minter radio fame and now removed to greater fields. Bill is shown doing a pre-flight in the a p back in the days when the coming of the W the co a healthy rumor.



"But I still don't see what makes it fly," says Cpl E.E. Muncy to S/Sgt Francis G. Rafter. It's another day down on the line with the enlisted men showing the WAACs what makes things tick.

## MINTER BOXERS SCORE EASY WIN

Sport Greats  
Make Hit

## FLIERS LOSE TO SANTA ANA, 7-4

### Former Champs Referee Bouts

With four former boxing greats in attendance, the Minter Field boxing team made it a clean sweep over March Field in the first outdoor boxing show ever put on here at the Basic Flying School grounds last Friday P. M.

The Minter boxers, coached by S/Sgt. Dominic Sturniolo, won hands down but most of the audience, which included officers, cadets, WAACs, enlisted men, and a smattering of civilians, were engrossed with the personal appearance of such ring personalities as Jim Jeffries, Max and Buddy Baer and Maxie Rosenbloom.

This quartet, headed by the clownish antics of "Slapsie Maxie" Rosenbloom, of radio and cinema fame, completely captivated the large gathering who witnessed the show under lamps on the old unassigned area.

Jeffries, the two Baers, who are now corporals at McClelland Field, Tommy Hart, Steve Strellich, and Frank Ciarle, Bakersfield boxing key figures, refereed bouts on the nine-fight card. Also serving as referees were Majors Lee Frankovich and John Dougery.

The entire nine-bout card was fast, clean and hard fought—even down to the two "paperweight" bouts between sons of personnel of the field.

The two "paperweight" affairs wound up in draws although both get-togethers were real slug-ging matches that provided plenty of thrills, as the youngsters bashed away at each other. Jim Toland, son of Lt. Eddie Toland, squared off with



Former ring champs lend their personalities to the big outdoor boxing show held Friday night on the old unassigned pool area. Reading left to right S/Sgt. Dominic Sturniolo, Minter boxing coach; "Slapsie Maxie" Rosenbloom, massive Buddy Baer, Jim Jeffries, Col. C. W. Pyle, Max Paer and Major Lee Frankovich. Boxers are Cpl. John Slavin, left, and Pfc. Frank Capolingro, with March Field boxing coach John Dominic, in front of Max Baer.



Joe DiMaggio, Glenn Vaughan, exchange greetings before Saturday's game between Santa Ana and the Fliers.

### Clean Sweep

Cpl. John Slavin, Minter, outpointed Pfc. Frank Capolingro. Jeffries refereed.

Cpl. Ed Chandler, Minter, KO'd Pvt. Fred Bailey, 2nd round. Strellich refereed.

Pvt. Alfred Olivera, Minter, outpointed Pvt. Charles Brown. Buddy Baer refereed.

Pvt. Ed Kieper, Minter, drew with Louis Chamberlain. Max Paer refereed.

Norman Hubbard in the 60-pound class, and Earl and Curtis Wallace, stepsons of M/Sgt. Ben Leo, son fought in the 90-lb. class.

### Harley Oylor Faces SAAABS Saturday

The Fliers will get another crack at the SAAABS Saturday afternoon when both clubs meet in the wind-up of their home and home series started last week. The game will be played at Santa Ana.

Harley Oylor, Minter's ace moundman, will do the hurling for the Fliers. His opponent is Bob White, a former twirler of the 3-1 league. Both men are undefeated to date, Oylor winning 8 and White 7.

The Pinedale Army club was to invade Minter today for the first meeting between the two clubs.

### Di Maggio Hits 400 Foot Homer

Joltin' Joe DiMaggio, the former Yankee Clipper, found a spot in the hearts of Bakersfield's baseball fans as he led his Santa Ana teammates to a 7 to 4 victory over the Minter Field Fliers Saturday afternoon.

With approximately 3,000 fans in attendance at Sam Lynn Park, the ex-New York Yankee and batting king, drove a 400-foot homer over the center field wall in the 7th inning with a teammate on base. It was a tremendous wallop, much to the delight of the throng who came to see the great DiMag in action. They were well rewarded for DiMaggio gave one of his best all around performances including a beautiful gloved back hand catch up against the fence in the second frame.

The win was Santa Ana's 21st straight of the campaign and the 24th consecutive game that DiMaggio has hit safely at least once. The Fliers had three victories in a row until the SAAAB contest.

Jim Schantel did the hurling for Minter and was touched for 12 hits. He was opposed by Glenn Gabler, a smooth working moundman who had the situation well in hand throughout the nine innings, allowed only 6 bingles.

Paul Crapo, the Fliers' first sacker, and Leo Trimm, Santa Ana's right fielder, also connected for home runs. Crapo's circuit clout came in the 8th inning with the sacks empty. He leaned on Gabler's first pitch and sent the ball sailing over the right center field fence.

## 64th Base Headquarters & A. B. Squadron

by Pfc Vincent Murphy, Jr.

With the advent of this column we are informed that the famous "Windsock" has left our field. The powers that be have decreed that Minter Field keep pace with modern trends and thus we have the new pictorial, SNAP ROLL.

Many delicate compliments have undoubtedly been directed toward the editorial staff. Of these, some have been subtle, some humorous, and some sincere. Your writer is most sincere in offering his congratulations to the men whose vision and interest have brought this type of copy to our field. The 64th is proud to have such soldiers within its ranks.

Much credit for the new SNAP ROLL must go to Sgt. Ernie Peeler. Sgt. Peeler has often expressed, both publicly and in private, that it was his fondest dream to edit a pictorial paper. 1st Sgt. Bill Spink has always been interested in the publicity given this field and at one time, when the Public Relations Department was in its infancy, did a fine job of editing for the field. The turn of events that now find us reading this page also has placed Spink in the position of Printing Supervisor. Sgt. Spink's return to the field of news copy guarantees us some interesting highlights.

Other members of the 64th that compose the editorial group of this new publication will be Pvt. Alexander Brogna, covering all sports angles both on and off the field, Sgt. Don MacLaughlin and Pvt. Don Kopp, covering the more interesting angles connected with figures, and 1st Sgt. Ed Durham supplying us with photographic

## Medic Mixups

by Pfc. Bernard D. Murphy

Hail and farewell! Pfc. Larry Mulvaney, medic scribe the past few months, is no longer with us. Larry had just settled down to an air conditioned summer in Ward B when along came old Special Orders, who whisked our ace reporter over to the 407th Avn Squadron. Along with him went Cpls. "The Great" Ergovich, "Smiley" Patterson, "Cupid" Shreffler, and Pvt. "Silent" Moorman. Also departing is Pfc. "Wreck" Rutter, pride of the ambulance corps, who has shifted into higher flying as an Aviation Cadet pre-flightier.

A new sweetness and light has come to the Information Desk and the Flight Surgeon's Office as the hospital welcomes Afc. Helen Gregowicz and Afc. Bertha Piper of the WAAC detachment to its ranks.

Mess Sgt. Joe "Curly" Deutschmann is a culinary artist of the first order and takes his hat off to no man as a major domo de luxe, but somehow he just cannot convince the boys of his volleyball prowess. They say Joe has speed, initiative, finesse, but no matter how well he plays, the boys cannot tell the difference between his head and the ball.

Mystery of the week is that huge wooden bar placed across the boudoir window of 1st/Sgt. Gann.

material.

Pvt. Jim Smullen, well known feature writer, has always supplied us with news written in a readable manner. The addition of pictorial matter will serve to aid his work.

Yes, the 64th is proud of its men. In reading all future issues of the SNAP ROLL, give the above named men a little credit for their work and for Ed the squadron such with 1 of honor.

## MINTER CADETS MAKE OVERSEAS COMBAT HISTORY



### 872nd GUARD SQ.

by Cpl. Charles Gottesman

Many new and interesting things have happened since our last column went to press. This column shall be dedicated strictly to tales about our sqdn's men. Sgt. Robert Godley hasn't really been the same since he took that final leap into matrimony. 1fc. Raymond Bartnicke is just about as proud of his new bunch of Jeeps (the four wheeled kind) as any father would be about the first offspring. (Quote from Bartnicke, "Boy, do dey go good; it's like floating on air." Oh well, so it goes. Some men like good cigars; others, "Ahem;" and Bartnicke, well it's just the jeets for him. Drop around the supply room some day and get a load of Pfc. Fred Miller, our new armor man who has been making some pretty swell cabinets for the squadron. We have a future Rembrandt in our midst, Cpl. T. B. Huettl. He did a crayon drawing of Pvt. E. P. Smith t'other day and the likeness is as near perfection as can be. Honorary Cpl. Nicotine is languishing for his old master, Sgt. McGowan.



Major R. W. Mino

Minter Field, one of the finest basic training schools in the country, brides itself in the manner in which aviation cadets and student officers are ably put through their paces, and when qualified, are sent on to advanced training, wiser in the ways of flying for their stay here.

Airmen graduates of Minter have gone out to blaze paths to the hearts of the Axis nations and have added many chapters to aviation history.

Four officers at Minter are directly charged with the responsibility of training the student pilots. They are Colonel Carl W. Pyle, Commanding Officer; Major Raymond W. Mino, Director of Training; Major Robert E. Horton, Director of Ground School; and Major Carter C. Speed, Commandant of Cadets.



A smooth functioning organization, the Minter Seventh Sub-depot, under the command of Lt. Col. Russell F. Flolo, was activated in November of 1941. Since its inception it has expanded rapidly and now ranks among the most efficient of its kind.

Manned almost entirely by civilian employees--of which approximately forty-five per cent are women--the sub-depot is charged with supplying and maintaining the BT13's on the field.

The colonel, a Senior Pilot in his own right, a title denoting better than 2000 flying hours and more than five years' service, does everything in his power to keep the employees' morale at a high pitch.

In line with his policy, he has established lunch stands for their use and has instituted regular rest periods during the day for the elimination of industrial fatigue.

The flying colonel was in medical school at the University of South Dakota when he enlisted in the Air Forces in 1935.



"... Senior Pilot ..."



SUB-DEPOT MAIN HANGAR: Here is the roost for all Minter aircraft in need of overhauling. They are run through the production line and emerge with many more flying hours added to their careers.

**Male Call**

by Milton Caniff Creator of Terry and the Pirates



**The Boy In Upper 13**

