



MINTER FIELD

Snap roll

JULY 7, 1943

ARMY AIR FORCE BASIC FLYING SCHOOL



ARMY WIVES' ACTIVITIES

Sixteen new members in the Minter Field Women's Club have arrived since May 1. Six of them are newlyweds, Mrs. F. A. Cassady, Mrs. J. W. Mossman, Mrs. T. M. Podsek, Mrs. S. D. Beckly, Mrs. G. E. Johnson, Mrs. E. L. Brady. Others are wives of officers transferred to this post since May 1, Mrs. J. C. Fischer Jr., Mrs. R. L. Garibaldi, Mrs. T. J. Kelly, Mrs. J. W. Leonard, Mrs. R. D. Holmes, Mrs. C. R. Knadler, Mrs. F. N. Sexton, Mrs. Geo. Sonshine, Mrs. R. E. Thornley, Mrs. G. W. Wymore.

Student officers' wives, who are invited to participate in club activities are Mrs. B. D. Baylor, Mrs. A. M. Blakely, Jr., Mrs. Thomas Dawson, Mrs. J. S. Henderson, Mrs. F. L. Myren, Mrs. W. T. Toczko.

Don't throw away your old costume jewelry; give it to Mrs. I. J. Dybdahl, who is collecting for our overseas forces. It's worth more than money in the Pacific islands.

Mrs. C. W. Pyle will meet with the cadet wives at 8:30, Tues. evening at the home of Mrs. C. C. Speed, 2512 Siesta.

Calendar for the week of July 8-15

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| | Monday | |
| Surgical dressings | - 10-4 | Elliott Hall, Oildale |
| | Tuesday | |
| Surgical dressings | - 10-12 | 21st and Chester |
| Cadet wives meeting | - 8:30 | 2512 La Siesta |
| | Wednesday | |
| Red Cross sewing and knitting | - 9-12 | Padre Hotel, room 201 |
| Surgical dressings | - 10-4 | Elliott Hall, Oildale |
| | Thursday | |
| Red Cross sewing and knitting | - 2-4 | Kern Homes Community House |
| | Friday | |
| Surgical dressings | - 10-3 | Elliott Hall, Oildale |

In Shafter the surgical dressing room is in the Fire Station, open Tuesday and Friday from 1 to 5. The surgical dressing room at 21st and Chester is open Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 10.

The Wolf by Sansone

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"—sandwiches, cake 'n' coffee Everything's free!"

TRANS. 10
1ST WILK MINGO
11 WINDFIELD SCOTT
CALIFORNIA

MORALE CORNER



Chaplain Says . . .

Chaplain John L. Zielinski

The Gift of Unrest

A legend almost as old as the race pretends that when God made man He gave him every manner of good; good bodies, good minds, good friends, good things of nature and of grace. One gift, however, even this so generous God withheld: He gave no man contentment with the goods conferred upon him. To no man was given utter satisfaction; to none the power to say: This is all I wish. Now I can rest content.

Perhaps in this gift withheld God gave man his kindest gift. Out of the restlessness thus made part of human nature has come all that is best in mankind's achievements. And out of the nostalgia still haunting man even in a world of plenty has come the yearning for God and our true fatherland which is the stimulating force which keeps us ardent for heaven, that country of the soul where all pilgrims find their goal and all strangers their companions and their home.

Catholic Services
 Sunday Mass 10:30 A.M. and 5:15 P.M.
 Confessions: Before Mass.

Protestant Services
 Sunday: Morning Service, 9:00, Evening Service, 7:30.
 Wednesday: Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

Snaproll

Colonel Carl W. Pyle,
 Commanding Officer

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WAACs---YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW

Following the announcement this week that President Roosevelt had signed the congressional bill making the WAACs a part of the Army of the United States, a statement was issued by Col. Carl W. Pyle, Post Commander.

The statement follows: "As commanding officer of Minter Field it gives me great pleasure to welcome the WAACs into the Army.

"Since their arrival here, these women have made a major contribution toward the operation

of this post and have demonstrated they are good soldiers. Under provisions of this bill, these women will have equal rights and benefits with Army personnel, including the same nomenclature of rank, franking privileges, government insurance and allotments.

"On equal footing with the men, they will be able to take over many jobs now held by enlisted men, thereby decreasing the draft on the manpower of the nation."

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES



Mary Anderson, 20th Century Fox starlet, sent her best to the lads and lassies of Minter Field this week.

G. I. WEDDING



The newlyweds are all set to carve the cake with the traditional Army sword.

PRIVATE WEDS WAAC AT POST CHAPEL IN COLORFUL STYLE

by Aux. Adeline M. Ramond

Event of the WAAC week, no doubt, was the wedding Tuesday night of Jr. Ldr. Margaret Teas and Pvt. Andrew Garifi in the post chapel.

The bridal party (in OD's) consisted of W/O Glenn Wesley, Aux. Adeline Ramond, maid of honor, Sgt. Aletta Wolfe, Afcs Azalea Crisp, Mary Sharr, and Nora Whitefoot, bridesmaids, and Cpl. Kani Evans and T/S Al Rouch, ushers. Chaplain Snow officiated at the ceremony, and 3rd Officer Grace Benedict gave away the bride. Aux. Angelica Mancini sang "Oh Promise Me" and "Ave Maria".

The WAAC glee club under the direction of 3rd Officer Dorothea Schneider serenaded the couple. The trip from the chapel to the WAAC day-room was completed in a real GI jeep which started off in the midst of the traditional cloud of rice.

The reception was beautifully arranged by 3rd Officers Benedict and Schneider with the cooperation of Sgt. Wolfe and the cooks.

Lt. Col. Day Now Commands The Sub-Depot

Stepping into the vacancy left by Lt. Col. Russell L. Flolo, who was placed on detached service at the air base in Reno, Nevada, last week, is Lt. Col. W. F. Day, new commanding officer of the Seventh Sub-depot.

Col. Day, a senior pilot and a graduate of Kelly in 1931, has thirteen and a half year's service behind him...joined the Caterpillar Club in 1931 at Sel-fridge Field when he bailed out of a P-12 in a flat spin...is an armament expert, served at the school at Lowery Field...is married, has two children...hails from Greenwich, Conn...majored in economics at U. of So. Carolina...likes golf, squash, skiing, hunting...spent first six months of his Army career as enlisted man.

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.

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

Screen Star To Appear In USO Show July 14

Featuring the appearance of a top-notch motion picture star, the USO camp shows will present a fast moving stage show, Hoke-y-Pokey, at the Post Theatre, Wed. July 14, the Special Service office disclosed.



POST HAS BIG LEAGUE

by Sgt. Ernie Peeler

A glance at the recreation program of this Post gives the impression that it is a college instead of an Army station.

Minter Field, under the direction of Major Lee Frankovich, Special Service Officer, has developed one of the most outstanding and well organized recreation set-ups of any Army post on the Pacific Coast.

Starting in September, 1941, with nothing but an idea and a whole load of optimism, Major Frankovich started out to build what is now a thriving athletic and recreation program.

From that start the Special Officer has organized team participation in five major sports and two minor sports.

One of the first major sports to swing into action was boxing. The leather pushing fraternity operates under the personal direction of S/Sgt. Dominic Sturniolo, former pro fighter and trainer. Under his guidance several ring performers have been developed among whom are Cpl. Johnny Slavin, Pvt. Ed Keiper, Cpl. Ed Chandler and Pvt. Olie Olivera.

The boxing squad has won many ring victories over rival Army posts.

Following boxing was the hockey squad. Although they did not do so well in the win column, they won thousands of fans with their spirit and sportsmanlike play.

On the baseball front Minter Field has a large win percentage. In their encounter with Santa Ana last week, they held the southern team even until Joe Dimaggio connected with a circuit clout. The club is handled by Cpl. Bob McFarland, former minor league player.

Featuring a slashing ground attack and a bomb-shell passing game, the Minter gridiron club rang up a long string of victories over major opponents.

During the football season thousands of fans saw the Fliers in action.

This year's track team not only swept their local opposition before them, but the Minter Spikesters rocked their opponents in the Fresno relays, sweeping most of the events with enough points to capture the service men's competition.

In addition to the major sports, bowling and swimming have sprung into the Minter Field recreation spotlight.

A few weeks ago the swimming pool was dedicated with elaborate ceremonies. Following the festivities, the G.I.'s plunged into the water and another recreation project had become a part of the post.

A few months ago two modern bowling alleys were constructed on the field for use by the officer and enlisted personnel. At the present time besides the individual play, there are several pin leagues offering stiff competition.

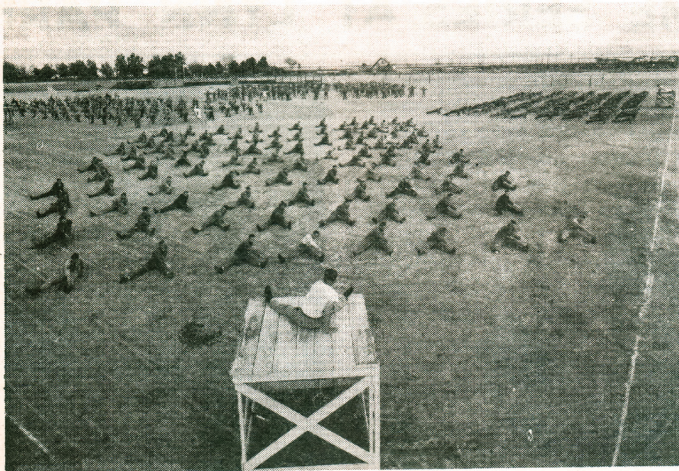
Aiding Major Frankovich has been Col. Carl W. Pyle, Post Commander, who has given enthusiastic support to the entire recreation program.

It is fortunate for the Post personnel that it has a commanding officer who is recreation-minded. This activity has done much to keep the morale at this post at its present high level.



Next Saturday, Jim Schantel (above), Minter Field chucker, will hurl against Hub Kittle or Al Olsen of the Long Beach Ferry Command.

RECREATION PROGRAM



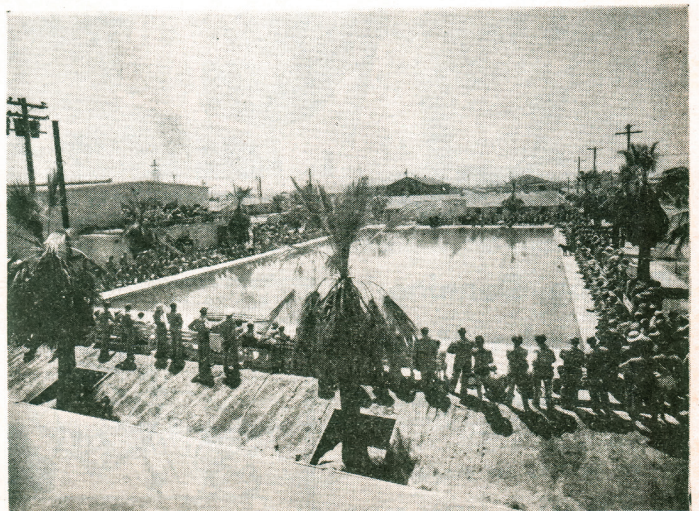
This is recreation of a sort.



As usual Minter is out in front.



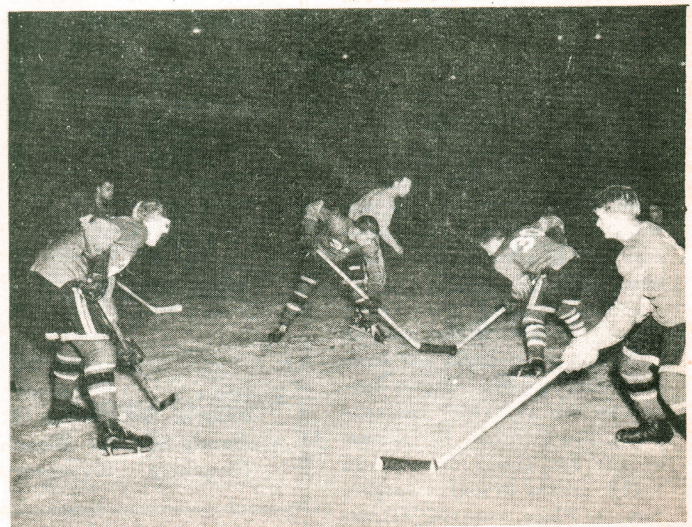
This gridiron machine had most of their rivals on their heels last season.



In order to make this project perfect is to have Hedy LaMarr to adorn one of the chairs.

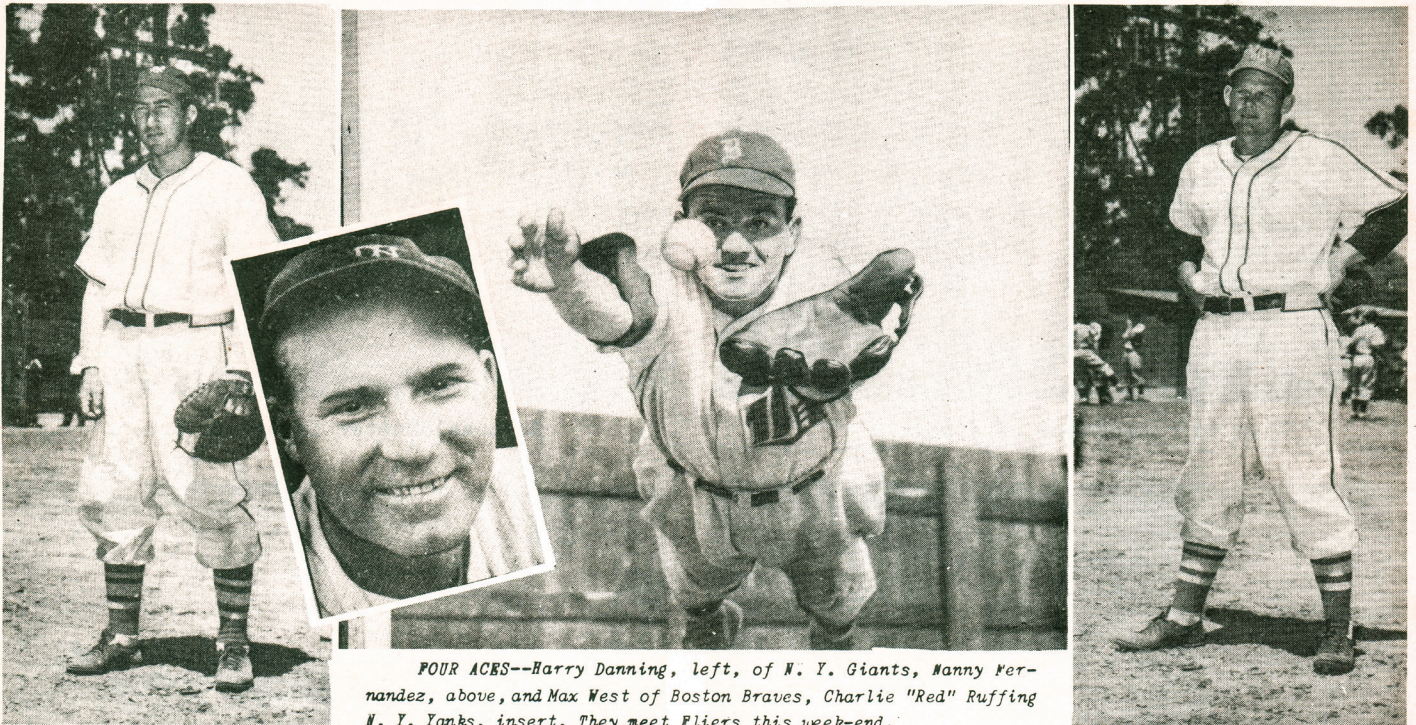


S/Sgt. Dominic Sturniolo (on the left) is showing the leather pushers how to commit mayhem.



They didn't win many games but they had a lot of fun on the ice last year.

FORMER MAJOR LEAGUERS HERE THIS WEEK-END; MEET FLIERS IN TWO-GAME SERIES AT LYNN PARK



FOUR ACES--Harry Danning, left, of N. Y. Giants, Manny Fernandez, above, and Max West of Boston Braves, Charlie "Red" Ruffing N. Y. Yanks, insert. They meet Fliers this week-end.

Ruffing, Danning, Fernandez, West, Make Local Debut

by Put. Sam Brogna

A galaxy of former major league baseball stars will stack up against the Minter Field Fliers this week-end, July 10 and 11, when the Long Beach 8th Ferrying Group invades Bakersfield.

Managed by Charlie "Red" Ruffing, former ace New York Yankee pitcher, the club is bolstered by a powerful combination of players that also includes minor league stars who are now soldiers in the Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command.

These players are: Harry Danning, former catcher for the N. Y. Giants, Max West and Manny Fernandez, ex-Boston Braves outfielder and infielder respectively, Chuck Steven, 1st baseman of the St. Louis Browns, Ed Nulty, of the Brooklyn Dodgers farm, Al Olsen, one-time pitcher for the San Diego Padres, and Hub Kittle of Oakland.

To date, the Ferrying Command has a victory streak of 10



LINE-UPS FOR RIVAL CLUBS

LONG BEACH

Loos, 3b
Mowrer, 2b
Fernandez, ss
Danning, c
West, cf
Bell, rf
Stevens, 1b
Nulty, lf
Kittle & Ruffing, p

FLIERS

Pasquini, lf
Vaughan, 2b
Crapo, 1b
Mathews, cf
Riley, 3b
McFarland, rf
Kolbus, ss
Rhodes, c
Schantel & Oylo, p

Convoy leaves Recreation Hall at 1 o'clock. Servicemen FREE. Civilians 85c for Grandstand; 55c for Bleachers and 25c for Children in Bleachers. No reserved seats.

straight. Their season's record is 20 wins and three defeats. Hub Kittle or Al Olsen will pitch the Saturday game. Both

were rivals in the Coast League; the former pitched for Oakland and the latter for the San Diego Padres. Jim Schantel will do the

Schantel, Oylo To Do Hurling For Local Club

flinging for the Fliers.

Max West, who is a regular outfielder, also takes his turn on the mound. The former Brave has won 6 and lost 1.

Ruffing will do the hurling Sunday and Harley Oylo for the Fliers.

With the exception of two players, every member of the Ferry Command is batting well over the .300 mark. Capt. Woody Bell, outfielder, formerly of the Texas League, is the leading sticker with an average of .500. West is next with .464, followed by Danning, .428, Ruffing, .417, and Fernandez, .407.

One change has been made in the Fliers' line-up, according to Coach Cpl. Bob McFarland, otherwise the same club that faced Santa Ana will take to the diamond. McFarland will be in right field in place of Al Peden who is away on furlough.

Saturday's game is slated for 2:30. The Sunday contest will get under way at 2 o'clock. Both tilts are to be played at Sam Lynn Park, Bakersfield.

872nd

by Cpl. Charles Gottesman

The Guard Squadron welcomed back to its fold several men just returned from furlough--Pfc's R. Caldwell, C. W. Capps and Pvt's T. H. Snider, L. W. Noel and W. A. Stacha.

If you are curious as to why S/Sgt. Paul Kelsey has been smiling for a week, he left on the first for Kansas.

The M.P.s will be short one of their old hands for the next two weeks. Sgt. P. J. Bakken also has left on one of those coveted furloughs.

Cpl. Avant will be missing his able assistant, Pfc J. A. Harmon, who is busily engaged turning in his equipment in anticipation of grabbing that Oklahoma-bound special.

Pfc P. E. Mares is another of those fortunates to hightail it out of camp for Denver, while Pfc L. Whiting was last seen running towards the gate with a bag in each hand.

FLASH! Just heard from S/Sgt. Dwornick that boys in the day room can toss away their sunglasses--the new awnings will arrive today. We can also cease squinting at our daily shave session. New mirrors will be installed in the wash rooms.

326th

by Sgt. R. A. F.

Congratulations to the entire staff of the SNAP ROLL for the creditable job they did on the initial issue. We can be justly proud of the new paper and this correspondent predicts it will soon demand nationwide recognition.

Sgt. Al Jolly claims, perhaps with just cause, that all women are fickle, untrustworthy, and unreliable. It seems he's been courtin' a Los Angeles girl for about a year. As usual he hiked down last week only to find she wasn't at home. Upon inquiry, he learned she had married a Marine a few days before!

Didn't know until today that Cpl. Nannenber was parsonmated. Good luck fellow, you'll need it!

S/Sgt. Masten has developed that worried look which every husband gets sooner or later. Sgt., things like that happen every day. Ask the guy who pushes one.

302nd

by Harry Boxer

A good time was had by one and all at the first party given by our three months old organization last Saturday night. The scene was the spacious Palm Room at the Motel Inn where officers, men and invited guests made merry. Swell dance music by the Jive Bombers even made jitterbugs of our more conservative element. The excellent buffet supper, prepared under the direction of Mr. Richard Kavanaugh of the Cadet Mess, took care of the ravenous army appetites. The highlight of the evening was the "punch" concocted by 1st Sgt. Pozier. This wondrous nectar was absorbed at a rate exceeding that of a carload of sponges. Of course "Mechanical Arm" Burrage's insistent lading had nothing to do with the drought!

Many a squadron party has been given since the activation of this field, but none have had the success or perfection that attended this affair. All our praise and thanks to those responsible.

Fortress Crew Blasts 11 Nazi For New Record

There have been many stories about the toughness of the American Flying Fortress and how deadly it has proved for Axis fighter planes. Recently the Army Air Forces in England reported the most amazing fortress record of them all.

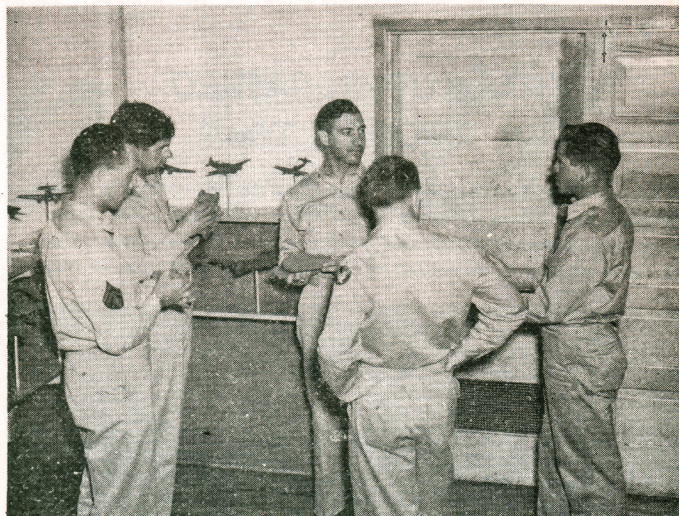
During a raid on Germany last week, one of the flying behemoths was officially credited with destroying 11 German fighter planes!

It was forced down in the North Sea on its way back, but not until every one of its crew, except the pilot who was busy at the controls, shot down at least one enemy fighter or was credited with a probable.

The crew was rescued from rubber boats, which the men managed to break out before the big ship sank.

This new mark of 11 planes tops the old record set by another B-17 named the "Dry Martini" which blasted 10 German planes in April. In third place is the fortress which accounted for seven enemy aircraft last December.

Minter Cadets Learn RECOGNITION



...The ship's skipper thought the plane British...

by Pvt. Jim Smullen

A report carried in Time Magazine some months ago told of a British tanker making its precarious way through the Mediterranean when a Messerschmitt appeared. No fire was exchanged. The ship's skipper thought the plane British, the Messerschmitt's pilot believed the tanker Italian. For four hours the enemy plane escorted the British ship on its course.

Then a British Blenheim appeared, swooped low to check the ship's identity, and was chased off by the German plane. Another Blenheim, believing the vessel to be an Axis ship, attacked, claimed a near miss. The tanker, convinced the Blenheim was an Axis plane, opened fire, scored two hits. Then came a squadron of Marylands to finish off the tanker. As the attack began, the squadron leader swooped low, identified the tanker as British by the flag she was flying, and called off his command before it was too late. The British looked about for the Messerschmitt, but it had disappeared, evidently pleased with having performed a good day's work.

Such is only one of the too numerous instances of errors committed by the Air Forces when recognition of friendly and enemy craft is required.

To correct this situation, today's aviator cadet is put through rigorous courses of tank, naval, as well as aircraft recognition. These courses in recognition follow him through his training on up to the time he enters combat.

Here at this field, the job of training the cadets in aircraft, tank and naval recognition falls on Lt. Francis J. Morelli, technical instructor.

In putting over his subject, Lt. Morelli uses three means prescribed by the training command. In the first place, throughout the school there are models of planes so located that no matter where a cadet may be, he is constantly confronted with them as he would be with his knife and fork. They are in the library, the day rooms, and the class rooms. In class the Lieutenant uses slides and lectures to illustrate identifying points.

In the lecture work a "romance" is built around the planes, giving them personalities associating them with common objects. Thus a Mosquito Bomber becomes a champagne glass, a C-46 a flying whale, the SBD a plane with the rear of the fuselage squeezed in, and the F4F a stubby cigar. A plane is thus recognized not by individual features, but by a combination of such features.

As an enemy will not oblige a bomber or fighter pilot by presenting him a consistent view of his plane, planes are studied from all angles and attitudes. Similar methods are used in recognizing tanks and naval vessels.

The objectives of the course include spotting and distinguishing objects, or quickly associating the subject with a familiar memory picture; rapidly estimating numbers of objects in groups; and general improvement of the effectiveness of vision, creating alertness and confidence.



CRACKUP REPAIRED IN RECORD TIME

When an airplane suffers a mishap in the Minter area, the crash alarm is sounded. Immediately a crash truck and other vehicles and personnel are dispatched to the scene. If the plane is in a reparable state, it is loaded on the truck and delivered to the



“ . . . When an airplane suffers a mishap . . . ”

maintenance department at the 7th Sub-depot.

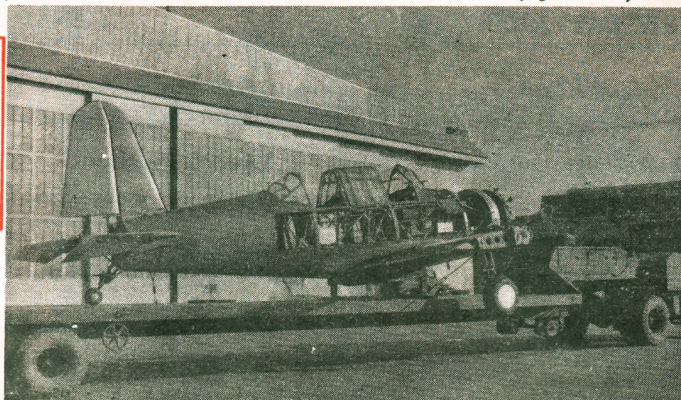
There Lt. J. W. Mossman, maintenance officer, and Mr. C.F. Barrows, general foreman, take over. Under the supervision and direction of Lt. Mossman and Mr. Barrows, the plane is thoroughly inspected by skilled workmen, damaged parts noted on prescribed forms, and control cables and surfaces closely checked.

Then it enters a round-the-clock procedure of complete overhauling, covered by an average of six hundred man hours. When this job is completed, the foreman inspects the craft, okays it and turns it over to the final inspectors.

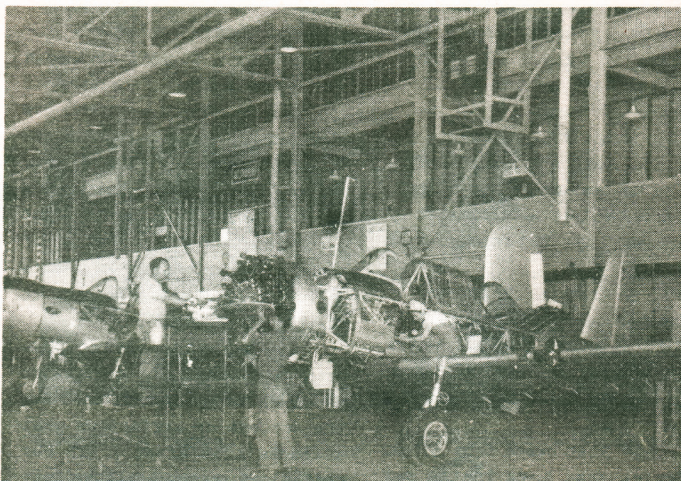
Again begins the painstaking task of thoroughly checking the plane. If okay, it is given a tag and sent to breflight where it is refueled, the engine run up and it is taxied about for check of surface controls and brakes.

From there the plane is in the hands of the test pilot. He takes it up, gives it a work-out, and if it responds correctly, he tags it for return to the squadron.

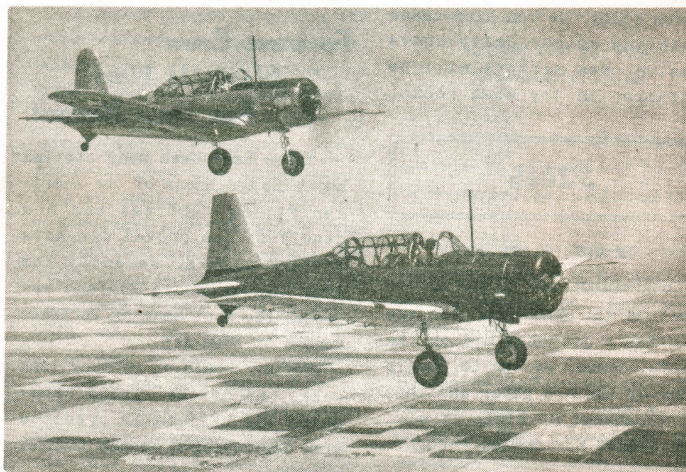
A class A Sub-depot, the installation at Minter is fully equipped to care for transient aircraft as well as trainers based here.



“ . . . delivered to the engineering department . . . ”



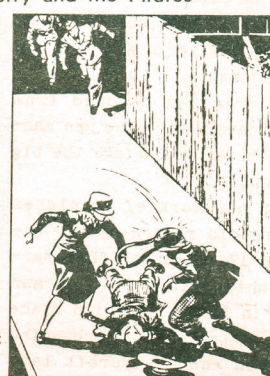
“ . . . overhauling . . . six hundred man hours . . . ”



“ . . . return to the squadron . . . ”

Male Call

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



Auxiliary Power

