



Every morning, cards, papers and reports flood the desk of M/Sgt. Howard G. Bennett, but he knuckles right down and clears the desk as soon as he can, since his working lanes must be kept open for all reports at all times.

Sgt. Bennett has the distinction of being one of the first two enlisted men to report for duty at this Seymour Johnson Field. He reported here in May of 1942 to Major J.C. Hagan in a one room headquarters.

Prior to coming here, Sgt. Bennett attended administrative school at Lowry Field, Colorado, then went to Chamute Field where he served as First Sergeant. Later, however, he reported to this field as "morning report clerk."

During the week of June 16th, 1942, Bennett was promoted to T/Sgt. from Staff, then was made M/Sgt. the next day. And to top it off, he got married to a pretty young lady from his home town, the following day.

Born in the state of Illinois, Howard was raised on a farm. The bugle call of reveille did not disturb him much during the first few days in the army, since he had answered the early morning calls many times before to do his chores on the farm.

Bennett enlisted at Chamute Field in September of 1939 at the age of 20. He has achieved much since that time.

What he likes to do in the way of sports better than anything else, is to tee off on an early spring morning for a good game of golf and from what we gather, his wife calls his shots.

Sgt. Howard G. Bennett is attached to the 796th T.S.S. and works under Major E.G. Prohaska.

## News From Your Own Home Town

**Astoria, N. Y. (CNS)**—Joseph Mittel and his wife had a baby and they named him Adolf Hitler. It got into the papers and a big stink was raised. Now Pop Mittel is sorry. He said it all started as a joke. Before the kid was born he bet his wife she'd have triplets and said that if she didn't he'd name the baby Adolf Hitler. He later remarked that since so much furor had been caused perhaps the name had better be changed. He called upon the general public to submit suggestions.

**Bayside, N. Y. (CNS)**—Four-year-old Bernadette Bushman saw an old string plate of a piano in a driveway. She and her playmates strummed the strings. The plate began to topple and all the children except Bernadette ran. The plate crushed her to death.

**Caribou, Me. (CNS)**—The draft board here reclassified John W. Keene I-A. Then they discovered he was blind and 90 years old.

**Charlotte, N. C. (CNS)**—Sam Able, Negro, told a judge that he was cutting his fingernails when his knife slipped and slashed Laura Belle Young making gash which required 33 stitches. It was the fifth time such goings on had occurred, according to witnesses, so the judge sentenced him to five years in the pen.

**Chicago (CNS)**—Twenty-four Chicago University coeds are learning the "gentle art" of Jiu-Jitsu "because it's a handy thing to know." The instructor is Erwin Cahn who also teaches sailors the same tricks. (Lucky guy—E.E.)

**Denver (CNS)**—A man asked to "borrow" the use of a telephone in the home of J. L. Mathews. Permission was granted. The borrower clipped the instrument from its moorings and walked off with it.

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## PRIZE BONERS

S/Sgt. J. R. Wynne, the jovial custodian of the DFC (distinguished filing cross), having been recently assigned to a new barracks, walked into his palatial quarters to discover, reclining on his sleep sack, a lowly yardbird shooting the breeze.

That was too much for any staff sergeant to take. "What is the old Army coming to," he muttered.

The yardbird became the butt of much posterior biting. After ten minutes of continuous cussing, Sgt. Wynne decided to let up.

"Sgt.," the meek jeep said when Wynne finished his diatribe. "You're in the wrong barracks."

Exit Wynne after muttering something or other in lieu of an out and out apology.

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A recent letter to the Commanding Officer of Spartan Barracks obviously asking for a change in the footwear of a soldier reads:

"Please have the feet of Pvt. Rivers changed for proper size, and it was signed by a commissioned officer, whose name had better be left unmentioned."



## ODDS AND ENDS AT THE SPORTS ARENA

Miss Sprinkle knocking Lt. LaBarr on his dignity in a recent tussle between the nurses and Quartermaster and then in the best Red Cross tradition held out a hand and helped her victim to his feet. "Faster sex, nothing!" Lt. LaBarr groaned as he hobbled about the floor.

Drop in any night to witness a game of round ball at the Sports Arena and you're sure to see those two effervescent twins, hailing from Spring Valley, N. Y., Lewis and Sam Grabstein busy tooting their whistles. Averaging better than two contests a night for the past month, these two likeable youngsters have proved the mainstay of Lt. Eckman's "whistle-blowing" staff. Working on their own free time, the twins hope to put their experience to practical use someday.

The start of the elimination competition has created a heated discussion as to the probable winners. Several Squadrons have been hard hit by a change in school hours, while others found the new academic set-up had shifted several of their basketweavers. From your reporters viewpoint, it's anybody's trophy here on in.



All soldiers interested in belonging to the new male chorus being formed should contact Lt. George S. Burris, Special Service Section.

Following are the final standings of the two leagues.

### STANDING OF TEAMS

#### PURSUIT LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
791st	9	0
796th	8	1
802nd	6	3
36th	5	4
Hq.-Hq. Sq.	5	4
798th	4	5
800th	3	6
80th Av.	2	7
913th	2	7
792nd	1	8

#### BOMBER LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
797th	9	0
793rd	7	2
795th	7	2
Med. Det.	7	2
799th	5	4
794th	4	5
906th	2	7
801st	2	7
333rd	0	7
63rd Q.M.	0	9

ANGELS OF MERCY LACK MERCY, TROUCE QM 26 to 12

Our "Angels of Mercy" showed little mercy in trouncing a hapless Quartermaster Sextet 26 to 12, at the Sports Arena, before a near capacity house, to keep their record intact, running their win streak to three. With Misses Sprinkle and Wheeler providing the impetus the Nurses quickly assumed a comfortable lead which they never relinquished throughout the fray.

Slightly bewildered by the turn of events which found them some 16 points in the rear at half time, the Quartermaster Officers made a valiant bid for top honors with a sustained drive in the third quarter. Two quick one handed tosses by the fair Miss Sprinkly and a neat "pop" by Miss McGuirk ended the belated rally and the "Women in White" roared on to a well-earned victory.

Sprinkle and Wheeler hit the cords for a total of 22 points and McGuirk combined to display some fancy pass-work much to the satisfaction of Lt. Eckman, their tutor. Lt. LaBarr and Lt. Parker scored four counts each for the losers.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Pvt. and Mrs. James F. Howes who were married at Chelp No. 2 on the Post Feb. 23.

Mrs. Howes is the former Miss Elsie Oldford of Lynn, Mass. Pvt. Howes, a member of the 795th T.S.S. is from Boston, Mass.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Lois McKenzie, while Pvt. Howard Henderson served as best man and Pvt. K. Harshman gave the bride away. Chaplain Howard Davis officiated.

## BASKETBALL

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ing contest. However, experts have been known to err.

Strictly "survival of the fittest" winning aggregations will continue to climb the ladder while their opponents must fine consolation in the fact that they fought hard but weren't quite good enough.

Lt. Eckman, handling activities at the Arena, states the trophy to be awarded the victorious squadron is indeed a treasure to behold. Medals will fall the lot of members of the two top-ranking teams. Tourney play will last some seven days.

### SUNDAY NIGHT'S SCHEDULE

Basic Branch vs. 913th Guard

794th vs. 793rd Students

792nd vs. 906th Q. M.

### ROUND-ROBIN TOURNEY NOTES

Finishing with unbeaten slates Squadron 791 and 797 captured the Pursuit and Bomber leagues Championship respectively in the round-robin play which ended on Feb. 19th in the sports arena. Both teams won nine and lost none.

Both 791 and 797 possessed individual sparkplugs who were of immeasurable importance in their quest for the league titles. Pvt. Sol Glogower of 791, a former NYU star, proved an able, cool, team general and a reliable scorer. And in S/Sgt. "Whitney" Poppe, the 797th had an aggressive hard-fighting player who lead his circuit in scoring.

Though both titlist boasted sison-pure records, they had many a narrow escape from defeat, and the tournament in general was full of thrills and hard-fighting. These facts were especially in evidence during the latter half of the tourney when all teams had worn off their initial nervousness and disorganization and settled down to skillful and aggressive playing. In the Bomber League, for example, three quintets - the 793rd, 795th and the Medical Det. - after waging a bitter battle down to the end finished tied for second with seven victories and two losses each.

Several of the contingents became stronger toward the close of the campaign by the addition of new personnel. This fact together with the experience gained by all the squadron fives in the round-robin play promises plenty of excitement and thrills in the post championship elimination tourney which started last night at the Sports Arena.



## New Course

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An applicant must meet all requirements as prescribed by AR 643.5 dated Nov. 26, 1942, with the following exceptions: (1) physically qualified in accordance with AR 40 110 Cl. 1 and (2) must have made a general classification test score of 120 or more.