

# BOWLING LEAGUES RARING TO START

Rosters were completed this week for the Enlisted Men's Bowling League here on the field. With over 20 teams representing a majority of organization on the post, the representatives include such outfits as the Medical, School Squadrons, Training Groups, both Bands, Fighter Squadrons, Mess and Academic Squadrons. There are many others. Even the WAC Detachment is sending its star selection of keepers into the fray.

Teams made up of five players and official play is scheduled to start Tuesday, November 9th, at 1900. Thereafter, league play will take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

A team trophy will be awarded to the winning five, with special prizes for high individual and team averages, high team and individual game and single game scores. While team membership can vary from night to night, the five-man-one-night arrangement must prevail. Applications are still being accepted. Lt. Horton Smith, Assistant Special Service Officer, announced.

The regular enlisted men's rate of 50 per game will be changed, but the outfit was expressed that Squadron Funds may legitimately be used to defray these expenses. All bowling fees go to the players writing.

This week, too, the Officer's League got under way with a night of handicap-setting bowling. Twenty teams, including WAC and Nurse contingents, set the pins flying to establish a team average on which to base league handicap settings. Divided into "A" and "B" divisions, the teams are:

- Team Captains**
- F. Hata ..... Major J. E. Murr
  - T. Adams ..... Lt. W. E. Raszland
  - ..... Capt. E. D. Troett
  - ..... Capt. J. E. Rhoads
  - ..... Lt. J. A. Ruffalo
  - ..... Major S. R. Soarits
  - ..... Lt. R. E. Brand
  - ..... Lt. A. C. Berger
  - ..... Major M. D. Snyder
  - ..... Lt. A. D. Therkildsen
  - ..... W-O T. M. Younes
  - ..... Lt. Col. C. A.

## Conduct Award Presented To Twenty-Four

The parents and wives of 24 members of the Medical Detachment received letters from the Detachment Commander this past week informing them that their husbands and sons had been awarded the "Good Conduct Medal" for exemplary behavior "efficiency and fidelity."

The following named Enlisted Men, Detachment Medical Department: Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina were awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

- Vincent C. Blair, Walter G. Brice, Warren P. Brunt, Richard T. Sawyer, Steven R. Chanecka, Lloyd F. Hansen, Solomon H. Drucker, Kinley O. Shiebler, Charles E. Rhoads, Joseph B. Brockman, Robert D. Prawley, Albert Adesso, John P. Dwyer, Charles W. Heideberg, Edward J. Gevelkin, Adolfo Verrutti, Marvin L. Baris, Charles W. Brunt, Frank Laperuta, Nicholas DeChristofano, Adolph Fiescher, William C. Conitt, Salvatore P. Giannetta, Gregory Franz.

The Medical Detachment began this commendable practice of sending letters to the families of men who received the "Good Conduct Medal" about six months ago and has followed it through ever since. It would not be wasted time for other organizations to do likewise.

- Honorary**
- Phil Rollers ..... Lt. M. E. Bruner
  - ..... Capt. W. L. Porter
  - ..... Lt. C. L. LeBar
  - ..... Major E. A. Kane
  - ..... Lt. A. G. Nims
  - ..... Col. C. L. Wood
  - ..... Capt. E. E. Baker
- Officer's League play will take place once a week on Monday nights. The winning team weeds out its competition.

# Armistice Day 1918 1943



Hero of World War II honors hero of World War I—Captain Ted W. Lawson of Los Angeles, Cal., one of General James H. Doolittle's flyers who lost a leg in the bombing of Tokio, is shown as he visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Captain Lawson is the author of the stirring report, "Thirty Seconds Over Tokio."

This coming Thursday is Armistice Day. Just twenty-five years ago, the nations fighting in World War One laid down their arms and went back to peaceful pursuits. They made a peace and were satisfied with it. They made a peace that had in the means of its own destruction, but they were satisfied with it.

And, being satisfied, they were afraid to act when one of them violated the peace. They shied away from anything drastic, anything which would break the spirit of the peace. We have seen, they could not last.

So, today, we are at war again. We're winning again, and we will be victorious again. This much we know, because we have faith in the American way of things, in the pattern an aroused nation takes when it fights for survival.

Yes, we will win. But that day when representatives of the United Nations sit down to talk turkey with the Axis powers, will be more than a day of rejoicing. It will be the most fateful day in the history of our lives. It will be the day we will win or lose the entire war—regardless of the military victory.

It will be the day we all have been fighting for, each in the way our Army has seen fit to place us, the day that the Marine, the doctor and infantry and Artillery and Coast Guard and Signal Corps and every other branch of every part of our Armed Forces have been fighting for. We will win the war, but this time... we will win the peace, too.

# US Troops Smash Nazi Resistance in Italy!

Nazi lines were smashed by Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies in Central Italy, reports from Allied Headquarters, reports said Friday as the Allies captured the Masaccio-Trigno River defense lines.

The fall of Venafro, one of the two inland highway centers which held the line together, was believed imminent.

The Fifth Army followed up the Eighth Army's capture of Isernia, the other highway hub in the demolished line, by smashing through German positions to reach the vicinity of the Cavatone River, 15 miles south of Rome. Its low banks along the Tyrrhenian had been flooded by the Germans to delay the pursuit.

**Flery Fighting**  
On the Allied right flank, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army routed enemy resistance in the San Salvo area after several days of fierce battling and captured that town and railway station with the assistance of the British destroyers Queenborough and Balder, which shelled the Germans out of their holes.

**10 Ships Sunk**  
Japan's Navy, lured more and more within range of American ships guns and bombers by threatened loss of the Solomon, already has paid the price of 14 warships sunk or damaged this week without getting closer than 40 miles to the U. S. Marine beachhead on Bougainville.

An enemy cruiser and four destroyers were sunk, two cruisers and two destroyers damaged out of a task force of 12 which tried to sneak down from Rabaul through darkness as blinding rain early Tuesday and snell the Ma-

fighting ships shattered that arrives at Empress Augusta Bay, Forty miles out, United States tempt and, after a two-hour running battle, sent the remnants fleeing toward Rabaul.

**Nazi Losses**  
The Red Army's 1943 campaign has cost the Germans 2,700,000 in dead, wounded and prisoners, a special Russian communique announced Friday bringing the Soviet count of total Nazi manpower losses since the war started to more than 11,000,000 including 5,000,000 killed.



YUP, THAT'S THEM. Time was when the term "leather merchant" referred to a race of supernatural hill-billies in a well-known comic strip. They used to peddle pillow-stuffing up and down the hollows of Tennessee. But, more recently, the words have come to mean a civilian who joins the Cadets with no special qualification other than a general background. After months of stalling, Air-O-Mech finally caught three of them at work. They're A/C's Scheehle, Brennenman, and Reiss, and we caught them peddling their mystic wares at the Engineering Cadet Pre-Technical Detachment here on the field.

# Nat'l War Fund: Worthy Cause Launches Drive

In an editorial on Page 2 of this the Autumn Fund-raising drive of issue, attention is being called to the National War Fund. An organization which serves as a collecting agency for such worthy causes as the U. S. O. and various war relief societies, the National War Fund depends on raising money from the generous citizens of the United States.

As soldiers, deriving benefits from the U. S. O., it is only fair that we contribute what we can to this cause from which the U. S. O. gets its money. As intelligent citizens, we realize the good that such agencies as British, United China, and Russian War Relief societies can do. They, too, receive all their funds from this cause.

An organization has been set up on this field to receive your contributions. You may deliver your money to your Organization Commander, or to the Special Service Officer, Major J. B. Murr. Officers hear on the field may make

their contributions at the Officer's Club or to Major Murr.

# Civilians Will

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danger, have shown initiative in saving life or Government property, or who have performed other outstanding service not covered by regulations while on duty, will also merit this decoration.

Secretary Stinson's directive provides that civilian employees of the following agencies within the War Department are eligible: Office of the Chief of Staff Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces, Army Service Forces. When an employee is presented with more than one of the awards, only the highest will be worn.

I told my girl I was in the Air Corps and now she wants me to take her flying. What'll I do? His Pal: If it's the one I saw you with last night, buy her a broom, she'll fly.

A bewildered man entered a ladies' specialty shop. "I want a corset for my wife, but I can't find one." "What bust?" asked the clerk. "Nothing. It just wore out."

A motor vehicle operator's license in Illinois remains in force so long as the holder is in the armed services.

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er, the Legion of Merit, and the Duster for bombing missions over Europe. Awards by foreign nations include the French Croix de Guerre with two palms, the French Legion of Honor, and the Aviation Cross of France.

With his experience in the realities of this war, the General has expressed a profound faith and trust in the American soldier. Said he: "Our men are the greatest soldiers in the world. Most talented, most adequate in combat anywhere. Take any American outfit and you will find men who can speak practically any foreign language, and do any job asked of them."

"In India," he continued, "I saw American boys land on a desert with just a few airplane crates and hand tools, and using anything available they had, they had an airplane base built in no time. American soldiers came through. I am confident that the men of this Air Force field will also do a good job of any emergency. They will be carrying a great load, for the offensive war has just begun and we are only on the fringes of victory."

Leading here last week, General Brady was greeted by Colonel Smith, several officers on the field the post band and an honor guard of Cadets. Colonel Smith has been ordered to Fort Worth, Texas, headquarters of the AAFPTO on temporary duty.

# Facts on Latest Dependency Act

Latest information on the newly amended Servicemen's Dependents Allowance Act which recently passed Congress and was signed by the President, clarifies many misunderstandings about the new rules.

In addition to increasing several types of allowances (See Air-O-Mech, 3 Oct. 43, Page 3) the benefits of the act have been extended from Private to Master Sergeant, and also Aviation Cadets.

Dependents are divided into three classes: Class A, including wives, children, and children to whom the soldier has acted as a parent without a legal blood tie; Class B, including parents, brothers, and sisters who depend on the soldier for a "substantial" portion of their support; Class C, including parents, brothers, and sisters dependent on a "chief" portion of their support.

Deductions from enlisted men's deductions.

pay remain at \$22 for any one class of benefits, and \$27 for a combination of "A" and "B." Monetary awards in lieu of quarters for enlisted men's dependents are suspended, under this new law, effective 1 November of this year, with the exception of those men who are now receiving such allowances and are entitled to get them. Such men have an optional choice: they may elect to continue receiving such quarters allowances or have their dependents receive family allowances. Enlisted men of the first three grades who get public quarters for dependents will have them reduced to \$2 per day if any such dependents receive family allowances. All these changes in allotment payments will be taken care of by an officer in the Office of Dependents Benefits, who will automatically without any new applications or correspondence from the dependents.

**THOSE SAN QUENTIN QUAIL**  
Seems the lads at California's tough-guy prison, San Quentin, have raised a total of \$100,297 in war bonds. They are now entitled to send a member, "Bead Check," because it will always return. (CRS)

Shave! See here, I found a pint of gin and a bottle of ginerals in your locker. What am I to make of that?  
Pic: "Way, I guess a couple of highballs, sir!"