

# COLUMBIAN NEWS FROM YOUR SQUADRON

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SCHOCHET & CAULET

Black Diamonds of Boulder Colorado in a championship game some time ago and found himself at left in the elevening lining with the bases loaded, two out, and the score 3 to 3 against his outfit. At that moment a firetruck was passing around the park and the fellow sitting at the back wheel remarked "Take it slow Bill, Wilson is up and he always hits the to me." Imagine the surprise of all present including the batter when he smashed the fourth ball pitched right into the fireman's hands! Hard to believe, isn't it? But no kidding lads, that's the truth—Bill hanging around the day room and entertaining galore in the way of ping pong matches by T-Sgt. Albert and Pfc. Bader of Squadron 3. Due to the shortage of ping pong balls the sets play without a ball and except for the familiar sound of the "ping," the rest of the game is real. The boys use their imagination and the spectators do likewise—result, plenty of fun for everyone.—I wonder why—S-Sgt. Vincent Di'lorio was sitting in front of the ordnance dept last week at last still insisting that he was waiting for the inspection?

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## Operations Important Department In 333rd

By S-SGT. ADAM SENDERSKI

Transportation in any form whether it be auto, bus, railroad or airplane, has similarity of control for the safety of the driver, the passenger and the public. This interesting comparison was brought to light by the following interesting information submitted by S-Sgt. Wilfred Burt, Chief Clerk, Operations Department of this airfield.

The mechanical performance of the airplane, as explained last week, is the responsibility of the Engineering Department while the "human factor" is controlled by the Dispatchers or "Air Traffic Cops" of the Operations Department.

The dispatchers are booked up with the Air Traffic Control Center by means of a direct interphone which is used solely to clear aircraft from this field and to report arrivals at this station. This interphone operates 24 hours daily and keeps the dispatchers informed of all flights originating in this section of the country and also notifies them of all incoming planes. All planes must clear through this office before leaving the field. In addition to dispatching airplanes, the dispatchers keep posted with all the new regulations on air traffic and maintain all publications necessary for safe flying. The day shift is handled by Cpls. Ashley Wing, Haasen Nye, Robert Benz and Pvt. George Starr. The night shift is the responsibility of the

## Lucky GIs Of Fighter Group Get Entertained - But Good

On the last Sunday of October, fifty lucky enlisted men of the 330th Fighter Group were guests of the Women's Club of Seven Springs on a good old Southern "Dinner on the ground." (Arrangements were made by Lt. Edward L. Richmond, Group Special Officer.) The party left the field at 1400 and were taken by truck to Seven Springs and were accompanied by Lt. Ideline, Group Chaplain and Lt. Richmond. Seven Springs is famous in these parts for its seven springs from which it derives its name. For the past half century, the Seven Springs have never been dried up even during times of drought.

A softball game was played between the "Jeeps" and the "Oldtimers." Acting 1st Sgt. Scott, playing 1st base for the "Oldtimers," was seen nodding on his face attempting to pick up a grounder. Sgt. Redding right fielder for the "Oldtimers," needed practice in pitching but didn't have to wait long for the "Jeeps" didn't play ball that afternoon but did spend a couple of hours staring the cow in the face. Naturally it scared the wits out of the cow. The "Jeeps" won with a score of 13-9.

## Little Caesar Is Dethroned

By PVT. E. B. VAN HOOK, JR.

Little Caesar has been dethroned. After fifteen days as absolute ruler of the Sick and Wounded Office, T-5th Marvin Barik has returned the scepter to the hand of S-Sgt. Al Spector. Cheer up Barik, he'll get another furlough some day.

Pvt. Al Iacchino of Dispensary "E" is accepting the congratulations and best wishes of his friends and associates on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Mary DeMott of New York. When is the "Great Day" going to be. Al?

We are still wondering if the U. S. O. passed inspection the other night when three of the "Zebras"



of the Detachment paid the place a surprise visit. How about it, Barik? "Zebras" reconed the place and give the occupants a weeks extra duty?

After the feed, Pfc. Blms, Culman and Minicappell of the 331st Fighter Squadron "Hot Shots" cut loose with a few 'hot licks' of good square breakdown swing.

Following "Hot Shots," a set was put on by S-Sgt. Lockwood, recently of the 321st Fighter Squadron and Pvt's Gelwitz, Tomelli and Minicappell of the 321st. Corporal "Singer" Sarr, Pvt. Minicappell, Pfc. "Sinatra" Yankowitz and Pfc. Gelwitz, members of the Group Glee Club closed the entertainment feature by singing several popular tunes.

I am sure that all men who participated in the party extend a hand of thanks to Special Services for arranging this affair. Everyone enjoyed himself and is looking forward to the next party. Here's hoping we have more.

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## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I can think of much pleasanter things to do"

Now we have seen everything. It was almost worth freezing to death the other morning just to see Sgt. John Heres up there on the stand as the physical training instructor. What got you up Heres?

A hearty welcome home is extended to Pfc. Cal Hurd, upon his return from San Francisco, where he spent a nice QUIET thirty day furlough. Did you leave San Francisco in the same condition that you found Hurd?

The Flight Surgeon's Office has a Technical Sergeant who is a very capable masseur, (one who performs the operation of massage). For verification call "Izzzy" in Rocky Mountain.

What has happened to T-3rd Dan D. Meccia, has he now become a dominic "Miles"? Account has great powers (see you in church boys). Congratulations are extended to Sgt. John Heres for passing the O. C. S. Board for 44. A. C. Officer's Candidate School on 18 October 1943.

On behalf of the Mess Personnel I wish to take the opportunity to thank all members of the American Red Cross Staff for the wonderful party held in the Auditorium on Friday, 30 October 1943.

Did you know that T-4th Roy L. Austin raised pigeons and rabbits? Sgt. Louis Risso was a pipe fitter; T-5th Joseph Brockman was a meat cutter; Pvt. John Bub was a plumber; Fire Chief; Pvt. Weldon Burris was a dog trainer.

Pvt. Bastus: "What did the doctor say was the matter with you Lisa?"

Lisa: "He says Ah is suffering from acute indiscretion."

Pvt.: "Do you believe in a club for non-coms?"

Bastus: "Sure, it might be a good idea if you can't persuade 'em any other way."

THE TOUCH OF MODESTY

A pharmacist's mate, receiving a citation for bravery in the Solomon Islands, was slightly puzzled. His citation read: "List of things he'd done: volunteered to rescue a wounded marine officer and completed his mission under heavy machine-gun fire with complete disregard for his own safety. What puzzled the major, according to reports, was that "volunteering" business. Said he: "I don't think I really volunteered, though I may have coughed a little."