

Ad Lib

GI BABIES WIN OVER 100 IN PHOTO CONTEST

"FOLLIES CASTELLUCE" ROLLS 'EM IN AISLE

SGTS. DORRANCE & LITTLE PROUD PAPPIES

CANTALOUPE PROPS BRINGS HOWLS AND WHEES

PICTURES GO ON LIBS
BOYS HAD NO CHANCE

A blonde-haired, paperdoll blonde from Texas and a brown-haired, chubby cheaked, diaper-clad native of Detroit will grace the fuselages of Libs named "War Baby" and "200-Mission Baby", respectively, following final selections announced by Brig. Gen. William L. Lee, wing commander, and final judge in the 451st baby contest.

The prize-winning parents are Sgt. Karl D. Dorrance, an ordnance man from 727th whose daughter, Miss Karin Victoria Dorrance, was judged winner in the one-year-and-under 200-mission class and Sgt. Alton C. Little, a 726th intelligence clerk whose daughter, Miss Gayla Gwinn Little, won the one-to-three-year-old War-baby class.

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GUNNER WINS ART CONTEST
MC. AVIN HANDY WITH PEN

Sgt. Robert McAvin, 22, armorer-gunner, 727, and former commercial artist, won the AD LIB art contest with a design that will knock your eye out.

It will be made into a masthead for your paper, shortly, by next edition we hope.

The drawing pictures a pilot, alert, oxygen masked, on the left, then a cluster of bombs away; in the center are the words AD LIB and above is 451. On extreme right is a satisfied looking, square jawed crew chief, with visor upturned. To his right, a LIBERATOR is skirting a cloud. Below are the words: "For The Men Who Fly 'Em--For The Men Who Keep 'Em Flying."

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NOTE FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK

Major Charles B. Hodges, Jr., Gp. S-2, will be guest speaker of the I-E Section next Sunday at the Briefing Room at 1400 hours. His subject will be: AMERICAN PROBLEMS IN POST-WAR.

MAN OF THE WEEK

MAJ JAMES A DOOLEY IN HOSP

AD LIB citation this week goes to Major James A. Dooley, 26, stocky, direct talking CO of the 725th and the most decorated man in the 451st. Recuperating from wounds received 30 Jan. over Maribor, Yugoslavia as group leader, the Dilly, Texas pilot still maintains a hand in the welfare of his squadron.

Before taking off on the mission that sent him to the 26th General Hospital, he left instructions to rush completion of the new mess-rec-theatre building. Visited by one of his officers the other day, his first question was: "Have the fellows enough material to finish the building?"

Married, father of one baby girl, the major is a veteran of the Pacific, having flown a number of missions in B-25's. Came to 725 from the 461st Group where he flew 22 missions over the toughest of targets. Basketball, volleyball and cribbage expert, he wishes he were fit for the present P-T & SS tournaments. Got wings at Randolph before Pearl Harbor, expects to remain in air force after war. believes in great postwar army and air force..would like to get home to see his family.

Holds Silver Star, DFC, Purple Heart with OLD, Air Medal with 4 OLC's, ADM, ATM, PTM, and EMETM.

ORIGINAL SONGS HOT
BAND TOPS - GAGS GOOD

FOLLIES CASTELLUCE, or as some of the boys wagged, "Castelluccio and her cantaloups," a 20-act variety show is wowing the skeptics of the 451st and promises to be the leading production in MTO, provided the censor does not extend to earthy rail-lery, belly-laughs, hot music and catchy original songs.

Everything from a pail of water to the most interesting parts of that sex (simulated) is used by the officers and men of the squadrons and headquarters to get over the idea that the theatre is not dead, not even in southern Italy. But to get on:

One, two and three acts are band and glee club, but good. Act four is pure slap stick, called STAND IN, and starts the howling, particularly the love scene. This is your first view of the "cantaloup" props. Realistic? (See P. 21 of Yank). And from there some swell singing to FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS. Impersonations of Hitler, Lover Boyer, and opera singer, a gangster, Greek archeology and a patriotic flash-back to Washington. (Your ribs are aching now.)

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451 OBSERVES 200TH MISSION

(Ed. The following story was released by your PRO last Saturday.)

Four flights of 451st Bomb Group Liberator's swept out of the sun Saturday and came down over the base, and buzzed the formation on the ground, which had gathered to form a giant "200".

The formation dove low enough for gunners to pick out faces on the ground. From waist windows throughout the

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FOLLIES BIG HIT (Cont'd from page 1)

The BARBER SHOP is something out of nowhere and leaves you weak. It concerns a GI who--well, you'll have to see it. Then another good band number. Act 10 gives you the low-down on an alleged lady taking a bath. (But maybe you know already.) And what cantaloups! Parodies, particularly "You Made Me Love You." THE ANDREW SISTERS follow, (yes, more fruit) and do a pretty job of pantomime recording. Act 12 is another vocal you'll like and applaud. Oh, jumping back to Act 7. Right after 7, there is a number slugged $7\frac{1}{2}$! Jitterbugs, and burn your baby socks, are these two hot.

SHADES OF LA DUZE

But now comes 13--THE BALLET, with all the touches and technique of the late Pavlowa and her famous group. Pirouette, bends, turns, twists, thumps, twirls, and swan-like, and swim-like, and sweet, the ballerina and "her" artistes roll you in the aisle. The quivering, quaking, cantaloups stagger you and finally you can't stand any more and are about to give up, when in one joint whirl the dance is finished, as well as you.

It's a great show, and will remind you of some of the post-war classics of the screen, stage, radio, and a lot of other things. But not cantaloups.

This extravaganza was produced by Special Service, and directed by Capt. Daniel J. Coffey, SS Officer, who also does a bang up job as M C. Opening night was Monday. Each succeeding performance was reserved for the 724th, 725th, 726th, 727th respectively. Tomorrow night personnel of Group Headquarters, 60th Service Squadron, 2238th Trucking Co., and the 1435th Ord. Co. will view the show.

The 451st 14-piece band conducted by S/Sgt. Fred Helbing (tenor sax) provides excellent music.

(Ed. Note: Due to the fact that we have not enough space in this edition to print the names of the cast (and unsure of first names and spellings) AD LIB and Special Service will print a souvenir program shortly and distribute to those interested.)

CONGRATULATIONS OPERATIONS!!!

Today your group hung up another record for the books - 17 consecutive days of bombing, and tomorrow looks good.

Let's hoist one to the combat crews.

BABY GIRLS WIN CONTEST (cont'd from Page 1)

General Lee made the final selections after the original field of more than 100 entries had been lowered to a few finalists by judges in each squadron and group headquarters. Only 2 male finalists of the 10.

The four runners-up in the "200-Mission Baby" class, each of which will receive an enlarged baby picture, include: Sandra Jean Pastori, daughter of Sgt. R. Pastori of 725; Linda Lee Russell, daughter of Sgt. R. H. Russell of 727; Mimi Sieber, daughter of Lt. W. F. Sieber of 724; Martin E. Duke, Jr., son of Sgt. Martin E. Duke of 725;

Runners up in the "War Baby" class are: Bonnie Louise Peterson, daughter of Sgt. R. S. Peterson of 726; Patsy Wagner, daughter of Regis H. Wagner of Gp. Hqs.; Loretta Marie Mitchell, daughter of Sgt. W. J. Mitchell of 727; John Warner Case, son of Sgt. W. F. Case of 724.

200TH MISSION BIG DAY (Cont'd from page 1)

various flights, crewmen waved to the boys below.

The group's 200th mission, a successful attack on Klagenfurt, Austria, marked the 12th consecutive combat operation for the veteran outfit, commanded by Col. Leroy L. Stefanowicz, Wildrose, N. D.

Other target milestones in the career of the group include its first combat mission against a tiny radar installation at Fier, Albania, and its 100th mission last August 10th on the Ploesti oil fields.

Outstanding of the many successful attacks performed by the group were the missions against the Prufening aircraft factory, Regensburg, Germany, on 25 Feb. 1944, and the Ploesti oil fields last April 5th.

The group has been awarded Distinguished Unit Citations for both of those operations.

Col. Stefanowicz, a veteran of 53 missions in the South Pacific, relieved Col. James B. Knapp, San Antonio, Texas, of command last Dec. 27th.

Statistics reveal that the group has flown 4,943 individual sorties, has dropped 10,738 tons of bombs. Individual members have received one Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award, seven Legion of Merit citations, fourth highest, 23 Silver Stars for "gallantry in action", and more than 315 Distinguished Flying Crosses for "extraordinary achievement in aerial flight".

Mc AVIN WINNER IN ART (Cont'd from page 1)

The judges (Lt. Col. John S. Hoppock, Sgts. DeNean Stafford and Gerald P. Laracey) were unanimous in their choice.

Col. LeRoy L. Stefanowicz, commanding officer, presented \$5.00 to Sgt. Mc Avin, and \$5.00 to Pvt. McDermott, 724th, Chem. Warfare, who won the name contest. PRO furnished a photographer for the ceremony. Hometown stories are on the way.

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LOW-DOWN ON AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Awards are one of the means of recognizing either single outstanding acts, or expressing recognition for continuous meritorious service or achievements. In order of their importance, the awards which may be presented members of the military service are (1) The Congressional Medal of Honor; (2) The Distinguished Service Cross; (3) The Distinguished Service Medal; (4) The Legion of Merit; (5) The Silver Star; (6) The Distinguished Flying Cross; (7) The Bronze Star; (8) The Air Medal; (9) The Purple Heart. Aside from these there are the various Campaign Medals, and for enlisted personnel only the Good Conduct Medal. Standards, or basis, for the awarding of different medals differ, and are for increasingly outstanding acts or service as the degree of decoration progresses. Insofar as this group, or any organizations similar to this are concerned, the most common decorations are The Legion of Merit, The Silver Star, The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Bronze Star, The Air Medal, and The Purple Heart.

RARE AND DIFFICULT

Basis for the Legion of Merit is for continuous meritorious service in a position of responsibility for a period of time. The service or acts on which the award is authorized must reflect ingenuity, diligence, application, and the ability and inclination to work beyond the ordinary call of duty. Consequently, this is an award which is quite rare, and one of the more difficult to obtain.

The Silver Star is awarded for "gallantry in action against the enemy". For ordinary acts which require more than the usual intestinal fortitude, the Silver Star will not be awarded. It is only for the more conspicuous acts of heroism at the risk of life in actual conflict with the enemy that this award can be authorized.

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725TH WINS VD 8-BALL FOR FIRST TIME

Major Clyde L. Wagner, group flight surgeon and guardian of VD records revealed today that the 725th wrested the 8-Ball from the 726th this week. Both the 726th and the 727th are tied with one OLC.

FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

Downed pilot (on cannibal isle):

Downed pilot: "Why do you look at me so intently?"

Cannibal: "I am the food inspector."

MAIL CALL

Letter from GI to wife: "Please send me \$25.00 for shaving cream and stuff."

Wife writes back: "Honey, enclosed herewith 25¢ for shaving cream. Your stuff is over here."

YOU MUST REMEMBER

AD LIB, or no part of AD LIB, may be sent through the mails.

THE LENTEN CALL

Lent is the period of forty days, not counting Sundays, that precedes Easter. All our thoughts during these deeply moving days march straight forward toward the cross. During these Lenten days our hearts will follow Jesus through the tragic events of His humiliation and sorrow. One after another, these trying experiences are heaped upon Him. He passes through the agony in the Garden. He is betrayed by Judas Iscariot. He endures mockery, insults, scourging and the desertion of His followers. He hears the death sentence passed upon Him. At last release comes through the crucifixion and its attending horrors. We must be prepared, in our Lenten observance, to see the Son of God die for us and our salvation. Envy, hatred, fear and lust are for the moment victorious.

ASCOLI 2300 YEARS OLD

ROMANS DEFEATED HERE BY GREEK ELEPHANTS

Yes, believe it or not, Ascoli is over 2300 years old. H. G. Wells in his famous "Outline of History" remarks; "Here at Ascoli in the year 279 B.C., Pyrrhus, King of Epirus in Greece brought the mighty Romans to defeat by employing Twenty Eight Elephants, imported from India to spearhead his attack."

The formidable and ferocious appearance of the trumpeting elephants so frightened the wondering Romans that they broke their ranks and fled in disorder. This innovation in warfare was as effective in its day as the first appearance of Tanks in World War I.

A comparison of the ancient maps with our present day sectionals show without a doubt to the 727th that it was the same city we know today.

TOUMBACARIS TO THE RESCUE

Lt. George "Tim" Toumbacaris, 724th Ordnance chief, and former "skin beater" with the U. S. Military Academy Band, won the thanks of the 451st STARDUSTERS the other day, when he replaced a broken drumhead with some Italian calfskin.

A pail of cold water, a soup spoon, and two experienced hands did the trick in a few minutes.

Lt. Toumbacaris enlisted in the Army back in 1925. Because he was an experienced musician and a top drummer, he was made a member of the famous West Point Band. For three years he played march steps and dance steps for many now celebrated military men, including Col. Robert E. L. Luten, former CO of the 451st.

CHURCH CORNER

Catholic Mass at 1630 each Wednesday and Sunday at the Headquarters Theatre. Conducted by Chaplain Coughlin.

Protestant Services each Sunday at 0915 at the 727th E.M. Club and 1030 at the Headquarters Theatre. Vesper at 1815 in the Headquarters Briefing Room. Conducted By Chaplain McNeil.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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The Distinguished Flying Cross is an award which will in almost every instance be awarded to members of the Air Forces alone. The basis for this award is for "extraordinary achievement in aerial flight". However, the standards for eligibility as generally recognized in the Air Forces differ with the crew position held by the individual recommended, and the record they have made over a prolonged period of time. Unless there are very definite reasons to the contrary, all pilots will be awarded the DFC prior to the completion of their tour of duty. This does not intend the DFC to be automatically awarded to all pilots; however, the very act of piloting an aircraft over enemy targets 35 times constitutes an extraordinary achievement in itself, and the pilot has without doubt earned this award even though he has not through this period had any outstanding acts. For other crew members, the element of leadership is the deciding factor if they have not earned the award through any single conspicuous acts.

BRONZE STAR

The Bronze Star is awarded for meritorious achievement in direct support of combat operations. In the Air Forces, this award is primarily for ground personnel, and in the majority of instances will be confined to enlisted personnel. Acts of heroism in aerial flight will not be considered a basis for this decoration.

The Air Medal is for meritorious achievement in aerial flight. In a combat organization, this will ordinarily be awarded only for flights against the enemy. For the Air Medal, the usual basis for eligibility is 5 missions over enemy territory; the OLC for the Air Medal will be awarded for 10 additional missions over enemy territory. In addition to continuous aerial flights against the enemy, single meritorious acts which are not sufficient for the award of a higher decoration may also qualify one for the Air Medal.

The Purple Heart is awarded those who suffer wounds, injuries or frostbite in actual combat and as a result of enemy action. This is the one decoration very few people try hard to earn.

---Clarence E. Campbell, Jr., C.O.

LEND LEASE

There are still sections of the country where it is customary for the married women of the neighborhood to stop in at a house where a baby is expected and lend whatever assistance they can. It is not unusual for a nervous husband to sent someone to round up such women at the onset of labor pains.

Late one night a boy, breathless from running, appeared at the door of a new resident. "Paw sent me. He wants to get your wife for the night," he panted. The farmer bristled: "You jest tell your paw that my wife ain't fer lend. Anyway, I'm 'ain't to use her m'self tonight."

WHAT THE SQUADRONS ARE DOING AND SAYING

Headquarters sprung a new one last Tuesday night when they rolled out the barrel and bingo. Sgt. Bill Cox who covered the binge, excuse, we mean bingo, can't make up his mind whether it was beer or bingo that brought the boys out. Sgt. Frank "Brooklyn" Gentile had Lady Luck on his side...won three bottles. T/Sgt. Ed Wilmsmeyer, Sgt. George Elefteriades and others won five in a row to finish off a case of beer within the hour. Looks like more such games are in the offing.

Sgt. Warner F. Case of 724th is proud of his "War Baby" chosen from a large number of entries, and Lt. Werner F. Sieber equally enthusiastic over his "200 Mission Baby". Nice work pops but not good enough...With T/Sgt. Lemmie K. Murray leaving the 724th for overseas duty, Sally will be in dire need of a new aid to pass out doughnuts. Any volunteers?... "Leader Man," S/Sgt. Fred Halbling, brought a knock-on-out bunch of musicians and tunes to the attention of the group at our show. Nice work fellows. Major Morris J. Drobeck, Exec Officer, returned from Cairo with a fine combination of stories and beer for the Orderly Room boys: How about a return trip Major?... Cpl. Marty Schindler already has the address of a young Parisienne received in a letter from a dear cousin in France. Lot of good it does, eh Marty? But you never know.

If you think Olson and Johnson are a couple of zany performers, wait until you get a load of Pvt. Harold "Mouse" Grossman and Pfc Joseph "Scratchy" Cimilluca of 725 in the 200th Mission Show... Surprise of the Coffey extravaganza was Pfc Albert Menti, vocalist from Brooklyn... The squadron's quintet was off to a bad start, lost their first game by forfeit, no transportation... The new squadron theatre will be named "Jimmy Dooley Hall" in honor of Major James A. Dooley, former CO... A fond farewell to Capt. Malcolm B. Ogden, well liked Adjutant and a hearty welcome to his replacement, Lt. Melvin D. Whitmarsh.... Heard from M/Sgt. John Talbert, Line Chief upon seeing some of the recent 8th Air Force planes added to our squadron: "Where the hell are they getting those wrecks?".. Sgt. Francis Farrier, bespectacled asst. armament chief, tried to enter camera hatch of ship as engines were warming up, prop wash tore glasses from his head and it took six men two hours to find them.

All the boys who have the inside track are picking Lt. A. L. Miskend as the man to put your money on to win the Squadron and Group PING PONG TOURNAMENT championship. Some of the more confident characters will even bet you that he will be the King Champion.

Miskend has breezed through the preliminaries with ease and grace. M/Sgt. Howard Sallade of the 727th Armament Section seems to be his only threat.

I-E COURSES WILL HELP YOU IN FOR YOURSELF