



1027th Signal Company, Service Group



XIIIth Air Force Service Group

Unit Documents

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HEADQUARTERS
1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

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AG 314.7

AP0 719
18 December 1944

Subject: Activation History.

To: Commanding Officer, XIII Air Force Service Command,
AP0 719

1. In compliance with letter, AG 314.7, your headquarters, dated 22 November 1944, the following narrative history covering the period from activation through December 1943 is submitted.

2. No personnel remain in this organization who were members of the original unit, so information has been derived from records available.

The 27th Signal Platoon, Air Base, was activated, less personnel, at Barksdale Field, Louisiana, on 15 February 1941, per General Order No. 3, Headquarters, GHQ Air Force, Langley Field, Virginia, dated 8 February 1941, under authority contained in Letter, AG 320.2 (12-21-40) M (Ret) M-C, W.D., dated 31 January 1941, subject, "Constitution and Activation of Signal Corps Units", to the Commanding General, GHQ Air Force. Personnel were assigned 5 March 1942, by transfer of cadre of eleven enlisted men, from 309th Signal Aviation Company, 21st Bomb. Wing, per paragraph 1, Special Order No. 50, Headquarters, Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Barksdale Field, La. This cadre consisted of Foster, Havens, Price, Coffey, Reed, Schick, Berry, Picklin, Gullledge, Rosenbaum and Sarahn. Emmett A. Parrish, 1st Lt. Signal Corps, was attached and assumed command.

The first couple of months were spent doing a little training, work, and the usual garrison duties, marked only, by Sarahn's frequent visits to the hospital. Schick was sent to the Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, on 6 March 1942, and Reed followed on the 18th of April.

On the 26th of April, the 27th Signal Platoon (AB) moved from Barksdale Field to Jackson Air Base, Jackson, Miss., for a permanent change of station. This was in accordance with paragraph 24, Special Orders No. 94, Hq, ACAFS, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, dated 24 April 1941. Lt. Parrish, attached, was relieved of command. Personnel entrained at Shreveport, at 0655, and arrived at Jackson, Miss., at 1320.

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On arrival, the 27th Signal Platoon (AB) was assigned to Jackson Air Base and were attached to the Quartermaster Detachment, for rations only. Milton F. Boneberg, 1st Lt, AC, was attached and assumed command.

Jackson Air Base was still partially under construction and only about fifty enlisted men were there when the 27th Signal arrived. A TWX Machine was the only means of communication. The Southern Bell Telephone Company was installing their system, and the Base Headquarters was set up in, what is now, the hospital building. The mud was something terrific! However, the town was a bit of alright. Best town, for soldiers, any of the men had ever struck.

On the 1st of May, Lt. Boneberg was relieved of command and Ralph R. Hennig, 2d Lt. A.C. was attached and assumed command. On the 7th of May, the Detachment Fifth Signal Service Company (from Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia), consisting of Burchfield, Furman, Leonard, Edwards and Highers arrived and was attached to the 27th Signal for administration, duty, rations and quarters, per S/O. No. 17, Hq, Jackson Air Base, dated 7 May 1941. On the 9th of May, Ficklin left for school at Fort Monmouth. By this time, the switchboard was in operation, as was the telegraph printer machines. Then, too, Signal Corps Equipment, belonging to the Platoon, had arrived, and the boys were having something to occupy their time.

On the night of the 12th, Price fell from his motorcycle and broke his arm. He eventually wound up in the Station Hospital, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where he stayed until 16 June 1941. Sarahn went to Fort Monmouth on the 16th of May and Coffey left for the same place on the 29th. The Detachment Fourth Weather Squadron (AC), consisting of five enlisted men, was attached to this headquarters for administration, rations and quarters, May 21st.

Louis F. Scala, 2d Lt., Sig. C., was attached and assumed command on 26 May 1941, vice Lt. Hennig, relieved. On May 29th Lt Scala was relieved and Harold W. Bond, 2d Lt., Sig. C. was assigned to the unit and assumed command thereof. Pike transferred, in grade, from the 62d Signal Battalion, Ft. Mc Pherson, Georgia, joined the 27th Signal on the 5th of June. Schick returned from school on the 21st of the month.

Zarahn washed out, at school, and returned, July 3rd. Atz, from the 4th Communications Squadron (AC), arrived on the 4th of July, and was attached to the 27th Signal. The rest of the detachment arrived, spasmodically, until early fall. Mobley

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transferred from the 309th Signal Co., AW, GHQ AF, on 8 July 1941.

On the 24th of July, eleven trainees were transferred to this organization from the Signal Corps Replacement Center, Ft Monmouth, N.J., and on the 25th eleven more enlisted men were transferred from the Reception Center, Ft McPherson, Ga.

Parks was caught napping on guard the 8th of August, was later convicted, and, so, spent several days in the hoosegow. On the 25th of August nine enlisted men left for Tallulah, Louisiana, for temporary duty in connection with maneuvers. Hassie effected a transfer from the 317th Signal Company (AW), arrived and joined this organization, 27 Aug 41.

About the only thing that happened during the month of September was, that Strauss relieved Darden, at Tallulah, and Darden went to the Signal Corps School, Ft Monmouth. The Tallulah bunch (the self-styled "Panzer Division") returned on the 2d of October.

On the 7th of October, the units attached to the 27th Signal Platoon were formally relieved and the entire unit set sail for Langley Field, by motor convey, for temporary duty in connection with the Carolina Maneuvers. It was a rather tough trip. Meridian the first night, then Ft Benning, Augusta, Ft Bragg, and thence to Langley Field, Va. It was about a distance of 1160 miles and was a five day trip.

As a post, Langley wasn't so bad, but, the surrounding towns were terrible. Everybody seemed to take a turn at going to the hospital or going over the hill. Healy was over the hill when the unit departed from that station. Parks was released from confinement on the 25th, but stayed at Jackson Army Air Base, Mississippi, until the return of the organization.

A Platoon party was held in Hampton on the night of 25 November 1941, with much beer and speech-making. Three enlisted men left, on the following day, for the Signal Corps School.

Left Langley Field, without regrets, on the morning of December 2d. Traveled to Ft Jackson, Columbia S.C., that day; a distance of 435 miles and made the entire return trip to Jackson, in three days flat. A happier crew of fellows was seldom seen, upon their arrival at their home station. Upon arrival, Headquarters tried to saddle the 27th with all those detachments again, but circumstances prevented.

On 7 December 1941, a little difficulty arose

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between Uncle Sam and the Japanese Government. No Xmas Furloughs!

The organization was ordered to South Carolina on extended field duty, but the order was rescinded. Leszczewicz arrived from Camp Grant, Illinois, 9 January 1942.

On the 19th of January 1942, the 27th Signal Platoon (AB) left, on a permanent change of station, for San Francisco Port of Embarkation, per General Orders No. 1, Headquarters, Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Mississippi, dated 17 January 1942. Only one officer and twenty-six enlisted men remained assigned to the organization. The outfit was split for the trip, some on the train taking the southern route and the others going via Kansas City and Denver. Arrived in San Francisco on the night of 24th of January, after traveling over 3000 miles. The unit was billeted in "The Cow Palace" until embarkation. Went aboard the USAT "Tasker H. Bliss" on the night of the 29th and sailed on the morning of the 31st.

The crossing was a nightmare.

Crossed the International Date Line at 0600 20 February 1942.

Arrived at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, on the 25th of February 1942, and moved to the bivouac area, at Doom Ben Race Course. On the 3rd of March, went back aboard the "Bliss", set sail, and arrived at Melbourne, V., Australia, on the 8th and immediately entrained for Ballarat, Victoria. Arrived there at 1600 the same day.

For the first three days the personnel were rationed and quartered in private homes of the populace. On the 11th of the month, however, the unit moved about seven miles out of town, to an Aussie Air Force Camp, and by the 16th had completed a temporary air base, just across the road from the RAAF Camp.

On 29 April 1942, the unit entrained, but sadly, for another permanent change of station. Three enlisted men were left behind due to hospitalization and AFOI. Boarded the Dutch Transport "M.S. Maetsuycker" on the 1st of May, and sailed, that afternoon, for Bleacher. It was a nice trip from Melbourne to Brisbane. The platoon were the only passengers and their only duties were to man the guns. Arrived at Brisbane on the 6th, loaded up with soldiers, and took off again, for Tongatabu (Bleacher), on the 8th of May. Left one enlisted man in Brisbane for medical observation.

Anchored in Tongatabu Harbor on the 16th of May 1942, and debarked on the 17th. Bivouaced, temporarily, near the

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Air Field until the 21st of May when the unit moved to its permanent location.

While at Tongatabu, the 27th Signal Platoon (Air Base) was redesignated the 27th Signal Company, Service Group per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters Force 0051, dated 26 October 1942, with no change of personnel involved. To the people of Tongatabu, this meant nothing, but in terms, strictly military, it was the beginning of a great outfit with the reputation of one of the smoothest and neatest working organizations in the South Seas Area.

Lt. Harold W. Bond, from Danville, Illinois, was still the commanding officer of this small but outstanding unit. Staff Sergeant Cedric V. Havens, of Longville, Louisiana, was the acting first sergeant. These were the key men in this new outfit.

The duties of this unit were to install and maintain the communications system at the airport itself and also between the aircraft warning units stationed nearby. Considering the territory, undergrowth and nature of the roads, the wire men had their difficulties doing their work.

The radio section manned the signal tower as well as the telegraph sets to Force Headquarters. About this time, the Royal New Zealand Air Force sent a fighter squadron to the base, and with their take offs and landings going on all day long, it kept the boys on their toes preventing any mishaps which could easily have happened.

The men of the organization also operated a message center and switchboard, so it is easy to imagine how hard the boys had to work when there were only 23 of them in all.

Seeing how much work the unit could and was doing, the Air Force Commander assigned Lt Bond to additional duty as the Air Force Adjutant.

Everything went along smoothly, and after the work for the day had been accomplished, a few of the men could be found either at the beach or in Nukualofa at the Red Cross Recreation Center. Bunk fatigue was a very relaxing pastime.

On the 28th of November a small change took place in the organization. Sgt Hassie was transferred in grade to the Signal Corps School at Ft Monmouth, N.J.. Although the outfit lost a good man, it was known that he would make a good officer and an asset to some other unit.

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Two enlisted men were transferred into the organization from Headquarters Detachment Air Force on the 9th of December 1942 and one enlisted man on the 14th. Officers were coming and going on the 29th of the month. Lt. Bond went to the Signal Detachment at Force Headquarters, and Captain M.L. Maxson came from the detachment to the 27th Signal Company and assumed its command. 2d Lt. Charles L. Bolton, of Johnston City, Tennessee, formerly of the 670th Signal Aircraft Warning Reporting Company, was transferred into the organization on this date.

Lt Bolton was promoted to 1st Lt on 1 February 1943, a promotion which he certainly deserved.

The 27th Signal Company, Service Group was really enlarged on 10 February 1943, with the addition of not only the Signal Detachment, Force 0051, but also the 175th Radio Repair Section. There was one officer and twenty-four enlisted men in the Signal Detachment and one officer and nine enlisted men in the 175th Radio Repair Section. Putting three of the best outfits in the South Seas together really made an organization hard to beat. It was a good mixture of North, South, East, West and Central States, and unlike most mixtures of this type, the men seemed to get along nicely.

On 1 March 1943 five new men from the states joined the outfit. As is natural, they were immediately swamped with questions of home, the rationing, girls, WAAC's, and the conditions in general. On 2 March 1943, two enlisted men were transferred to Force Headquarters Detachment, APO 930, and one enlisted man was lost to the detachment of patients. On the 3rd of March another one of the enlisted men of the organization hit the jack-pot and was transferred in grade to the Air Corps Aviation Cadet Center at San Antonio, Texas.

First Sergeant Havens was appointed a Warrant Officer Junior Grade on March 4th and the same day, Lt Onffroy, one of the recently acquired officers, was relieved of assignment to the 27th Signal Company and reassigned to duty with the 230th Signal Operations Company at New Caledonia. March 9th found Lt. Bond and four enlisted men chosen for a cadre to return to the states. They were the envy of every man in the outfit. On the 9th of March all personnel of the organization, with the exception of Cassidy and Iannarelli, who were left on detached service with the Navy as cryptographers, embarked on the U.S.S. "Horace Greeley" for another change of station.

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The ship pulled out of the harbor the following morning and on the third day out the southern tip of the Fiji group could be seen. On March 14th arrived at Havannah Harbor on the northern side of the island of Efate in the New Hebrides Group. One battalion of the 77th Coast Artillery debarked here and for two days the men assisted in the unloading of trucks, ammunition and other supplies. On March 17th the boat left Havannah Harbor at 1400 and arrived at Vila Harbor on the south side of the island at 1600. From the boat Efate looked pretty good with all of the wooden homes etc., but that was the first impression and it didn't last very long. At 0800 on the morning of 18 March, all personal equipment was packed and the men hopped in motor boats and said goodbye to the "Horace Greeley". The personnel of the organization then proceeded by truck to Bauer Field, which was about four miles from Vila. Upon arriving at the designated bivouac area, it looked as if it were a mass of undergrowth which would be impenetrable, but the men managed to clean it up in a few days so that a suitable living area was established.

On 27 March 1943, Captain Maxson left by plane for Butterns to obtain information as to the duties of the organization. Upon the captain's return from Butterns, three enlisted men were sent to Quein Hill on the southeastern side of the island for the purpose of setting up a radio station for an island net. On 6 April 1943, three enlisted men were sent to Havannah Harbor for the same purpose. Along with the radio station at Vila, it established three stations at advantageous points on the island.

One enlisted man was evacuated on the 18th of April and on the 19th Cassidy and Iannarelli arrived from detached service at Tongatabu.

On 10 May 1943, the 27th Signal Company, Service Group was redesignated the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group per General Orders No. 110, Headquarters, USAFISPA, APO 502, with no change in personnel or equipment involved.

The organization remained at Efate until 3 August 1943 when it left Badger Field by motor transportation and embarked on the S.S. "Hunterliggett" at 1600. Remained anchored in Vila Harbor until 0600, 5 August 1943 when the ship sailed for destination, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Arrived at Guadalcanal at 1800 12 August; debarked at 1830 and proceeded to camp at Fighter Strip No. 2. It was certainly a good thing

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that a rapid debarkation was carried out for the men witnessed their first taste of enemy action. At 2030, Tojo paid his visit, and for quite some days after this, he was a regular caller.

The principal duties of the organization at Guadalcanal were the replacing and laying of new communication wire. This job was completed from Lunga River completely surrounding Henderson Field and extending to Fighter Strip No. 3. Trouble shooting alone was a steady job for four men of the company. The most important piece of work accomplished by the men of the outfit was the complete change over of the switchboard at Henderson Field.

The organization left Fighter Strip No. 2, Guadalcanal 14 November 1943 for Munda, New Georgia Islands and arrived there the 16th. On the 26th of November, five men joined the organization, having been assigned from the 6th Replacement Depot at New Caledonia.

The units stay at Munda was very short, and the time spent there was passed by establishing a temporary camp site and digging a few fox-holes in order that the men might have some cover for air raids. The unit left Munda for Ondonga by LCT on 29 November 1943 and arrived there the same date. A great deal of hard work was spent at Ondonga establishing a very nice camp area, since it was anticipated that this was to be our permanent address for some time. However, a sad disappointment was encountered as orders were received to return to Munda. The last day of 1943 was spent in packing all supplies and equipment and again returning by LCT to Munda. The new year of 1944 entered with the personnel stationed at a temporary area next to the area of the 14th Airdrome Squadron. All men were dreaming of how nice it would be if only they were relaxing in their homes back in the good old U.S.A.

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LYLE C ATKINSON
2d Lt., Sig. C.
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Auth: *THE ISLAND COMMAND*
Initials: *AGS*
Date: *7-7-43*

HEADQUARTERS
1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
A. P. O. 932, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

July 1, 1943

SUBJECT: Historical Data.

TO : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 708.
(Thru: Commanding General, III Island Command, APO 932).

1. In compliance with memorandum No. 15, Hq., Thirteenth Air Force, APO 708, June 17, 1943, the following report is submitted.

a. Original unit.

(1) Official designation, 27th Signal Platoon, (Air Base).

(2) Activated, March 5, 1941.

(3) Located at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

(4) Authority GO No. 3, Hq., GHQ Air Force, Langley Field, Virginia, dated Feb. 8, 1941.

(5) Personnel assigned by transfer of cadre of 11 enlisted men from 309th Signal Aviation Co., per par 1, SO No. 50, Hq., Air Corps, Advanced Flying School, Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

b. Changes in organization, changes in the designation of units, transfer of unit from one regiment to another as a unit, or change due to changes in Table of Organization.

(1) 27th Signal Platoon, (Air Base), redesignated to the 27th Signal Company, Service Group, per GO No. 25, Hq., Force 0051, APO 930, dated Oct. 26, 1942.

(2) 27th Signal Company, Service Group, redesignated to the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, per GO No. 110, Hq., USAFISPA, APO 502, dated May 3, 1943.

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Date: *7-7-43*

(3) 175 Radio Repair Det., and Signal Det., Force 0051, transferred to 27th Signal Company, Service Group, per SO No. 36, Hq., Force 0051, APO 930, dated Feb. 10, 1943.

(4) Table of Organization, 11-237, dated Dec. 16, 1940, Signal Platoon, (Air Base), strength 1 Officer, 37 enlisted men, changed to 11-237, dated July 1, 1942, strength, 2 Officers, 1 W/O (jg), 70 enlisted men, per GO No. 25, Hq., Force 0051, APO 930, dated Oct. 26, 1942.

c. Strength - Commissioned and enlisted.

(1) Beginning of period, 1 Officer and 21 enlisted men.

(2) Net increase of 3 enlisted men per month.

(3) Present strength-2 Officers, 1 W/O (jg), and 57 enlisted men.

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Left San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 31, 1942 for Brisbane, Australia, and arrived Feb. 25, 1942. Left Brisbane for Ballarat, Australia, March 3, 1942 and arrived March 8, 1942. Left Ballarat, Australia for Tongatabu Island, May 8, 1942, and arrived May 17, 1942. Left Tongatabu for Efate, New Hebrides, March 10, 1943, and arrived March 14, 1943.

e. Marches.

(1) None.

f. Campaigns.

(1) None.

g. Battles.

(1) None.

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h. Commanding Officer, in important engagements.

(1) None.

i. Losses in action; officers and men.

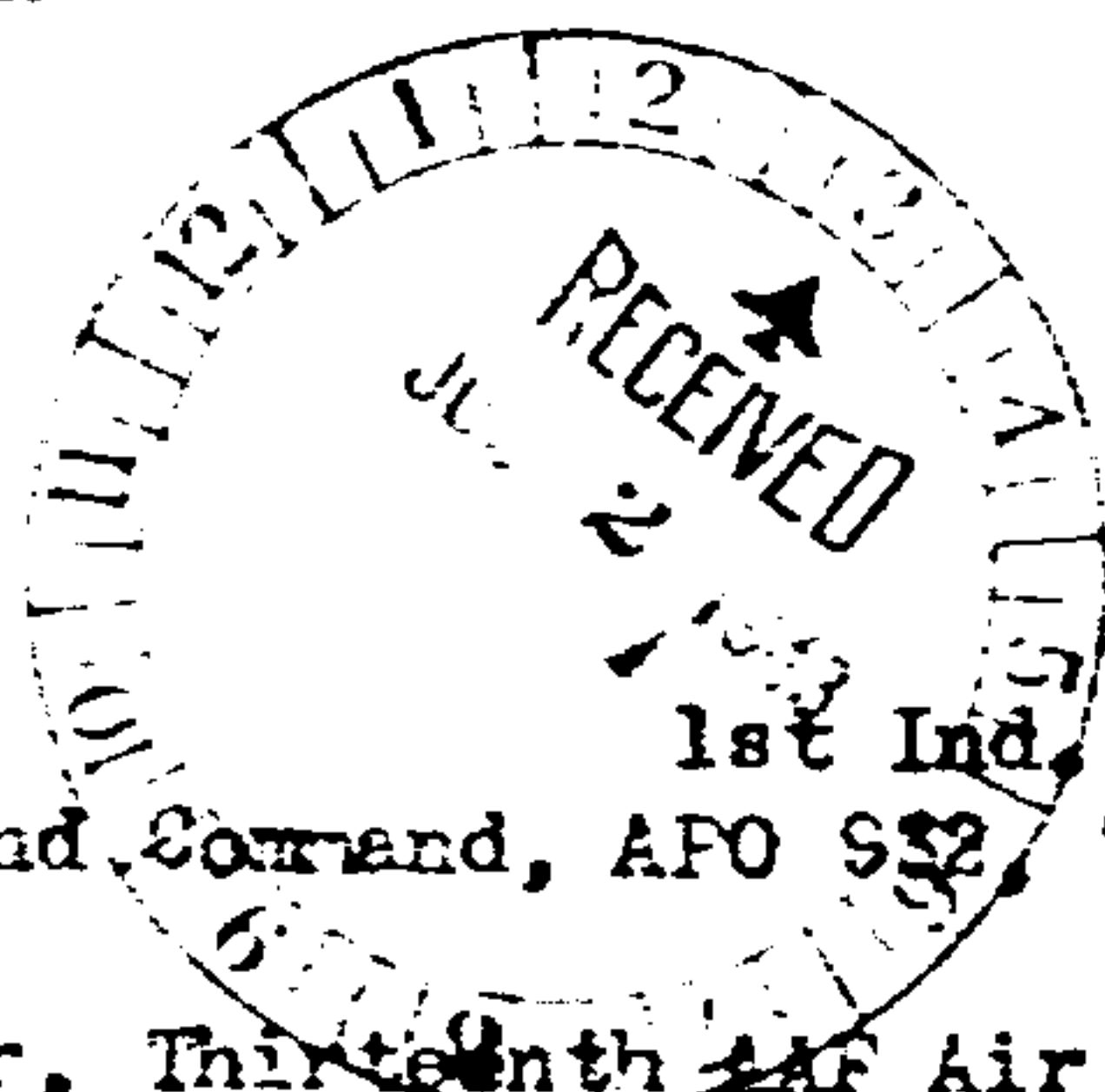
(1) None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

(1) None.

k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events.

(1) None.



Melvin L. Maxson

MELVIN L. MAXSON,
Captain, Sig. C.,
Commanding.

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Headquarters, III Island Command, APO 932, 7 July 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, Thirteenth Air Force Air Service Command, APO 719.

1. Forwarded in compliance with Memorandum No. 15, Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force, dated 17 June 1943.

2. In view of the instructions contained paragraph 4 c of Secret Memorandum No. 77, Headquarters USAFISPA, dated 6 June 1943, the 1027th Signal Company, SG, has been directed to submit administrative matters direct to your headquarters in the future.

For the Commanding General:

Norman A. Flanigan

NORMAN A. FLANIGAN
Major, AFD
Asst Adj Gen

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W. H. H. H.
HEADQUARTERS, XIII AF SERVICE COMMAND, APO 719, July 15, 1943. *ATH/ljs*

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 729.

For the Commanding Officer:

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A. J. CORPONI,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
1027th Signal Company, Service Group
c/o Postmaster, APO 717
San Francisco, Calif

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1 January 1944

SUBJECT: Historical Data

TO : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Thru: Channels)

1. In accordance with Army Regulations 345-105 and all changes thereto, the following report is submitted:

a. Original unit.

(1) Official designation: 27th Signal Platoon
(Air Base).

(2) Activated: 5 March 1941.

(3) Located at Bardesdale Field, Louisiana.

(4) Authority GO No. 3, Hq, GHQ Air Force,
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to the 27th Signal Company, Service Group, per GO No. 25, Hq,
Force 0051, APO 930, dated 26 Oct 1942.

(2) 27th Signal Company, Service Group, re-
designated to the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, per
GO No. 110, Hq, USAFISPA, APO 502, 3 May 1943.

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(3) 175th Radio Repair Det, and Signal Det, Force 0051, transferred to 27th Signal Company, Service Group, per SC No 36, Hq, Force 0051, APO 930, 10 Feb 1943.

(4) Table of Organization 11-237, dated 16 Dec 1940, Signal Platoon (Air Base), strength 1 Officer, 37 enlisted men, changed to 11-237, dated 1 July 1942, strength, 2 Officers, 1 WO(jg), 70 enlisted men, per GO No 25, Hq, Force 0051, APO 930, dated 26 Oct 1943, per GO No 21, Hq, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719, dated 31 July 1943.

c. Strength - Commissioned and enlisted:

(1) Beginning of period; 2 Officers, 1 WO(jg), and 66 enlisted men.

(2) The net increase of enlisted men per month was as follows:

- (a) October, 5 EM
- (b) November, 5 EM
- (c) December, 11 EM

(3) The net decrease of enlisted men was 1 EM in December.

(4) Present strength; 2 Officers, 1 WO(jg), and 86 enlisted men.

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Left San Francisco, Calif, 31 Jan 1942 for Brisbane, Australia, and arrived 25 Feb 1942. Left Brisbane for Ballarat, Australia, March 3, 1942 and arrived 8 March 1942. Left Ballarat, Australia for Tongatabu Island, 3 May 1942, and arrived 17 May 1942. Left Tongatabu for Efate, New Hebrides, 10 March 1943, and arrived 14 March 1943. Left Efate, New Hebrides, for Guadalcanal, Solomons, 3 Aug 1943, and arrived 12 Aug 1943. Left Fighter Strip, No 2, Guadalcanal, Solomons, ~~XXXX~~ 14 Nov 1943 for Munda, New Georgia Islands, and arrived 16 Nov 1943. Nineteen enlisted men on DS left for Ondonga, New Georgia Islands, 25 Nov 1943 and arrived same date. Organization left for Ondonga, New Georgia Islands, 29 Nov 1943 and arrived same date. Left Ondonga, New Georgia Islands, 31 Dec 1943, for Munda, New Georgia Islands, and arrived Munda, present station, 31 Dec 1943.

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- e. Marches: None.
- f. Campaigns: None.
- g. Battles: None.
- h. Commanding Officers in important engagements:
None.
- i. Losses in action, officers and EN: None.
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished
themselves in action: None.
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or
events: None.
- l. Copy of commendation of Lieutenant General
Harmon is attached.

Melvin L. Maxson

MELVIN L. MAXSON
Capt, Sig C
Comdg

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APC 709

16 December 1943

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATION

TO : The Thirteenth Air Force

1. From 25 July 1943, to 20 November 1943, Major General Nathan Twining, by direction of Comsopac and pursuant to the air employment directives and policies of Comairsofac, commanded the Allied Air Forces Solomons, Brigadier General Dean C. Strother served as Fighter Commander, while Brigadier General William A. Matheny (then Colonel) was Bomber Commander.

2. During this period, immeasurable damage was done to the enemy. His ships and barges were destroyed, all of the New Georgia Group was overrun by our forces, Treasury was captured, and Bougainville was invaded, the Jap was subjected to heavy loss of aircraft and personnel, and his Bougainville airdromes were made untenable. As a result we have materially improved our position for further assaults on the enemy, and we have acquired important naval facilities and many fine additional airdromes. A great share of the credit for these victories goes to the Air Arm; to the airmen of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Royal New Zealand Air Force, both shore and carrier based.

3. In all this the 13th Air Force, its Fighter Command, Bomber Command, Service Command, and all the officers and men of flight and ground echelons have had a major role. Your contribution to the success of the campaigns of the Armed Forces is inspiring to all. Your courage, your spirit of high endeavor, your patient endurance of discomforts, hardships and dangers; your cheerfulness thru all and your will to win are a source of pride to all who are concerned with the destruction of Japanese forces, the annihilation of his military power and the imposition of swift retribution on his individual leaders, his government and its subjects.

4. The 13th Air Force will continue to carry the fight until the Jap is completely crushed, and made to pay many times over for the crimes he has committed against our airmen, soldiers, sailors, and marines, and for the bestial deceit and brutality of Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, China and Malaya.

5. The 13th Air Force, born on the 13th of January, is now almost a year old--and what a year! Many of you men of this force have been carrying on in this area since before our attacks and capture of Guadalcanal and Tulagi. You have

To: The Thirteenth Air Force, 16 December 1943

worked and sweated through the mud and heat, the malaria, the dangers and hardships of the early days at Efate, Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal. You wondered then if our meager force could really stop the Jap. But soon this doubt changed to confidence as the gathering power and momentum of our forces increased, and then you helped to break forever the myth of Jap invincibility and to blast him out of Guadalcanal, the Russells, Munda and all of the New Georgia Group, and now, Treasury and Bougainville. You have seen him defeated in the air, on the ground and on the sea. The issue is no longer in doubt.

6. Our people at home take just pride in your accomplishments and sacrifices, glory in your victories and reverence the memory of your comrades who will not go home.

a. God bless you for your achievements and grant each of you the fortitude to carry on to complete victory. Keep smiling and keep fighting.

/s/ M. F. Harmon
/t/ M. F. HARMON
Lieutenant General
U. S. Army

AG 201.22 1st Ind CG/RLO/jld
HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE, APO 719, 22 Dec 1943.

To: Commanding officers, All Units, Thirteenth Air Force.

1. It is with considerable gratification and pride that I forward the above commendation from the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to every member of the Thirteenth Air Force.

2. General Harmon's splendid tribute will be read to every member of this air force at the first formation after receipt of this letter.

3. A copy of this commendation will be made a part of the historical records of each organization.

/s/ Ray L. Owens
/t/ RAY L. OWENS
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

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HISTORICAL-DATA

1027th Signal Company, Service Group

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
1027th Signal Company, Service Group
c/o Postmaster, APO 709
San Francisco, Calif.

MLM/hs

Oct 1, 1943

SUBJECT: Historical Data.

TO : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719.

(Thru: Channels)

1. In accordance with Army Regulations 345-105 and all changes thereto, the following report is submitted:

a. Original unit.

- (1) Official designation: 27th Signal platoon (Air Base).
- (2) Activated: March 5, 1941.
- (3) Located at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.
- (4) Authority GO No. 3, Hq., GHQ Air Force, Langley Field, Virginia, dated Feb 8, 1941.
- (5) Personnel assigned by transfer of cadre of 11 enlisted men from 309th Signal Aviation Co., per par 1, SO No. 50, Hq., Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Barksdale field, Louisiana.

b. Changes in organization, changes in the designation of units, transfer of unit from one regiment to another as a unit, or change due to changes in Table of Organization.

- (1) 27th Signal Platoon, (Air Base), redesignated to the 27th Signal Company, Service Group, per GO No. 25, Hq., Force 0051, APO 930, dated Oct 26, 1942.
- (2) 27th Signal Company, Service Group, redesignated to the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, per GO No. 110, Hq., USAFISPA, APO 502, dated May 3, 1943.
- (3) 175th Radio Repair Det., and Signal Det., Force 0051, transferred to 27th Signal Company, Service Group, per SO No. 36, Hq., Force 0051, APO 930, dated Feb 10, 1943.

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Historical data (cont'd)

(4) Table of Organization 11-237, dated Dec 16, 1940, Signal Platoon (Air Base), strength 1 Officer, 37 enlisted men, changed to 11-237, dated July 1, 1942, strength, 2 Officers, 1 WO (jg), 70 enlisted men, per GO No. 25, Hq., Force 0051, APO 930, Dated Oct 26, 1942. Re-organization under Table of Organization 11-237, dated Mar 26, 1943 per GO No. 21, Hq., Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719, dated July 31, 1943.

c. Strength - Commissioned and enlisted:

- (1) Beginning of period, 2 Officers, 1 WO (jg), and 57 EM.
- (2) Net increase of 3 EM per month.
- (3) Present strength: 2 Officers, 1 WO (jg), and 66 EM.

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of units or parts thereof.

(1) Left San Francisco, Calif., Jan 31, 1942 for Brisbane, Australia, and arrived Feb 25, 1942. Left Brisbane for Ballarat, Australia, March 3, 1942 and arrived March 8, 1942. Left Ballarat, Australia for Tongatabu Island, May 8, 1942, and arrived May 17, 1942. Left Tongatabu for Efate, New Hebrides, March 10, 1943, and arrived March 14, 1943. Left Efate, New Hebrides for Guadalcanal, Solomons, Aug 3, 1943, and arrived at said destination Aug 12, 1943.

e. Marches: None.

f. Campaigns: None.

g. Battles: None.

h. Commanding officers in important engagements: None.

i. Losses in action, officers and EM: None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: None.

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Capt., Sig C.
Comdg.

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 9 Mar 44, Subject:
"Historical Data, January and February 1944".

(7) Significant increase or decrease in material and facilities on hand: A significant increase in the supply of radar and radio equipment have been received during the period to facilitate adequate supply and maintenance of all Thirteenth Air Force units in this area.

c. Changes in relation with other organizations:

(1) Next superior headquarters: This company was attached to the Service Center (Air), 321st Service Group (Air) and is still operating under their command.

(2) Units under direct command: No units.

d. Resume of movements: No change.

e. Name of campaign participated in: Personnel of this organization who served in the combat zone designated in Par. 2 of War Department General Orders No. 75, 1943, under conditions set forth in Par. 4 a (1) War Department letter, dated 29 October 1943, file AG 200.6 (26 Oct 43) OB-I-A-MB-A, Subject: "Battle Participation Awards", are eligible to wear battle stars on their campaign ribbons as authorized by 4th Ind., Hq, USAFISPA, APO 502, 16 Feb 44, to letter 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, dated 9 Jan 44, Subject: "Claim for Battle Participation Award". Announcement of battle credits for this organization will be included in General Orders issued by Hq, USAFISPA, at a later date.

f. Chief military missions, engagements and sorties:
None.

g. Losses in action: None.

h. Awards to and decorations of members of this unit:
None.

i. Narrative account of the part played by the unit in the war effort:

This unit left Ondonga, New Georgia Islands where it was attached to the 70th Fighter Squadron on 31 Dec 43 and arrived the same date at Munda, New Georgia Islands.

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 9 Mar 44, Subject: "Historical Data, January and February 1944".

A temporary camp site was established in the 14th Airdrome area where this organization remained for 12 days. The unit then moved to its new and present location where considerable time and hard work was spent erecting living quarters, building fox-holes, and general policing of the entire new area.

Since the T/O of this unit is divided into sections, it is necessary to list the activities of each separate section in order to present a clear picture of the operations:

1. Headquarters Section.

This department carries on the normal administration of the organization. Having been a group in itself for quite some time prior to joining the present group, this company at first encountered several administrative obstacles. However, at present, administration is being carried on in a smooth and very satisfactory manner. This section is composed of one captain who is the company commander; one first sergeant; one administrative and technical clerk; one supply clerk; one motor transportation non-commissioned officer who is responsible for the upkeep of all vehicles assigned this company; one armorer; one automobile mechanic; three clerk-typists; two cooks and one cooks helper.

2. Operations Platoon.

This platoon is divided into three sections as follows:

a. Telephone and Telegraph Section.

Since joining this group the telephone and telegraph section has installed and maintained lines for the entire group, lines to the 5th Bomb Group and lines to the other sections of this company that are situated on the Munda Air Strip. Five teletypes have been installed and maintained for third echelon maintenance. A switchboard has been installed and is operated by members of this unit on a twenty-four hour schedule. Seven trunk lines and thirty-seven drops are used. An air raid sounding device has been installed and proven to be very satisfactory. The personnel of this section consists of one chief teletypewriter operator, one wire chief, one chief switchboard operator, one teletypewriter operator (assistant chief), three linemen, seven switchboard operators and 4 teletypewriter operators.

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 9 Mar 44, Subject:
"Historical Data, January and February 1944".

b. Radio Section.

At present there are only two personnel operating under this section. They are operating at a fixed radio station WVJU Munda, stationed at the VI Island Command.

c. Message Center Section.

Message center operations have been established at the Air Service Center and are conducted on a twenty-four hour schedule. Schedule messenger service and special messenger service are maintained as required. This section consists of one 2nd Lieutenant who is the Operations Platoon officer, one message center chief, three message center chiefs (assistants), three message center clerks and two messengers.

3. Supply and Repair Platoon.

This platoon is divided into four sections as follows:

a. Storage and Issue Section.

This section has been carrying on normal shipping and receiving of Signal supplies for Air Force units in this area. It consists of one 1st Lieutenant who is the signal supply officer and also in charge of repair sections, one warehouse foreman, one clerk-typist, one warehouse foreman (assistant) and four stock control clerks.

b. Radio Repair Section (fixed).

This section has been carrying on normal repair and maintenance of radio and radar for Air Force units in this area. The shop is situated near the Munda Air Strip and to date its operations have proven to be very satisfactory. This section consists of one radio repairman, search(chief); one radio repairman, airborne equipment (chief); nine radio repairman, airborne equipment; four radio repairmen, intercept and five radio repairman, search.

c. Radio Repair Section (mobile).

This section assists in the operation of the radio repair section (fixed). It consists of one radio repairman; one radio repairman, intercept; one radio repairman, search and three radio repairman VHF radio.

d. Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section.

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 9 Mar 44, Subject:
"Historical Data, January and February 1944".

This section assists in the operations of the telephone and telegraph section for miscellaneous operations and consists of one radio repairman; VHF wire (chief); one lineman, telephone and telegraph; four radio repairmen VHF, wire and three teletypewriter mechanics.

4. Enlisted personnel in this organization doing miscellaneous work:

- a. Operations of laundry services.
- b. Postal clerk at Group Post Office.
- c. Plumber on SD at 73rd CB.
- d. Barber services.
- e. Painter at Group Utilities.
- j. Photographs: None.

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Capt., Sig C.
Comdg.

LTR NO. 1359

26 January 1940
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CAPT PIPE

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NAME OF UNIT **1027 Signal Company**

APO **717-2441**

Period Covered **March 1944**

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5 a. Organization of unit

- (1) Original designation of unit
- (2) Mission
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit
- (4) Sources from which personnel were drawn
- (5) Strength, com. and EM, at time of act.
- (6) Names of key personnel
- (7) Material and facilities

7 Narrative

Objectives
Means
Results
Problems
Station Life

Photographs

b. Command relation with:

- (1) Next higher headquarters
- (2) Subordinate units
- (3) Other services

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Name unit, APO

6 a. Changes in organization

- (1) Changes in designation of unit and date
- (2) Alteration of the general mission
- (3) Transfer of units to another organization
- (4) Units assigned or attached
- (5) Changes caused by T/O
- (6) Changes in strength, Com and EM
- (7) Significant increase or decrease in material and facilities on hand

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b. Changes in relations with other org.

- (1) Next superior headquarters
- (2) Units under direct command

c. Resume of movements

- (1) Date of arrival at and departure from each station
- (2) Changes of station, and purpose therefor

d. Name of campaign (or battle) participated in

e. Chief military missions, engagements, sorties

f. Losses in action

g. Awards to and decorations of members

Remarks: Good narrative. Well written. Every page of history should be read.
1359-11 **SECRET.** See par 11, Historical Officers Circular No. 3, this reg. 1 April
1944. Tell of station life and morale. Deal with key personnel in your
narrative.

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HISTORICAL DATA

MARCH 1944

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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
APO 717 Unit 1, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

CLB/rdm

In reply refer to:
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1 April 1944

Subject: Historical Data for March 1944.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces
Washington, D C

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Changes 1 and 3 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-7, 21 Feb 44, the following data is submitted:

a. Original unit: Completed.

b. Changes in organization: There has been no change in this organization's designation, mission, echelon of command, or T/O. There has been a slight increase in material and facilities on hand in the Signal Supply Section (see Signal Supply Section below). The change in strength for March is listed below:

1) Strength of commissioned personnel at the beginning of the period was; 1 Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2nd Lieutenant, 1 WOJG.

2) Strength of enlisted personnel at the beginning of the period was 92 enlisted men assigned and 10 attached.

3) Net increase of commissioned strength during the period was 1 2nd Lieutenant attached.

4) Net decrease of assigned enlisted men during March was 1.

5) Net decrease of attached enlisted men during March was 1.

6) The total strength of the company at the end of the period is; 1 Captain, 1 1st Lt, 1 2nd Lt, 1 WOJG assigned and 1 2nd Lt attached; 91 enlisted men and 9 enlisted men attached. (for details see Headquarters Section below).

c. Changes in relation with other organizations: There have been no changes in relation with other organizations. This company is attached to the Service Center (Air), 321st Service Group (Air) and is operation under their command.

Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717 Unit 1, 1 Apr 44,
Sub " Historical Data for March 1944".

There are no units operating under our command.

d. This company has not participated in any movements.

e. This company is not at present participating in any campaign, but did participate in the Northern Solomons Campaign during the period outlined in WD ltr, 29 Oct 43, AG 200.6, (26 Oct 43) OB-I-A-MB-A, Sub "Battle Participation Awards". (Auth: 4th Ind, Hq, USAFISPA, APO 502, 16 Feb 44, to ltr 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, 9 Jan 44, Sub "Claim for Battle Participation Award".)

f. Chief military missions, engagements and sorties: This company did not participate in any engagements or sorties but did in March experience its 32nd and 33rd Condition "Red" Alert to be shown on the company's Morning Reports.

g. Losses in action: None.

h. Awards to and decorations of members of this unit: Thirty six enlisted men of this unit were awarded the Good Conduct Medal "...for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.", per par 1, SO 32, Hq, Sv Cen (Air), 321st Sv Gp (Air), APO 717, 21 Feb 44, (copy attached). Twenty two more enlisted men of this unit were also awarded the Good Conduct Medal "...for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity.", per par 4, SO 50, Hq, Sv Cen (Air), 321st Sv Gp (Air), APO 717, 29 Mar 44, (copy attached).

2. The part that this unit has played in the war effort can best be told by listing the activities of each separate section in order to present a clear picture of the operations of the company as a whole.

a. The Headquarters Section has maintained the normal administration of the company. It also has operated the company supply, and through the various specialists assigned to the section, provides bakers, auto mechanics, and an armorer where needed.

In the last month the company has lost two men through transfer; one man, Pvt Richard M Buchanan, was evacuated 12 Mar 44, and the second, Tec 4 Ramon W Reed was the first man to leave under the new rotation policy. Reed was notified 26 Feb 44 that he had been selected per par 1, ltr 210.68, Hq, XIII AF, APO 719, 19 Feb 44, Sub "Rotation of Ground Personnel for March 1944". He left the company for Guadalcanal and home on 21 March 44. The quota for April has been selected (Ltr 210.68, Hq, XIII AF, APO 719, 5 Mar 44, Sub "Rotation of

Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717 Unit 1, 1 Apr 44,
Sub "Historical Data for March 1944".

Ground Personnel for April 1944") and three enlisted men, Fred J Penfold, Raymond C Moore, and Joseph Chapel, were notified that they would be the next to leave, sometime in April it was assumed. By the end of April, 36 other enlisted men, 2 officers, and one WOJG have become eligible and have already been reported as required.

The company has gained one man through transfer; Pvt Sterling T Jones, Jr, was transferred into the organization from the 6th Repl Dep, 8 Mar 44 and joined 23 Mar 44. He has been assigned to the Signal Supply Section.

Other changes in strength of the attached personnel have occurred frequently throughout March. At the first of the month there were ten enlisted men attached to this organization. In addition to these, nine enlisted men and one officer from the 905th Signal Company, Det (Avn) were attached at various times during March to help in the Radio Repair Section. 2nd Lt Rensular V Pearson, Sig C, from the 410th Signal Company (Avn) was attached to this organization on DS 18 Mar 44 and joined 25 Mar 44. He has been assisting in the operation of the Radio Repair Section. At the end of the period all of the attached enlisted men; 1 from the 905th Sig Co, and 8 from the 1079th Sig Co, Sv Gp are working in the Radio Repair Section.

b. The Operations Platoon is divided into three sections which will be discussed in order.

1) Since joining this group the Telephone and Telegraph Section has installed and maintained lines for the entire 321st Sv Gp, lines to the 5th Bomb Gp (H), and lines to the other sections of this company that are situated on the Munda Air Strip. This is a total of over 30 miles of wire laid and maintained by this section; of that total, approximately five miles of new wire was laid in the month of March 1944. A switchboard using seven trunk lines and thirty seven drops is operated by the members of this unit on a 24 hour schedule. Approximately twenty new telephones have been installed during the month of March, bringing the total number of telephones installed and serviced by this section to sixty five. This section operates three teletype machines on a 24 hour schedule and maintains 3rd echelon maintenance on two teletype machines belonging to other organizations on the island. An Air-raid sounding device is maintained by the section and controlled by the switchboard operator.

2) In the Radio Section at present we have only one man operating. He is operating at a fixed Radio station WVJU Munda stationed at the VI Island Command.

Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717 Unit 1, 1 Apr 44,
Sub "Historical Data for March 1944".

3) The Message Center Section operates a message center on a 24 hour schedule. An average of 100 messages pass through this section each day; during March, over 3,000 messages were handled. Scheduled messenger service and special messenger service is maintained as required. Refresher classes for picked personnel in the use of the converter and other cryptic devices were held.

c. The Supply and Repair Platoon is composed of four sections.

1) The Storage and Issue Section handles the normal shipping and receiving of Signal supplies for Air Force units in this area. There has been a slight increase in the supplies on hand and in the number of items issued.

2) The Radio Repair Section (fixed) has been carrying on normal repair and maintenance of radio and radar for Air Force units in this area. This section services five Heavy Bombardment Sqs, one Fighter Sq, AB Sec Bns, AAA Bns, and other Sig Cos, over 15 units in all. About 70% of its work is concerned with the repair and periodic checks and overhauls of airborne equipment. This section has had to deal with a greater volume of repair work than at any time in the 26 months that this Signal Company has been over seas. The problem of getting the work done was a real one. All available radio men were set to work. The shop was put on a 16 hour, two shift schedule, and more radio men were requisitioned. A few specialists were attached at different times during the month from other organizations to help. At the present time the Radio Repair Section is able to keep up with the large demand and is operating smoothly and efficiently. In March the number of repairs reached a total of 445 units repaired.

3) The Radio Repair Section (mobile) has joined in the operation of the Radio Repair Section (fixed) and has not worked as a separate section during March.

4) The Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has assisted in the work of the Telephone and Telegraph Section. It has completed over thirty repairs on telephones, switchboards, and telegraph sets during March.

d. There are in addition to the men working in the regular sections a few specialists; a laundry foreman, a postal clerk, a barber, a plumber, and a painter, are assisting in the operation of the 321st Sv Gp (Air).

Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717 Unit 1, 1 Apr 44,
Sub "Historical Data for March 1944".

4. The company was commended by Colonel Kendall, 321st Sv Gp (Air), Commanding, for "...maintaining a high state of police for the recent inspection by our Commanding General.....". Auth: Ltr, 201.2, Hq, Sv Cen (Air), 321st Sv Gp (Air), APO 717, 7 Mar 44.

Charles L. Bolton
CHARLES L BOLTON
1st Lt, Sig C
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HEADQUARTERS SERVICE CENTER (AIR)
321ST SERVICE GROUP (AIR)

APO 717
21 Feb 44

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NO 32

E X T R A C T

1. Following EM 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

1st Sgt Francis J Foster	6924521	M Sgt Theodore R Keith	33044669
T Sgt Carl T Beranek	35026447	T Sgt James E Berry	14016927
T Sgt Ernest C Humphries	34085610	S Sgt David G Bean	39379511
S Sgt Martin D Cassidy	35115969	S Sgt Charles A Dunham Jr	32115832
S Sgt Truvy A Flicklin	14025128	S Sgt George F Owen	34080992
S Sgt Louis E Reams	20500473	S Sgt Joseph F Strauss	35011409
T 3 Sherwood D Barber	38027611	T 3 Joseph Chepel	33078506
T 3 Clarence W Lenz	36103358	T 3 Lawrence A O'Connor	20500495
T 3 Boris Rosenbaum	12000716	Sgt Arthur G Cathcart	38008044
Sgt Paul J Fatiguso	35280625	Sgt Stanley A Leszczewicz	16037328
Sgt Orlyn T Pressler	20500911	Sgt Hyman Skurow	35116496
T 4 Robert E Barnes	37069496	T 4 John B Bower	35005433
T 4 Clarence P Chandler	20500430	T 4 Sterling F Geesey	33107413
T 4 Cecil A McElmuth	34085662	T 4 Leonard A Mobley	14014896
T 4 Raymond C Moore	32098197	T 4 Ramon W Reed	6864313
T 4 Dorris E Whitfield	34084841	T 5 Otto Hubner Jr	15063564
T 5 Cecil T Labenski	38030534	T 5 Joseph A Pinto	20509922
T 5 Charles W Rees	20500467	Pfc Fred J Penfold	20940541

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By order of Colonel KENDALL:

Official:

G E NAEGLER
1st Lt, AC
Adj

s/ G E Naegle
G E NAEGLER
1st Lt, AC
Adj

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HEADQUARTERS
321ST SERVICE GROUP (AIR)
APO 717 Unit 1

29 Mar 44

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NO. 50

1. UP IR 35-140 1ST LT J M RAPLAN 01280022 FD Hq 6th Sv Gp (Air) Cl "B" Agent Fin O at Sv Center (Air) APO 706 Unit 1. CAPT L C HARRIS 01280029 FD Hq 321st Sv Gp (Air) APO 717 Unit 1 is to be entrusted the maximum amount of \$500,000.00 cash. 2nd Ind (AG 123.4) Hq XIII AF SVC APO 717 21 Mar 44 to ltr "Authority for Class "B" Agent to keep cash on hand at his own risk" Hq 321st Sv Gp (Air) O of Fin O 18 Mar 44.

2. Following C in asgmt are directed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel'd fr</u>	<u>Asgd to</u>
Pvt William J McGrane 31354808	1748th Ord S & M Co Avn APO 717 Unit 1	9th Sv Sq APO 717 unit 1
Pfc Edward A Schaefer 32881362	9th Sv Sq APO 717 Unit 1	1748th Ord S & M Co Avn APO 717 Unit 1

3. Following named EM 1123rd QM Co Sv Gp Avn is temp prom to gr indicated:

To be Tec 5

Pfc Adam J Niezgoda 35337314

4. Following EM 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

Sgt Chester C Coats	39303774
Sgt Dominic T Iannarelli	35005497
Cpl Edwin J Sabotka	16147342
Tec 5 Kermit E Alton	20500384
Tec 5 Alan L Freitag	14169738
Tec 5 James W Giblin	31240240
Tec 5 Thomas P Harley	18108465
Tec 5 Carl A.J. Lundin	12125372
Tec 5 Charles J Ohry Jr	32415734
Tec 5 Herbert C Price	19118159
Tec 5 Julius (nmi) Sch	4212123460
Pfc John E Agusti	1430049
Pfc Raymond M Fox	34641360
Pfc Robert C Hamilton	14105646

R E S T R I C T E D

SO 50, Hq, 321st Sv Gp (Air), APO 717 Unit 1, 29 Mar 44.

Pfc Leo F Shippey	32445159
Pfc Roy D Matthews	56585328
Pfc Neil F McLean	39326095
Pfc Walter F Penka	32504043
Pfc Frank R Roberts	32384409
Pfc William E Rogers	32453897
Pfc Robert J Shea	32587214
Pfc Herbert W Thompson	39540080

5. UP AR 35-320 2D LT ALFRED H GLENN 0865956 AC 17th Wea Sq is aptd Cl "A" Agent Fin O for CAPT L C HARRIS PD for payment of Os & EM asgd & atchd to 17th Wea Sq for an indefinite period.

By order of Colonel KENDALL:

FRED W AUPPERLE
Capt AC
Adj

Official:

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April 1944

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THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
Historical Section
APO 719

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DEFICIENCIES IN UNIT HISTORY

Date 2 June 1944

Name of Unit 1027th Sig Co. 1 Cav Gp.

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Period Covered April 1944

An item checked in the column "Correct By Forwarding Supplement" means that the deficiency must be made up promptly (within 10 days) in accordance with par 12, Historical Officers Circular #3, Historical Officers Circulars referred to are Nos. 1, 2, and 3, AC of S, A-2, this headquarters, dated 21 February, 28 February, and 7 April, 1944, respectively.

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Comply with par 5, Circular #1.

Not necessary to comply with par 5, Circular #1 (par 5 for initial installment only).
following par 6 with extraction of data.

Comply with par 6, Circular #1.

Not necessary to give individual changes in strength (see par 6 a. (6) Circular #1).

Narrative missing (see par 7, Circulars Nos. 1 and 3).

Expand narrative (see par 7, Circulars Nos. 1 and 3).

Describe briefly background of operations (see par 6, Circular #3).

Describe your activities and achievements, as much as possible in quantitative terms (see par 7, Circular #3).

Summarize your activities and achievements, present an over-all view (see par 7, Circulars Nos. 1 and 3).

Furnish information on station life, living conditions, morale (see par 7, Circular #1).

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Benjamin E. Lippincott

BENJAMIN E. LIPPINCOTT
Capt, A.C.
Historical Officer

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HISTORICAL DATA

for

APRIL 1944

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Auth: CG XIII AFSC
Init:
Date: 3 May 44
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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
APO 717 Unit 1, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

In reply refer to:
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3 May 1944

Subject: Historical Data for April 1944.

To : Commanding General, Army Air Forces
Washington, D C

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Changes 1 and 3 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-7, 21 Feb 44, the following data is submitted:

a. Original unit: Completed.

b. Changes in organization: There has been no change in this organization's designation, mission, or T/O. (For change in echelon of command, see lc. below). The change in strength for April 1944 is listed below:

1) Strength of commissioned personnel at the beginning of the period was; 1 Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2nd Lieutenant, 1 WOJG assigned, and 1 2nd Lieutenant attached.

2) Strength of enlisted personnel at the beginning of the period was 91 enlisted men assigned and 9 attached.

3) There has been no change in the net strength of the commissioned personnel.

4) Net increase of assigned enlisted men during April was 6.

5) Net decrease of attached enlisted men during April was 9.

6) The total strength of the company at the end of the period is: 1 Captain, 1 1st Lt, 1 2nd Lt, 1 WOJG assigned, and 1 2nd Lt attached; 97 enlisted men assigned and none attached.

c. Changes in relation with other organizations: This organization was attached to the Sv Cen (Air), 321st Sv Gp (Air), at the beginning of the period and operated under their command until 9 Apr 44. At that time the 321st Sv Gp (Air) left this

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station and this company was released from attached. The company now operates as an independent unit with the Sv Cen (Air) serving as the next highest unit in the echelon of command.

d. Resume of movements: During the three day period from 9 Apr 44 to 12 Apr 44, while the 321st Sv Gp (Air) was moving, this company changed its camp area from the "Enlisted Men's Hill" in the area occupied by the 321st Sv Gp (Air) and this company, to the "Officer's Hill" in the same camp area. This change resulted in a more convenient location and better quarters for the entire company. See attached sketch

e. This company is not at present participating in any campaign.

f. Chief military missions, engagements and sorties:
None.

g. Losses in action: None.

h. Awards to and decorations of members of this unit:
None.

2. The part that this unit has played in the war effort can best be told by listing the activities of each separate section in order to present a clear picture of the operations of the company as a whole.

a. The Headquarters Section has maintained the normal administration of the company, and has operated the Co Supply. Since 10 Apr 44 it has operated a company mess in a very satisfactory manner.

In the last month the company has lost one man through transfer, Sherwood D Barber was sent to Guadalcanal 6 Apr 44, on his way to the United States for attendance at the next available Signal Corp Officer Candidate School.

The company has gained 6 men through transfer: Pvt Alfred Fuchs, a previous member of this organization evacuated 31 Jan 44, was reassigned to this organization and is now enroute to join; Pvts, Saladino, Smith, Nagy, and Wilsey were assigned per par 53, SO 110, Hqs, 6th Repl Dep, 20 Apr 44, and are now enroute to join; Pvt Frank J Tiernan was assigned per par 25, SO 99, Hqs, 6th Repl Dep, 6 Apr 44 and joined the organization 18 Apr 44.

Changes in strength of the attached enlisted men have occurred frequently through out April. At the beginning of the period 9 enlisted men were attached to this organization, at the

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close of the period none were attached. Eight of the attached men belonged to the 1079th Sig Co, Sv Gp, and were relieved from attached 7 Apr 44 in order to join their own organization. They were attached to Hq and Hqs Sq of the 321st Sv Gp (Air) and left this island with that unit. From the time the first units of the 321st Sv Gp (Air) began to leave this area 8 Apr 44 until 17 Apr 44 when all officers and enlisted men of the Group had finally left the island, this company had officers and men from the Group attached for rations only in numbers ranging from two to 135.

b. The Operations Platoon is divided into three sections:

1) The Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has been occupied with the task of reclaiming nearly all of the equipment peculiar to this section that was used by the 321st Sv Gp (Air). A few miles of local telephone wire have been reclaimed, a switchboard, and three teletype machines have been overhauled and packed.

2) In the Radio Section at present we have only one man operating. He is operating at a fixed radio station WVJU Munda stationed at the VI Island Command.

3) The Message Center Section operates a message center on a 24 hour schedule. Scheduled messenger service and special messenger service is maintained as required. Since the 321st Sv Gp (Air) left this area the number of messages handled by this section has decreased.

c. The Supply and Repair Platoon is composed of four sections:

1) The Storage and Issue Section handles the normal shipping and receiving of Signal supplies for Air Force units in this area. There has been a decrease in the number of items issued.

2) The Radio Repair Section (fixed) has been carrying on normal repair and maintenance of radio radar for Air Force units in this area. Several of the units serviced by this section moved from the island the later part of April and as a result the volume of repair work has decreased. At no time has the volume of repair work presented any problem; at the start of the period the section was run on a 16 hour, 2 shift, schedule able to handle all demands and since then the amount of work has fallen off.

3) The Radio Repair Section (mobile) has joined in the operation of the Radio Repair Section (fixed) and has not worked as a separate section during April.

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4) The Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has assisted in the work of the Telephone and Telegraph Section.

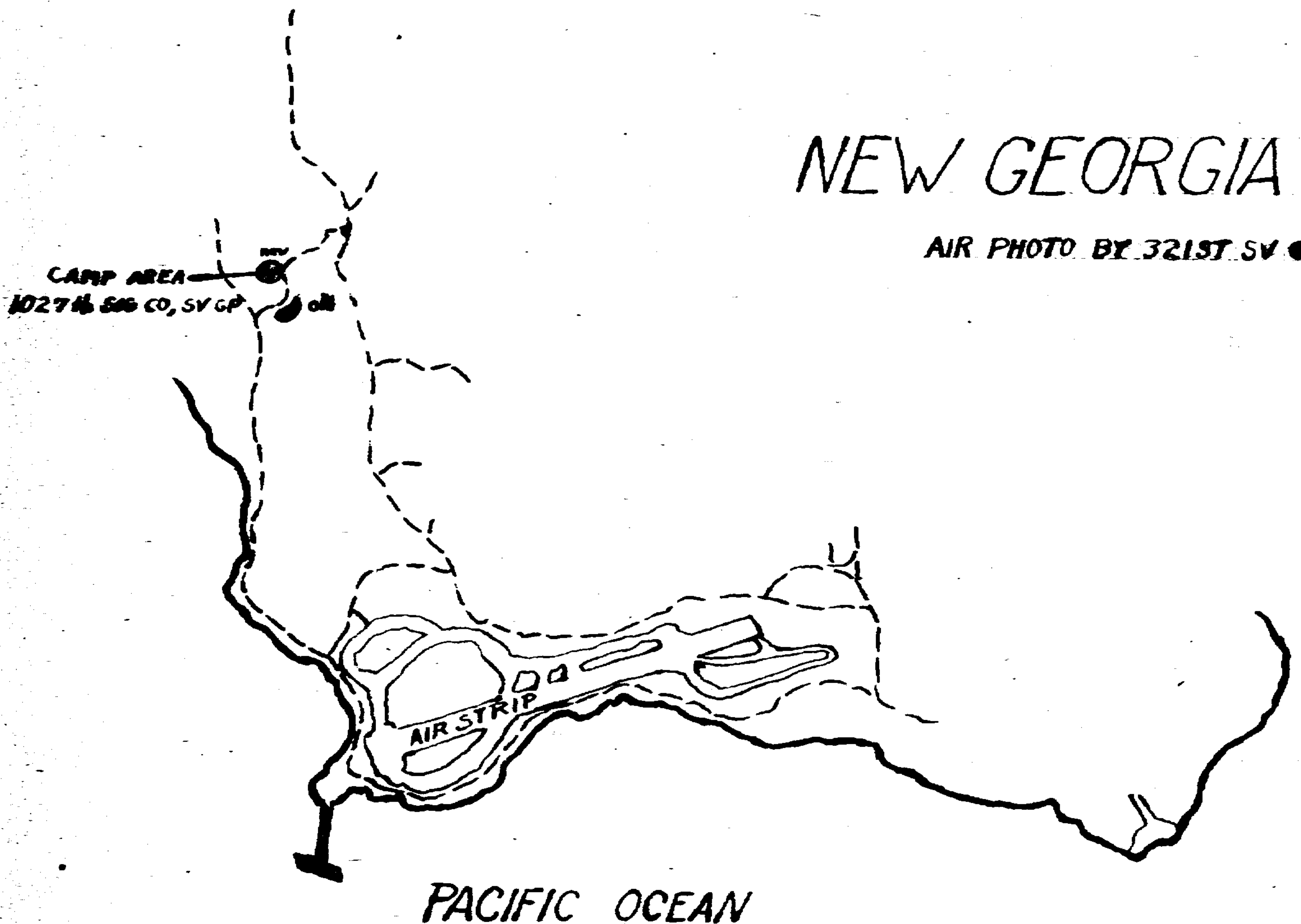
3. For entertainment one wing of the large mess hall originally built for the 321st Sv Gp (Air) and now used by this company alone was turned into a recreation room with a victrola, a ping pong table, reading material, and writing tables.

4. The work assigned to this unit when it first joined the 321st Sv Gp (Air) has for the most part been done. The company has prepared itself for movement; boxes built, unused equipment packed, shipping lists prepared, etc, but as yet the expected movement orders have not arrived.

Charles L. Bolton
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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
APO 717 Unit 1, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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In reply refer to:
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5 June 1944

Subject: Historical Data for May 1944

To : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, (Thru: Channels)
(Attn: Historical Section, A-2)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Changes 1 and 3 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-7, 21 Feb 44, the following data is submitted:

a. Original unit: Completed.

b. There has been no change in this organization's designation, mission, W/O, or echelon of command. The change in strength for May 1944 is listed below:

1) Strength of commissioned personnel at the beginning of the period was; 1 Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2d Lieutenant, 1 WOJG assigned, and 1 2d Lieutenant attached.

2) Strength of enlisted personnel at the beginning of the period was 97 enlisted men assigned and none attached.

3) Net decrease of commissioned personnel was 1 Captain assigned and 1 2d Lieutenant attached.

4) Net decrease of assigned enlisted men was 7.

5) The total strength of the company at the end of the period is: 1 1st Lt, 1 2d Lt, 1 WOJG and 90 enlisted men

c. At the beginning of the period this company operated as an independent unit with the Service Center (Air) serving as the next highest unit in the echelon of command. On May 25, the 70th Fighter Squadron began its movement into the old "E's" hill in this camp area and a few of their officers and enlisted men were attached to this unit for rations only. On May 27, after this movement had progressed enough to allow the 70th Ftr Sq to take over the management of the mess, all of the officers and enlisted men of this organization were attached to the larger unit for rations only.

d. This unit did not participate in any movements during May.

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e. This company is not at present participating in any campaign.

f. Chief military missions, engagements and sorties:
None.

g. Losses in action: None.

h. Awards to and decorations of members of this unit:
None.

2. The part that this unit has played in the war effort can best be told by the activities of each separate section listed separately in order to present a clear picture of the operations of the company as a whole.

a. The headquarters section has maintained the normal administration of the company and has operated the company supply. It operated an independent company mess in a highly satisfactory manner, until 27 May 44, when this unit was attached to the 70th Fighter Squadron for rations. With this change the work required of the two cooks, Tec 5 Carl A J Lundin, "Swede", and Tec 4 Woodrow W Davis was made easier, but for the rest of the company, however it meant "mass production" food and chow lines again.

In the last month the company has lost 7 enlisted men; 3 on rotation, 2 for OCS, 1 on an emergency furlough, and 1 evacuation. Tec 3 Joseph Chepel, Tec 4 Raymond C Moore, and Pfc Fred J Penfold left the unit on rotation at noon on May 2 after having served 24 months in the South West Pacific theatre. Not a man in the crowd who saw them leave wasn't envious, especially the older members of the company who had as much as 27 months overseas. For those 34 older men eligible for rotation but not yet selected, there was the hope, "I'll be on that next quota." - but as yet no quota has arrived. S/Sgt Louis E Reams, and S/Sgt David G Bean were sent to Guadalcanal May 19 and May 30 respectively, on their way to the United States for attendance at the next available Signal Corps Officer Candidate School. T/Sgt Carl T Beranek was admitted to the 114th Station Hospital May 1, and later evacuated to Guadalcanal as a psychopathic case. Tec 4 Leonard A Mobley was transferred out of the unit and left for home on May 9. The Red Cross notified him that his father was seriously ill; an emergency furlough was arranged making it possible for him to leave the company when he did. All of these men to leave the unit were eligible for rotation, having spent over 26 months in the South West Pacific theatre of war. 2d Lt Rensular V Pearson who was attached to the unit during March and April was promoted to 1st Lt May 3, and on May 17 he was relieved from attached and left this organization. The second officer to leave during May

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was it's commanding officer, Captain Melvin L Maxson, who was evacuated 21 May 44. Captain Maxson had been in command of this unit since 29 December 1942 when he assumed command of the old 27th Signal Company, Service Group on Tongatabu Island. Since then the unit has grown to 90 men from a staff of only 25, and on 3 May 1943 it was redesignated 1027th Signal Company, Service Group. Captain Maxson entered on extended active duty 13 Jan 29 after having recieved his commission in the Ohio National Guard. He was promoted to Captain 11 Dec 42. With his technical and administrative knowledge, Captain Maxson made a good commanding officer, one who held the friendship and respect of all his men and fellow officers.

Five Privates; Saladino, Smith, Nagy, Milsey, Miller, and Fuchs, assigned in April, joined this company May 21, and were assigned to the various sections.

b. Operations Platoon:

1) In addition to cleaning and packing equipment, the Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has done repair jobs on local systems still being used in the area.

2) In the Radio Section at present we have only one man operating. He is operating at a fixed radio station WVJU Kunda stationed at the VI Island Command.

3) The Message Center Section operates a message center in a 24 hour schedule. Scheduled messenger service and special messenger service is maintained as required.

c. Supply and Repair Platoon:

1) The Storage and Issue Section handles the normal shipping and receiving of Signal Supplies for Air Force units in this area.

2) The Radio Repair Section (fixed) has been carrying on normal repair and maintenance of radio radar for Air Force units in this area. The shop is now run on only one shift of eight hours instead of the old 16 hour, two shift schedule found necessary during the first of the year.

3) The Radio Repair Section (mobile) has joined in the operation of the Radio Repair Section (fixed) and has not worked as a separate section during May.

4) The Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has assisted in the work of the Telephone and Telegraph Section.

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3. Station life has remained much the same through out the period. Since the 321st Sv Gp (Air) left this area the work assigned to this unit has been for the most part completed; very little work is being done by the sections. Classes have been held, however, and a training program in the various sections has been completed.

A second ping-pong table has been added to the recreation hall which by now is a very popular spot in camp. The practice of coffee and sandwiches at night after the movie in the mess hall had to be discontinued during the last of the month due to the difficulty in keeping the kitchen clean.

The company has prepared itself for movement; boxes built, unused equipment packed, shipping lists prepared, etc, but as yet the expected movement orders have not arrived.

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1st Lt, Sig C
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BENJAMIN E. LIPPINCOTT
Capt, A.C.
Historical Officer

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*1027th Signal Company
Service Group*

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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
APO 717 Unit 1, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

Auth: CG XIII AFSC
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Date: 4 Jul 44
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In reply refer to:
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4 July 1944

Subject: Historical Data for June 1944

To : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force (Thru: Channels)
(Attn: Historical Section, A-2)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Changes 1 and 3 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-7, 21 Feb 44, the following data is submitted:

a. Original unit: Completed.

b. There has been no change in this organization's designation, mission, or T/O. The change in strength for June 1944 is listed below:

1) The total strength of the company at the beginning of the period was: 1 1st Lt, 1 2d Lt, 1 WOJG, and 90 enlisted men.

2) There has been no change in the strength of the commissioned personnel.

3) The net increase of enlisted men was 7.

4) The total strength of the company at the end of the period is: 1 1st Lt, 1 2d Lt, 1 WOJG, and 97 enlisted men.

c. During June 1944 this unit, along with all other units comprising the Thirteenth Air Force, was joined with the Fifth Air Force per GO 7, Hq, Far Eastern Air Force (P), to form the new Far Eastern Air Force.

d. This unit did not participate in any movements during June.

e. This company is not at present participating in any campaign.

f. Chief military missions, engagements and sorties:
None.

g. Losses in action: None.

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h. Thirteen enlisted men of this organization were awarded Good Conduct Medals per par 1, SC 66, which was later found to be in error and was rescinded. As a result no awards or decorations were made to members of this company.

2. The part this unit has played in the war effort can best be told by the activities of each section listed separately in order to present a clear picture of the operations of the company as a whole.

a. The headquarters section has maintained the normal administration of the company and has operated the company supply.

In the last month the company has lost two enlisted men through transfer; Sgt Albertson and Tec 5 Minor, both absent on DS with the 905th Signal Company, Depot (Avn) were transferred to that organization effective 21 June 1944, "AS OP", per par 1, SO 155, Hq, VIII AFSS, AFO 709. The company gained nine enlisted men through transfer: Sgt Patterson, Cpls Schumacher and Wait, Pfc's Fumell, Thurman, Bienlein, and Pvt's Ernst, Frahl, and Shaffer, per par 26, SO 151, Hq, 6th Repl Dep, AFO 502, effective 2 June 1944.

Effective 10 June 1944 seven men were promoted to the grades indicated per par 2, SO 64, Hq, Sv Cen (Air). (See SO 64 atchd)

Three enlisted men lost fourteen days through sickness during June.

No quota for rotation arrived in June.

b. Operations Platoon:

1) In addition to cleaning and packing equipment, the Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has done repair jobs on local systems still being used in the area.

2) In the Radio Section at present we have only one man operating. He is operating at a fixed radio station WJGU Munda stationed at the VI Island Command.

3) The Message Center Section operates a message center in a 24 hour schedule. Scheduled messenger service and special messenger service is maintained as required.

c. Supply and Repair Platoon:

1) The Storage and Issue Section handles the normal shipping and receiving of Signal Supplies for Air Force units in this area.

2) The Radio Repair Section (fixed) has been carrying on normal repair and maintenance of radio radar for Air Force units in this area.

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3) The Radio Repair Section (mobile) has joined in the operation of the Radio Repair Section (fixed) and has not worked as a separate section during June.

4) The Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has assisted in the work of the Telephone and Telegraph Section.

5. Station life has remained much the same throughout the month. The fact that the notation "No Change" appeared 20 times in 30 days on the company morning reports is reflective of the attitude of the organization during June. Very little work was assigned to the company in June.

Further preparations have been made for movement but as yet no orders have been received.

Lyle C Atkinson
LYLE C ATKINSON
2d Lt, Sig C
Unit Hist O

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICE CENTER (AIR)
APO 717 Unit 1

10 June 1944

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2. The following EM 1027th Signal Company, Service Group,
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TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

S/Sgt Hyman Skurow 35116496

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt Stanley A. Leszczewicz 16037328
Sgt Orlyn T. Pressler 20500911

TO BE SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Tec 5 Wilbert J. Albertson 15326037
Tec 5 Robert D. Childs 31186552

TO BE TECHNICIAN, FORTH GRADE (TEMPORARY)

Tec 5 Kermit E. Alton 20500384

TO BE TECHNICIAN, FIFTH GRADE (TEMPORARY)

Pfc Neil F. McLean 39326095

By order of Major SMITH:

OFFICIAL:

s/ Frederick A Cavicchi
FREDERICK A. CAVICCHI,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Comdg, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp

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In narrative, deal only with key personnel, outstanding individual achievements (see par 7, Circular #1).

Furnish photographs, maps, mission reports (see par 5, Circular #2).

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Benjamin E. Lippincott

BENJAMIN E. LIPPINCOTT
Capt, A.C.
Historical Officer

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HISTORICAL DATA FOR

JULY 1944

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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
APO 717 Unit 1, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Auth: CG XIII AFSC
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3 August 1944

Subject: Historical Data for July 1944

To : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force (Thru: Channels)
(Attn: Historical Section, A-2)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 Nov 29 and Ch 1 and thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-7, 21 Feb 44, the following data is submitted:

a. Original unit: Completed.

b. There has been no change in this organization's designation, mission, chain of command, or T/O. The change in strength for July 1944 is listed below:

1) The total strength of the company at the beginning of the period was: 1 1st Lt, 1 2d Lt, 1 WOJG, and 97 enlisted men.

2) The net increase of commissioned personnel was 1.

3) The net increase of enlisted men was 1.

4) The total strength of the company at the end of the period is: 1 1st Lt, 2 2d Lts, 1 WOJG, and 98 enlisted men.

c. This unit did not participate in any movements during July.

d. This company is not at present participating in any campaign.

e. Chief military missions, engagements and sorties:
None.

f. Losses in action: None.

g. Thirteen enlisted men of this organization were awarded Good Conduct Medals for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity (see GO 1 atchd).

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2. The part this unit has played in the war effort can best be told by the activities of each section listed separately in order to present a clear picture of the operations of the company as a whole.

a. The headquarters section has maintained the normal administration of the company and has operated the company supply.

In the last month the company gained one officer, 2d Lt John E Owens, O-510 513, who joined July 5 and assumed primary duty of Maintenance and Repair Officer, AB Sig Equip (4402). He was also appointed Soldier Voting Officer 27 July 1944 as an additional duty. One enlisted man was transferred into the organization, Pvt Henry Gordon, 32 692 626, per par 2 SO 162, Hq XIII AFSC, 29 Jun 44 and joined July 6.

Effective 1 July 1944 two enlisted men were appointed to Technician Grade 5 (see SO 69 atchd). Effective 24 July 1944 Tec 5 Neil F McLean, chief company clerk, was appointed to the grade of Sergeant (see SO 70 atchd).

T/Sgt Hyman Skurow left the organization July 2 on DS to USA Services of Supply Signal Training School, Oro Bay, New Guinea, per par 1 SO 181, Hq XIII AF. Word has been received since from the school that the instruction offered was not advanced enough to be of use to a man with as much practical experience as Sgt Skurow possessed and that orders were being processed to return him to his company.

The only remaining men on DS to the 905th Sig Co Dep (Avn) from this company were returned July 11 and 13 per SO 167 and SO 134, Hq XIII AFSC.

S/Sgt George F Owen assumed the duties of acting First Sergeant 31 July 1944.

Five enlisted men lost a total of twenty three days through sickness during the month.

No quota for rotation arrived in July.

b. Operations Platoon:

1) The telephone and telegraph repair section, under the supervision of S/Sgt Charles J Dunham, line chief, has helped repair damaged cables and aid maintenance of telephone lines on the island. One such job called for the wire crew to restring a mile of 50 pair cable through the jungle, in some places in the line it was necessary to cut and erect new poles.

2) In the Radio Section at present we have only one man operating. S/Sgt Pressler is operating at a fixed radio station WVJU Munda stationed at the VI Island Command. A school for radio operators has been started however, and classes are held six days a week for both Beginners and Advanced students.

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Classes are being conducted by Sgt Chester C Coats, who is well qualified as an instructor having 9 months experience in that duty while stationed at Scott Fld, Ill, and at the AAFPS, Chicago, Ill. Six men who are classified as radio operators but have not been needed as such at this station, attend the advance class 12 hours a week. Seven beginners who signified an interest in code work have attended classes six hours a week in their spare time.

3) The Message Center Section operates a message center in a 24 hour schedule. Scheduled messenger service and special messenger service is maintained as required.

c. Supply and Repair Platoon:

1) The storage and issue section handles the normal shipping and receiving of Signal Supplies for Air Force units in this area. The amount of supplies on hand have increased during the period. The transshipments (transactions which do not effect the amount of stock on hand) from and to the eleven organizations still supplied by this section numbered over 50 for the month.

2) The Radio Repair Section (fixed) has been carrying on normal repair and maintenance of radio radar for Air Force units in this area. Only 35 work orders were received during the month and all units were repaired.

3) The Radio Repair Section (mobile) has joined in the operation of the radio repair section (fixed) and has not worked as a separate section during July.

4) The Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section has assisted in the work of the Telephone and Telegraph Section.

3. Station life has not changed during the period. The fourth of July was declared an island holiday and only necessary details in the company were performed. A steak roast was held in the afternoon with buns, potato salad, and beer, for all the company. That evening several island entertainments, including a fireworks display, were provided on the island.

The 34th Red Alert to be entered on the company's morning reports was entered July 5.

No orders for movement have been received as yet.

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APO 717 Unit 1

1 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 69)

The following EM, 1027th Signal Company, Service
Group, APO 717 Unit 1 are temp prom to gr indicated.

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE

Pfc Robert C Hamilton	14 105 646
Pfc Herbert W Thompson	39 540 080

By Order of Major SMITH:

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APO 717 Unit 1

22 July 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 70)

The following EM, 1027th Signal Company,
Service Group, APO 717 Unit 1 is temp prom to gr indicated:

TO BE SERGEANT

Tec 5 Neil F McLean 39 326 095

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HEADQUARTERS SERVICE CENTER (AIR) APO 717 UNIT 1

17 July 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 1)

1. The following EM, 1027th Signal Company, Service Group are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

Sgt	Childs, Robert D.	31186552	Pfc	Porter, Edwin	32582679
Tec 4	Davis, Woodrow W.	34040536	Pfc	Raymond, Leon R.	32236800
Tec 5	Pavlak, Robert L.	32259728	Pfc	Shaffer, Thomas A.	13111670
Pfc	Galazzi, Vittorio D.	31257366	Pvt	Brooks, Guy R.	15372769
Pfc	Derrick, Kenneth K.	18056166	Pvt	Fuchs, Alfred	32630776
Pfc	Hewes, Elmer E.	11118617	Pvt	Worley, Alex C., Jr.	14102420
Pfc	MacRae, Edward D.	31232574			

2. The following EM, 14th Airdrome Squadron (SP) are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity:

1st/ Sgt	Moss, John G., Jr.	38032422	Sgt	Gaskins, Albert A., Jr.	13048315
M/ Sgt	McCloskey, John	6945148	Sgt	Goldstein, Hyman	11021478
M/ Sgt	Schmidt, Gerhard F.	20249575	Sgt	Green, Austin C.	39831228
T/ Sgt	Falk, Edgar C.	6976745	Sgt	Harris, Donald A.	39840591
T/ Sgt	Gerrity, James B., Jr.	6976990	Sgt	Heitz, Wilbur H.	12049195
T/ Sgt	Kohout, Edward F.	32260109	Sgt	Holloway, Otis L.	38288432
T/ Sgt	Soucek, Maxwell W.	18004113	Sgt	Holman, John C.	39309528
T/ Sgt	Wooten, Garnett W.	14021711	Sgt	Howie, Clarence E.	39309113
S/ Sgt	Beck, Ansley W.	38002038	Sgt	Huey, Richard D.	33300825
S/ Sgt	Beebe, Lester J.	20318449	Sgt	Jordan, James P.	36320848
S/ Sgt	Blanc, Richard J.	18071008	Sgt	Jorgensen, Earl S.	39172111
S/ Sgt	Breneman, Gerald H.	17038667	Sgt	Jurevich, William J.	36318970
S/ Sgt	Chamberlain, Charles H.	39092367	Sgt	Keaney, John J.	31139636
S/ Sgt	Christensen, Dean R.	39826595	Sgt	King, Lyle F.	37546682
S/ Sgt	Fabiny, Joseph M.	13055574	Sgt	Kruck, Norman E.	16048985
S/ Sgt	Henry, Homer W.	37142047	Sgt	Lachowski, Chester S.	33366636
S/ Sgt	Kavanagh, Paul R.	32377983	Sgt	Matejcek, Frank F.	37282467
S/ Sgt	Kennedy, John C.	34162194	Sgt	Lazzone, Paul	35304099
S/ Sgt	Marcoc, Chester P.	36221382	Sgt	McCauley, Francis P.	11052118
S/ Sgt	Marlin, James R.	37011845	Sgt	Merigoni, Henry Jr.	18149003
S/ Sgt	Pearson, Carl W.	36028337	Sgt	Meyer, Julius J.	37411962
S/ Sgt	Pettinato, Cruz	20919896	Sgt	Myers, George	32260362
S/ Sgt	Potosnak, Stephen J.	12038660	Sgt	Nicolino, Anthony J.	35378460
S/ Sgt	Saia, Nick A.	36251320	Sgt	Odom, Robert G., Jr.	34356186
S/ Sgt	Zacharczyk, Charles J.	11041285	Sgt	O'Meara, Joseph A.	32278732
Sgt	Alexander, Theodore G.	38123661	Sgt	Phillips, Jack D.	19039009
Sgt	Burrows, Noah W.	34211596	Sgt	Raubach, Harold D.	35371986
Sgt	Carter, Edward G.	36501135	Sgt	Reiher, Albin S.	32278196
Sgt	Dameron, Chelsie E.	37201615	Sgt	Sabol, Frank	33277813
Sgt	Dobbins, Chester	35279962	Sgt	Santarufio, Thomas J.	34205211

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CO #1, Hq, Service Center (Air), APO 717 Unit 1, dated 17 July 1944, cont'd.

Sgt Scanlan, Edward C.	36324110	Cpl Mudge, Ernest F.	32349870
Sgt Schuldt, Arthur W.	32187454	Cpl Perry, Donald F.	39240520
Sgt Serrano, Antonio	32325317	Cpl Riggs, James L.	15103783
Sgt Sheehan, Carl F.	35384871	Cpl Robertson, Richard L.	38240101
Sgt Smallwood, Della A.	35680093	Cpl Ross, Calvin C.	38228794
Sgt Snyder, Vernon C.	32292614	Cpl Salverson, Richard H.	37249236
Sgt Soza, Fred	18096985	Cpl Shannon, Polley D.	39530044
Sgt Starstead, Orville V.	36206441	Cpl Simko, George J.	13025968
Sgt Tankersley, James D.	36519852	Cpl Slate, Vernon C.	19080961
Sgt Taylor, James L.	34196811	Cpl Smith, James B.	33126663
Sgt Thorson, Emmett L.	36398118	Cpl Stewart, Woodruff K.	32315571
Sgt Tracy, Melford H.	39276175	Cpl Stutts, Otto R.	34123800
Sgt Vrooman, Jack	39172685	Cpl Tameling, Edward R.	35479318
Sgt Wagner, Thatcher W.	39827790	Cpl Viterbo, Peter P.	12137419
Sgt Weppner, Edward C.	32375016	Cpl Wallace, Lewis N.	14062119
Sgt White, Sam	37067936	Cpl Ward, Dean W.	37146688
Sgt Wolcott, Chauncey J.	32266314	Cpl Ward, Francis P.	33206217
Cpl Ashcraft, Hughie J.	38288488	Cpl Wollack, John J.	36335509
Cpl Banducca, Leo E.	39121016	Cpl Wright, Alton H.	11071029
Cpl Blanco, Juan H.	38249263	Cpl Wright, George C.	31178070
Cpl Bodnar, William	31120530	Pfc Acevedo, Alberto	38363742
Cpl Bradshaw, James W.	38237783	Pfc Arellano, Manuel	38124301
Cpl Brown, Robert A.	35581547	Pfc Babiarz, Lawrence A.	31133356
Cpl Caldwell, Lenard L.	38288478	Pfc Barnett, Ralph V.	33245482
Cpl Caporuscio, John R.	33570015	Pfc Breth, Jennings H.	13089558
Cpl Chamberlain, Basil F.	31159625	Pfc Brofermaker, Louis L.	12065528
Cpl Chan, Kenneth N.	32406068	Pfc Brown, James	38237745
Cpl Conley, Robert E.	31164741	Pfc Burkert, Harold F.	33160144
Cpl Davis, Robert J.	38237717	Pfc Cota, Marvin J.	36221692
Cpl Dickie, James A.	18102704	Pfc Denby, John Q.	38206275
Cpl Edwards, Thomas H., Jr.	34268356	Pfc Diebold, John T.	13155688
Cpl Futrell, William R.	38228593	Pfc Donnell, Alvin D.	36228782
Cpl George, Angelo F.	39036315	Pfc Erwin, Herbert F.	19102522
Cpl Hachtmann, Charles W.	32410406	Pfc Fiumano, Michael J.	32763184
Cpl Henning, Edward E.	37260086	Pfc Flynn, Edward	32430361
Cpl Hoffman, Lester H.	33232115	Pfc Gillespie, Thomas	32278628
Cpl Huss, Joseph L.	32449458	Pfc Glynn, Frederick A.	37423197
Cpl Itzkowitz, Jerome J.	32221791	Pfc Hobert, Chancey W.	38132737
Cpl Juarez, Tomas G., Jr.	38111930	Pfc Hoefelmeyer, Robert	38207899
Cpl Kaufman, Carl H.	32283054	Pfc Inskip, Wilbur H.	33374826
Cpl Keiffer, Charles A.	33262656	Pfc Johanson, Gustaf L.	32311819
Cpl Koester, Marion G.	37236479	Pfc Jonas, Robert H.	37259982
Cpl Kuhn, John L.	38142370	Pfc Koster, William A.	16124766
Cpl Landsberg, David	32260261	Pfc Krempa, Joseph A.	32603337
Cpl Lee, John E.	18053938	Pfc Leyva, Gabriel L.	39551295
Cpl Maloy, Francis S.	31118350	Pfc Magaldi, Anthony	32358862
Cpl Margolis, Daniel J.	36253650	Pfc Matlock, Henry B.	37411996
Cpl Martens, Henry E.	31143602	Pfc Mueller, Harvey G.	38113370
Cpl Matty, Andrew N.	36146603	Pfc Murphy, Miles A.	39453143
Cpl Matusik, Fred T.	35580915	Pfc Neely, Cecil S.	39184769
Cpl Michel, Bernard L.	35599048	Pfc Fluta, Benjamin G.	35328666
Cpl Miller, Charles F.	35382455	Pfc Polich, John	39453121

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Pfc Rimsa, John B.	36620824	Pvt Dobsha, John J., Jr.	12160174
Pfc Ritchie, Herbert L.	32431544	Pvt Eddins, Harold F.	35474492
Pfc Rogers, Philip H.	36297504	Pvt Ervin, Earl H.	35622187
Pfc Salasky, Edward L.	35304375	Pvt Felter, Burton	33192889
Pfc Schellert, Chris P.	37370884	Pvt Fredlund, Cornelius	32332663
Pfc Shepherd, Robert S.	37213974	Pvt Gross, Paul R.	13095211
Pfc Silverman, Louis	37134098	Pvt Hamersky, Lawrence J.	13046816
Pfc Smith, Fred C.	19074025	Pvt Hayes, Arthur W.	38326114
Pfc Summers, W. J.	38279050	Pvt Johnson, Richard J.	39258300
Pfc Tracy, Chester B.	39528137	Pvt Jones, Dale C.	37493835
Pfc Trivison, Matthew C.	35523230	Pvt Martin, Vincent C.	33366472
Pfc Wharton, John W., Jr.	35316889	Pvt Roberts, Argus F.	38288582
Pfc Woodford, Florizel T.	35742935	Pvt Slutsk, John L.	39554354
Pfc Yarding, Robert H.	16144589	Pvt Steele, Richard J.	39234551
Pvt Baker, Howard R.	38236980	Pvt Strawich, Stanley J.	32361310
Pvt Brown, Martin	12160196	Pvt Thurlow, Charles H.	12138979
Pvt Coffey, Albert W.	33528139	Pvt Villa, Gilberto D.	38158395
Pvt Cook, James E.	16073935	Pvt Werra, Eugene J.	36242971
Pvt Costanzo, Peter S.	32562826	Pvt Widmann, Charles W.	12049163
Pvt Crist, Elgin E.	37263589	Pvt Woznicki, Edmund S.	15117054
Pvt Cummings, Roy J.	13113626		

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UNIT HISTORY RATING SHEET

Date 10 Sept 44

Checked by A.E.F. Name of unit: 1027th Signal Co Sv Gp.

APO: 717 Unit 1

Period: August 44

The purpose of this RATING SHEET is to give the unit historical officer an informal report on the evaluation of his monthly unit history and to make suggestions for the improvement of subsequent historical reports.

REFERENCEACTION TO BE TAKEN

	Forward Supp.	Correct in next report
Comply with par 9 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Omissions and/or errors exist in outline		(over)
Narrative is missing: comply with par 10, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Lacks background of operations: see par 10 a, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Summary of achievements lacking or insufficient. See par 10 b 2, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Lacks information on policies & decisions. See par 10 e & f, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Facts on station life, morale, health, etc., lacking or insufficient. See par 10 i, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Lacks supporting documents to establish basic facts. See par 11, 13 AF Reg 80-15		(over)
Quote authority in parens to establish basic facts. See par 12 c, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Include photographs. See par 12 f, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Identify photographs properly. See par 12 f, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Attention to paper size, captions, signatures, etc. See par 12 g, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Attention to proper classification of text, supporting documents, photographs. See par 12 g, 13 AF Reg 80-15		

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REMARKS:

You may have misinterpreted par 9, 13 AF Reg 80-18. The outline says: "Original designation or change in designation," etc. Once you have made an original report on activation: Y/O etc., you only need report changes: So you may list "no change" or "as previously reported." You need enclose supporting documents to establish important facts only. Promotions of an of unit nature probably isn't so important as to require supporting documents.

AUSTIN E. FIFE,
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Historical Officer.

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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP
APO 717 Unit 1, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

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Date: 4 Sep 44
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In reply refer to:
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4 September 1944

Subject: Historical Data for August 1944

To : Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Attention: Historical Section)

Thru : Commanding General, XIII Air Force Service Command
APO 709

1. In compliance with AF 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Changes 1 and 3 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

(1) Original designation: 27th Signal Platoon
(Air Base).

(2) Mission, or alteration of mission: The present mission of this unit is defined in Appendix III, AF 1-195, "Signal Company, Serv. Gr., stores and issues all classes of Signal equipment for SC area; operates SC wire, radio and telephone systems; installs and maintains wire lines for SC; performs 3rd echelon repair of Signal equipment for SC area."

(3) Date and place of activation of unit: 5 March 1941 at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

(4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: Original cadre of 11 enlisted men from 309th Signal Aviation Company per SO 50, Hq Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

(5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of units, changes caused by F/O, etc: The 27th Signal Platoon (Air Base), was redesignated to the 27th Signal Company, Service Group per SO 25, Hq Force 0051, APO 930, dtd 26 Oct 42. The 175th Radio Repair Detachment and Signal Detachment, Force 0051, transferred into the 27th Signal Company, Service Group per SO 36, Hq Force 0051, APO 930, dtd 10 Feb 43. The 27th Signal Company, Service Group was redesignated to the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group per SO 110, Hq USAFISPA, APO 502, dtd 3 May 43. Table of Organization 11-237, dtd 16 Dec 40,

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Signal Platoon (Air Base), strength 1 Officer and 57 enlisted men, changed to 11-237, dtd 21 Jul 42, strength 2 Officers, 1 WOJG, and 70 enlisted men per GO 25, Hq, Force 0051, APO 930, dtd 26 Oct 42. Reorganization under Tables of Organization 11-237, dtd 26 Mar 43 per GO 21, Hq Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719, dtd 31 Jul 43.

(6) Strength, personnel:

(a) At the beginning of period: 1 1st Lt, 2 2d Lts, 1 WOJG, and 98 enlisted men.

(b) Net increase was 1 enlisted man.

(c) At the end of period: 1 1st Lt, 2 2d Lts, 1 WOJG, and 99 enlisted men.

(d) Total (22+0): 103.

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Names of key personnel and changes during the period: Second Lieutenant EYLA C. AFFINSON assumed command of the unit from 5 Aug 44 to 9 Aug 44 incl, during the absence of First Lieutenant CHARLES L. BOLTON, Comdg, ID to Guadalcanal. First Sergeant Francis J. Foster was replaced by Staff Sergeant George F. Owen 30 July 1944 and was officially reduced without prejudice to the grade of Staff Sergeant effective 16 August 1944, date of rank 8 December 1944.

b. Command relationships, including changes, with:

(1) Next higher headquarters: No change.

(2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.

(3) Other services, such as Navy or Marine Corps: Does not apply.

c. Resume of movements: This unit did not participate in any movements during August 1944.

d. Name of campaign (or battle) participated in, with dates: This unit is not at present participating in any campaign, however, this unit did participate in the Northern Solomons Campaign within the dates outlined in ID ltr, 29 Oct 43, AG 200.6, (26 Oct 43, O-I-A-MB-A, Stb "Battle Participation Awards". (auth: 4th Ind, Hq USAFISPA, APO 502, 16 Feb 44, to ltr 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, 9 Jan 44, Sub "Claim for Battle Participation Award".)

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e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements, with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action (killed, wounded, missing, prisoner) giving names of personnel, with identification of place (or mission), circumstances, and date: None.

g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting units: None.

2. Narrative Account.

During the month of August 1944, this company has had no special objectives or missions other than the general mission of a Signal Company, Service Group (see 1a(2) above) as adapted to the local conditions here at Munda. More specifically the mission as applied to the Storage and Issue Section of the Supply and Repair Platoon which "...stores and issues all classes of Signal equipment for SC area,...", meant that since only eleven units, which are normally supplied through this section, are left in this area little work was required. All requisitions received by the section were filled and all transshipments (fewer than 50 for the month) were handled without error. Although the number of transshipments has been very small, some of the radar shipments have been large, ranging from 20 tons to 41 tons. With the volume of trade so far below the volume that this section is prepared to handle, it can be seen that no problems were apt to arise. The section has had nearly all of the estimated 100 tons of signal equipment on hand packed and ready to ship when ever movement orders are received.

The mission as applied to the Operations Platoon which, "...operates SC Wire, Radio and Telephone systems; installs and maintains wire lines for SC;...", meant that in the absence of any Service Command the tasks assigned to the sections were of a minor and varied nature. For example, the Telephone and Telegraph repair section, under the supervision of S/Sgt Dunham, line chief, was called upon to assist the 975th Signal Service Company, the VI Island Command Signal Company, in the construction of a new pole line from the Navy Radio Station to the transmitters of Radio Munda, a distance of about 2 miles. After the old poles had been removed and new poles erected by the 975th, our wire gang would follow and string a messenger line, along which, a 65 pair cable was suspended. This cable was made up from the seven strands of wire and five smaller cables carried on the old pole line. Some difficulty was encountered due to the terrain and vegetation through which the line was run, but the greatest difficulty was caused by the fact that some of the poles were not correctly aligned or tamped, as a result of this, when the

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messenger line was stretched tight several of the poles tilted and it was found necessary to construct supporting guys to these poles. In all approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of new pole line was strung during August and work on this job still continues.

The Radio Section has had no system of its own to operate and at present only one radio operator is working, S/Sgt Pressler, who is operating at a fixed radio station WJGU Lunda, stationed at the VI Island Command. The Message Center maintained by the Message Center Section was disbanded 1 August due to the fact that it was no longer needed. That little traffic still handled by the section during July was directed to the VI Island Message Center.

The mission as applied to the three repair sections; Radio Repair Section (fixed), Radio Repair Section (mobile), and the Telephone and Telegraph Repair Section, each, "...performs 3rd echelon repair of Signal equipment for SC area.", means that in the absence of any Service Command these sections had very little work assigned during August. The Telephone and Telegraph Repair section did not receive a single work order and did not operate as a section during August, all equipment having been packed for movement several months ago. The two radio repair sections working together, received and completed only 19 work orders, a number far below the maximum number of repairs that these two sections are able to handle.

A training program for radio operators started in July has been continued, organized classes were disbanded the first week in August but equipment and facilities for practice have been made available to the radio operators in the company. Training in the operation of the three position telephone switchboard has also been given to six men during August. Three of these men; Chry, Agusti, and Shippey, are qualified operators on the one panel, 50 drop, switchboard (BD 96) and are receiving instructions in the operation of the larger board in order to increase their usefulness. The other five men; Ernst, Shaffer, Bienlein, Smith, and Tiernan, have never had any experience in this type of work but were chosen because the need for more telephone switchboard operators has become apparent. These men are assigned shifts, two at a time, and are instructed by the personnel regularly assigned to the Pacific switchboard.

Two other men are receiving training while on DS to the Loran Training School, Lae, New Guinea, these two men, Sgt Childs and Cpl Sabotka were sent to school for additional training in radar repair.

T/Sgt Hyman Skurow, section chief of the Storage and Issue Section, returned from DS to the United States Army Services of Supply Signal Training School, Oro Bay, New Guinea, 10 August where he completed a Signal Supply refresher course.

Three men were assigned and joined during the month (see SC 208 and SC 211, Hq 6th Repl Dep atchd) and three men were changed in grade (see SC 211 and SC 205, Hq AIII AFSC atchd).

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By the end of August ten more enlisted men and one officer have been sent out of the company; four teletype operators, Fox, Cathcart, Gaizzai and Derrick were sent to Guadalcanal on DS to the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group. A detachment of six enlisted men and one officer, 2d Lt John E Owens, was sent to Los Negros 27 August.

The 77 enlisted men and 1 officer of the 70th Fighter Squadron, who had been attached for rations during the later part of July left the first 5 days in August and once again this company was eating by itself and operating its own mess hall. Since S/Sgt Owen, mess sgt, was given the duties of acting first sergeant 30 July, two mess sergeants have held the job: Tec 4 Woodrow W Davis, a Cook, followed Owen as mess sergeant until 5 August when he was transferred to the Detachment of Patients as a psychopathic case; Tec 3 Richard H Fisher then assumed the task and is now making a fine record in running the mess hall. Another change in the management of the mess came with the temporary assigning of six men to act as IFs for a period of at least three weeks. This change was suggested by Capt Hostetter of the 11th Airborne Squadron Medical section in an effort to trace the cause of a small outbreak of dysentery earlier in the month.

The only other significant changes in station life have come as a result of a new athletic program instituted early in the period. Something of this nature seemed necessary to keep the men in shape and to keep them from going "stale" through a lack of work. One half an hour of setting-up exercises are given each morning after roll call and a two hour period of supervised athletics in the afternoon. Four softball teams were formed and games are played each day, the rest of the men not on duty have a choice of several other activities, swimming being the most popular of the choices.

3. Supporting Documents:

- a. Extract, SO 202, Hq 6th Repl Dep, 26 Jul 44
- b. Extract, SO 211, Hq 6th Repl Dep, 1 Aug 44
- c. Extract, SO 211, Hq XIII AFSC, 22 Aug 44
- d. Extract, SO 205, Hq XIII AFSC, 14 Aug 44

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APO 502

28 July 1944

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36. The following named SM are reld fr atchd unasgd Repl
Co indicated and fr temp dy w/27th Repl Bn and are trfd in gr to
1027th Sig Co Sv Gp APO 717-1, EDD. IP via FAGRI. TDN. 66-425
F431-02 A 0425-25. Auth: Regn No 23 Rq 13th Air Force APO 719
dtd 9 June 1944 and ATO No 376.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>GR</u>	<u>A-S</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>REPL CO</u>
1.	Bassevich, Philip E	37550451	Cpl	AC	521	412
2.	McConnell, Charles L Jr	16096582	Cpl	AC	955	417

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By order of Colonel RICHMOND:

WILBUR H BALMOS
Major FA
Actg Adj Gen

OFFICIAL:

s/ Wilbur H Balmos
WILBUR H BALMOS
Major FA
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APO 502

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23. The following named EM is held for attached unassigned 412th
Repl Co and is trfd in gr to 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp APO 717-1,
3DD. JP via PACFLT. IDN. 66-425 P431-02 A 0425-23. Auth: Regn
No 23 Hq 13th Air Force APO 719 dtd 9 June 1944 and RPO No 386.

NAME	ASN	GR	A-S	MOS
Stinich, Andrew	13157916	Pvt	AC	647

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By order of Colonel RICHMOND:

WILBUR H. BALMOS
Major PA,
Actg. Adj. Gen

OFFICIAL:

s/ Wilbur H. Balmos
WILBUR H. BALMOS
Major PA
Actg. Adj. Gen

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VIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND

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4. The following SN 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp AFO 717-1 are temp promoted to gr indicated:

PO AS P SGT

S Sgt George F Owen 34080992

PO AS TSGT

Tec 5 Carl A J Lundin 12125572

By command of Brigadier General McCoy:

WILLIAM B. D. D.,
Lt. Col., ESC,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ Lyle J Robertson
LYLE J ROBERTSON
Lt Col ASD
Adj Gen

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VIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND

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2. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 as amended the following named EM 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp APC 717-1 is rd to gr indicated w/out prejudice:

TO BE PVT

1st Sgt Francis J Foster 6924521

3. The following named EM 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp APC 717-1 is temp promoted to gr indicated w/ date of rank fr 8 Dec 42. (Date of rank has been determined in accordance w/ the provisions of Par 2b AR 615-5.)

TO BE SSGT

Pvt Francis J Foster 6924521

By command of Brigadier General MCCOY:

MATTHEW BAIRD,
Lt. Col., SSC,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ Max Hampton
MAX HAMPTON
Capt AC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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CEDRIC V. FAWCETT
MCCO, HML
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XIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
APO 709

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SEP 1 1944

Rating **B**

UNIT HISTORY RATING SHEET

Date **16 Oct. 44**

Checked by **A.E.F.**

Name of unit: **1027th Signal Co, Sv Gp**

APO: **717**

Period: **Sept. 44**

The purpose of this RATING SHEET is to give the unit historical officer an informal report on the evaluation of his monthly unit history and to make suggestions for the improvement of subsequent historical reports.

REFERENCE

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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Comply with par 9 13 AF Reg 80-15		
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Narrative is missing: comply with par 10, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Lacks background of operations: see par 10 a, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Summary of achievements lacking or insufficient. See par 10 c & d, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Lacks information on policies & decisions. See par 10 e & f, 13 AF Reg 80-15		X
Facts on station life, morale, health, etc., lacking or insufficient. See par 10 i, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Lacks supporting documents to establish basic facts. See par 11, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Quote authority in parens to establish basic facts. See par 12 c, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Include photographs. See par 12 f, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Identify photographs properly. See par 12 f, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
Attention to paper size, captions, signatures, etc. See par 12 g, 13 AF Reg 80-15		
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HEAD MATTERS
1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

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: S E C R E T :
: Auth: CG XIII AFSC :
: Init: :
: Date: 30 Sep 44 :
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In reply
refer to: 990.4

AFG 717
30 September 1944

Subject: Historical Data for September 1944.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Attention: Historical Section)

Thru: Commanding General, XIII Air Force Service Command,
APO 709

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 12 November 1929 and Changes 1 and 3 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No change.
- (2) Mission, or alteration of mission: No change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No change.
- (5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of units, changes caused by T/O, etc: No changes except that the 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional) was formed pursuant to Authority contained in TAAF Radio AX71306, 16 August 1944, and WD Circular 241, 1944. The 1027th Signal Company Service Group was placed under administrative control of the Commanding Officer, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional) (see 30 No. 105, Hq 13 AF).

(6) Strength, personnel:

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(a) At beginning of period	EM 0 99 4
(b) Net decrease	2
(c) At end of period	99 2
(d) Total (EM+O)	99 2

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, 210 717, 30 Sep 44, Subject:
"Historical Data for September 1944". S E C R E T

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Names of key personnel and changes during period: Warrant Officer M. HARRIS was transferred 15 September 1944 and 1st LT. CHARLES H. TAYLOR was transferred 22 September 1944 to Island Command, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands for return to the United States under provisions of Section II, WD Circular No. 53. Upon transfer of 1st LT. TAYLOR, 2d LT. WILLIAM C. KATHLEEN assumed command of this organization.

b. Command relationships including changes, with:

(1) Next higher headquarters: No change.

(2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.

(3) Other services: Does not apply.

c. Resumé of movements: No change.

d. Name of campaign participated in: None.

e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements, with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action: None.

g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting unit: While T/Sgt Hyman Skurrow was attending Signal Supply School at Lae, New Guinea, he was authorized to wear the Bronze Battle Star for the New Guinea Campaign per orders their headquarters.

2. Narrative Account.

During the month of September 1944, this company has had no special objectives or missions other than the general mission of a Signal Company, Service Group as adapted to the local conditions here at Lunda. There being only one unit remaining at this base which is supplied by the Storage and Issue Section of this unit, little work has been required during the past month.

The Headquarters Section of this organization has been busier than usual since so many men have been placed on detached service. There remains only a few personnel in this section and the commanding officer has to carry out the administrative work along with all the other duties that are required of officers in an organization of this type. However, enlisted personnel

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 30 Sep 44, Subject:
Historical Data for September 1944. S T C R E T

have doubled up on their jobs and the headquarters section has been performing in an excellent manner.

The telephone and telegraph repair section that was called upon to assist the 975th Signal Service Company of the VI Island Command, in the construction of a new pole line from the Navy Radio Station to the transmitters of Radio Munda, has completed its job and commendations were received for the fine work that they had accomplished.

All personnel assigned to the Radio Section and the Messare Center Section were placed on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group and are now working at Guadalcanal.

Corporals Lyons and Bates, of the Radio Repair Section, were placed on detached service with the Loran Training School at Lae, New Guinea for additional training in radar repair. Privates Brooks and Worley were placed on temporary duty with AT-20 and TW-12 School, USASOS at Sidney, Australia. All the other personnel in the Radio Repair Section are on detached service with the 15th Airborne Squadron working in a detachment at Los Negros under the command of 2D LT. JOHN E. OAKES.

There are now only 33 enlisted men and one officer remaining at this base. Most of these personnel are men who are eligible for rotation and were left here for the purpose of moving supplies and equipment in our anticipated move to Guadalcanal.

The source of the outbreak of dysentery that occurred in this organization has been determined and no cases are evident at the present time.

Although there remains only a small nucleus for a ball team, the outfit has shown such an interest that a club has been formed that has been taken on all corners. To date, it has made a remarkable showing with not a single loss to its credit.

Due to the movement of so many organizations from this area, Army Postal Unit 717-1 was disbanded, so our address was changed to APO 717.

During the past month there were four promotions of enlisted men in this organization. T/Sgt Owen was promoted to 1st Sgt, Sgt McLean to S/Sgt, Tec 5 Labonski to Sgt and Pfc MacKae to Tec 5.

All in all, the men remaining at this base are living like one happy little family and seem to be enjoying the situation immensely.

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Basic: Ltr, 1627th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 30 Sep 44, Subject:
Historical Data for September 1944". S E C R E T

3. Supporting Documents:

- a. Extract, GO 105, Hq Thirteenth Air Force, 24 Sep 44

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HEADQUARTERS
13th Signal Service Group
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FEDERAL ORDER :

NUMBER 105 :

21 September 1944

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SECTION III

1. Pursuant to authority contained in FMNS radio AK 71306, 16 August 1944, and AD Circular 241, 1944, announcement is made of the formation, effective 13 September 1944, of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional), with station at Guadalcanal.

2. This unit will administer all Signal Service organizations assigned direct to the XIII Air Force Service Command.

3. This unit is attached to the XIII Air Force Service Command.

4. The following units are placed under administrative control of the Commanding Officer, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional):

1027th Signal Company Service Group
1000th Signal Company Service Group

5. The Commanding General, XIII Air Force Service Command is authorized to grant to the Commanding Officer, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional) the authority to correspond and direct with this headquarters on routine administrative matters.

6. No personnel will be assigned or attached unassigned to this provisional unit. Personnel on duty with this provisional unit will be carried on detached service by the organization to which assigned and as attached from other organizations by the provisional unit.

7. Grades and ratings for individuals detached to this unit will come from the same source as the personnel therefor.

8. Promotion of personnel detached to this unit will be accomplished in the units to which such personnel is regularly assigned.

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Gen'l Orders No. 105, Hd Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719,
21 September 1944.

c. Any supplies, equipment, spare parts and/or accessories required by this unit will be furnished by the Commanding General VIII Air Force Service Command from sources under his control.

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By command of Major General STANLEY:

JOHN M. STERLING,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Acting Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ LINDA L. STANLEY
/t/ LINDA L. STANLEY
Major, A.G.D.
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
XIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
APO 709

Rating A

UNIT HISTORY RATING SHEET

Date 4 Dec 44

Checked by AEF

Name of Unit: 1027th Signal Company, Sv Gp

APO: 709

Period: October 1944

The purpose of this RATING SHEET is to give the unit historical officer an informal report on the evaluation of his monthly unit history and to make suggestions for the improvement of the subsequent historical reports.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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HEADQUARTERS
1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

In reply refer
to: 000.4

APO 717
31 October 1944

Subject: Historical Data for October 1944.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Attention: Historical Section)

Thru: Commanding Officer, XIII Air Force Service Command,
APO 709

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Change 4 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No change.
- (2) Mission or alteration of mission: No change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No change.
- (5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of unit, changes caused by T/O, etc: No change except that Section III, General Order No. 105, Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force, 24 September 1944, was amended in that the announcement of the formation, effective 18 September 1944, of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional), with station at Guadalcanal, was changed to the announcement of the formation, effective 18 September 1944, of the 13th Signal Service Company (Provisional), with station at Guadalcanal. The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group was then placed under the administrative control of the Commanding Officer, 13th Signal Service Company (Provisional). (See Extract, GO No. 111, Hq 13 AF)

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| (6) Strength, personnel: | GROUND |
| (a) At beginning of period | <u>EM</u> 0
99 2 |
| (b) Net increase | 1 |
| (c) At end of period | <u>100</u> 2 |
| (d) Total (EM+O) | 102 |

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Names of key personnel and changes during period: No change.

b. Command relationships including changes, with:

(1) Next higher headquarters: No change.

(2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.

(3) Other Services: Does not apply.

c. Resume of movements: No change.

d. Name of campaign participated in: None.

e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements, with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action: None.

g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting unit: None.

2. Narrative Account.

During the month of October 1944, this company has had no special objectives or missions as far as activities here at Munda are concerned. There remains not one single unit at this base for which this organization has been called upon to service. The official activities or duties for the personnel remaining at this base during the past month can be summed up by stating that all personnel have been "sitting tight" awaiting further orders. All equipment except that being used at present has been packed or crated and this organization is prepared for movement immediately upon receipt of orders. However, this headquarters is in the dark as far as the future activities of this organization is concerned.

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 31 Oct 44, Subject:
"Historical Data for October 1944". S E C R E T

There remains only thirty-four (34) enlisted personnel and one (1) officer at this base. Ten (10) of the enlisted personnel that remain here were placed on the rotation quota for the month of October, but as yet, no travel orders have been received. Two (2) enlisted men on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group at Guadalcanal were also placed on the rotation quota for October.

The duties or mission of the forty-five (45) enlisted men on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company at Guadalcanal has not officially been made known to this headquarters, so little can be said about their activities except that every man has been assigned a job or duty and is being kept quite busy.

The 1027th Signal Company Detachment under the command of Lt. Owens that was stationed at Los Negros has moved to Noenfoor where they are on detached service with the 64th Service Group. Notice of this change was just received today, so their actual duties or mission is unknown at the present time.

One (1) enlisted man, Cpl. Ronald I. Dennis, was reassigned to this organization the 8th of October 1944 from the Detachment of Patients, 144th Station Hospital, located at this base. Pfc John E. Agusti, who was on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company was placed on detached service with USASOS Signal Training School at Base B, APO 503, for additional training in teletype work. Cpl. Joseph H. Bates completed a four weeks course in the maintenance of AN/APN-4 Loran Airborne equipment and graduated 9th out of a class of 24. He is now on detached service at Guadalcanal. Four (4) enlisted men, Pressler, Pavlak, Calazzi and Fox, who were on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company are now on detached service with the 410th Signal Company (Avn) at Los Negros. Privates Brooks and Worley are still attending AT-20 and TW-12, USASOS School at Sidney, Australia.

Since the activities of this organization during the past month have been limited to the general administrative activities that are constant, no change in governing policies nor major decisions have been noted. The personnel remaining here at this headquarters might be classified as veterans in that the majority of them have spent over two years of overseas duty in this area. They are well acquainted with the existing regulations and administrative practices, so no difficulties have been encountered along this line. Prior to this month, the morale of some of the men with long overseas service was pretty low since a rotation quota had not been allotted since April.

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Basic: Ltr, 1027th Sig Co, Sv Gp, APO 717, 31 Oct 44, Subject:
"Historical Data for October 1944". S E C R E T

Since a quota has been received for October, their morale has almost jumped to the bursting point. This change has naturally raised the morale of the entire unit.

The living condition of the personnel of this organization is considered to be of the very highest under the existing conditions. The living quarters and also the chow would be hard to improve with the present facilities. In fact, the men take quite pride in maintaining that they have one of the nicest areas on the entire island. The only difficulty encountered has been the lack of a refrigeration system for the mess hall. However, the mess sergeant has been able to prey upon the good will of some of the navy units on the island and has found a place for the storage of the more perishable items.

Until last week, this organization had borrowed a movie projector from the Chaplain at the 114th Station Hospital. However, that unit is preparing to move so we lost our projector. This is one item that is greatly missed by all of the personnel and although many ways and means have been attempted to secure a projector, no success has been encountered.

Our softball team met a couple of weeks of inactivity due to the lack of even one softball. However, two balls were obtained from the 27th Special Service upon their departure from the island, and the team is now back in the groove.

Quite a number of the men in the organization have obtained the fishing crave during the last month, and several fish fries were greatly appreciated by all the personnel.

Taking everything into consideration, the welfare of not only the enlisted men, but also the officers, is of the very best. When and if this organization is ever split up, it will be a sad day for all concerned.

3. Supporting Documents:

a. Extract, GO No. 111, Hq Thirteenth Air Force,
12 October 1944.

Lyle C Atkinson
LYLE C ATKINSON
2d Lt., Sig. C.
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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 719

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12 October 1944.

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SECTION II

1. Section III, General Orders No. 105, this headquarters, 24 September 1944, is amended as follows:

a. So much of paragraph 1 as reads:

"Pursuant to authority contained in FEAF Radio AX 71306, 16 August 1944, and WD Circular No. 241, 1944, announcement is made of the formation, effective 13 September 1944, of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional), with station at Guadalcanal".

is amended to read:

"Pursuant to authority contained in FEAF Radio AX 71306, 16 August 1944, and WD Circular No. 241, 1944, announcement is made of the formation, effective 13 September 1944, of the 13th Signal Service Company (Provisional), with station at Guadalcanal".

b. So much of paragraph 4 as reads:

"The following units are placed under administrative control of the Commanding Officer, 13th Signal Service Group (Provisional):".

is amended to read:

"The following units are placed under administrative control of the Commanding Officer, 13th Signal Service Company (Provisional)

c. Paragraph 5 is deleted.

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By command of Major General STREET:

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/t/ JOHN W STERLING
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Paul R Davis
/t/ PAUL R. DAVIS
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
XIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
APO 709

Rating A

UNIT HISTORY RATING SHEET

Date 26 Dec 44

Checked by AEF

Name of Unit: 1087th Signal Company, Service Gp

APO: 719

Period: November 1944

The purpose of this RATING SHEET is to give the unit historical officer an informal report on the evaluation of his monthly unit history and to make suggestions for the improvement of the subsequent historical reports.

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1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

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In reply refer
to: 000.4

AP0 719
19 December 1944

Subject: Historical Data for November 1944.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, AP0 719
(Attention: Historical Section) (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Change 4 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No change.
- (2) Mission or alteration of mission: No change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No change.
- (5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of unit, changes caused by T/O, etc: No change.

(6) Strength, personnel:

| | GROUND | |
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| | EM | O |
| (a) At beginning of period | 100 | 2 |
| (b) Net decrease | 11 | |
| (c) At end of period | 89 | 2 |
| (d) Total (EM+O) | | 91 |

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Name of key personnel and changes during period: No change.

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b. Command relationships including changes, with:

- (1) Next higher headquarters: No change.
- (2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.
- (3) Other Services: Does not apply.

c. Resume of movements: Headquarters, 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, moved from Munda, New Georgia Islands (See TRUE COPY EMBARKATION ORDERS NUMBER 21, Hq SV COMD, APO 717) at 0700 on the morning of 22 November 1944, and arrived at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands at 1000 23 November 1944. The Headquarters then departed from Guadalcanal (See EXTRACT, Movement Order No. 50, Hq, Thirteenth Air Force and EXTRACT, Ltr, AG 400, Hq Guadalcanal Island Command, Subject: "Supplies for APUS - Addition No. 1 to Shipping Order No. 189) at 0600 29 November 1944.

d. Name of campaign participated in: None.

e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements, with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action: None.

g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting unit: None.

2. Narrative Account:

During the month of November this company had no special objectives or missions as far as activities at Munda were concerned. All equipment, except that in actual use, was crated and packed and this unit was prepared for movement upon receipt of orders.

The ten (10) enlisted men, stationed at Munda, who were selected for rotation for October, left the organization 4 November 1944. This left only twenty-four (24) enlisted men and one (1) officer remaining at Munda. On the 20th of the month orders were received to move to Guadalcanal and to have all supplies and equipment loaded on the S.S. "Sabik" by 1900 of the 21st. Since this unit had been collecting equipment for almost three years, a fairly large supply was on hand. Moving these supplies proved to be a pretty darn big task for the men that were there as no help was obtainable from other organizations. After the movement of the supplies had been completed, the men thought that they would at least

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be able to have a few hours of relaxation that evening. No such luck. An Engineering Officer of the Island Command paid a visit to the camp area and informed us that it was necessary to tear down the framework of all the tents. If it had not been for the few bottles of beer that the men had been saving for consumption after their work was completed, a more disgusted group of men would never be seen. However, with a few tastes of that rare but inspirational beverage, the men pitched in and had the tents tore down in record time. That evening, the tables in the quonset hut that was used as the mess hall, and any other available spot that could be found, were used as feather beds, or at least they felt that way to most of the men.

On the morning of the 22d, the personnel boarded the S.S. "Sabik", and at noon the boat sailed for Guadalcanal. It was a very enjoyable boat ride and at 0700 on 23 November 1944, the ship anchored at the canal. The men debarked from the ship at 1000 and immediately proceeded to their temporary area with the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group. The first meal at the new location was Thanksgiving dinner. It was really something to give thanks for and was certainly enjoyed by every man.

Finding our equipment after it had been unloaded from the S.S. "Sabik" proved to be quite a problem. The men of the outfit were traveling all over the island trying to locate the pieces of equipment that had been erroneously taken by other units. Not all of our lost equipment had been found when on the morning of the 27th of November orders were received for one (1) officer and twenty-four (24) enlisted men, along with 600 cubic feet of equipment, be prepared to board the U.S.S. "General Harry Taylor" that day. Still being in sort of a daze, this made the situation worse. Three of the original enlisted men who came from Munda were selected to remain at the canal. Two were supply men who were well acquainted with the equipment of the outfit, and the other was our motor non-commissioned officer. To replace these three men, the like number of enlisted men were selected from those that were already on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company. On the 28th of the month, our commanding and only officer present, Lt. Atkinson, along with the twenty-four enlisted men, embarked on the U.S.S. "General Harry Taylor". The ship set sail at 0600 on 29 November 1944, and the last day of the month found us aboard ship on the high seas.

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The few days that this headquarters was stationed at Guadalcanal, a good idea of what the men of this organization on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company was obtained. Men are assigned to message center, cryptographic, radio repair, telephone, radio, administrative and other sections, and the majority of the men have been doing the work they are actually trained and qualified in. From the praise of Lt. Levin, the commanding officer of the 1008th, and the other officers in his organization under whom the men have been working, the personnel of this organization on detached service with them have been doing a remarkable job. However, after personal contact with the majority of the men, it is the general opinion that most of them would like to get back to their own organization, for, as the old saying goes, "There is no place like home".

Satisfactory correspondence has finally been obtained from Lt. Owens and his detachment of men that are stationed at Neemfeer with the 64th Service Group. At first they encountered a few difficulties such as transportation problems, living quarter obstacles, tools and equipment with which to work and a few other minor things. These difficulties have been remedied and the detachment has established a Storage and Issue Section and also a Radio Repair Section and from the latest reports are doing a very excellent job.

The earlier part of November, in regards to the station life of the men at Munda, was spent mostly in sport activities and other recreational programs. Two or three softball games were played weekly, and of course these men with the fishing bug were hard to drag away from their favorite spots. Several of the enlisted men have mentioned in regards to their last three months of life at Munda, the following statement, "No matter what I have to do or the places I have to go while I remain in the army, these last three months of life here are something that they will never be able to take away from me". This is a good statement giving an idea of the morale of the men of this company.

Since very few changes occurred during the month, administrative activities have been running along in the same smooth manner. Only one change in governing policy was noted although nothing official on paper has been seen. The anticipated uniting of the 1008th and the 1027th Signal Companies has fell through and it appears as if the 13th Signal Service Company (P) has gone the way of all good flesh.

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During the month, a quota for one enlisted man for November and seventeen men for December rotation was received. This takes care of all the men in the organization who have completed over 30 months of overseas service. It has been a long grind for these men, and notice of their return to the good old states will, no doubt, be one of the happiest moments of their lives.

During the month, one enlisted man, a cook, was assigned to the organization from the 266th Replacement Company, 91st Replacement Battalion, Finschafen and was placed on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company at Guadalcanal before ever joining our outfit. One of our enlisted men who was on detached service with the Loran Training School at Lae, New Guinea was released from there and placed on detached service at Guadalcanal. Two switchboard operators on DS at the canal were relieved from there and placed on detached service with the 64th Service Group at Neomfeer. The way the men of this organization are scattered around it almost takes "The Great Dunninger" to account for them.

Since leaving Munda, the men of the organization have encountered a little change in the army life, but they have taken it all in stride and this company will make a name for itself no matter where it goes or under what circumstances it may be placed.

3. Supporting documents:

- a. True Copy, MOVEMENT ORDERS NO. 50 (EXTRACT)
- b. True Copy, EMBARKATION ORDERS NO. 21.
- c. True Copy, Ltr AG 400 Hq Guadalcanal Island Comd (EXTRACT)

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THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
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MOVEMENT ORDER)
NUMBER 50)

27 November 1944

E X T R A C T

1. a. Pursuant to authority contained in Troop Movement Directive 121, Headquarters Allied Air Forces, SWPA, 31 October 1944, the following units will move by PAGHT unless otherwise indicated from stations indicated to an unannounced destination:

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Priority</u> | <u>Shipping Number</u> |
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b. This is a permanent change of station effective upon arrival at destination.

c. The destination of the units will be the subject of a supplemental letter.

d. Upon embarkation the command passes to the agency handling the movement.

2. The following supplies and equipment will accompany the units:

Class I - 25 days "B", 5 "C" or "K" and 1 "D" plus 11 days voyage rations.
Class II & IV - T/O & E plus heavy tentage, cots and 30 days supply, including cleaning and preserving materials.

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By command of Major General STREETT:

JOHN M. STERLING
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/S/ P. Nevitt
/t/ PEYTON G. NEVITT
Colonel AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
SERVICE COMMAND
APO 717

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AUTH: CO. Svc
INIT: _____
DATE: 20 Nov 44

20 November 1944

EMBARKATION ORDERS)
NUMBER 21)

1. The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, will embark at Munda on the S.S. Sabik on or about 20 November 1944.

2. All equipment and impedimenta will be moved to Sasavalle to an area assigned by Director, Water Transportation (Major E. L. Kinner).

3. The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, will be prepared to embark at the time and in the order prescribed by the Director, Water Transportation.

4. Upon embarkation, control of the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group, passes to agency handling the movement.

5. A Liaison Officer will report to Commanding Officer, Service Command, upon receipt of this order.

6. The unit will be prepared to send Liaison Officer to report to Director, Water Transportation, on call, prepared to receive detailed instructions relative to exact time and manner of loading.

7. Equipment and supplies to be loaded:

Class I - Two (2) days emergency rations.

8. The shipping designator of this movement is BEVY.

By order of Colonel DIXON:

LEON J. GUND,
Major, AGD,
Adjutant General

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Leon J. Gund
/t/ LEON J. GUND
Major, AGD,
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GUADALCANAL ISLAND COMMAND
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco
California

:SECRET Auth: C.G.:
:Guadalcanal Is Comd:
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27 November 1944

AG 400

SUBJECT: Supplies for APUS - Addition No. 1 to Shipping Order 189.

TO : Port Superintendent, Guadalcanal.

It is desired that you load the following aboard the
GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR in addition to that already scheduled:

For discharge APUS:

For 1027th Signal Co, Service Group, APUS:
(Call Lt. Atkinson, 1027th Sig. Co, Serv Grp)

1 Officer
24 Enlisted Men

84 Pcs. Misc. Property (GA-41) 750 cu ft. 6.1 tons

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By command of Major General MURRAY:

/s/ L.B. Thomas
/t/ I.B. THOMAS
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Adjutant General

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UNIT HISTORY RATING SHEET

Date 18 Jan 45

Checked by A.E.F. Name of Unit: 1027th Signal Co., Service Group

APO: 719

Period: **December**

The purpose of this RATING SHEET is to give the unit historical officer an informal report on the evaluation of his monthly unit history and to make suggestions for the improvement of the subsequent historical reports.

REFERENCE

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Forward Correct in
Supp. next report

Comply with per 9, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Omissions and/or errors exist in outline

Narrative is missing; comply with per 10.

13 AF Reg 80-15

Lacks background of operations; see par 10 a.

13 AF Reg 80-15

Summary of achievements lacking or insufficient

See per 10 b 2, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Lacks information on policies and decisions. See

per 10 e & f, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Facts on station life, morale, health, etc., lack-

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Lacks supporting documents to establish basic

facts. See per 11, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Quote authority in parens to establish basic

facts. See par 12 c, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Include photographs. See par 12 f, 13 AF

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Identify photographs properly. See par 12 f

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: Date: 31 Dec 44 :
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APO 719
31 December 1944

Subject: Historical Data for December 1944.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Attention: Historical Section) (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 dated 18 November 1929 and Change 4 thereto and 13 AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No Change.
- (2) Mission or alteration of mission: No Change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No Change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No Change.
- (5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of unit, changes caused by T/O, etc: No Change.

(6) Strength, personnel:

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| | EM | O |
| (a) At beginning of period | 89 | 2 |
| (b) Net decrease | 17 | |
| (c) At end of period | 72 | 2 |
| (d) Total (EM+O) | 74 | |

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Name of key personnel and changes during period: No Change.

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- b. Command relationships including changes, with:
 - (1) Next higher headquarters: No Change.
 - (2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.
 - (3) Other Services: Does not apply.
- c. Resume of movements: No Change.
- d. Name of campaign participated in: None.
- e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements, with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.
- f. Losses in action: None.
- g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting unit: None.

2. Narrative Account:

During the month of December 1944, this company had no special objectives or mission as far as the activities of the personnel of the headquarters here at Morotai were concerned. The main objective during the month was the movement of this headquarters from Guadalcanal to Morotai.

The first day of December found this headquarters aboard ship on the high seas. One officer and twenty-four enlisted men compromised the strength of the cadre making the trip. Upon arrival of the ship at Hollandia, one of the enlisted men of the outfit was lost to the company, being transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 334th Station Hospital at Hollandia. The development of blood poison in his right arm was the cause of his evacuation.

The ship arrived at Morotai 12 December 1944, and the personnel debarked that morning. It was found that no permanent camp area had been assigned to this company and quite some difficulty was encountered in obtaining information as to the whereabouts of a temporary camp site. Finally it was decided that this organization be quartered and rationed with Headquarters Squadron, XIII Air Force Service Command. No tents had been pitched, so the men set to work doing this and also digging fox-holes to establish a haven of security from Charlie's nightly prowls.

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Some obstacles were encountered the first few days, in that the Headquarters Squadron of the Service Command was intent on using all of our personnel for the establishing of their camp area, disregarding the fact that there were duties to perform for the building of the few necessary things in our small area. This difficulty was soon overcome, and things began to run a little more smoothly.

No sooner had we set foot on the island than it was learned that a special order had been forwarded to this headquarters at the old location, transferring the personnel of this organization on the December Rotation quota to the Island Casual Camp at Guadalcanal. Of the men on this quota, eight were now with this headquarters at Morotai. Some very sad faces were seen on these men for a few days, but things were finally straightened out and arranged, and after quite a few days of "sweating out" by the men concerned, transportation became available and the men started on their first leg of the journey back to the good old states. These very sad faces were changed into gaping grins, and who wouldn't grin with such prospects in view. Other enlisted men on the rotation quota were one man on detached service with the 410th Signal Company (Avn), one on detached service with the 1069th Signal Company Service Group, two on detached service with the 64th Service Squadron at Noemfoor and five on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group at Guadalcanal. Although these latter men were not seen by the personnel at this headquarters before their departure, it is certain that a more happy bunch of fellows would never be found. Who wouldn't be happy with the prospects of seeing their girl friend, family or loved ones after spending thirty-three months in the beautiful islands of the south seas.

After a temporary camp site had been established for the headquarters at Morotai, the personnel with certain technical qualifications were placed on temporary duty and special duty with other signal units on the island. The type of work these men were qualified in doing was such that their ability could be greatly appreciated and advantageously put to use by the organizations to which they were sent. Five Radio Repair men were placed on temporary duty with the 1069th Signal Company, Service Group; three men from the telephone section went to the 410th Signal Company (Avn) along with one teletype operator and three switchboard operators. This left only four enlisted men at this headquarters to take care of the administrative and other necessary details.

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On the 28th of the month, two enlisted men joined the company, having been on rest leave at MacKay, Australia. One man was a teletype operator and the other a telephone lineman. These men were immediately placed on special duty with the 410th Signal Company.

The 29th of the month found two new men being assigned to the organization. S/Sgt Shannon, a lineman, being transferred from the 65th Air Service Squadron, Sansapor, and M/Sgt Arnold, who is to be our new first sergeant, from Headquarters Squadron XIII Air Force Service Command.

The majority of the personnel of this organization are still on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company at Guadalcanal. Word has been received that they have been doing a marvelous piece of work at their technical jobs, and the supply men left there to take care of our supplies and equipment have managed to crate, stencil and number all the boxes in preparation for the movement of the rest of the organization and equipment to this base.

The small detachment of men at Moemfoor are still doing their job in an efficient manner.

It is the general opinion of this headquarters that all the assigned personnel of this company are quite anxious to see this headquarters firmly established in order that they might return to the home organization and start living like one big happy family once again instead of being scattered all over the globe.

No educational, athletic or other such activities have been carried out during the month due to the movement and also the unsettled condition that exists at the present time. However, it is hoped that before too long things can be straightened out so that activities of this nature can get into the swing of things as of days of old.

The last day of 1944 found the men hoping and praying that during the new year the enemy would be completely defeated in order that they might return home to their families and loved ones.

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APO 719
31 January 1945

Subject: Historical Data for January 1945.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Attention: Historical Section) (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, dated 18 November 1929 and Change 4 thereto, and 13th AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No change.
- (2) Mission or alteration of mission: No change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No change.
- (5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of unit, changes caused by T/O, etc: Pursuant to authority contained in War Department Circular 241, 1944, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Signal Service Battalion, (Provisional), was formed 1 January 1945, with station at Morotai. (See EXTRACT, General Orders Number 3, Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719, 2 Jan 45). The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group was attached to this battalion.

(6) Strength, personnel:

(a) At beginning of period

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(e) Disposition of personnel, end of month:

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| 1 Off & 36 EM at Morotai |
| 1 Off & 11 EM at Noemfoor |
| 0 Off & 16 EM at Guadalcanal |
| 0 Off & 2 EM at Lae, New Guinea |
| 0 Off & 3 EM at Mackay, Australia |
| 0 Off & 8 EM at Leyte |
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(8) Name of key personnel and changes during
period: No change.

b. Command relationships including changes, with:

(1) Next higher headquarters: No change.

(2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.

(3) Other Services: Does not apply.

c. Resume of movements: No change.

d. Name of campaign participated in: None.

e. Chief Military missions, sorties, engagements,
with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action: None.

g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting
unit: None.

2. Narrative Account:

Here it is January 1945, a new month of a new year, and,
we hope, a new era in this great war in which our country has
so gallantly participated.

The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group has made an
excellent beginning this year, in that the personnel of this
organization, for the first time in many months, have been
actually working at the objectives or missions that are set
forth for a unit of this nature. All the assigned personnel
are not present at this base, but those that are here have all
been assigned jobs along their specialty and are doing excellent
work.

During the early part of the month, a permanent camp
area was finally assigned to the organization. This was great
news to all of the men, and they immediately set forth in
establishing their new homes. Our newly assigned location was
adjacent to the 410th Signal Company area. It was immediately
brought to our attention that the 410th had received superior
ratings and also a commendation from the Commanding General
in regards to their nice camp area. This fact established

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quite an example for us to live up to, but we are now just as proud of our area as the 410th Signal Company is of theirs.

The announcement of the formation of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Signal Service Battalion (Provisional) on 1 January 1945, with station at Moretai, was received by this company on 2 January 1945. The 1027th, along with the 410th, 316th and 1008th Signal Companies, was attached to this newly formed battalion. Although the administration of the new unit has not really got into the full swing of things, it is hoped that in the near future this new battalion will be seen operating smoothly.

The mission set forth for this new unit is mainly as an operations battalion. With this in view, the personnel of the 1027th have been placed accordingly. All of the men assigned to the radio repair section have been placed on detached service with other signal companies. The men assigned to the operations platoon are working the various shifts that are required in the communications section of the Thirteenth Air Force. Our wire chief, two linemen, several teletype operators and radio operators have been sent to Leyte on the advanced echelon. In fact, only seventeen (17) enlisted men are now present for duty in this organization.

Information concerning the activities of our small detachment of men at Noemfoor was recently received. The men at that base are all radio repairmen and storage and issue clerks. Their supply has been chiefly concerned with salvage, extraction of incoming requisitions, and disposal of equipment turned in. No great amount of stock was issued by them, and that issued consisted mainly of expendables. A requisition for initial stock was filled by FEASC Depot 1 shortly after their arrival at Noemfoor, supplying them with enough stock of major components to handle emergencies.

Their supply source has been FEASC Depot 3 at Biak until recently, when a letter was received from the XIII Air Force Service Command advising them to draw signal corps equipment common to all arms and services from the nearest USASOS supply depot, 6th or 8th Army supply points. Other equipment is still drawn from FEASC Depot 3.

Since their arrival at Noemfoor, a great deal of signal equipment has been turned into them as excess or in return for new equipment already received. They were forced to handle shipment of such equipment to FEASC Depot 3. They received several shipments addressed to the 1024th and 1089th Signal Companies, and have had to hold same until receipt of orders to forward. They are now beginning to dispose of it, and expect

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to be pretty well cleaned up in a short time.

The radio repair men have been very busy most of the time. At present their repair work consists mostly of SCR-522, IFF repair and IFF Hazeltine checks. A fair amount of SCR-287 work is brought in, but practically no radio compasses SCR-274 sets.

All in all, the men at Noemfoor have been doing a remarkable job, taking into consideration that so few personnel are stationed there.

During the month, three (3) men of the organization were sent to Mackay, Australia on rest leave. None of these men have as yet returned, but there is no doubt that these men certainly deserved the rest and should be enjoying themselves while they are there.

A great number of promotions were seen in the company during the month of January. These vacancies were due to the return to the states of the old men in the outfit under the present rotation policy. These new promotions were rightly deserved and greatly appreciated by all of the men. Many of the fellows had been "sweating out" the departure of these old men for two years.

Since the building of the baseball diamond adjacent to our area, a few of the men in the company have been getting a little exercise by participating in this nation-wide sport. Due to the odd shifts that the men of the company are working, it is almost impossible to organize a team within the company. However, after watching some of the other teams play, many of the men have remarked that we could for a pick up team any Sunday and defeat most of the outfits without a day of practice. They are generally boasting from the past success of our ball clubs, and whether this could be done is still a question, but maybe one of these Sundays we will find out.

The morale of the men in the outfit, as a whole, has been excellent. The only "squawk" encountered to date is the poor chow that exists occasionally. This, however, is no fault of the kitchen personnel, but is due to the supply problem and seems to be constant throughout the island. The food lately has been improving, and we hope that it continues to do so in the future.

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Since there are so few men present at this headquarters, no administration problems were encountered during the month. However, it is hoped that before too long the exact mission and disposition of the personnel in the company will be determined so that this headquarters will have a better idea as to the future outcome of this unit.

The members of the 1008th and the 1027th Signal Companies have been editing a weekly paper. A Christmas issue (See Copy attached) was edited, and it, in itself, gives a good example of the fine work the members of this organization are doing.

3. Supporting documents:

- a. EXTRACT, General Orders Number 3.
- b. Jungle Daze.

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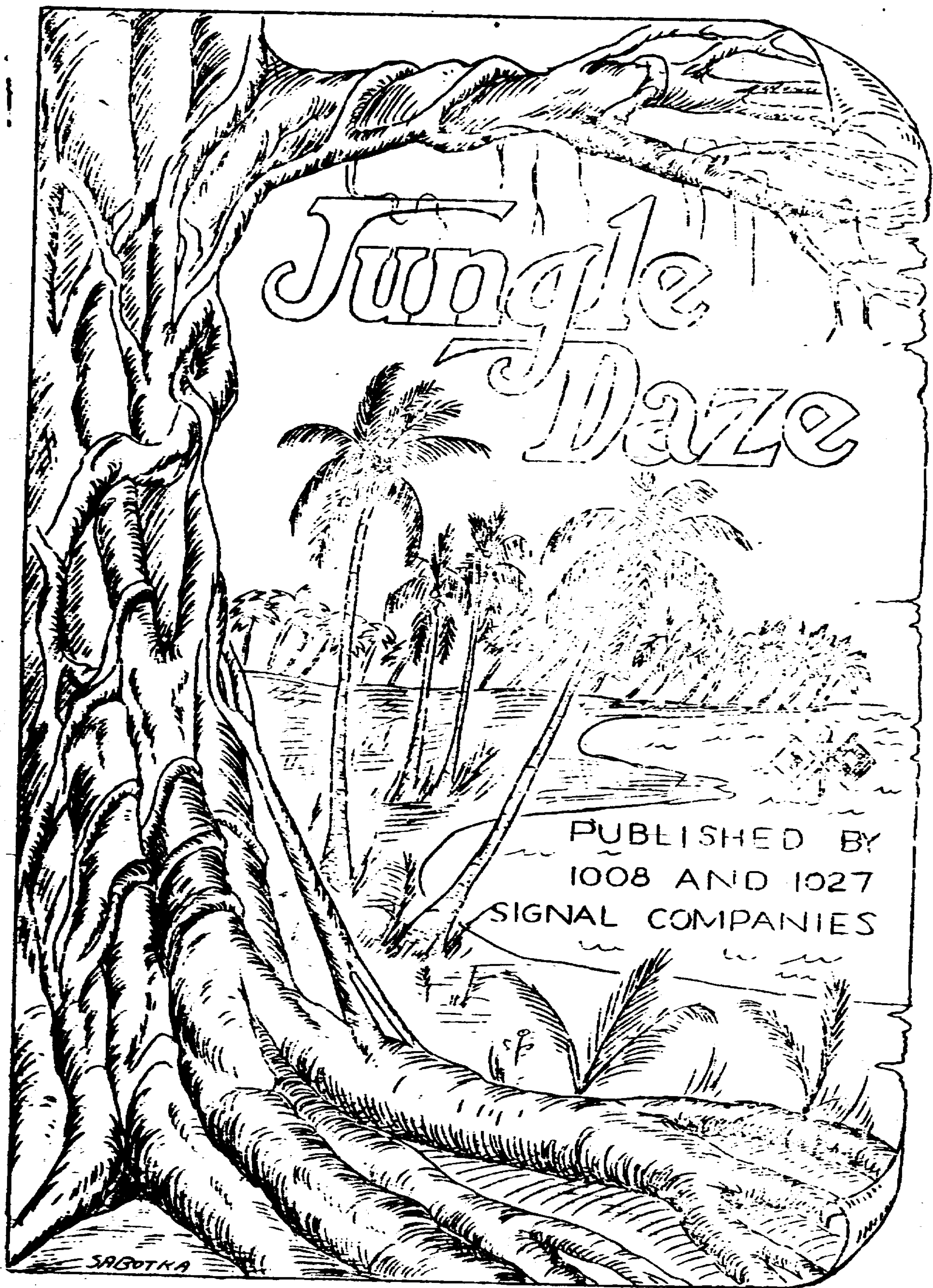
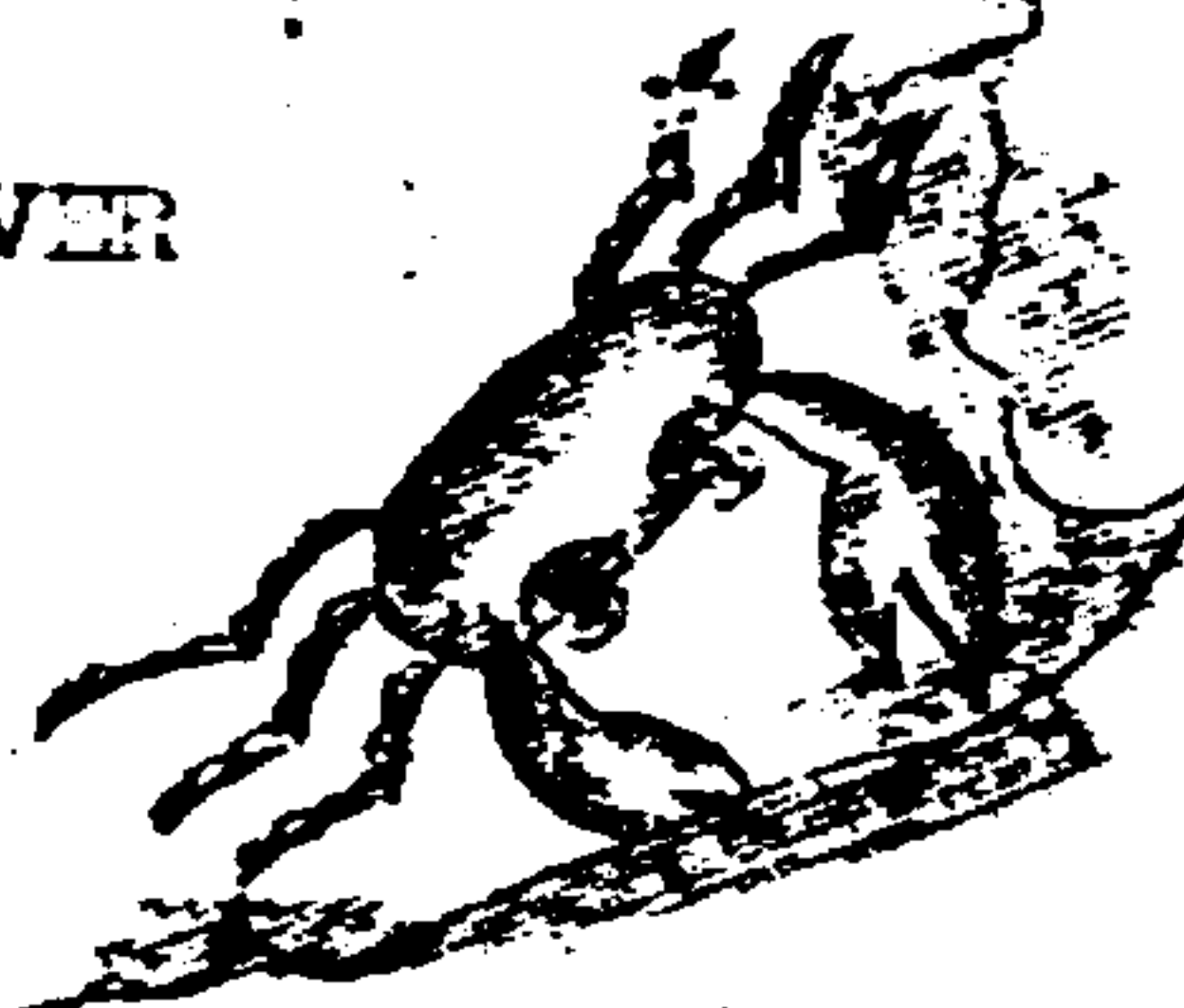




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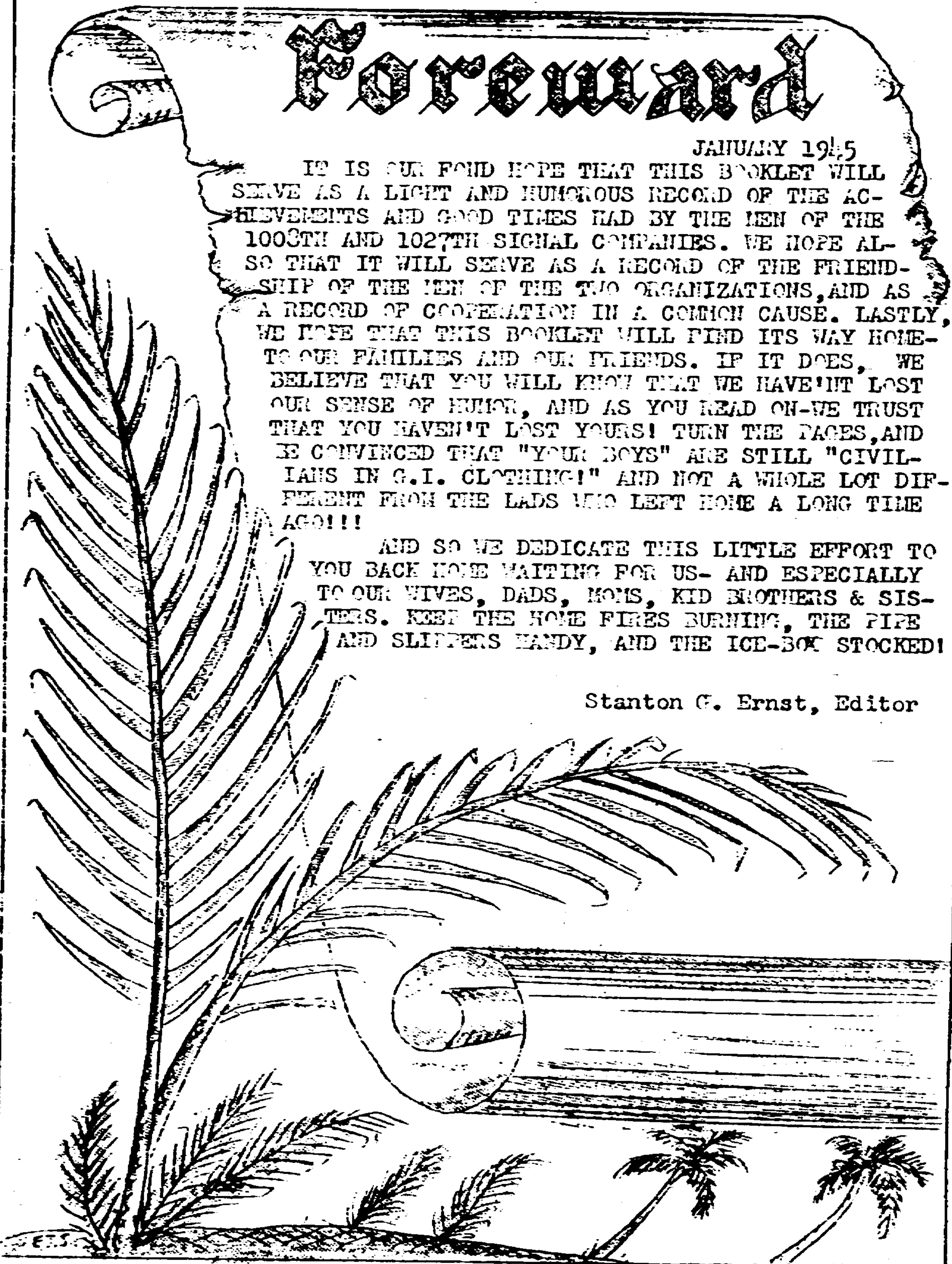
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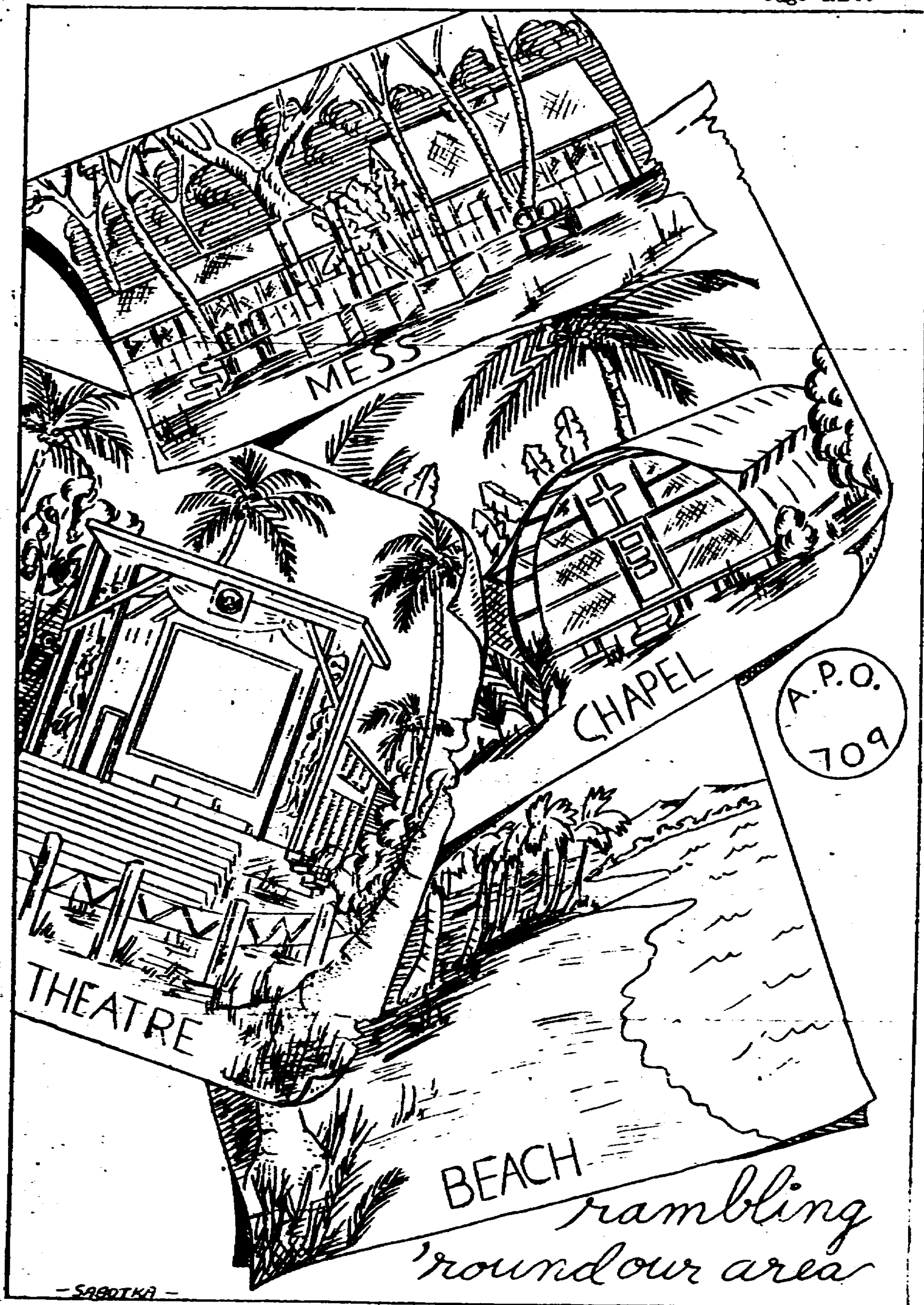
JANUARY 1945

IT IS OUR FOND HOPE THAT THIS BOOKLET WILL SERVE AS A LIGHT AND HUMOROUS RECORD OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND GOOD TIMES HAD BY THE MEN OF THE 1003TH AND 1027TH SIGNAL COMPANIES. WE HOPE ALSO THAT IT WILL SERVE AS A RECORD OF THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE MEN OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, AND AS A RECORD OF COOPERATION IN A COMMON CAUSE. LASTLY, WE HOPE THAT THIS BOOKLET WILL FIND ITS WAY HOME TO OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS. IF IT DOES, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL KNOW THAT WE HAVEN'T LOST OUR SENSE OF HUMOR, AND AS YOU READ ON-WE TRUST THAT YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOURS! TURN THE PAGES, AND BE CONVINCED THAT "YOUR BOYS" ARE STILL "CIVILIANS IN G.I. CLOTHING!" AND NOT A WHOLE LOT DIFFERENT FROM THE LADS WHO LEFT HOME A LONG TIME AGO!!!

AND SO WE DEDICATE THIS LITTLE EFFORT TO YOU BACK HOME WAITING FOR US- AND ESPECIALLY TO OUR WIVES, DADS, MOMS, KID BROTHERS & SISTERS. KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING, THE PIPE AND SLIPPERS HANDY, AND THE ICE-BOX STOCKED!

Stanton G. Ernst, Editor





1008th

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Sig. Co. Ser. Gp.

One of the oldest active outfits in the Pacific is the 1008 Signal Company. An outgrowth of the 8th Signal Platoon, the outfit originated at Hamilton Fld. California. It started with only thirty enlisted men and one officer, and on December 7, 1941 was on the high seas headed for the Philippines! Needless to say, the unit was rerouted and ended up in the Fijis. Here the organization set up and operated communications at an air-base. In May 1943, the platoon was activated as the 8th Signal Company, and in June became the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group. In August, 1943, the organization hit one of the local Pacific Islands and found out how the Japs wage war at first hand. They worked at two fields on this Island, doing all types of ground and air communication servicing. During this time, new replacements joined the Company and some of the original members returned to the States. A few months later, Lt Marshall S. Levin became Company Commander, succeeding Captain Elmer Hilfinger. In August, 1944, the Company was attached directly to the 13th Air Force Service Command; its mission being to handle all ground and air communication work for that Command. Since that time, there has been many changes in personnel and further changes in job assignments, but the Company has shown ingenuity and versatility in successfully handling all of

the communications (radio, message center, telephone, aircraft radio) for the aforementioned Command.

With better than three years of overseas experience behind it, this outfit & its men have seen the Japanese checked and driven back along the road to Honshu via New Guinea, New Britain, the Philippines and the Carolines.

We have done our part when we could, and are looking forward to an even more active participation before that final day of reckoning! In any event, we will always carry with us the fond memories and pride of working with a bunch of swell fellows as a real unit!!!

Some of the things we will look back on with fond remembrance are: those Air Corps steaks we ate while all of the other Island Mess Halls were serving canned willy and beans; riding the C-47s and B-24s instead of the Liberty Ships, the big beach barbecue with steaks, beer, and lots of laughter-the picnic in the Fijis with bottles flying every which way; living and working with the old 1027th; the hordes of landcrabs and sand-fleas at APO 709; Jap bombs and clanny, friendly fox-holes; Lt. Freedman and "Stogie" Radzik, "Red" Hines; the baseball games between the "Gentlemen" and the Enlisted Men, the "hot rumors" of beachheads on Japan; "sack-time", Pete Strong & his NO MAIL TODAY; tent bull-sessioning.

1027th Sig. Co. Ser. Gp.

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R. David Matthews

In the Fall of 1941, a new unit, the 27th Signal Platoon (Air Base) was born at Barksdale Field, La; a unit composed of fewer than twenty-five men and one officer. From this small beginning, the organization has grown into the 1027th Signal Co Service Gp of today. Less than three months after Pearl Harbor at a time when the Japanese were advancing on all fronts, the unit found itself in Australia. After short stays in Brisbane and Ballarat, the platoon moved to Tongatabu in the Tonga Islands, where they received their first job, that of setting up communications for a new and then advanced base. While there, the platoon was joined by a second unit of the 37th Infantry Division--composed almost entirely of men of the Ohio National Guard.

Thus the new organization was formed, one half "NG's" & one half "Rebels", under the command of Captain Melvin L. Hanson--and the unit was called the 27th Signal Company Sv Gp. The Company then moved to Efate in the New Hebrides Islands, and on May 10, 1943 emerged as the 1027th Signal Co Service Gp.

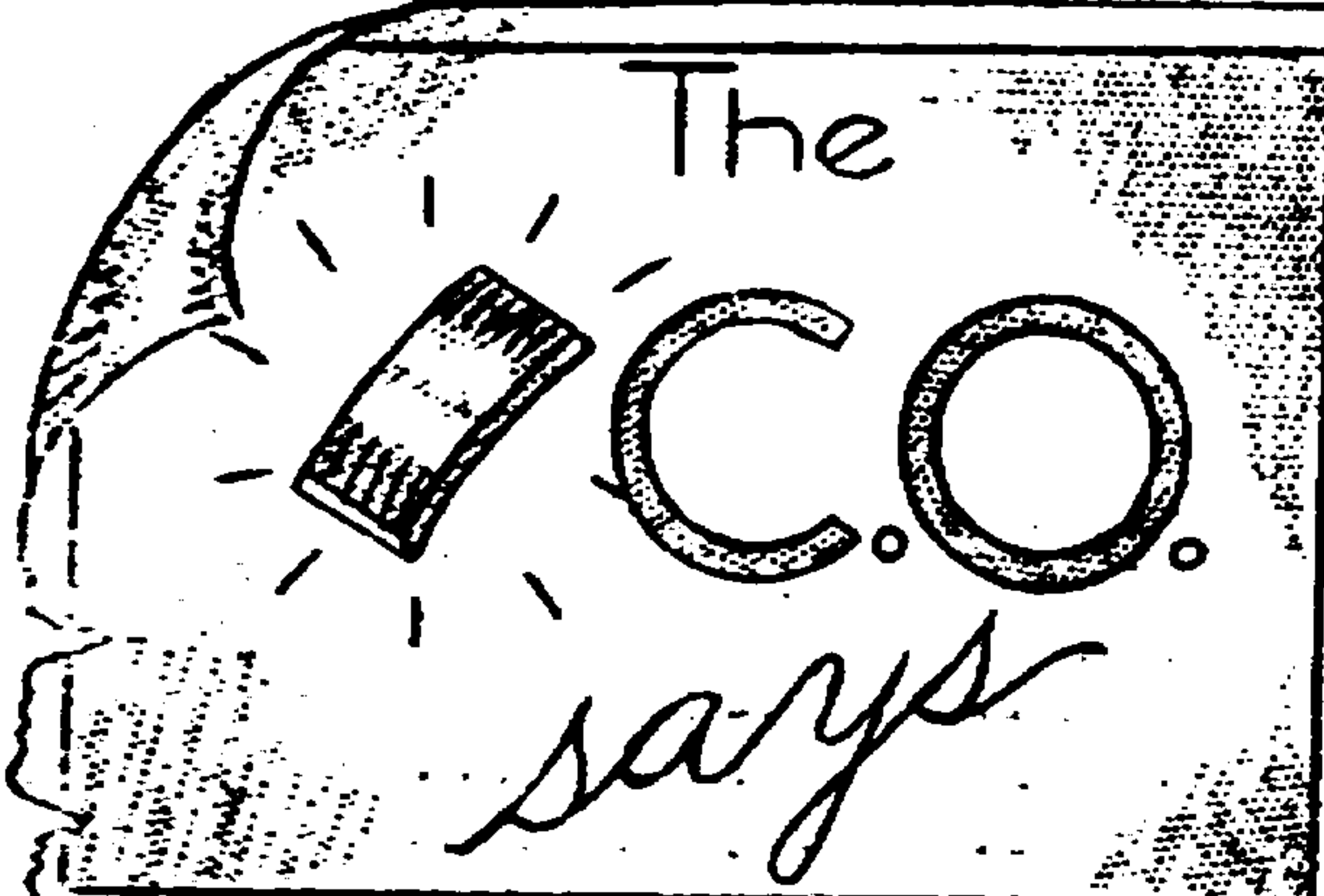
Small groups of replacements began to come in to fill the new and larger unit to its authorized strength. The unit then left Efate bound for Guadalcanal, Solomon's Islands, and it was there that the men first learned what a Jap bomb

sounded like. They were stationed near famed Henderson Field, where they maintained communications for a local fighter strip.

Later the Company moved to a more advanced base in the New Georgia Islands, working at Ondonga and Munda. New Years day 1944 found the men at Munda working overtime supplying and repairing equipment on the bombers attacking the then powerful Japanese Bases in the Northern Solomons.

Now under the command of Lt Lyle C Atkinson, the Company will continue to operate against the Japanese whenever and wherever it can. Born in Peace, the Unit has seen four years of war, and none of the original handful of men are still overseas--but the outfit has seen and helped the War turn in our favor, and the men who make up the outfit today are "carrying on".

Some of the things we will never forget are the sound of the Jap bombs whishing through the night, those spaghetti dinners on real tableclothes, our old mascot "Bastard", and little "Munda". Nor will we forget the baseball games on the Fighter Strip, or the white coral that didn't want to be turned into fo-holes, or Charlie Bolton & Foster. Sometimes it was real rough and other times it wasn't hard to take at all--but tough or rough, we'll never forget the "old 1027th".



MARSHALL S. LEVIN

THIS EDITION OF JUNGLE DAZE IS THE REALIZATION OF MANY MONTHS ANTICIPATION BY MYSELF, & ALSO ON THE PART OF THE MEN & OFFICERS OF THE 1008TH AND 1027TH SIGNAL COMPANIES, SERVICE GROUP.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE SEEN THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, AND IT HAS MADE ME PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM! AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS BOOKLET WILL SERVE AS A FINE MEMOIR AND SOUVENIR OF THE DAYS I SPENT WITH THE OUT-FITS!

ON BEHALF OF LT. LYLE C. ATKINSON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 1027TH, AND FOR MYSELF, WE WISH TO THANK OUR EDITOR, PFC STAN ERNST FOR HIS EFFORTS TO MAKE JUNGLE DAZE THE FINE ISSUE IT IS; ED SABOTKA, OUR FINE ARTIST, AND THE OTHER MEN WHO MADE THIS SOUVENIR ISSUE POSSIBLE.

THIS BOOKLET IS THE RESULT OF MANY HOURS OF WORK UNDER TRYING CONDITIONS, WITH INADEQUATE MATERIALS AND HOMEMADE EQUIPMENT. IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE HAVE OVERCOME THESE OBSTACLES AND PRODUCED A MEMOIR WORTHY OF THE BOOK-SHELF AT HOME. ONE DAY IT WILL BE A SOURCE OF MEMORIES & FUN-AND PLEASURE AS WE LOOK OVER THE LISTS OF THINGS WE DID AND THE FELLOWS WE ALL KNEW. ONCE AGAIN, LET ME THANK ALL WHO AIDED IN THE PREPARATION OF "JUNGLE-DAZE".

ALBERT H. BUCHANAN

TODAY I WRITE, NOT AS A FIRST SERGEANT, BUT AS ONE WHO HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING THIS PRESENT WORLD CONFLICT CONCEIVED, DEVELOPED, EXECUTED; AND RIGHT HERE LET ME SAY THAT I AM NOT PROUD OF THE PART I PLAYED DURING THE FORMATIVE YEARS BEFORE THIS WAR. WHY YOU ASK? BECAUSE I SAW IT COMING AND DID NOTHING ABOUT IT! I HAD PASSED THROUGH THE LAST POST-WAR PERIOD, AND I WAS SO EN-ROSSSED WITH MY PERSONAL AFFAIRS THAT I TRUSTED ALL OF MY NATIONAL AFFAIRS TO THE HANDS OF A FEW. DON'T YOU MAKE THIS MISTAKE; FROM THE DAY YOU GET HOME TAKE INTEREST IN YOUR NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN PLANNING YOUR POLITICAL POLICIES, LOOK AHEAD A GENERATION-NOT FIVE OR TEN YEARS HENCE. YOU HAVE PAID FOR THIS PRIVILEGE IN BLOOD, SWEAT, & PRIVATION. DON'T LET FUTURE GENERATIONS SAY "IF DAD HAD BEEN ON THE BALL, WE WOULDN'T BE OUT HERE KILLING OR BEING KILLED!" REMEMBER, YOU HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE DESTINIES OF COUNTRIES & PEOPLE YOU NEVER SAW; DEAL WITH THEM AS YOU WOULD DEAL WITH YOUR OWN, & AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DEAL WITH YOU. THEN AND THEN ONLY WILL WE BE ABLE TO SPEAK OF WORLD PEACE. WE DO NOT WANT OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS TO ENDURE THE HORRORS OF A WAR THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. IN CLOSING, LET ME WISH YOU ALL A SAFE RETURN HOME & HAPPINESS!



IT SAYS
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...Stanton C. Ernst.....

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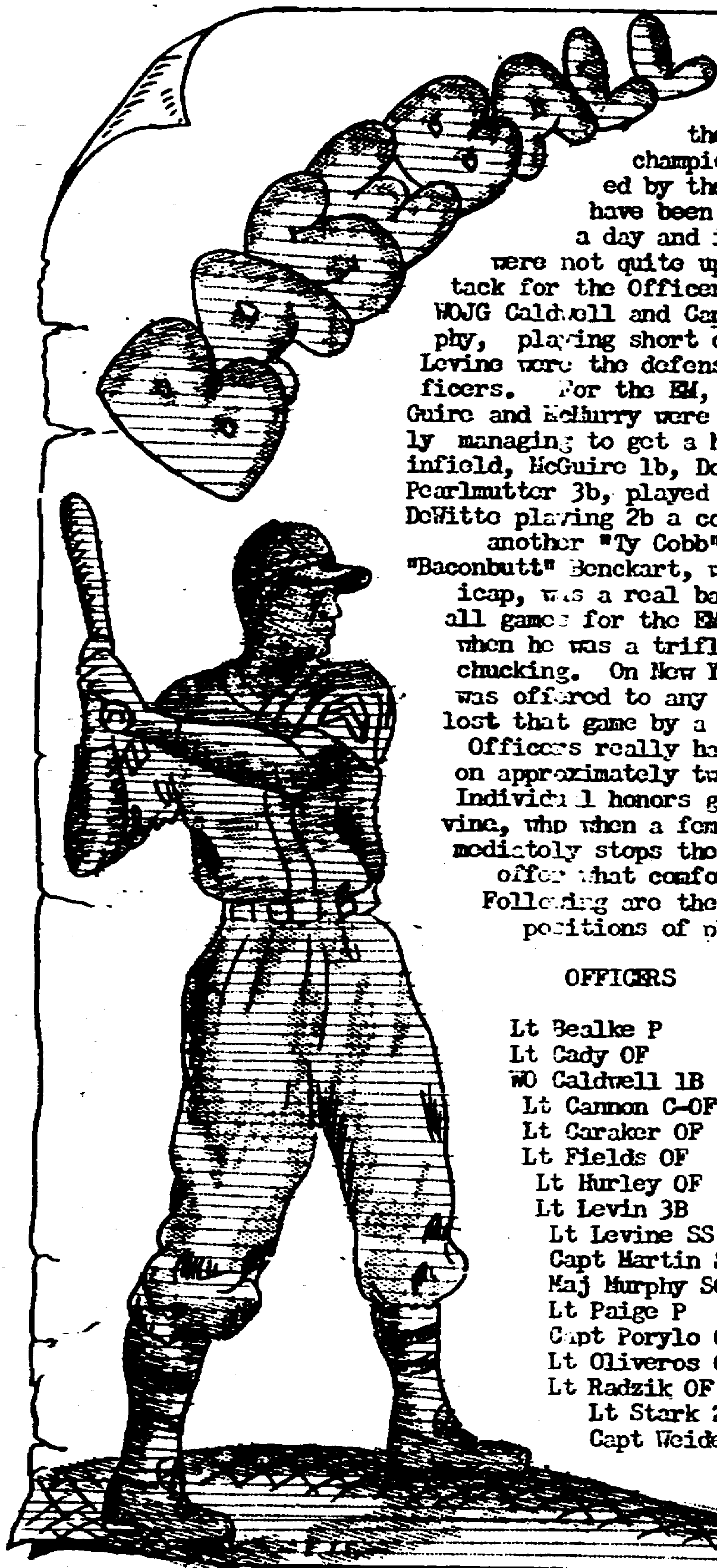
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Taking four games out of seven, the Umpires and Officers nosed out the EM in the local Palmtree championship. Only excuse offered by the EM is the fact that they have been worked from 8 to 12 hours a day and in this weakened condition were not quite up to par. Sparking the attack for the Officers were Lt's Levin, Stark, WOJG Caldwell and Capt Weideman. Father Murphy, playing short center, Lt Levin 3b and Lt Levine were the defensive standouts for the Officers. For the EM, DeWitte, Pearlmutter, McGuire and McHurry were the heavy hitters, usually managing to get a hit or two a game. The EM infield, McGuire 1b, Doldus 2b, Laverick ss, and Pearlmutter 3b, played a bangup job defensively, DeWitte playing 2b a couple of games. We have another "Ty Cobb" in the outfield in Danny "Baconbutt" Benckart, who in spite of that handicap, was a real ballhawk. Sgt Roid pitched all games for the EM and except for one game when he was a trifle wild, did a real job of chucking. On New Years day a bottle of beer was offered to any player reaching 3b. We lost that game by a substantial score and the Officers really had a "Happy" New Years day on approximately two bottles of beer apiece. Individual honors go to Lt "Sir Galahad" Levine, who when a female audience appears, immediately stops the game to chat a while and offer that comfort and assistance he can. Following are the men who participated and positions of play.

OFFICERS

Lt Bealke P
Lt Gady OF
WO Caldwell 1B
Lt Cannon C-OF
Lt Caraker OF
Lt Fields OF
Lt Hurley OF
Lt Levin 3B
Lt Levine SS
Capt Martin SS
Maj Murphy SC
Lt Paige P
Capt Porylo C
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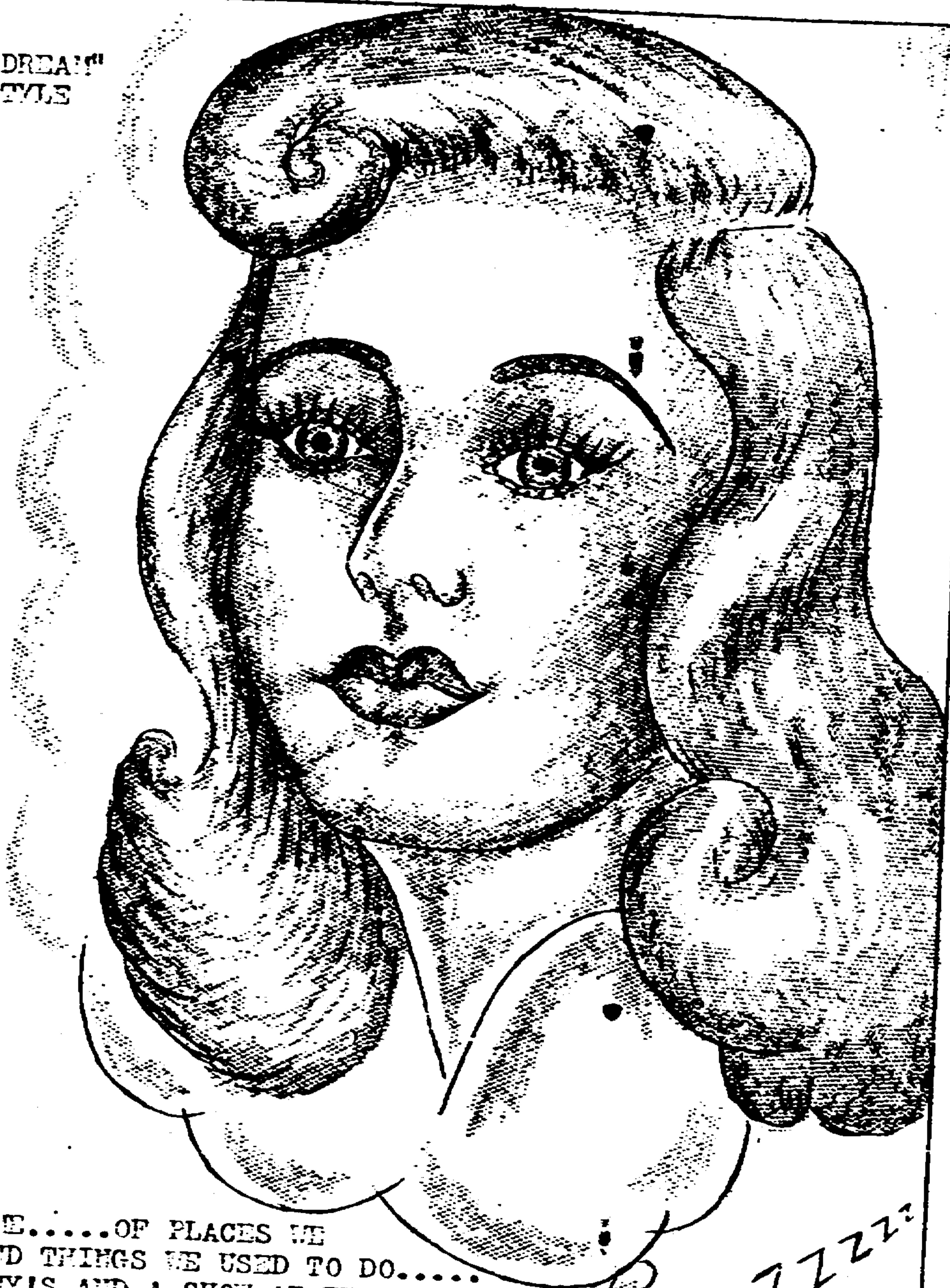
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Pfc Doldus 2B
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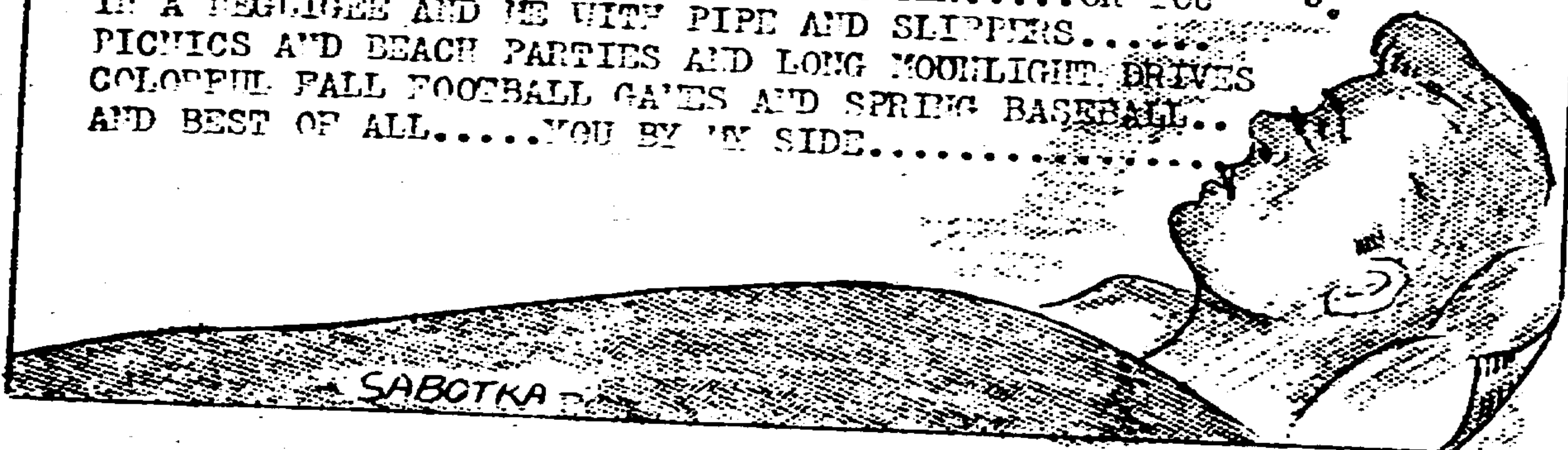
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"PACIFIC DREAM"
G.I. STYLE



DREAMS OF HOME.....OF PLACES WE
USED TO GO AND THINGS WE USED TO DO.....
STEAKS AT TONY'S AND A SHOW AT THE STATE.....
DANCING AT THE CLUB, AND A SNACK AFTER.....OR YOU
IN A NEGLEGEE AND ME WITH PIPE AND SLIPPERS.....
PICNICS AND BEACH PARTIES AND LONG MOONLIGHT DRIVES
COLOSSAL FALL FOOTBALL GAMES AND SPRING BASEBALL..
AND BEST OF ALL.....YOU BY MY SIDE.....

Oooooo Zzzzz



SABOTKA

Golden gate in 'forty --?

YES, THE GOLDEN GATE IN FORTY-? WHEN WE CAN ONCE AGAIN:

SLIDE BETWEEN WHITE CLEAN SHEETS ON A SPRING BED!

SEE A PAIR OF SILK STOCKINGS GO HIGHER THAN THE ANKLE!

GET A THRILL OUT OF A WINDY DAY!

GO TO THE BEACH FOR SOMETHING BESIDES SWIMMING!

WAKE UP IN THE MORNING AND FIND LAST NIGHT'S DREAM BESIDE YOU!

SHAVE, SHAMPOO, AND SHOWER IN REAL HOT WATER WITH LOTS OF SOAP SUDS-AND RELAX IN A TUB!

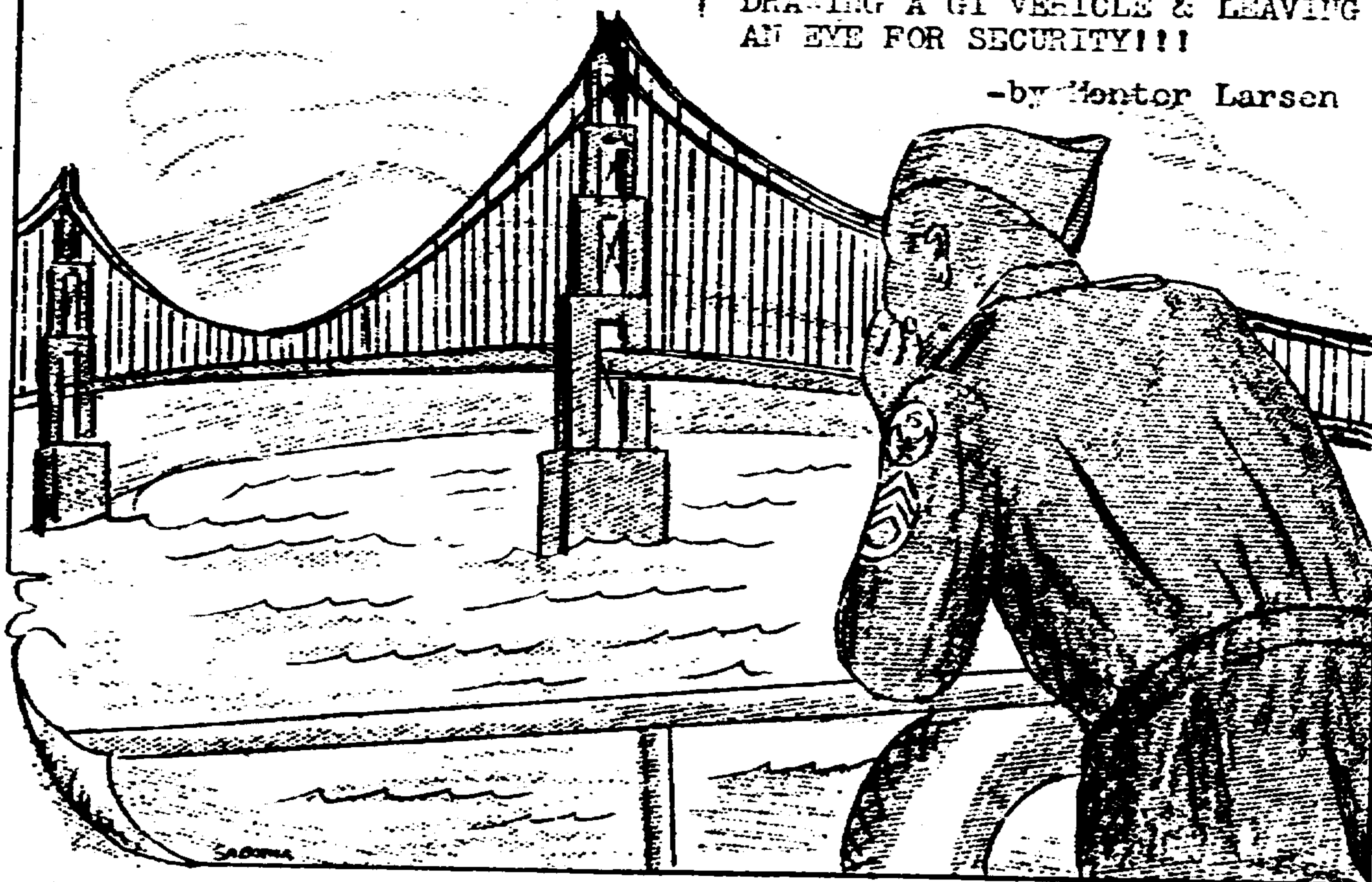
LAUGH AND JOKE WITH FORMER 2ND LIEUTENANTS WHO WILL BE ABLE TO FORGET BEING GENTLEMEN!

GO INTO A THEATER AND SIT DOWN WITHOUT SPREADING A RAINCOAT OVER THE SEAT!

USE MATCHED SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS, AND REAL CHINA PLATES!

DRIVE OUR OWN CARS, INSTEAD OF DRIVING A GI VEHICLE & LEAVING AN EYE FOR SECURITY!!!

-by Mentor Larsen



WE'VE A FIGHTER UP TONIGHT

Condition Red we do not dread,
As free from care we seek our bed;
The reason that our hearts are light,
We've got a fighter up tonight!

A Lightning Fighter with twin tails,
And all those guns; he never fails;
Let Haytag Charlie zoom and skin,
His doom is waiting there for him!

We turn into our nice soft cot,
To know we're safe sure helps a lot;
Wakened by a siren's wail,
For once the damned thing didn't fail;
Half asleep, jump from bed,
Jam a helmet on your head;
Damn it, now let's stew and fret,
Tangled in a mosquito net;
Skin your hand upon a nail,
Step into an empty pail;
Bump your shins, fall with a crash,
Arise and make a frantic dash;
Give your head just one more bump,
Slide to your dugout on your rump.

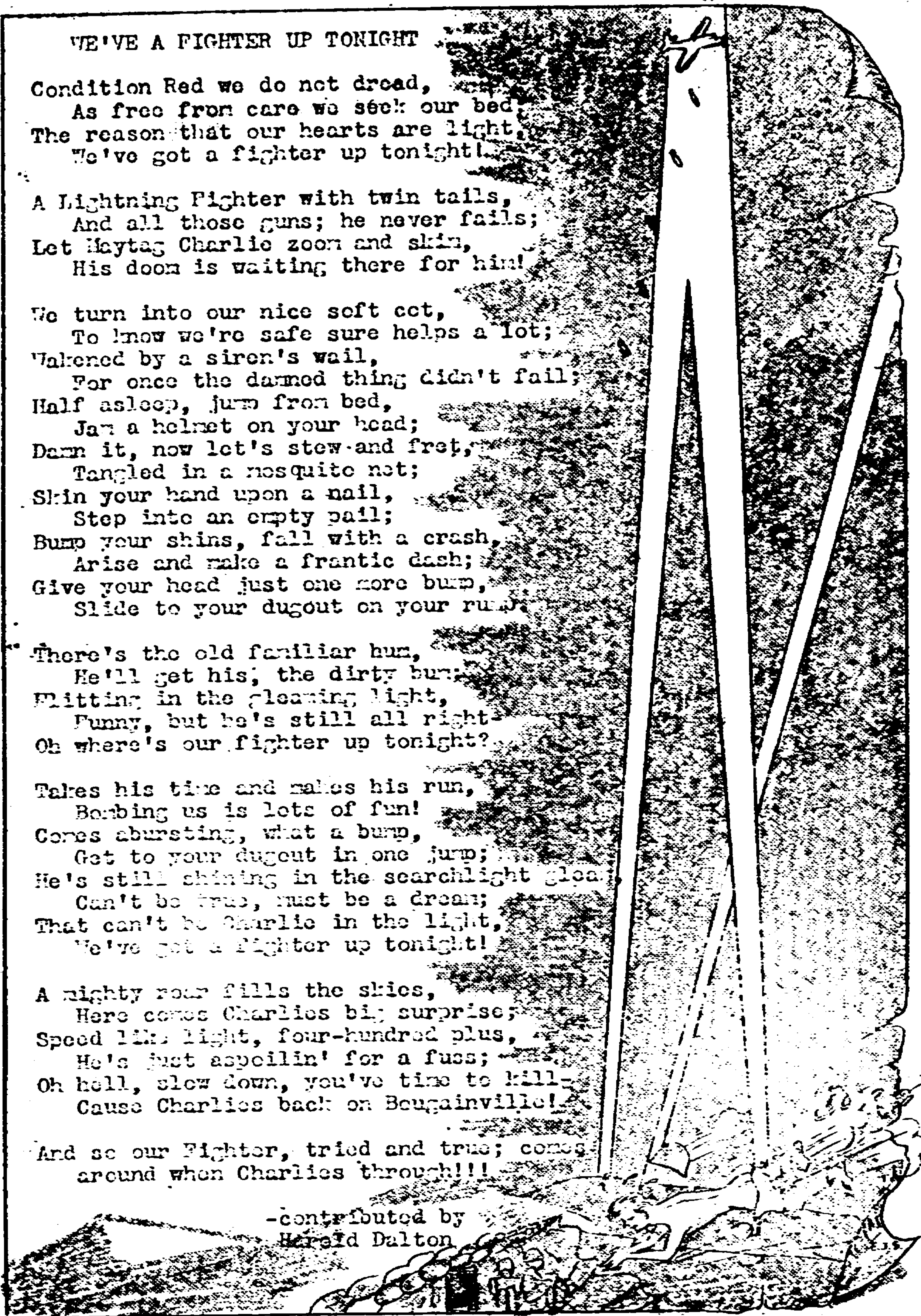
There's the old familiar hum,
He'll get his; the dirty bum;
Flitting in the gleaming light,
Funny, but he's still all right;
Oh where's our fighter up tonight?

Takes his time and makes his run,
Bombing us is lots of fun!
Cores abursting, what a bump,
Get to your dugout in one jump;
He's still shining in the searchlight gleam;
Can't be true, must be a dream;
That can't be Charlie in the light,
We've got a fighter up tonight!

A mighty roar fills the skies,
Here comes Charlie's big surprise;
Speed like light, four-hundred plus,
He's just aspeilin' for a fuss;
Oh hell, slow down, you've time to kill—
Cause Charlie's back on Bougainville!

And so our Fighter, tried and true; comes
around when Charlie's through!!!

-contributed by
Harold Dalton





YOU COULD HEAR IT ALL OVER THE AREA, GUYS SOUNDING OFF THAT "OVER HERE CHRISTMAS DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING", AND "WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO SEND US ANYTHING AT ALL". "IT'S JUST THAT MUCH MORE STUFF THAT WE'LL HAVE TO CARRY AROUND". BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE EAR TO EAR GRINS AND THE HAPPY FACES WHEN THE PACKAGES STARTED ROLLING IN! AND THE CONTENTS POURED OUT AND FILLED THE LONELY HEARTS TO CAPACITY WITH JOY AND THE STOMACHS WITH STATESIDE FOOD! IT WAS A BIG YEAR FOR PRESENTS, AND IT WAS AS GOOD A CHRISTMAS AS ANY OF US COULD HAVE OVER HERE AWAY FROM OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES.

THE POST OFFICE REPORTED THAT THIS WAS THEIR BIGGEST YEAR, AND THAT THE NUMBER OF PACKAGES GOING OVERSEAS BOTH EAST AND WEST NUMBERED IN THE MILLIONS! LOTS OF THEM REACHED US ONLY THIRTY DAYS AFTER THEY WERE MAILED, & OTHERS ARE STILL COMING IN! MOST ARRIVED IN GOOD CONDITION; A FEW SADLY WRAPPED WERE FIT ONLY TO TOSS INTO THE WASTE!

THE FRONT OF THE ORDERLY ROOM LOOKED LIKE "MACY'S BASEMENT ON BUSY SATURDAY!" FOR WEEKS THE PACKAGES ROLLED IN AND WERE PILED IN MOUNTAINS ON CANVASES. AT THE CALL "MAIL", MEN COULD DROP ANYTHING THEY WERE DOING. GUYS DASHED OUT OF THE SHOWERS CLAD ONLY IN GI TOWELS; GREASE COVERED MOTOR POOL MEN DUG OUT FROM BENEATH TRUCKS, JEEPS AND WEAPONS CARRIERS, AND CINEMEN FELL OFF POLES!!!

THE FIRST MAN TO REACH THIS PILE USUALLY DID A "STAI" DIVE IN APPROVED STYLE, AND WHEN DUST & DEBRIS HAD SETTLED, HEAVILY LOADED GI'S COULD BE SEEN DASHING IN EVERY DIRECTION. SOME FELLOWS NEEDED TRUCKS TO GET THEIR PACKAGES TO THE TENTS. "SHORT-HAIR" MATTHEWS FINALLY DID GET A JEEP AND COULD BE SEEN DAILY DRIVING TENTWARD WITH HIS LOOT. "THE GUT" (BIG ED MILLER), "CHAPPY" FALLS, AND "WHIP" DALTON ALSO DID O.K. AND WITH THE HELP OF McCONNELL AND A WHEELBARROW THEY MANAGED TO TRANSPORT THEIR BOOTY "HOME". "DEACON" MITCHELL ALSO FAIRED WELL-AND "THE BOSS" LT LEVIN WAS LOST IN A MAZE OF FRUITCAKES!!!

RECONNAISSANCE THROUGH TENTS IN THE AREA SHOWED REAL YANKEE (AND THAT INCLUDES REBEL) INGENUITY. EVERYWHERE THE LADS WERE ENGAGED IN HANGING THE PACKAGES FROM TENT POLES AND IN SEALING THE MORE DELECTABLE TID-BITS IN TIN CANS.

EVERYONE WAS HAPPY, EXCEPT THE ANTS AND THE RATS, WHO MARCHED TO THEIR OBJECTIVES ONLY TO SEE IT SAFELY ENCASED IN ARMO. THE ANTS COULDN'T STAND THE ALTITUDE OF THE "STRING-HUNG" PACKAGES-AND OUR WANDERING CHICKEN'S APETITE WAS SATISFIED BY A PASSION FRUIT, WHICH HIT HER IN THE POSTERIOR! SO 'TIS XMAS, 1944..... WE'LL SETTLE NEXT YEAR FOR OUR OWN TREES IN OUR OWN HOMES-THUS SAVING THE POST OFFICE ALL THAT WORK AND TROUBLE!!!

Thank to Don Falls & McConnell

OLD TIMERS

READING TIME: 3 min. -by Robert L. Christman



HERE IS THE STORY OF BIRTH; THE BIRTH OF THE 1008TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP & SOME OF THE EVENTS PRECEDING ITS FORMATION. IT IS ALSO THE STORY OF SOME OF THE MEN WHO MADE UP THE ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION; MEN WHO HAVE LONG SINCE RETURNED TO THE STATES FOR LONG AND WELL-DESERVED RESTS AND DOMESTIC DUTY.

MOST OF US WHO NOW MAKE UP THE 1008TH WILL NOT REMEMBER OR RECOGNIZE THE NAMES OF THOSE FELLOWS, BUT AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER MOST OF US HAVE HEARD OF THEIR EARLY EXPLOITS IN THE 1ST DAYS OF THE WAR. MOST OF US AT THAT TIME WERE CIVILIANS, AND A LOT OF US WEREN'T MUCH INTERESTED IN THE ARMY OR IN WAR, BUT THE FELLOWS IN THE EIGHTH SIGNAL PLATOON WERE VERY MUCH INTERESTED! FOR THE VERY DAY OF THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK, THOSE LADS WERE ON THE HIGH SEAS, AND MOVING ACROSS THE PACIFIC! THEY NATURALLY PUT BACK INTO A U.S. PORT, FOR THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED A HOT RECEPTION INDEED AT THEIR ORIGINAL DESTINATION. NOT LONG AFTERWARD, THOUGH, THEY ONCE AGAIN SAILED-THIS TIME IT WAS THE FIJI ISLANDS!!!

OUR MEN WERE AMONG THE FIRST AMERICAN TROOPS TO LAND IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, AND HAD THE JAPS BEEN ABLE TO PUSH FURTHER SOUTH, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UP TO THESE MEN TO HELP IN THE DEFENSE AND BATTLE FOR THOSE STRATEGIC ISLANDS.

WHILE IN THE FIJIS, THE MEN OF THE 8TH SIGNAL PLATOON EARNED THEMSELVES A FINE REPUTATION WITH THEIR RAPID AND ACCURATE COMMUNICATIONS WORK, AND IT WAS THERE THAT THE 1008TH WAS BORN.

WE CAN THANK THOSE MEN WHO CAME OUT HERE IN 1940 AND 1941 FOR MUCH-FOR IT IS THOSE MEN WHO STARTED US DOWN THAT LONG RETURN ROAD TO TOKYO & HOME! IT IS THE HARD WORK AND THE EFFORTS OF THOSE OLD-TIMERS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO EAT, DRINK, SLEEP, AND LIVE IN COMPARATIVE LUXURY AND SAFETY!!! IN CLOSING; "HATS OFF TO THOSE OLD TIMERS, AND MAY THEY HAVE A PLEASANT TOUR OF DUTY IN THE STATES". SOME OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE OUTFIT WERE: 1ST SGT KING, T/3 GARDNER, T/4 SPOON, S/SGT FOWKLES, T/4 MEYERS, T/SGT LONG, S/SGT FOWLER, T/SGT GRODY, T/5 HOLLIDAY, T/4 BARNETT, S/SGT PUNK, T/SGT TANNIS, LT LINGO, S/SGT KOCORIS, T/SGT LANDON, 1ST SGT PFAU, & T/SGT TAYLOR. ALSO: T/4 VON HAFPTEN, T/4 LEVEILLE AND SHEFF, MURPHY, BRYANT, FRANKLIN, DIELMAN, AKERS, KELLY, FLADER, AND PALMER.

=OVERHEARD LOCALLY=

Nagy: "Gib, how many cigarettes do you smoke a day?"

Giblin: "Oh, any GIVEN amount!"

SHORT AND SWEET!

Pearlutter: (holding four aces) "What have you got, George?"

Weintraub: "A pair of duccos & a razor!"

Pearlutter: "Drag your money, you win!"

And somebody tells us that Del Shaffer "put his head on the sidewalk to keep his mind out of the gutter".

Our Mission

(COME WITH US, FOLKS, ON A TRIP
AROUND OUR COMPANY!!! HERE IS
YOUR CHANCE TO SEE HOW "WE DO
WHAT WE DO IN A SIG CO SV GP")

"HI Ya FOLKS!" I'M A GI JOE
ASSIGNED TO SHOW YOU AROUND OUR
COMPANY, AND I'M ALSO GOING TO
TRY TO CLEAR UP SOME OF THOSE ?
YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING IN LETTERS.

LET'S START AT THE "NERVE-
CENTER OF THE COMPANY, THE ORD-
ERLY ROOM OR HEADQUARTERS SECT-
ION! IN THAT HUT ARE LOTS OF RE-
CORDS AND PAPER-WORK COVERING
EVERYTHING THAT IN ANY WAY CON-
CERNS THE OUTFIT. SEE THAT MAN
BACK THERE? THAT'S THE COMMAN-
DING OFFICER, LT MARSHALL LEVIN.
AND LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR
FIRST SERGEANT, "BUCK" BUCHANAN.
THOSE OTHER LADS ARE BURR, ERNST
McMURRY, MATTHEWS AND STRONG.
AND THOSE TWO MEN COMING THRU
THE DOOR; THE WARRANT OFFICER IS
MR. CALDWELL, OUR SUPPLY OFFIC-
ER; AND LT. RADZIK THE RADIO OF-
FICER. YEP, THIS LITTLE BUILD-
ING HOUSES THE SECTION THAT CON-
TROLS THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL OF
THE OTHER SECTIONS.

OVER THERE BEHIND YOU ARE THE
SUPPLY AND STORAGE & ISSUE HUTS.
WHAT? OH YES, ALL OF THAT CLOTH-
ING THAT SERGEANT ANDERSON HAN-
DLES IS "GI AND FREE". WHICH RE-
MINDS ME, SERGEANT WYNN HAS GOT
A NEW PAIR OF SHOES FOR ME, EX-
CUSE ME A MOMENT WHILE I PICK
THEM UP! NOW THAT HUT NEXT DOOR
IS THE HOME OF STORAGE & ISSUE;
THE DOMAIN OF SERGEANT FALLS. HE
SUPPLIES ALL OF OUR SECTIONS
WITH THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT WE
NEED TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION
AND AIRBORNE INSTRUMENTS! HIS
IS A PRETTY BIG JOB TOOL. LOOK
OVER IN THAT CORNER...SEE THAT

BROKEN TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT? IT
WILL LOOK LIKE NEW AS SOON AS
CHRISTMAN AND DALTON GET A BIT
OF SPARE TIME TO WORK ON IT. AT
PRESENT THEY ARE WORKING WITH
THE LINE CREW STRINGING WIRE.

SAY, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE DIN-
NER? YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO
SWEAT OUT THE LINE WITH THE OT-
HER GUESTS AND THE GI'S, CAUSE
WE EAT CAFETERIA STYLE ALWAYS.
THOSE ARE A COUPLE OF OUR LADS
MIXING UP A CAKE OVER THERE--
GARCIA AND SMITTY. AND THE FEL-
LOW ON THE SERVING LINE IS LO-
VETT. WHAT HAVE WE GOT ON THE
MENU TODAY? STEAK, POTATOES, &
CREAMED CORN, ALONG WITH SLAW,
FRUIT SALAD, BREAD AND BUTTER,
AND A COLD DRINK. IT ISN'T AL-
WAYS THIS GOOD-WE HAVE ALL HAD
PLENTY OF THAT DEHYDRATED STUFF
ON OTHER ISLANDS, AND WE'LL PRO-
BABLY SEE PLENTY MORE BEFORE WE
ARE THRU!!! AFTER YOU HAVE EAT-
EN, AND WASHED YOUR MESS GEAR,
WE'LL TAKE A JEEP RIDE DOWN TO
THE AIRSTRIP AND WATCH OUR LINE
CREW IN ACTION.

THIS IS IT FOLKS, AND YOU
SEEM A LITTLE ASTOUNDED AT THE
NUMBER OF AIRPLANES. THOSE OV-
ER THERE ARE BEING CHECKED BY
OUR MEN FOR DEFECTIVE RADIO E-
QUIPMENT. THAT IS CORPORAL W.
E. MILLER IN THE COCKPIT; AND
SERGEANT HANKS COMING THRU THE
HATCH. THE FELLOWS CLIMBING IN-
TO THAT JEEP ARE BOLEN AND MIT-
CHELL; THEY ARE TAKING A RADIO
SET FROM THAT SHOT-UP SHIP OV-
ER THERE UP TO OUR SHOP TO BE
REPAIRED. MEANWHILE, ANOTHER SET
WILL BE PUT IN THE SHIP; "THESE

OUR MISSION (cont'd)

BOYS REALLY KEEP 'EM FLYING".

HOW ABOUT STOPPING IN AT OUR POST EXCHANGE FOR A COLD COKE? THIS LITTLE BUILDING HERE HOUSES WHAT CORRESPONDS TO OUR CORNER DRUG STORE BACK HOME- & WE CAN GET EVERYTHING FROM MAGAZINE COPIES TO HAIR TONIC AND PIPES IN HERE. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A FEW CARTONS OF CIGARETTES AT 50 CENTS A CARTON, DAD? WHEN & IF WE EVER LEAVE THIS PLACE, OUR POST EXCHANGE FACILITIES WILL PROBABLY TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE, SO THE LADS ARE REALLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS TASTE OF CIVILIZATION!

LET'S STEP OVER AND HAVE A LOOK AT THAT "RUBE GOLDBERG" CONTRAPTION; OVER BEHIND IT IS VES KOEFFLER AND FRANK DISANTO, THE INVENTORS. WHAT YOU SEE IS A HOMEMADE GENERATOR MADE OUT OF SALVAGED PARTS-AND THE FUNNY PART ABOUT IT IS THAT IT REALLY WORKS WITHOUT A HITCH!!!

BOTH OF THE FELLOWS ARE ATTACHED TO THE RADIO SHOP; INCIDENTALLY, LETS STEP RIGHT IN HERE AND LOOK OVER THE SHOP. IT IS OFFICIALLY CALLED THE RADIO REPAIR SECTION, AND IS IN CHARGE OF LT RADZIK AND HIS SHOP FEE MAN, ANTHONY CARBONE. THOSE MEN WORKING AT THE BENCHES AND WITH THAT TEST EQUIPMENT ARE RESPECTIVELY: KNOKE, BATES, CHILDS, THACKER, AND BAKER. JUST A FEW STEPS AWAY IS THE TELEPHONE & MESSAGE CENTER BUILDING. THOSE TWO MEN WORKING ON THE LIGHTED SWITCHBOARD ARE FUREY AND DOLDUS, AND THEIR JOB IS TO MAINTAIN TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION IN AND THRU THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THIS COMMAND. THE WIRE REPAIRMEN ARE JUST LEAVING THEIR SHOP AND ARE EVIDENTLY GOING OUT ON AN OUTSIDE REPAIR JOB-PROBABLY SOME WIRES DOWN WITH TREES ACROSS THEM! THOSE MEN CLIMBING INTO THAT WEAPONS CARRIER ARE MEMBERS OF THE WIRE CREW-VAIL,

BOYLE, AND HUNT. POLE CLIMBING AND WIRE REPAIR IS ONLY PART OF THEIR JOB THOUGH; WHEN THEY GET BACK THERE WILL BE PHONES TO REPAIR, INSTALL, OR TAKE OUT.

IN THE LEFT WING OF THE BUILDING THE MESSAGE CENTER IS IN FULL SWING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LT LEVINE AND HIS ASSISTANTS ROBERTS, BENCKART, REID, FRENCH, PAUL, BOB SHEA, TP SHEA, LARSEN, PARSONS, HAMILTON, CHIVETTE, REGIS, AND WATCH OFFICER NINES.

IT'S IN HERE THAT MESSAGES & REPORTS ARE RECEIVED, CODED, & DISPATCHED TO OFFICES AND TO OUR RADIO STATION, WHERE THEY MAY BE RELAYED TO ANOTHER DESTINATION! SPEAKING OF THE RADIO STATION, THERE GO TWO OF OUR OPERATORS NOW, DARHAM & PINELLI.

IT'S ALMOST QUITTING TIME, AND WE'D BETTER START BACK. ON THE WAY WE'LL HAVE A LOOK IN AT THE MOTOR POOL-THAT'S IT OVER THERE WHERE YOU SEE THOSE PARKED VEHICLES. AL DALTON IS IN CHARGE & "POP" ROBERTS IS THE NUMBER TWO MAN, ASSISTED BY CORRIE, RAYMOND NAGY, AND LYONS. THEY KEEP OUR TRUCKS, JEEPS, AND WEAPONS CARRIERS IN TIP-TOP CONDITION.

AND WE ALMOST FORGOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE BARTON-BAUMERT LAUNDRY, THE LITTLE INSTALLATION THAT TAKES CARE OF OUR WASHING.

WELL FOLKS, THATS OUR COMPANY! YOU HAVE MET SOME OF OUR FELLOWS AND SEEN SOME OF THE WORK...AND IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO ACT AS YOUR ESCORT. WE'LL SEE YOU OFF ON YOUR PLANE NOW- AND THEN WITH THE GRACE OF GOD, OF MARATHON, AND OF THE 13TH AIRY AIR FORCE: WE'LL TELL YOU THE REST OF THE STORY FROM THAT FLUSH CHAIR IN THE LIVING ROOM!!! AND SOON!!!



SPOT INTERVIEWS

ALBERT H. BUCHANAN

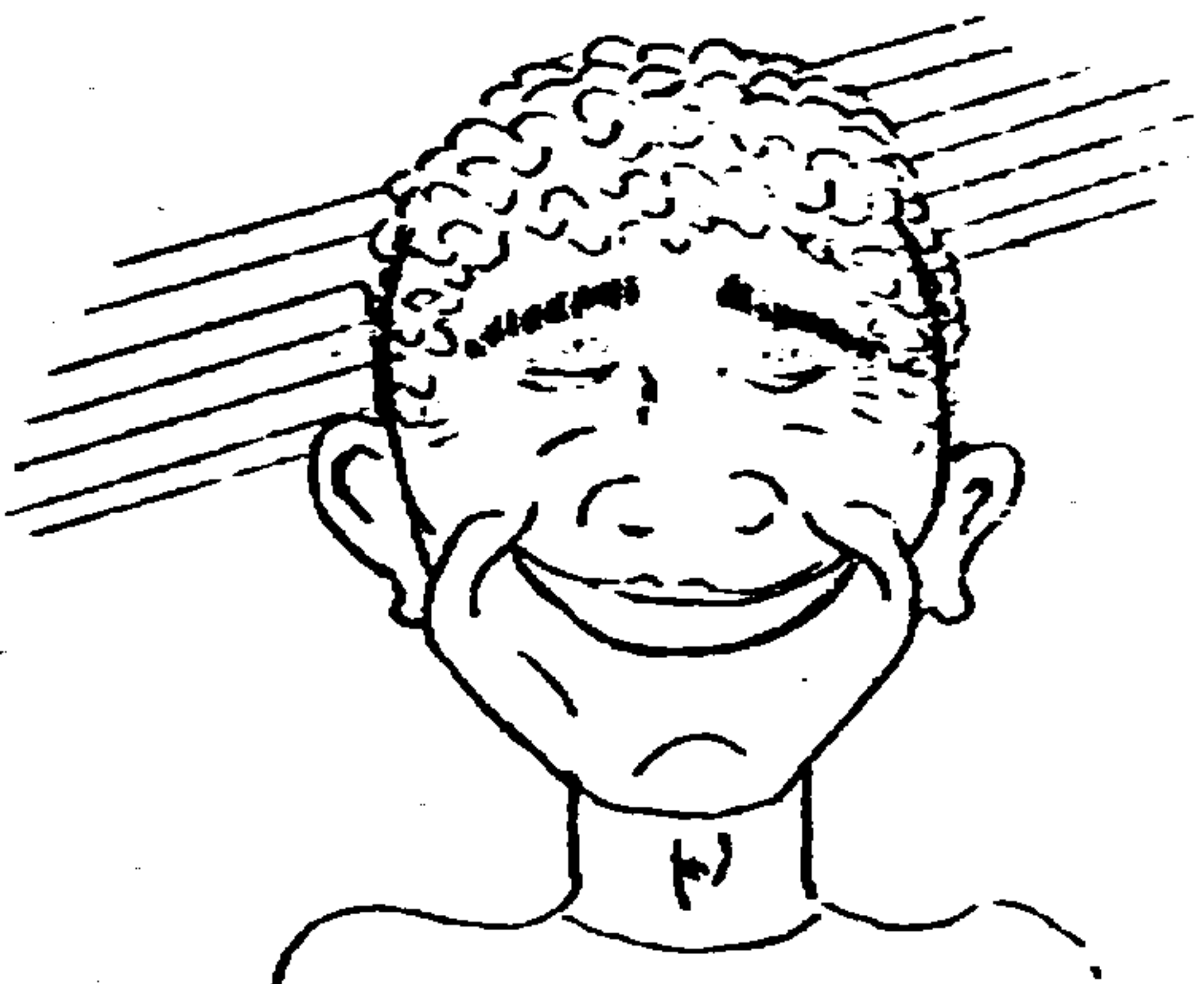
Likes: Non-fiction Books, Medical and Travel Subjects
 Dislikes: Movies That Tend To Cheapen Womanhood.
 Remembers: Jap Planes and Return Fire of 90mm A.A. Battery About 100 Yards From Our Camp.....
 Reads: Non-fiction, Science
 Has: Wonderful Wife
 Favorite Book: Any Book Containing Constructive Information.....
 Favorite Actress: Ingrid Bergman.....
 Favorite Actor: Edward G. Robinson.....
 Admires: Lincoln, General Lee, General Pershing....
 Wants: Home; Interntl. Politics



"BUCK"

EDWIN J. SABOTKA....

Likes: Art Work, Snow, Big Cities, Tall Buildings
 Dislikes: War, New Guinea, & Dehydrated Potatoes
 Remembers: The Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Those Good Old Days at the Art Institute, Sodas...
 Reads: Adventure, Autobiography
 Has: Over 2 years in the Army.
 Favorite Book: "Under a Lucky Star"-R. Andrews
 Favorite Actress: June Allyson
 Favorite Actor: Cary Grant
 Admires: Norman Rockwell, Grant Wood (Illustrators)
 Wants: Good wife and a few little Sabotkas, BA degree in Art.
 Nicknames: "Saboot", "Sabot", "Sabatage"
 Noted: For his big grin, his drawings of Pin-Ups, the way and fervor with which he plugs Indiana.



"SABOT"

MY PIN-UP GIRL IS MOTHER

-Guy R. Brooks

My Pin-Up girl is mother, though she is rather
old,
Her dimples now are wrinkles, and her hair as
white as snow;
Her eyes no longer sparkle, as others seem to
do;
Her lips no longer rosy, but her heart is kind
and true.
She isn't "sex appealing", nor much to look
upon,
But she's the kind of Pin-Up girl to make a
happy home!
At night when others gaze at pin-ups so fair,
I sit and stare at Mother, and to her say a
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"Well, what are you waiting for, bub, reinforcements?"



"You G.I.'s are so strong that a girl can't help but surrender!"



"Oh don't mind that-it's just my husband raiding the refrigerator!"





Pvt. (out of breath): "Sir, the First Sergeant has just hanged himself!"

Lt. "You don't say. Did you cut him down?"

Pvt. "No sir, he wasn't dead yet!"

Mother (entering the dark room unexpectedly): "Why, I never....."

Daughter: "Oh, come mother, you must have."

Overheard at a dance: "Hands off, Columbus, you've discovered enough for tonight".

Officer: "Why didn't you salute me yesterday?"

Soldier: "I didn't see you, sir"

Officer: "Good, I was afraid that you were mad at me!"

Sweater girls are seen in the 'best places'.

Cab Driver: (unfamiliar with the road) "I take the next turn, don't I?"

G.I.: (busy with girl friend) "Like hell you do!"

Mary has a little swing,
It isn't hard to find.....
Everywhere that Mary goes,
The swing is right behind..

"There are a lot of couples who don't pet in parked cars!"
"Yeh, the woods are full of them".

Pilot, after trying a tail-spin: "I'll bet 50% of the people down there thought we would be killed!"
Student: "yes sir, and 50% of the people up here did too!"

G.I.: "I suppose you dance".
Girl: "Yes, I love too!"
G.I.: "Swell, that's even better than dancing!"

A sweet young thing from the window: "Iceman, do you have the time?"
Iceman: "Sure have, but who will hold the horses?"

A fool is a man who argues whether or not women have brains...a wise man contents himself with what they have got!





L. L. Humor

BARTON: "I WANT A TICKET FOR VIRGINIA."

TICKET AGENT: "WHAT PART OF VIRGINIA?"

BARTON: "ALL OF HER; THAT'S HER OVER BY THE SUITCASE."

SCHULLMAN SAYS THAT "A MAN IS JUST A WORM WHO WRIGGLES AROUND TILL SOME CHICK GETS HIM."

CHUCK PRAHL ADDS, AND "A DEVOTED SON IS ONE WHO LETS HIS DAD TAKE THE CAR NOW AND THEN."

PAIL: "WHY IS MARRIAGE LIKE A CAFETERIA?"

LT HINES: "BECAUSE YOU GRAB WHAT LOOKS NICE-THEN PAY FOR IT AFTERWARD!"

C. JACK: "WILL YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NERVOUSNESS AND SHYNESS?"

DOCTOR: "PRETTY WOMEN MAKE ME SHY; THEIR HUSBANDS MAKE ME NERVOUS!"

AGUSTI SAYS THAT "A GAL CAN GO PRETTY FAR IF SHE'S STRAIGHT, & A HECK OF A LOT FURTHER IF SHE'S CURVED!"

"I GO FOR SERGEANTS WHO ARE FRANK AND ERNEST".
"SORRY, BABE, MY NAME IS REID".

"JUNIOR, IS THAT LIQUOR I CAN SMELL ON YOUR BREATH?"
"YES MOTHER, I GUESS IT IS".
"THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP GOING OUT WITH GIRLS."

TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR,
A SOLDIER TOOK ME IN HIS CAR;
WHAT WE DID I AINT ADMITTIN'
BUT WHAT I'M KNITTIN' AINT
FOR BRITAIN.....

FUREY, VERY HOARSE WITH COLD
AND NOT ABLE TO SPEAK ABOVE
A WHISPER, KNOCKS AT DOOR OF
DOCTOR'S HOME AND DOC'S WIFE
COMES TO DOOR. "DOC HOME?" JIM
ASKS IN A WHISPER. WIFE, ALSO
IN A WHISPER, "NO, COME ON IN!"

CHALKED ON THE SIDE OF AN OLD
RATTLETRAP CAR: DO NOT COLLECT
THIS SCRAP; I STILL DRIVE IT.

"LIQUOR GRIEVES ME", SAID PETE
STRONG AS HE CHOKED DOWN HIS
GRIEF!

ON A LONELY ROAD THE MOTOR IN
HIS PRE-WAR CAR POUNDED TO A
STOP. "I WONDER, MUSED SCHUM-
ACHER, WHAT THAT KNOCK IS?"
"MAYBE", SAID HIS BLONDE COM-
PANION, "IT'S OPPORTUNITY".

McCONNELL SAYS: "NATURE SEEMS
DETERMINED TO MAKE US WORK...
THE LESS HAIR WE HAVE TO COMB
THE MORE FACE WE HAVE TO WASH".

ANDY'S GIRL: "I THOUGHT I
TOLD YOU TO COME AFTER SUPPER"
ANDY: "THAT'S WHAT I'M AFTER"

Thanks to: Bill Wynn
Alex Worley
Walt Penka
And the Spec. Ser. "Beachcomber"



QUESTION: WHAT INCIDENT IN YOUR ARMY LIFE STANDS OUT MOST VIVIDLY IN YOUR MEMORY?

PAUL ANDERSON: MY TRIP TO THE ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND.

JOE BATES: MY FURLOUGH HOME AND THE PLEASANT SENSATION OF BEING A CIVILIAN AGAIN.

KENNETH KNOKE: THE GIRLS IN THE BATHING SUITS WHO USED TO TAKE PHYSICAL TRAINING WITH US AT MIAMI BEACH. (UNOFFICIALLY)

PAUL MILLER: COMING OUT UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, BUT I'LL REMEMBER GOING IN MUCH LONGER!

SOLOMON LEVIN: THAT FIRST NIGHT OUT OF FRISCO; HANGING OVER THE RAIL!

RAYMOND BOYD: THE 10 DAYS I WAS ON ANGEL ISLAND, COULD SEE MY HOUSE, BUT COULDN'T GET HOME.

JOHN JEANS: GETTING A THIRTY DAY MEDICAL FURLO (I DIDN'T THINK IT COULD BE DONE).

ANDREW STINICH: PASSING OUT IN THE PRESSURE CHAMBER AT THE HARTLINGER AERIAL GUNNERY SCHOOL.

STANTON ERNST: COMING OVERSEAS AS AN AERIAL GUNNER AND GETTING ASSIGNED AS A CLERK TO A SIGNAL UNIT.

HOWARD HUNT: THAT LONG TRIP OVERSEAS.

M.E. MILLER: FLYING OVERSEAS IN B-24.

E.J. SABOTKA: ME TOO!

EDWARD REGIS: THE TRAIN-RIDE ACROSS THE STATES, AND OUR NEAR ABDUCTION BY THE GIRLS IN THE FULTON, KY. STATION DURING A 15 MINUTE STOP-OVER.

W.R. HANKS: TAKING OFF FROM THE FIELD AT PORT MORESBY, FLYING FOR THREE HOURS, LANDING AT A FIELD AND DISCOVERING THAT WE WERE BACK AT MORESBY AGAIN!

ART BAKER: THE TRIP I PLANNED BUT NEVER TOOK TO AUSTRALIA.

WALTER THACKER: THE TIME I PUT IN IN BASIC TRAINING-THE ONLY TIME I FELT THAT I WAS REALLY IN THE ARMY.

WESLEY KOEFFLER: TAKING OFF IN A PLANE FROM A STRIP; AND SEEING SHELLS FROM OUR NAVAL GUNS HITTING JAPANESE POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS SAME STRIP.

FRANK DISANTO: THE FIRST TIME I SHAVED; AS A G.I.!

GUY BURR: THOSE MOONLIGHT NITES AT MIAMI BEACH. WOW!

ALBERT BUCHANAN: THAT FIRST JAP BOMBING RAID, AND THAT BRILLIANT FLARE THAT THEY DROPPED RIGHT OVER OUR HEADS.

WILLIAM MCMURRY: 27 MONTHS AT THE SANTA ANNA AIR BASE- THE "COUNTRY CLUB" OF THE AAF.

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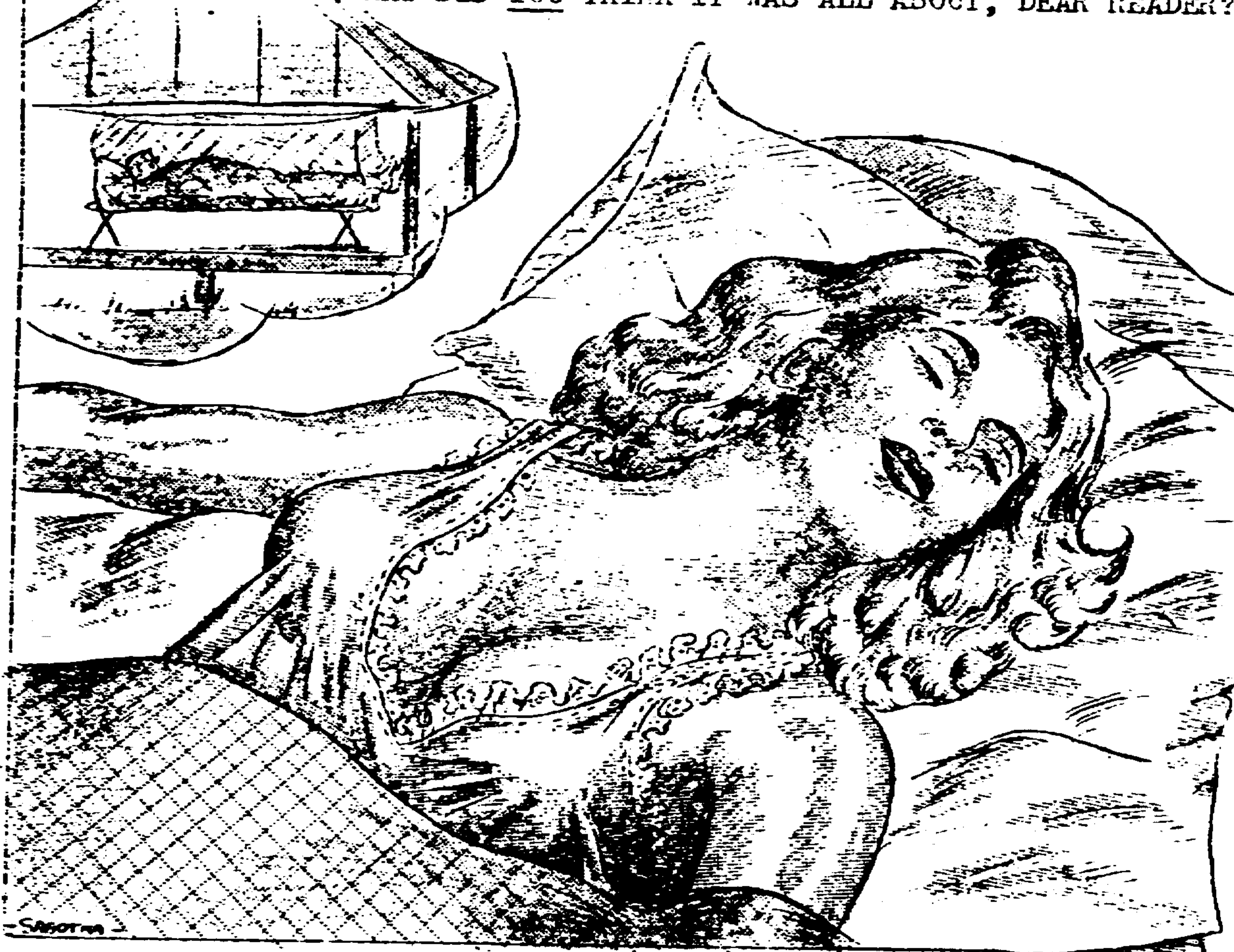


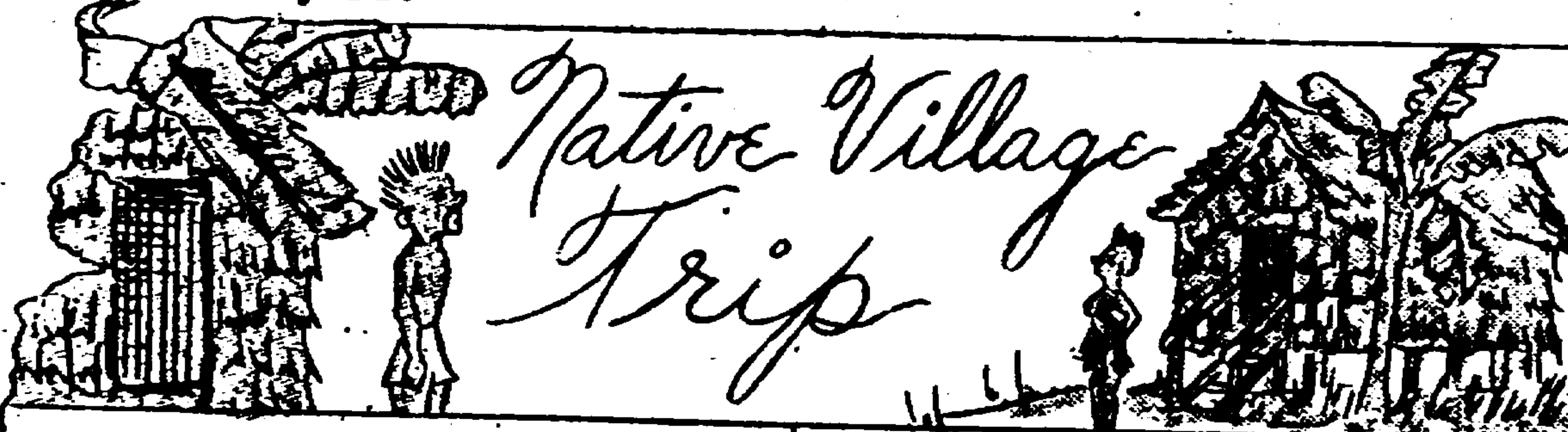
"LOST LOVE", or- It's a Hell of a Long Way From New York
To Suva

-by Eugene Schwartz

SHE WAS MADLY IN LOVE WITH HIM. HE WAS MADLY IN LOVE WITH HER. SHE WAS SINGLE AND WANTED TO MARRY. HE WAS SINGLE AND WANTED DREADFULLY TO MARRY HER! SHE STOOD ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ROOM. HE STOOD ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE. SHE TOOK OFF HER TIGHTLY FITTED DRESS AND HUNG IT NEATLY IN THE CLOSET; HE TOOK OFF HIS SHIRT AND HUNG IT ON A CHAIR. SHE TOOK OFF HER SLIP AND FOLDED IT ON HER DRESSING TABLE. HE TOOK OFF HIS PANTS AND HUNG THEM ON A HOOK NEAR THE DOOR. SHE SAT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE BED, AND ROLLED OFF HER STOCKINGS. HE SAT ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BED AND TOOK OFF HIS SHOES AND SOCKS. SHE STOOD UP AND DAINTELY TOOK OFF HER TINY PANTIES AND BRASSIERE. HE STOOD UP AND TOOK OFF HIS SHORTS. SHE PUT ON A FILMY SILK NIGHTY AND CLIMBED INTO THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE BED; HE PULLED ON HIS PAJAMAS AND CLIMBED IN ON THE LEFT SIDE. SHE REACHED UP AND PRESSED THE SWITCH THAT TURNED OFF THE TOP LIGHT. HE REACHED UP AND PULLED THE CORD THAT PUT OUT THE BED LIGHT. SHE FACED TOWARD THE LEFT; HE FACED TOWARD THE RIGHT. HE WAS IN A TENT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC; SHE WAS IN HER HOME IN NEW YORK. SO THEY BOTH TURNED OVER AND WENT TO SLEEP!!!

EDITOR'S NOTE: (WHAT DID YOU THINK IT WAS ALL ABOUT, DEAR READER?)





-by C.W. Fleischer

AFTER WADING THROUGH MYRIADS OF RED TAPE, SEVERAL OF US OBTAINED PERMISSION TO VISIT THE NATIVE VILLAGE AT (CENSORED)... A NEW ZEALAND MEDIC PLEADED OUR CASE, AND WITHOUT HIM OUR MISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN A FAILURE, FOR THIS PARTICULAR VILLAGE IS STRICTLY "OFF LIMITS".

THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THIS VILLAGE WAS POOR, AND THE KIWI MEDICS OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL CORPS VISIT IT PERIODICALLY TO DOCTOR THE INHABITANTS. YAWS, VARIOUS FORMS OF RING-WORM, AND TROPICAL ULCERS AND "SCABIES" ARE THE CHIEF AFFLICTIONS. NONE OF THESE AFFLICTIONS ARE RESPECTORS OF AGE, AND I STILL FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE AFTER SEEING SOME OF THE CASES! YAWS SEEMED TO BE THE MOST PREVELANT ILL, & YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE SUFFERED IN EQUAL NUMBERS. THIS DISEASE AFFECTS MOSTLY THE ARMS, LEGS, & FEET; IF ALLOWED TO GO FAR ENOUGH, THE AFFLICTED MEMBER LITERALLY "ROTS OFF". THERE WAS A PITIFUL OLD MAN IN THE VILLAGE WHO HAD LOST A FOOT, AND A WOMAN WHO WOULD HAVE LOST A LEG, IF IT HADN'T BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE NEW ZEALANDERS AND TREATED IN TIME. THE MEDIC WHO TREATS THIS VILLAGE IS RESPECTFULLY CALLED "DOCTOR BILL" BY THE INHABITANTS. HE HAS BEEN HELD IN AWE AND ESTEEM SINCE HE BEGAN CURING THEM NINE MONTHS AGO, AND IT WAS THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE SOME GOOD PHOTOS. THESE NATIVES SEEMED FEARFUL OF CAMERAS; BUT IT MAY

HAVE BEEN MERELY A MATTER OF PRIDE OR PREDJUDICE. IN ANY EVENT, THEY WERE DEFINITELY SHY OF THE LITTLE BLACK BOX.

THE VILLAGE ITSELF COVERED ABOUT TWO CITY BLOCKS, & HAD A POPULATION OF EIGHTY-SEVEN PERSONS. THEIR HOMES ARE LOW AND SMALL; THATCHED AND DARK INSIDE. FOR THE MOST PART, THEY ARE ILL KEPT AND DINGY. THE FURNISHINGS PRIMITIVE BUT SUFFICIENT. THEY DO SHOW SOME CONTACT WITH CIVILIZATION THOUGH, IN THE FORM OF TIN CANS, POTS, AND EVEN A FEW MATTRESSES. FIRES ARE MADE BY RUBBING TWO DRY STICKS TOGETHER OVER A PILE OF DRY SHAVINGS, & ARE USUALLY BUILT IN A CORNER OF THE HUT. THE SMOKE FINDS IT WAY OUT BETWEEN THE CRACKS, AS THERE IS NO OTHER VENTILATION. THE NATIVE DIET CONSISTS LARGE- LY OF PAPAYAS, BANANAS, CHICK-ENS, EGGS, PORK, AND A FEW VEGETABLES-ALL OF WHICH THEY RAISE OR GROW THEMSELVES. INCIDENTAL- LY, THIS IS JUST ABOUT THE ONLY WORK THAT THEY DO!

THERE IS A DEFINITE VITAMIN DEFECIENCY IN THIS DIET, AND IT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN THE "POT BEL- LIES" AND SPINDLY LEGS OF THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. OCCASIONAL- LY, THE DAILY FARE IS SUPPLEME- NTED BY RATIONS DONATED BY THE TROOPS ON THE ISLAND. I WENT DOWN THE RIVER IN A CANOE WITH TWO NATIVES TO PICK UP A FEW CA- SES OF SUPPLIES THAT THE KIWIS HAD LEFT FOR THEM NEAR A DESIG- NATED TREE. ON RETURNING TO THE VILLAGE, I DISCOVERED THAT THESE CASES CONTAINED SALAMI, CANNED CORN BEEF, AND FLOUR.

NATIVE VILLAGE TRIP (cont'd)

THE WHOLE VILLAGE TURNED OUT FOR THE OPENING OF THE CASES, & THERE WAS A MAD SCRAMBLE FOR THE CONTENTS. LYONS, SCHULLMAN & I HAD TAKEN ALONG SOME TOBACCO & CHEWING GUM; ALONG WITH SALT, CANDY, AND SUNDRY OTHER ARTICLES, NOT KNOWING WHETHER THE NATIVES WOULD WANT THEM OR NOT. WE NEEDN'T HAVE WORRIED, FOR THEY TOOK EVERYTHING WE HAD TO OFFER! THE TOBACCO WAS ESPECIALLY POPULAR, BECAUSE EVERYBODY IN THE PLACE SMOKED; FROM SEVERAL FIVE YEAR-OLD CHILDREN TO A COUPLE OF ANCIENT CRONES!!!

ONE OF THE HUTS WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE REST, AND HAD A PAD LOCK ON THE DOOR. WE FOUND THAT IT BELONGED TO A NATIVE WHO WAS RAISED IN A MISSION, AND IN CONTRAST TO HIS NEIGHBORS, LIKED HIS THINGS KEPT NEAT AND CLEAN. ANOTHER LARGER HUT WAS USED AS A SCHOOL; THE STUDENTS SAT IN A SEMI-CIRCLE IN FRONT OF A BLACKBOARD ON WHICH WERE PRINTED THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET AND THE BASIC VOWEL AND CONSONANT SOUNDS.

ONE RARE OPPORTUNITY WAS AFFORDED US. WE WERE ALLOWED TO SNEAK A LOOK INTO A NATIVE BRIDAL CHAMBER. I USE THE TERM LOOSELY; ACTUALLY IT WAS THE BRIDE'S CORNER IN HER FORMER HOME--WHICH WAS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE REST! THE WEDDING HAD TAKEN PLACE THE NIGHT BEFORE, AND SHE WAS SLEEPING OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE CELEBRATION, THE GROOM NOWHERE IN SIGHT!

A TWO MILE HIKE THROUGH THE JUNGLE WAS THE PRICE WE PAID FOR OUR VISIT, BUT AFTER GLIMPING THE INTIMATE LIFE OF NATIVES--(NON-HOLLYWOOD) WE FELT JUSTLY REWARDED.

WHAT'S THIS?

"Just think, John, we don't have to pull down the shades any more- we're married now!"

"SOUTH PACIFIC- A LA HOLLYWOOD"

FROM THE DISTANT HILLS THE TOM-TOMS VIBRATE WICKEDLY IN THE EARS OF THE WHITE MAN AS HE STAGGERS THRU THE DENSE TROPICAL GROWTH! HE IS GOOD LOOKING, CLEAN SHAVEN, AND NATTILY DRESSED FOR ALL HIS THREE DAYS BEING LOST. SUDDENLY A GORGEOUS WHITE MAIDEN, DRESSED IN A BRIEF SARONG STEPS OUT OF A DISMAL SWAMP, FOLLOWED BY A CHORUS LINE OF FIERCE SAVAGES- CHANTING SOFTLY "WE LIKUM WHITE MEAT" TO THE TUNE OF "THE TROLLY SONG". THE NATIVES SPEAK AN UNKNOWN GIBBERISH, BUT THE GIRL ADDRESSES HIM IN PERFECT ENGLISH, FLAVORED WITH A BROOKLYN TANG. THE GENERAL IDEA IS THAT SHE IS A WHITE QUEEN, BUT HOW SHE GETS THERE WE NEVER FIND OUT! ANYHOW, THE TWO OF THEM RUN THRU THE JUNGLES CHASING EACH OTHER, SWIM IN SCENIC LAGOONS, AND HAVE SEVERAL FIGHTS WITH SNAKES, ALLIGATORS, AND JAP SPIES, WHO SEEM TO BE IN EVERY PALM TREE! THEY ALSO DO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LOVING, AND DECIDE THAT THIS MARRIAGE BUSINESS IS FOR THEM- AND AFTER TAKING CARE OF THE WITCH DOCTOR WHO HAS BEEN WISING UP THE JAPS, A PASSING BOAT CAPTAIN HITCHES THEM UP. BUT JUST AS THE HONEYMOON CANOE FADES INTO THE TROPICAL SUNSET, OUR HERO TELLS THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN THAT HE HAD BETTER GET IN THE FIGHT, AND HE SHOWS HER HIS ENLISTMENT PAPERS IN THE AIR CORPS! SCENE FADES WITH HIM ZOOMING OVER THE ISLAND IN A P-38, AND HER WITH THREE OF THEIR CHILDREN STANDING BRAVE & TRUE ON A SAND BAR WAVING TO HER BIG, BRAVE HUSBAND!!!

(MORAL: IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO A SOUTH PACIFIC PICTURE, YOU ARE A HELL OF A LOT BETTER OFF WHEN YOU SEE THE REAL THING!)

-by Sonneborn, variations by Ernst... Music & Settings by Monogram Films Co.

WAY BACK WHEN

WRITTEN IN 1975

(JOSEPH SONNEBORN, DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AUTHOR, LOOKS BACK ON HIS DAYS SPENT IN THE U.S. ARMY IN WORLD WAR II)

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME NOW SINCE MY DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY, AND THE WAR HAS BEEN PRETTY WELL FORGOTTEN. NOW I CAN LOOK BACK ON SOME OF THOSE PAST EVENTS (SWATHED AS THEY ARE IN THE GUAZE OF MEMORY) WITHOUT BITTERNESS!

MY FIRST TASTE OF THE "ARMY WAY" CAME THE DAY I TOOK THAT ARMY PHYSICAL. I STOOD IN LINE ALL DAY LONG, AND FROM THEN ON STANDING IN LINE CONSUMED THE MAJOR PART OF MY TIME..STANDING IN LINE FOR CHOW, FOR PAY, & EVEN FOR THE MOVIES! GETTING PUSHED AROUND WAS SECOND IN IMPORTANCE, AND I'LL NEVER FORGET GETTING UP AT THREE A.M. FOR K.P., WORKING ALL DAY LONG ON THE "CHINA CLIPPER," AND THEN STUMBLING TO BED WITH THE SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF THE MESS HALL IN MY EARS.

IN MY CASE, AS IN MOST CASES, THE FIRST REAL TASTE OF ARMY LIFE CAME IN BASIC TRAINING. IT WAS HERE WE WERE TAUGHT THE EARLY "FACTS OF LIFE", LEARNED TO GET UP AT 4:30 A.M. (BUT WE NEVER DID LEARN TO LIKE THAT), GET USED TO GI CLOTHES, LEARN THE GENERAL ORDERS, AND "SALUTE THE UNIFORM, NOT THE MAN". THEN FOLLOWED SCHOOLING, LIVING IN SWANKY HOTELS LEASED BY THE EVER THOUGHTFUL AIR CORPS, LEARN-TO-WORK AT NIGHT AND TO SLEEP DURING THE DAY!! SINGING THE AIR CORPS SONGS. BULL SESSIONS AND GETTING DRUNK ON THE WEEK-ENDS. INSPECTIONS EVERY SATURDAY MORNING!!!

THEN CAME TWO MONTHS ON THE OLD GUARD SQUADRON. EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF TECHNICAL TRAINING AND THEN THIS!

CAME MY FIRST AIRPLANE RIDE, AND AT THE END OF THE LINE I FIND MYSELF IN AN OVERSEAS REPLACEMENT CENTER. THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!!! BUT THEY DID, AND LIFE GOT PRETTY ROUGH..SWIMMING IN GREAT SALT LAKE AND BIVOUAC-ING IN THE ROCKIES! THEN CAME THE POE, AND THIS WAS REALLY IT. NO FURLONGHS AND GOING A LONG WAY FROM HOME FOR A LONG TIME!

THEN THAT MEMORABLE DAY WHEN WE RODE DOWN THE BAY WITH THE GULLS FLYING AROUND THE BOAT CATCHING BITS OF FOOD WE TOSSED TO THEM...AND THE SHORELINE AND THE GOLDEN GATE FADING INTO THE DISTANCE! MAN, WHAT AN EMPTY FEELING, AND HOW QUIET EVERYONE WAS. NOW WE ARE ALONE ON THAT PACIFIC, AND THE PONDEROUS ROLLING OF THE SHIP GNAWS AT OUR IN-NARDS; AND THE RAILS ON THREE DECKS ARE LINED WITH GIs LOSING TONS OF GI FOOD!

YES, I CAN REMEMBER STAR-LIT NIGHTS. THE ZIG-ZAG PHOSPHORESCENCE OF THE SHIP'S WAKE; THE FLYING FISH AND THE DAY THAT THE LOUD-SPEAKER TOLD OF JAPANESE SUBMARINES ON OUR TRAIL! AT LAST AN ISLAND- JAGGED REEFS, MISTY JUNGLE, AND A LAND LOCKED HARBOR. AND OUR FIRST THRILLING LOOK AT AMERICAN MIGHT LYING AT ANCHOR IN THE BAY OR BEING UNLOADED AT THE WHARVES. LOTS OF EXCITEMENT AND CONFUSION!!!

WAY BACK WHEN.....cont'd.

WE LANDED AS CASUALS, AND WE WORKED AS CASUALS ON ROADS, ON THE DOCKS, AND AROUND THE CAMP. AT THE CASUAL CAMP I CHIEFLY REMEMBER THE HERDS OF CATTLE WANDERING THRU OUR AIR CONDITIONED LATRINE! AND DO YOU REMEMBER HOW ABOUT 75% OF THE MEN CAME DOWN WITH THE GI'S ON THOSE BOATS? THEY HAD TO POST GUARDS ON THE LATRINES TO HANDLE THE CROWDS!

THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN WE SIGHTED THE ISLAND FAMOUS IN THE ANNALS OF MILITARY HISTORY WHICH WAS TO BE OUR HOME FOR A LONG TIME. IT LAY PEACEFUL IN THE MORNING SUNLIGHT, QUIET AND PALM-LINED LIKE CHOICE SCENES FROM A TRAVELOGUE. WE COULDN'T SEE THE LIZARDS, THE MOSQUITOES AND THE RATS- WE COULDN'T FEEL THE OMnipRESENT HUMIDITY OR THE BLAZING EQUATORIAL SUN! EVERYONE SCRAMBLED OFF THE SHIP AND GRABBED A COCCANUT TO WRESTLE WITH AND EAT (OUR FIRST & LAST) WE ATE K RATIONS, AND VISITED THE FRESH GRAVES OF OUR BUDDIES. WE CAN'T FORGET THE CANTEENS AND MESS KITS HANGING ON THOSE ROWS OF WHITE CROSSES BEARING MESSAGES FROM HEARTBROKEN PAIS. NOW WE WERE IN OUR OUTFIT- WHO EVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A SIGNAL OUTFIT? AIR CORPS THOUGH!!!

THEN CAME DAYS OF HARD AND HOT WORK ON THE AIRSTRIPS, AND THE THRILLS THAT GO WITH WORKING ON BOMBERS AND P-38s. AND SOMETIMES IT GOT ROUGH-REMEMBER THAT SIX INCHES OF WATER IN OUR MESS HALL? HOW ABOUT THE NIGHTS THE RATS TIGHT-ROPE WALKED ACROSS OUR MOSQUITO BARS? AND THE WAITING FOR ROTATION OR AT LEAST A DARNED REST LEAVE TO AUSTRALIA! WELL, PLENTY HAPPENED AFTER THAT, BUT WE'LL GET AT THAT SOME OTHER TIME.

ONE MEMORY STANDS OUT ABOVE ALL OTHERS; THE MEN THEMSELVES. WE MET ALL KINDS OF FELLOWS-OF ALL RACES AND CREEDS. WE DIDN'T

THINK WE COULD EVER LIKE SOME OF THEM- BUT IT WAS EASIER OUT THERE SOMEHOW. IT COULDN'T HAPPEN IN CIVILIAN LIFE, BECAUSE WE WOULDN'T BE MOVING IN THE SAME CIRCLES- WE WOULDN'T BE LIVING ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE TRACKS. YES, THE U.S. ARMY WAS A GREAT "MELTING POT", AND IT MIXED ALL MEN INTO A GREAT INDISTINGUISHABLE STEW- ALL STRIVING FOR A COMMON CAUSE!

THESE TROPICAL ISLES

The splendor of the tropics,
Has often time been told.
You've seen it on the screen-
In colors rich and bold;
Lovely palm trees swaying,
In the South Sea breeze,
Snow white coral stretching,
To meet the blueness of the sea.

It's a lover's paradise,
I'm sure you've heard tell,
To us who've seen it clearly,
'Tis a paradise in Hell!
The palm trees aren't swaying,
For there's not a bit of breeze;
It's just a pile of coral,
Surrounded by the seas!

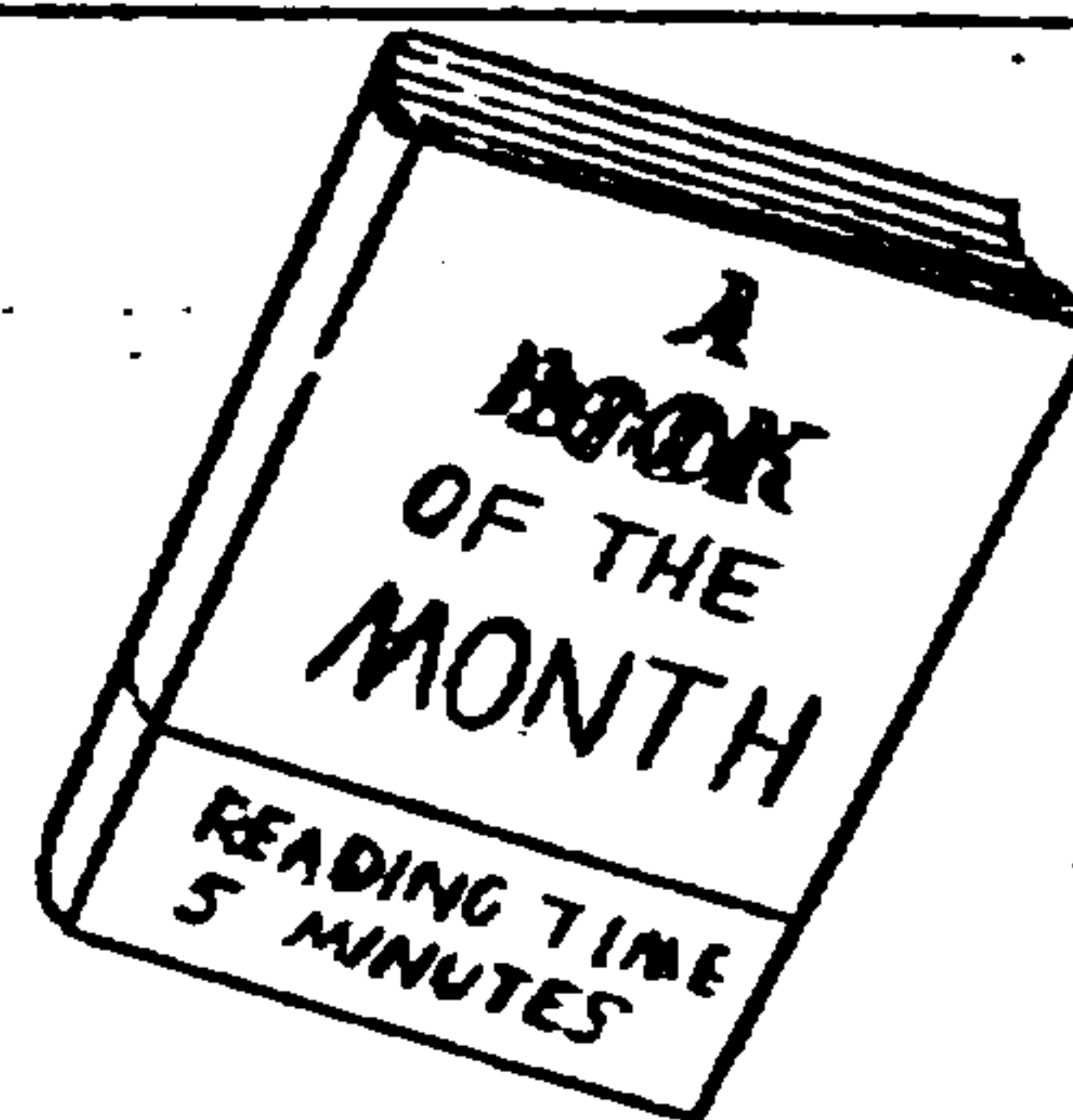
The only habitation,
That it can proudly boast-
Are the vermin that infest it,
And land-crabs on it's coast.
So forget the fancy stories,
And the pictures that you saw-
Take it from me it's lousey;
I saw it in the raw!!!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE "IAMBIC PENTOMETER" OF THIS POEM IS OFF A BIT, BUT THE IDEAS ARE SOUND!)

WHERE ARE OUR WANDERING BOYS TO-NIGHT? LETTERS ARE IN ORDER FROM ADELMANN, JOST, TITERA, KRUMREY, SLOAN, ADAMS, SKILLMAN, HOFFMAN, MASTIN, TANZOLA, ROHM, SCOTT, WEST, WOOTEN, PORTER, MCGHEE, BRECH, LOY, GARCIA, BRECHER, KING, LERCH, HAPGOOD, KOZLOW.

The Case of Ronald Mcsmerch

-Stanton C. Ernst



THIS IS A SHORT PLAY INVOLVING A PVT WHO MADE FIRST SERGEANT, A FIRST SERGEANT WHO MADE PVT, AND A CAPTAIN WHO MADE A HELL OF A MISTAKE.....

SCENE ONE

As this scene opens, we find Pvt. Ronald McSmerch seated outside the CO's Office on a hard wooden bench. The 1st Sergeant is slashing at the cringing McSmerch with a huge black bull whip, while three administrative clerks clap their hands and jump up & down in joyous accompaniment to McSmerch's screams-

1st SGT: "Talk, McSmerch, or you'll really get the business!"

McSMERCH: "I-"

1st SGT: "So you won't talk, eh? Flugoor, bring in the canteens!"
(At this point, Supply Sgt Flugoor enters with several canteens tied in tandem. There are holes punched in the bottoms, and the water drips out a drop at a time- a truly fiendish form of the old Chinese torture. But hold on, dear reader, this Sgt has got a million of 'em!)

1st SGT: "Tie him up, men!" (The three clerks, flattered at being called men, hasten to obey. Sing in unison: "We will obey, oh mighty Sergeant") Clerks wrap McSmerch in old typewriter ribbon; fasten it with paper clips.

McSMERCH: "Wait, I-"

1st SGT: "Clam up-we gave ya a chance ta talk! Now take what da hell we're goin ta give ya!" (It should be obvious to you by this time what kind of a typical 1st Sgt this guy is. He got his stripes after the CO found him beating a girl baby over the head with a seven inch lead pipe in an attempt to get the kid's sucker.)

McSMERCH: "Wait I-"

(Enters the CO, a twenty year old Captain who has the clean-shaven look of a man who has never shaved- and he hasn't! He has the striking wild eyes of a madman, and he is pretty darned crazy at that!)

THE CASE OF RONALD McSMERCH.....cont'd

CAPTAIN: (Looking at McSmerch, who is lying on the floor with a fluorescent light focused on his head, and water from the canteens dripping on a drop at a time rite between his close-set eyes!) "Who initiated these proceedings without consulting me, and how come you started before I got here?" After stepping over and giving McSmerches inert body a few test kicks, the Captain goes all out and gives him a beaut right under the floating ril. "What is this man charged with?"

1st SGT: "Foist off all, he came in da Orderly Room wid his hat on, den he leaned on pe desk, & I think he was comin' in ta bother youse about a Pfc stripe- only got 3 yrs in da Army too!"

CAPTAIN: (In a hideous rage, face purple and mouth foaming) "Stop- I've heard enough!" (Gives McSmerch another kick and cracks whip at Administrative Clerk, testing its flexibility) "What do you say, McSmerch?"

McSMERCH: (His body broken & bruised, ribs caved in, & both arms broken in three places) "I only wanted an afternoon pass to see my Dad, Lt.Gen. McSmerch, who will be on the Post today!"

CAPTAIN: (swallows his Adams apple, coughs it up; has a coronary thrombosis of the heart, recovers; turns blue then white and finally a greenish color) "Who?...Lt. General-"

SCENE TWO

(This Scene takes place on the Post Parade Grounds. General McSmerch, Chief of Mess Kit Repair, U.S.A., sits with son Ronald in the grandstand. It is late afternoon, and the evening sun bathes the field in gold and purplish haze. On the parade strip, the Captain (now 2nd Lt) is drilling the First Sergeant (now a Pvt) and three administrative clerks, who are softly singing the cadence. And as the sun slowly sinks below the horizon, its dying rays edge the six stripes and diamond on Ronald's sleeve in gold!

"Hey, pa, dis is da life fer me," says Ronald- once again proving that it aint what you know; it's who you know!!!

THE END

THIS PLAY WRITTEN FOR OVERSEAS SOLDIERS, COMBAT TYPE; INCLUDING: DiLeo, Bionlela, Christie, Miller, Lambert, Laverick, Gidding, Strandberg, Grindstaff, Jennings, Bob Smith, Lillard, Luebeck, McGuire, Vail, Bassevich, Harley, Pavlak, Pavlik, Bates, Calzani, Corrie, Al Dalton, DeWitte, Hamilton, Pop Shea & Roberts, Ben Schwartz, Shippey, Vande Fox, Gordon, Thurman, Howie Hunt, Knight, Baumert, Gray, Purnell
GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE!

"PERSONALITIES"

WILLIAM "PETE" STRONG



Likes: Beer and Pop Corn
 Dislikes: Ale and Pretzels
 Remembers: Last Beer Issue
 Reads: The Bulletin Board
 Has: Huge Capacity For Beer
 Favorite Book: None, Though He
 Does Enjoy "Encyclopedia Brit-
 annica".....
 Favorite Actress: Mae West
 Favorite Actor: Bugs Bunny
 Admires: The Brewmaster At The
 Piel Brewery.....
 Wants: To Go Home So That He
 Can Get Servod Over The
 Bar.....
 Noted For: His Skippy Mail Calls
 Spiky Hair-cuts.....
 The Time He Spends
 On The Sack & In The Showers

LT WILLIAM "STOGIE" RADZIK
 (Interviewed by-
 M.J. Caldwell)

Likes: Good big black cigars,
 Huge curved watery pipes
 Lots of sack-time
 Dislikes: Native Women, People
 who get radios repaired
 without going thru chan-
 nels.....
 Remembers: The day & hour he
 made 2nd Lieutenant
 Reads: Farnumville Bugle
 Has: Nice Wife, good hunting dog
 Favorite Book: Yank
 Favorite Actress: None
 Favorite Actor: Robert Taylor
 Admires: Anyone with Rank.....
 Wants: More Radios to Fix
 To Go Home

ACCEPT THESE INTERVIEWS IN A
 HUMOROUS LIGHT, OR YOU TOO
 MAY MAKE THIS SCANDAL SHEET!
 WARNING!!!



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HEADQUARTERS
XIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
APO 709

Rating A-

UNIT HISTORY RATING SHEET

Date 17 March 45

Checked by A.E.P. Name of Unit: 1027th Signal Company, Service Group

APO: 719

Period: February 1945

The purpose of this RATING SHEET is to give the unit historical officer an informal report on the evaluation of his monthly unit history and to make suggestions for the improvement of the subsequent historical reports.

REFERENCE

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Forward Correct in
Supp. next report

Comply with par 9, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Omissions and/or errors exist in outline
Narrative is missing; comply with par 10,
13 AF Reg 80-15

(Below)

Lacks background of operations; see par 10 a,
13 AF Reg 80-15

Summary of achievements lacking or insufficient
See par 10 b 2, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Lacks information on policies and decisions. See
par 10 e & f, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Facts on station life, morale, health, etc., lack-
ing or insufficient. See par 10 i, 13 AF Reg
80-15

Lacks supporting documents to establish basic
facts. See par 11, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Quote authority in parens to establish basic
facts. See par 12 c, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Include photographs. See par 12 f, 13 AF
Reg 80-15

Identify photographs properly. See par 12 f
13 AF Reg 80-15

Attention to paper size, captions, signatures,
etc. See par 12 g, 13 AF Reg 80-15

Attention to proper classification of text,
supporting documents, photographs. See par
12 g, 13 AF Reg 80-15

REMARKS: In the outline under movements you report "none". Then on page 3 you say some enlisted men were sent to Layte on D/S. This should appear in outline under movements per letter, this Headquarters, dated 27 January 45, subject: "Clarification for Outline Sections of Unit Histories."

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HEADQUARTERS
1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

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In reply refer
to: 000.4

AP0 719
1 March 1945

Subject: Historical Data for February 1945.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, AP0 719
(Attention: Historical Section) (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, dated 18 November 1929 and Change 4 thereto, and 13th AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No change.
- (2) Mission or alteration of mission: No change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No change.
- (5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of unit, changes caused by T/O, etc: No change.

(6) Strength, personnel:

| | GROUND | |
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| | EM | 0 |
| (a) At beginning of period | 76 | 2 |
| (b) Net increase | | 9 |
| (c) At end of period | 85 | 2 |
| (d) Total (EM+0) | | 87 |
| (e) Disposition of personnel, end of month: | | |

1 Off & 40 EM at Morotai
1 Off & 9 EM at Noemfoor
0 Off & 15 EM at Guadalcanal
0 Off & 12 EM at Leyte
0 Off & 6 EM at Nadzab
0 Off & 3 EM at Sansapor
2 Off 85 EM

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Basic: Ltr, 000.4, Hq, 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp, APO 719, 1 Mar 45,
Subj: "Historical Data for February 1945", contd.

1. (Contd)

a. (Contd)

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Name of key personnel and changes during
period: No change.

b. Command relationships including changes, with:

(1) Next higher headquarters: No change.

(2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.

(3) Other Services: Does not apply.

c. Resume of movements: No movements during period.

d. Name of campaign participated in: None.

e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements,
with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action: None.

g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting
unit: None.

2. Narrative Account:

Although the personnel of the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group are actually performing the duties that are set forth in the mission of a unit of this type, the unit itself is not performing the mission as established by the existing table of organization. This fact is due to the anticipated change over of this organization.

The newly formed 13th Signal Service Battalion is still in its infancy. However, from the latest reports, the new table of organization has been authorized by the War Department, and it is hoped that the new battalion will be on its way to a rapid and beneficial formation in the near future. With this viewpoint in mind, the personnel of this company are gradually being placed and trained for the positions that they are scheduled to hold in the future.

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Basic: Ltr, 000.4, Hq, 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp, APO 719, 1 Mar 45,
Subj: "Historical Data for February 1945", contd.

The radio repair section has no place or bearing in the new battalion. Consequently, all men in this section, as far as possible, have either been placed on detached service with units doing this type of work or have been sent to school in preparation for the work they are scheduled to do in the future.

The latest reports from our small detachment of men at Noemfoor, under the command of Lt. Owens, indicates that they are doing little, if any, work at all. This situation, although unfortunate, is something that cannot be helped. As long as the 868th Bombardment Squadron remains at Noemfoor, it is imperative that our detachment remains there to take care of the storage and issue and also the radio and radar repair problems that are bound to arise.

The personnel of this organization stationed at Guadalcanal on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company, Service Group are men with miscellaneous military qualifications, and are kept there for the purpose of taking care of our supplies and equipment that is stored at that base. As soon as transportation facilities arise, these men will no doubt be moved to this headquarters.

During the month, quite a number of personnel of this unit were sent to Leyte with the advanced detachment. These men were all members of the operations platoon which consists of radio and teletype operators, message center clerks and men in the wire crew. All of these men have been placed on detached service with the 410th Signal Company, Aviation. One of our men, S Sgt Thomas P. Harley, has been appointed acting first sergeant of this advanced detachment, and from all reports is doing an excellent job. Of this detachment, which numbers close to two hundred (200) enlisted men, only twelve (12) are members of the 1027th Signal Company. However, these twelve (12) men are the key personnel in this group and are considered to be the backbone of this detachment. We are proud to hear of such reports, as the personnel of the 1027th Signal Company have always been proud of their organization and will certainly make a name for themselves in the future battalion.

During the month several men were lost to the organization, but many more new faces entered the picture. The loss of the rotational personnel during the months of November and December greatly affected the strength of the unit, but to date, the company strength has gradually been increased until we are now only twelve (12) enlisted men below strength.

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Basic: Ltr, 000.4, Hq, 1027th Sig Co Sv Gp, APO 719, 1 Mar 45,
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There are still so few personnel present for duty in the organization that few administrative difficulties are encountered. Some difficulty has been encountered in the performance of an information and education program and a chemical warfare program. The few men present are working such odd shifts that programs of this nature are almost impossible in the unit itself. The men have been attending all programs along this line conducted by the 410th Signal Company and both the Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force and the XIII Air Force Service Command shows are available to the men of this company, where programs along this line are conducted from time to time.

The rainy condition during the past month has prevented athletic programs to a great extent. The men of the organization took full advantage of the few days that the weather was agreeable. There are still too few men in the outfit to form a ball club of any caliber, but the fellows interested have been playing ball with the 410th Signal Company and have been making an excellent showing.

The chow during the month of February was excellent. This is one item on which the enlisted men readily express their opinion, and the men have often remarked about the improvement of the food during the month.

The real big factor for not only the enlisted men but also the officers of this organization is the anticipated formation of the new battalion. The part the men of this unit will play in the new organization will not only be important but will also be very interesting. The members of the 1027th Signal Company have always taken a great pride in their outfit, and it is a certain fact that they will have the same feelings toward the new organization.

3. Supporting documents: None.

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MAR 1945

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REPORT ON UNIT HISTORY

Date 16 May 45

Checked by CSH

Name of Unit 1027th Signal Co. Serv Gp

APO 719

Period Covered March 1945

An item checked in the column "Correct By Forwarding Supplement", or thus requested in the Remarks section, means that corrective action must be taken promptly (within 10 days) in accordance with par 13, Thirteenth Air Force Regulation No. 80-15, 14 August 1944.

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Expand narrative (par 10, Reg 80-15)

Describe briefly background of operations (par 10 a, Reg 80-15)

Describe difficulties encountered (par 10 g, Reg 80-15)

Include supporting documents, 2 copies for establishment of basic facts (par 11, Reg 80-15)

Furnish photographs, maps, 2 copies (par 13 f, Reg 80-15)

Identify photographs properly (par 13 f (1), Reg 80-15)

Reduce statistical information to Tables and Charts and include as appendices

More detailed information necessary on movements and location of unit's detachments

Mount Photographs on letter size paper

Remarks:

Give us the information on detachments as requested in remarks for previous months.

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HEADQUARTERS
1027TH SIGNAL COMPANY, SERVICE GROUP

In reply refer
to: 000.4

APO 719
1 April 1945

Subject: Historical Data for March 1945.

To: Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, APO 719
(Attention: Historical Section)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105, dated 18 November 1929 and Change 4 thereto, and 13th AF Regulation 80-15, dated 14 August 1944, the following data is submitted:

a. Organization of unit:

- (1) Original designation: No Change.
- (2) Mission or alteration of mission: No Change.
- (3) Date and place of activation of unit: No Change.
- (4) Sources from which personnel are drawn, original cadre and fillers: No Change.

(5) Activation, assignment, attachment, transfer, reorganization, redesignation of unit, changes caused by T/O, etc: The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group was relieved from assignment to XIII Air Force Service Command and assigned directly to Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, effective 1 March 1945. (See EXTRACT, GO No. 187, Hq 13th AF, 10 Mar 45)

(6) Strength, personnel:

- (a) At beginning of period
- (b) Net increase
- (c) At end of period
- (d) Total (EM+O)

| GROUND | |
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| EM | 0 |
| 85 | 2 |
| 5 | |
| 90 | 2 |
| 92 | |

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a. (Contd)

(6) (Contd)

(e) Disposition of personnel, end of month:

1 Off & 56 EM at Morotai
1 Off & 14 EM at Guadalcanal
0 Off & 18 EM at Leyte
0 Off & 2 EM at Nadzab
2 Off 90 EM

(7) Strength, airplanes: Does not apply.

(8) Name of key personnel and changes during period: No change.

b. Command relationships including changes, with:

(1) Next higher headquarters: The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group was relieved from assignment to XIII Air Force Service Command and assigned directly to Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force. (See EXTRACT, GO No 187, Hq 13th AF, 10 Mar 45)

(2) Subordinate units: Does not apply.

(3) Other Services: Does not apply.

c. Resume of movements:

| Detachment | Number | Former Station | Departure Date | New Station | Arrival Date | Travel Via |
|------------|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Det. | 10 | Noemfoor | 25-26-30 Mar | Morotai | 25-26-30 Mar | Air |
| DS Sig Sch | 2 | Guadal | 10 Mar | Nadzab | 10 Mar | Air |
| DS | 2 | Morotai | 15 Mar | Leyte | 15 Mar | Air |
| DS Sig Sch | 6 | Nadzab | 17-20-22 Mar | Morotai | 19-22-24 Mar | Air |
| TDY | 2 | Morotai | 27 Mar | Guadal | ? | Air |

d. Name of campaign participated in: None.

e. Chief military missions, sorties, engagements, with dates, places, and name of commander participating: None.

f. Losses in action: None.

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g. Awards to and decorations of members of reporting unit: None.

2. Narrative Account:

The writing of a narrative account of the monthly history of the 1027th Signal Company, Service Group grows more difficult as the months progress. This is due to the fact that the organization is not actually operating as a single unit, but is working in conjunction with the anticipated 13th Signal Service Battalion. The activities of the 1027th Signal Company as a unit itself can be summarized as solely administrative.

Out of a total assigned strength of two (2) officers and ninety (90) enlisted men, only forty one (41) enlisted men and one (1) officer were present for duty at the end of March. With the exception of a few radio and radar repairmen and the necessary administrative personnel, those enlisted men present for duty are all working with the 410th Signal Company in carrying out the communication functions for Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force. Such functions are the missions as set forth in the table of organization for the new battalion.

The operation of a storage and issue section in this organization has come to an end. All previous functions along this line that were carried out by this unit have been transferred to other signal companys who still maintain storage and issue sections. All of the signal equipment of our detachment at Moemfoor has arrived at this base, and all of the enlisted personnel who were there with the detachment have joined the organization.

Thirteen enlisted men still remain at Guadalcanal on detached service with the 1008th Signal Company. The work that these men are actually performing is unknown at this headquarters. Lt. Atkinson, our commanding officer, and S Sgt Mac Rae, our supply sergeant, departed the 27th of March for Guadalcanal. They are on temporary duty at that base for the purpose of taking a physical inventory of all the equipment belonging to the 1027th Signal Company that still remains there. This is going to be quite a task as all equipment and supplies were previously crated and stored for shipment to Morotai. The reason for this inventory is to secure a list of the equipment that would be beneficial to the new battalion. The remaining supplies will be turned into the signal depot at Guadalcanal, thus deleting unnecessary shipment to this base. The majority of the equipment is expected to be in unserviceable condition as some of it has been crated for over a year and other supplies

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are over three years old.

All of the radio and radar repair personnel who were sent to Kadzab to attend school have completed their courses. The grades received to date have been excellent. Since the new battalion has no use whatsoever for these personnel, it is expected that they will be transferred to other organizations who perform that type of work. There are a lot of excellent men who are classified in this work, and we are going to hate to lose them.

The 1027th Signal Company, Service Group was relieved from assignment to the XIII Air Force Service Command and assigned directly to Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, effective 1 March 1945. This change has been a great help in reducing the complications that arose along the administrative line. Previously we were working under one headquarters and under administrative control of another. Since the change over, no administrative problems have been encountered by this headquarters.

The morale of the men of this unit is excellent. We have been fortunate in having a nice area in which to live. Of course there is a little mud due to the excessive amount of rainfall, but in comparison to the other outfits on the island, our camp area is in excellent condition.

During the early part of the month the chow was rather poor. However, a great improvement was seen in the food during the latter part of the month. It seems as if no matter how tough other conditions might be, if the food is of a good quality, little complaining is heard from the men.

As stated before, the big factor for not only the enlisted men but also the officers of the organization is the anticipated formation of the new battalion. The personnel are all anxious to learn the part they will play in the new organization. Let us hope that we will see its actual formation in the near future.

This narrative was prepared by S Sgt Neil F. Mc Lean.

3. Supporting documents:

- a. EXTRACT, General Orders No. 187.

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SECTION IV

8. The following changes in assignment are announced,
effective 1 Mar 45:

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Present Assignment</u> | <u>New Assignment</u> |
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| 1008th Signal Company S/G | XIII AFSC | Direct Hq, 13th AF |
| 1027th Signal Company S/G | XIII AFSC | Direct Hq, 13th AF |
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By command of Brigadier General WURSMITH:

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Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

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