

# Rider Exhumes Last Season's Baseball Data

Sgt. Roy L. Rider of the Special Service Office sports department set some sort of record last week when he brushed the cobwebs off his score book and turned in performance statistics for the Camp Abbot baseball team hardly more than a month after the end of the season.

Rider left his treadmill long enough to reveal that Cpl. Steve Pocheck, shortstop, was the No. 1 hitter during the season, batting .500 in the 10 games in which he played. Pocheck batted 38 times and got 19 hits, including a home run, a triple and two doubles. Sgt. William Fitzpatrick, outfielder, was second with an average of .471. In six games, Fitzpatrick got eight hits out of 17 trips to the plate. In third position was Pvt. Saul "Lefty" Maslan, first baseman, who made an average of .375 in nine games, hitting 12 times in 32 times at bat.

Other team members who played three games or more and their averages are: Lt. John Wainright, .339; Sgt. Alexander Orloff, .308; Cpl. Francis Ward, .300; Pvt. Thomas Nokes, .286; Sgt. Anthony Pizzi, .259; Pvt. Herbert Seid, .250; Lt. Donald Hanson, .250; Cpl. George Conway, .231 and Cpl. Frank Capaso, .214.

Pitchers and performances: Sgt. Chickirda, won one, lost none; Pvt. Tom Nokes, won one, lost none; Pvt. Glen Kern, won two, lost four, and Sgt. Albert Zande, won none, lost two.

(The figures are Sergeant Rider's. Apparently none of the pitchers could be trusted with a bat.)

In the event baseball season is just a distant memory, here's what happened; good news first: The post team won over the 54th Battalion twice, defeated a Service Company team and the Redmond Air Base. On the dark side: The Engineers lost three games to the Bend Elks, two to a Medical Regiment team here on maneuvers, and one to a Quartermaster Regiment on maneuvers.

## SPORT SLANTS

By Camp Newspaper Service  
Capt. Ray Barbutti, former Syracuse University quarter miler and Olympic champion in 1928, has recovered from an attack of sand fly fever and returned to duty in North Africa.

Pvt. John Mellus, ex-Villanova and New York Football Giants end, is stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.

S/Sgt. Tom Smith, former Louisiana College track star, cracked his own Kessler Field (Miss.) javelin mark with a 206-foot, 9½-inch mark heave at the third summer track and field meet held at the Base recently.

Bob McLeod, ex-Dartmouth grid great, who downed four Jap planes over Guadalcanal, is now a Navy instructor at Pensacola Florida.

Chalky Wright, once feather-weight champion, gets his pre-induction physical soon. Wright wanted to join the Martitime Service but his draft board's "greeting" beat him to the punch.

Jim Castiglia, Georgetown football star and later catcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, is Lt. James V. Castiglia now, and

## COOLING ??



"To cool you off" said NBC in passing along this interesting study of Georgia Carroll, nation's top model and singer on the Kay Kyser show. So NBC thinks we'd rather swim... Watch out for eyestrain, brother.

## Ex-Golden Gloves Champ Now Entertains for Medics

If you've never seen a woman taking a bath and are curious about feminine ablutions Cpl. Jerry LaSalle of the Medical Detachment, former welterweight Golden Gloves champion and dancer, can give you a pretty good idea of what goes on. LaSalle has done a burlesque of the Saturday night ritual more times than he can recall since he abandoned the prize ring for the stage several years ago.

Jerry took the Golden Gloves belt in 1936. He decided to stick with the fight game for a while, and under the direction of Izzy Klein, widely-known trainer, met a number of top notch welterweights including Barney Ross, with whom he tangled at the Trafton Gym in Chicago. In 1937, Jerry went to Hollywood where, after training a few hopefuls and boxing a few bouts, he divorced himself from boxing to

become a dancer.

"My brother-in-law, Eddy Ria, who's been in the show business for 24 years, talked me into it," Jerry remarked in explaining how he became a stage "convert." Pantomime and eccentric dancing were mainstays of Jerry's act, but now and then he would sing what he described as "heartbreakers." LaSalle toured the country, appearing at theatres and night clubs, among them the Blackhawk in Chicago, before the army called for a command performance in April, 1941.

LaSalle's army career was spent at Fort Ord, Calif., where he was boxing instructor for the 17th Infantry of the 7th Division. He came to Camp Abbot in May and is with the supply branch of the Medical Detachment. LaSalle is scheduled to appear in "Castles of Fun" whenever the show is produced here.

is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

### CLUB GETS DRAPES

Draperies were installed in the Sergeants' Club by Pvt. Howard Boyer this week as the first step toward redecorating and refurbishing the unit. Private Boyer, former interior decorator for the Marshall Field Company in Chicago, selected green draperies for the bar, maroon for the library and cream-colored, flowered drapes for the game room. Recreation facilities include two ping pong tables. Books are available in the library.

### ABOUT THAT BOOK

Any soldier who fails to return a book to the Service Club library within a week after receiving an "overdue" notice will be required to pay for the book on a statement of charges, Miss Caroline Paddock, librarian, warned this week. Soldiers are liable for the loss of any book checked out from the library, she said.

### CRUSHING PROBLEM

England (CNS)—Most ingenious GI at one Flying Fortress base here is Cpl. Archie L. Morris of St. Charles, Mo. Told to flatten 100 tin cans by dropping the 20-pound weight on each one, he completed the job in one minute by getting the operator of a steamroller to run over them.

### Attack by Draft Board Follows That of Nazis

New Orleans (CNS)—Charlie Burnett, a New Orleans marine engineer, was torpedoed by Germans and Japs and broke his leg when he fell into the hold of his ship. But more trouble was waiting for him when he returned home. He was arrested as a draft evader.

Burnett was cleared of the charge when an investigation uncovered the fact that his draft board had mislaid his record.

### ORGANIZE HOSTESS GROUP

Between 30 and 40 civilian workers, with Mrs. Lorene Brandvold as president pro tem, have tentatively organized a hostess group for social functions on the post.

Future plans include naming the club and adopting an insignia for club members to wear. Until a final organization is formed members are acting as unofficial hostesses.

### DANCE BAND NAMED

Camp Abbot's newest dance orchestra no longer is a nameless child. Cpl. A. G. Tiemann Jr., leader and drummer for the organization, announced this week the unit hereafter will be referred to as the ERTC dance band. The orchestra played at a dance for members of the 54th and 55th Battalions Wednesday night.

## Basketball Takes Spotlight Here

Basketball came into its own at Camp Abbot this week as several Engineer Training Battalions organized teams and began practice sessions on the All-Purpose Recreation Building's newly-lined courts.

Company D of the 54th set itself up as a leading contender among post cage squads by winning three contests. The unit defeated Co. A of the 53rd, 30 to 23, Co. A of the 57th 55 to 0 and Co. C of the 54th, 43 to 14.

Company B of the 54th was less fortunate. The unit was defeated in a contest with Co. A of the 55th, 28 to 56.

Co. C of the 54th redeemed itself for its loss to the Co. D team by defeating the "Wildcats," a pick-up team, 39 to 20.

## Watch Checks For Damage

Soldiers were asked this week to warn their dependents against mutilation of Allotment checks mailed out by the Office of Dependency Benefits. The plea came from the government check departments of the Federal Reserve banks, who eventually handle these checks after they've passed through normal trade channels.

It was explained that even a pin hole in one of these new cardboard benefit checks can literally jam up the works of the Federal Reserve banking system—and often does.

Reason is a group of intricate machines which sort, count and cancel checks by the use of small rectangular holes punched in each check which makes possible the determining of the month, year, number of check and amount.

### Machine Saves Manpower

Use of the cardboard checks and the new canceling machines was started last May to alleviate manpower shortages. The machines in the New York Federal Reserve Bank require but 200 employees, whereas the old adding machine method required 6,000.

Top speed efficiency can be maintained only if the beneficiary and every other person handling the Allotment check takes ordinary care in their handling. Jagged edges, folded or torn checks considerably slows the work of canceling them.

It is suggested persons receiving these checks cash them immediately as a means of cutting wasted time and labor caused by mutilated checks.

Wilmer Allison, who outstroked the great Fred Perry to win the national tennis championship in 1935, is a Lieutenant Colonel and his old doubles partner, Johnny Van Ryn, is a Lieutenant in the Navy.

## D-53rd Wins Shot at Post Softball Title

Company D of the 53rd Battalion took the 11th Group softball championship this week by defeating Company C of the 54th Bn., 4 to 0 in one of the hardest-fought contests ever to be played here. The 53rd team will meet the Service Company softball squad on the post diamond Monday night to determine the post championship.

Held scoreless through four frames in its contest against the 54th, the championship squad scored a lone run in the fifth inning. Avilla, right fielder for the unit, put the game on ice in the sixth frame by pounding out a home run with two men on base.

Both Esson, pitcher for the 54th, and Holtmeyer, hurler for the 53rd, turned in good performances on the mound.

## New Equipment For Post Show

The Post theatre will be closed the earlier part of this week to allow time for installation of new equipment on a par to that in use at the Roxy theatre in New York, Lt. Henry Hansen, theater officer, has announced. Reopening of the unit is set for next week.

Establishment of a new record for attendance at the theatre also was announced. A total of 2,681 patrons attended showings of "So Proudly We Hail" during the two-day showing of the film September 5 and 6. This record probably would have been broken with the showing of "Salute to the Marines" the following week-end had not presentation of a USO show Monday night intervened. More than 2,040 attended the showing of the Marine Corps film during its four showings, and the picture drew a matinee attendance Sunday of 810, the largest to date.

Attendance figures for "This Is the Army" which was expected to break all records, was 2,045. Theatre officials attributed the failure of the film to establish a new high to the fact the picture was shown in Bend for more than a week prior to the showing here.

## MORE ABOUT Music Classes

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formed in connection with the chapel, and that a five piece orchestra be included in the personnel of the Special Service Branch. In addition he recommended that sirging be used in the theater and also that training battalions be assembled at least once a week for 15 minutes of singing.

### SEND THE ENGINEER HOME

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