

Enlisted Airmen Sue Colonel for Cursing; Others Offer Backing

Oklahoma City—(U.P.)—Two enlisted airmen who have sued a colonel for slandering them today received scores of letters from other GIs applauding their action and some offering money for their suits.

The \$10,000 damage suits were filed by Airman 2C John F. Crozman of West Lynn, Mass., and Airman 3C Miles Miller of Marysville, Pa., against Lt. Col. Walter Callahan of New York City.

They grew out of an incident at Tinker Air Force Base near here last July 6. Callahan's attorney has filed a motion to dismiss the suits and Federal District Judge W. A. Wallace is expected to rule within 10 days or two weeks.

Both Crozman and Miller said they had been submitted to no harsh discipline or different treatment since they filed the suits against Callahan.

"Our own officers always treated us okay," Crozman said. "The enlisted men in our barracks are all pushing behind us. They believe we're right and urging us to go ahead."

Transfer Asked

Callahan, they said, had been friendly toward them since the incident that triggered the suit. He was transferred earlier this month to Westover Field, Mass. The Air Force said he requested the transfer prior to the lawsuit because of the illness of his wife and son.

The slander action accused Callahan of cursing the two air-

men in the presence of other persons.

According to Crozman's petition, Callahan told him: "You (obscenities) don't do anything but ride around on your fat (obscenities)."

Miller's suit accused the officer of saying: "You (obscenities)" with no provocation on the airman's part.

Crozman says the incident occurred when he and Miller were serving as air police. He was on roving patrol and had inspected Miller's post at the hangar entrance when Callahan came out and ordered him to move a jeep parked there.

Crozman said he replied: "I'm sorry, sir. I am not authorized to use that vehicle without a trip ticket."

That was when Callahan lost his temper and allegedly cursed the soldiers.

Crozman said that neither he nor Miller replied to the officer's remarks. But he brooded about it and decided to consult an attorney about his rights. He was advised he could bring suit for slander under the Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Act.

The airman said most of the letters they have received are from ex-servicemen who encountered the same situation but were unaware they could do anything about it.

Crozman, a Catholic, said he had no particular convictions about use of profanity, but "I just don't think an officer should address an inferior in that manner." Miller, a Methodist, agreed

Audio-Visual Aids Class Starts at GP

Ashland—An extension class in Audio-Visual Aids is being conducted in Grants Pass each Monday from 7 to 10 p.m. by Laurence E. Butler, director of Southern Oregon College Audio-Visual Center, college officials announced today.

According to Butler, the course will consist of a survey of the development and use of classroom films, slides, radio, electrical transcriptions, and other kindred visual and auditory aids in teaching.

The course will also include sources and appraisal of audio-visual aid materials and their practical use in teaching; demonstrations, individual projects, reviews of pertinent literature, lectures and discussions.

Portland Evacuation Report Prepared

Portland—(U.P.)—Civil defense officials shuffled through reports of some 700 observers today preparing a report on the city's downtown evacuation test held Tuesday afternoon.

Local CD director Jack Lowe said it may take two weeks to round up the information for the complete report. Observers were given questionnaires in 11 categories.

Lowe said he believed the test proved "we very definitely have the capability for evacuating the entire city." He said, however, the "secret" time for the test apparently was "leaked" to too many persons and that security could be tightened if another test were held.

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—It could be that the man in Attleborough, Norfolk, England, made a bad buy.

A. J. B. Gaskin, Esq., believed he had a bargain when he bought 14 hand bells. How did he know that a full set went to 18 and that the middle bells were missing?

Harman Nichols' missing? I have a letter at hand, written to the British Information Service here. Gaskin said:

After the second world war, a bunch of American air men gathered at a "local" pub, tavern or ale shop and had a time. Somewhere around the premises were 18 hand bells—the kind you pick up and rattle one at a time to stir up music.

According to Gaskin: "Some of these fellows 'bagged' (walked off with) four of the bells. They were missed after a big night at the local."

The pilfered bells haven't been seen or heard thereafter since.

Also seems they were from a very old set, and as Gaskin learned, "very little good without the missing ones."

Gaskin hopes that an appeal "could be made to the American servicemen who served in the area, and that they might be kind enough to return them. . . as it is such a pity to have a fine set of old bells like these split up."

At this point it is proper to quote Charles Campbell, head of

Thursday, September 29, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

HORNBROOK Hunters at Season Opening

Hornbrook—Out-of-town guests at the J. W. Hodges home on opening day of the hunting season were a son, Oliver, and Floyd Salisbury, both of Dixon, Calif., and "Red" Adams, Vallejo, Calif.

Another hunter up from San Mateo, Calif., was Lester Spearen, who, with his family, is visiting Mrs. Maude Spearen and the Floyd Burns family.

Louie Freitas took the prize offered at the Sleepy Hollow service station for the first buck brought in. Louie brought his buck in at 8 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ruebisch left Monday for their home in Portland, Ore., having been guests here at the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watt.

The regular meeting of the Women's Society of the Methodist Community church met Sept. 22 at the parsonage with Mrs. C. C. Addington as hostess.

The group made final plans for the bazaar to be given at the church Oct. 13. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in connection with the sale.

Visiting at the H. H. Chapman

home here is Mrs. William T. Edgill, Houston, Tex., mother of Mrs. Chapman.

George McCann, clerk at the Jones store, is home this week, having had an operation performed on his hand.

Word has been received here of the death of Charles McKay in an accident near Los Angeles, where he was driving to visit a sister who was ill. Funeral services were to be conducted there Wednesday. Mr. McKay was a former resident here, but at the time of his death was living at the Madera place on the Klamath river.

George Sloan is home from the hospital where he was taken by ambulance last Friday after falling from a scaffolding and injuring his back.

Riverside, Calif.—(U.P.)—The Arlington chamber of commerce today swelled with pride over its victory in naming a new city. City councilmen voted 4-3 Wednesday for the name of Russell Park in honor of actress Jane Russell whose family once owned the land in the Arlington section where the park is located.

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