

13. Friday the thirteenth did not run true to its proverbial form. To the contrary, it proved to be a lucky day for the 50th. A swimming contest was held at the Group swimming pool in Gross Gerau. The participating organizations were the 370th Group and the 50th. We won all the events with the exception of fancy diving which was won by Lt. Edwards of the 370th. The star contestant of the day was 1st Sgt. Deloier of the 50th Squadron who won both the 50 and 100 yard free style events. The judges were Capt. Hyler, 527th Squadron Surgeon, Capt. Brink, 525th Squadron pilot and Lt. Sawyer of 525th Squadron Operations. Twenty-nine of the Group's planes are scheduled to be transferred in the near future. Last evening's movie gave us a combination of talent in both the theatrical and musical fields. The featured players included were, June Allyson, Jimmy Durante, Margarite O'Brien and Joseph Teresi.

14. An inspection and review were held this morning with Lt. Col. Robert J. Hirsch and Lt. John Weyer presiding. One purple heart and eight bronze stars were awarded. General order came through awarding 1st Lt. Glenn C. Moore of 525th Squadron the Silver Star for gallantry on 12 April, for leading a formation on a fighter sweep in the vicinity of Paderborn Germany. Four planes of the 50th Squadron escorted a C-47 to Berlin. General opinion is that the plane was part of the president Truman's retinue and the U.S. General accompanied himself.

15. Anyone driving along the highway from Gross Gerau to Darmstadt today literally rubbed their eyes to be certain they weren't seeing things. D.F.C. and German frauleins walking and in arm or lolling on the grass was a common sight. Reason??? The ban on fraternization has been lifted considerably, as of 7 am. and no time was wasted to take advantage of this announcement. What next? The "Unseen", with Joel McCrea, Paul Hagen and Herbert Marshall was the movie shown this evening.

16. The first of the group of officers has left today to try out the new Officers' Rest Camp at Brussels, Belgium. A welcome treat today was the addition of good ole fresh spuds to both noon and evening chow, and to top it off, chocolate ice cream and the issue of P.M. editions. Not bad!!!

17. Five of the Group's golf enthusiasts are busy getting in trim for this Thursday's XII TAC Elimination tournament. Those who qualify will have opportunity to participate in the 9th Air Force contest. The regular ground and pilot training program continues. Rumors about a move to another location very shortly, still persist.

18. A great disappointment to the Enlisted Men was the news that their proposed rest camp in Southeastern Germany cannot be. Reason?? Site is now in French territory and permission will not be granted. However, word has it that a search for a new location is under way. Lt. Albert C. Altman has been relieved from duty as Ass't Group Operations Officer. His new duties will include that of Group Technical Inspector and Group Rubber Coordinator. Group Band left today for a playing tour of Brussels and Paris. Nine low point men were transferred from Group today. Signification?? No one seems to have the answer.

