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ITALY

NO LATE SHOWS

The Special Service Office announces that due to insufficient attendance the second showing of the movies shall be discontinued. The SINGLE performance will begin at 2100 hours.

VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS

The 720th Communications annexed the title of Group Volleyball Champions by downing the favored 721st Officers' team in the finals. The tournament was of the double elimination type. This victory adds another trophy for the 720th who also won the Base Softball League.

720th CHAMPS

Sounding off with a flurry of base hits in the final game of the base championship series, The 720th Ramblers snowed under The 721st by a score of 20 to 2 to win the championship in two straight games.

The 720th sluggers took the first game by a 7-2 score under the reliable pitching of "Speed Boy" Holler who allowed a meager two hits. The final game of the series provided one of the greatest hitting sprees of the season when the 720th garnered 11 runs in the first inning to sew up the ball game. Templeton replaced Max for the 721st and fared a little better, allowing only 9 runs in the remaining innings. The game was featured by Holler's steadfast pitching, who pitched both games for the victorious 720th. Ester, Hen, Jelly, M and Cangiano did the heavy stick line wielding for the 720th team. The 721st played courageously but just couldn't match the heavy hitting of the opposing team.

AUDIENCE WITH POPE

As the climax of a hectic five days spent in Rome, Major C.J. Donovan, Group American Adjutant, Major Howard A. Davis, 721st Squadron Commander, and a Red Cross Director Dave Hettleman, secured an extraordinary private audience with his Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

Mr. Hettleman explained that their meeting the Pope was a result of purely chance circumstance. They had met the former Alamogordo Air Base Chaplain, who is now Chaplain of a Wing in the Rome area and who had a special invitation to present the Pope with a contribution made by members of his Wing. He was permitted to bring a maximum of ten officers with him, and Majors Donovan, Davis and Dave Hettleman managed to become part of the company.

"We were met inside the Vatican by the Papal Secretary, who is a Cardinal," related Hettleman, "and were taken through the Pope's quarters. Soon, the Pope entered. He was dressed completely in white, tall, slim and ascetic-looking. He certainly has an appearance of spirituality. After Chaplain Flaherty made his presentation, the Pope shook hands with all of us and asked us our home towns. He spoke perfect English in a very low voice. Before we left, he gave us all a universal blessing."

The audience lasted for about fifteen minutes. The Pope was interested to learn that Major Donovan is an alumnus of Notre Dame Uni-

versity. His Holiness holds an honorary degree from the University. When they left, the Papal Secretary presented them each a picture of His Holiness and a medallion with the Pope's face inscribed on it.

Afterwards, the trio was introduced to a family of Papal nobility, the father being a Marquis, Vice Commandant and Brigadier General of the Papal Guard. He took them on a complete tour of Vatican City, probably one of the most thorough any outsider is ever permitted. They visited the historic Sistine Chapel, housing the incomparable original paintings of the masters, Michelangelo, Leonardo de Vinci, Bernini, Rembrandt and Rafael. They were allowed to see the famous Rafael collection, which is generally not open to the public. They were also shown the private collection of the Papacy. "I won't attempt to describe in words the magnificence of it all," said Hettleman. "The Swiss guards are very colorful, too," he went on, "They wear costumes designed by Michelangelo himself."

On the way to the Eternal City, Major Donovan, Major Davis and Hettleman passed through the ruins of Cassino. "Nothing at all stands in what once was the city," Hettleman declared. "There aren't more than two or three connected walls. But the monastery on top of the hill overlooking the place, is three fourths intact."