

All-Star Quint to Tangle With Bad Tolz Five



High atop the Zugspitz, Germany's highest mountain, this snow-covered cross stands like a sentinel guarding the approaches to Shangri-La. Thousands of tourists each year have made the trek to the top by cog railway and cable car, as initials scratched into the weather-worn surface of the cross will testify.

Barber Stops in Garmisch

"Red" Barber, NBC's drawing sports commentator, widely known for his spot coverage broadcasts of World Series baseball games visited the Garmisch Military Post Jan. 27th, enroute to St. Moritz, Switzerland for the 1948 Winter Olympic Games.

The "redhead," accompanied by Blair Hattersley of AFN Frankfurt's "Spotlight On Sports" show, visited Frankfurt, Wiesbaden, Berlin, Nürnberg, Munich and Garmisch on his 10-day visit to the EC, his first trip abroad.

Originally dispatched to St. Moritz to do 28 broadcasts in 10 days for NBC, Barber was assigned the tour of military installations to discuss sports with the occupational GI, particularly baseball, which is his top "know all" subject.

In Garmisch, he stopped at the Troop Area, visiting the four mess halls during lunchtime, discussing various baseball topics ranging from, "Will the Yankees repeat this year?" to, "How about the Browns?" He ate lunch with the troops and visited Lt. Col. Gerald Brown, GMP Executive Officer.

Asked whether he thought the
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Costume Party Set for Murnau

A March of Dimes benefit costume ball and barbecue for cadre and student personnel at ECES Murnau, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Castle Club, Capt. Thomas Royal, of the ECES polo committee, has announced.

Admission charge will be 50 cents per couple and each soldier is entitled to bring one indigenous guest.

Decorations and favors were prepared by the EM wives club. A formal supper dance is also scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Schloss Club. Officers and civilians and their guests are invited.

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School Teaches Supply Methods

A new supply procedure school is now being conducted at the Garmisch Military Post by the Post Quartermaster office, with the help of the T&E office, in order to effect coordination of supply procedure within the post.

Organized and conducted by T/Sgt. John W. Renfo, of the Post QM office, the schools roster of students includes men from almost all units assigned or attached to the post.

Courses include orientation on the importance of logistics and supply procedure, receipt and storage of property and care and keeping of records. Students are given an examination at the end of the course.

Individual scholastic standings are submitted to the 1st Mil. Dist. G4 office.

ECES Delays Elephant Bid

The White Elephant auction scheduled to be held at the ECES Special Services Club Jan. 28 has been postponed, the Special Services hostess announced this week. A specific date has not yet been set, but it will be held sometime next week.

The Paul Bunyan carnival, postponed last week, will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Special Services club, a spokesman for the student participants said this week.

Elmer Szafransky Paces Court Stars

The first composite list of figures on the Garmisch Basketball League has been released by the Statistical Section of the hoop league and covers all games played during the first round of competition.

Big Elmer Szafransky, ECES star, leads the scoring parade with 92 points in six games played, or

an average of 15.3 points per game. Szafransky's 40 field goals and 32 gift tosses headed second place Jimmy Scheer, ECIS, who has netted 67 points in six games on 29 field goals and nine free throws. Third place honors were taken by Bob Morgan, 314th Army Band, (Continued on Page 4)

2 Post GIs Up Hitches to 5, 6 Years

Plan to Continue Regular Army Career

Two enlisted men of the 7808th SCU extended their enlistments to five and six years during the month of January and said they were planning to make the Army a career, 1/Lt. Raymond J. Bastnagel, post recruiting officer, announced this week.

Pvt. William Blake extended his enlistment to five years Jan. 18, and the next day T/5 David Erokkett extended to six.

Congratulating the men on their choice of careers Bastnagel said the Regular Army now offers more opportunities than ever before and declared that if the new pay plan now before Congress is approved there will be a big incentive for young men of 18-20 to make the Regular Army their career.

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Predictions Ventured in Hoop Loop

By LOREN WOLFE
Sports Editor

After witnessing one complete round of play in the Garmisch Military Post basketball league, it is almost safe to crawl out on the proverbial limb and pick a few winners.

Having seen all the teams in action, and watched the addition of players to each team roster, the games of next week should find the seven clubs entering the second and final round of play at full strength, except for those squads that may be absent some key men who will miss the early part of the week because of the Olympic Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Taking these factors into consideration, here are the four choices for next weeks games:

7808th Station Complement over 536th Gen. Dispensary (12) 314th Army Band over 536th General Dispensary . . . (18)
Roter Hahn Civilians over Garmisch Officers . . . (10)
ECIS over 7808th Station Complement (8)
(Figures in parentheses indicate score differentials.)

Tilts Set To Benefit Polio Fund

The Garmisch Military Post will climax its 17-day "March Of Dimes" Drive on Monday evening, February 2nd, when a double-header basketball program will be held to inaugurate the new "Glynn Field House" at the Jaeger Kaserne (Post Headquarters area).

The two-fold hoop schedule will find an all-star team composed of members of the 7808th Station Complement Unit, 314th Army Band, 536th General Dispensary, Garmisch Officers, Roter Hahn and ECIS (all quintets in the GMP League), pitted against Detachment "C" 7822nd Station Complement Unit, Bad Tolz. The game begins at 1930 hours.

The second contest of the twin bill finds ECES, Murnau (hoop leaders of the Garmisch league, with seven straight wins) meeting Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division, Bad Tolz.

The selections for the All-Star team, made by coaches and managers of the loop, found ECIS and Murnau dominating the squad with four members each, 7808th SCU 314th Band and Garmisch Officers with two each, and the 36th Dispensary with one representative, to round out the 15-man squad.

Jimmy Scheer and Ray Dally, two of the top scorers in the league, F. Kenrick Lessy and Vern . . . present ECIS; Bill Howe,

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Albertson Picked As ECES Soldier

T/Sgt. Joe E. Albertson, of the 7701st Hq. Co., USAF this week was named soldier of the week at the Murnau Engineer School, Capt. Thomas Royal, company commander, announced.

A comparatively new student at the school, the San Gabriel (Calif.) soldier has become an outstanding asset on the student basketball team and is an honor student in the supply course.



1/Lt. Raymond J. Bastnagel, Garmisch Post recruiting officer, is shown swearing in Pvt. William Blake of the 7808th SCU, after Blake agreed to extend his enlistment to five years. Two enlisted men of the Garmisch Post have extended their enlistments since the first of the year.

Record Throng of 155,000 Saw Olympic Games Here

Thousands of GI's will utilize the Winter Sports Paradise of Garmisch-Partenkirchen during the forthcoming winter months; skiing, skating, bobsladding, and enjoying to the fullest extent the program set up by Garmisch Recreational Center Sports Section. From the mass participation viewpoint, skiing is the chief sport of interest here.

Probably no sport, adopted by people of the U.S., has made such strides in the past decade as skiing. Between 1930 and 1940 participation in the sport developed from a mere handful of ski clubs, 75 to be exact, to two million active participants. To test the popularity of the sport, a Ski Carnival was staged in Chicago, Illinois, in the winter of 1936-37, and it grossed a total of 57,000 paid customers. The largest attendance on record was gained the same year when 155,000 people witnessed the 1936 Winter Olympic Games here in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.



The first time that skiing was presented on a large-scale basis was during the Winter Olympic Games of 1902 at Lake Placid, New York. Here thousands of people discovered that skiing was not only a spectator sport but also very thrilling from a participant's point of view, and these thousands clamored to skis, poles, parkas, and other equipment to give this winter pastime a try.

Austrian Holds Record

The world's record for jumping is 350.06 feet, made in 1939 by Joseph Bradl, of Austria, at Planica, Yugoslavia. The present American record is 289 feet, made by late Torstein Tolle, March of 1942 at Iron Wood, Michigan. The world's record for long distance speed skiing is 5590 miles, which was covered in approximately six months in 1935 by five agents of Russia's Interior Ministry. The trip extended from Lake Maikai to Murmansk, traversing the Ural Mountains.

The ski is the oldest means of transportation over ice and snow. From primitive sleds, skates, snow shoes, bobblads, and toboggan developed. In more civilized countries today, skiing is a sport, but in primitive sections of Asia and northern Europe, skiing is still the essential means of travel. The earliest type of skis runners were bones of large animals, strapped to the soles with leather thongs. Later flat timber, or the skins of animals, was placed between two skis, and thus the sled was born.

Ski is pronounced "she" in the Scandinavian countries, but common usage in the United States and Canada has established it as a "Skee". Ski may be the abbreviation of "suskki", a Finn-Ugrarian word, meaning "snow-glide", indicating that the Finn-Ugrarian tribes may have originated the Ski.

Sport Spreads

Skiing first became known in the United States probably around the year 1840, and the same was made that "these wooden blades for use in snow and ice were brought from Norway by immigrants and used in the northern part of the Atlantic Seaboard," meaning New England and New York.

The first ski club in the United States was formed by Scandinavians in Berlin, New Hampshire, in January 1882. In February 1902, various groups from the outstanding ski clubs throughout the United States, decided to form a national organization. Thus, the National Ski Association was founded, with 17 Charter Members, all from the Middle West.

Since that day in 1920 the sport has developed by leaps and bounds, gradually gaining momentum until, during the present era (as evidenced by the number of GI skiers in this Winter Sports Paradise) it has become recognized as the outstanding outdoor winter sport.

Seeks Olympic Crown



Miss Gretchen van Zandt Merrill, shown above practicing at St. Moritz, will head the U.S. Winter Olympic Team. The 22-year-old champion has held the National figure skating championship for five years and won the European International competition last year.

Lucious Blond Heads Yank Skating Team

From the Lightning Bolt

St. Moritz, Switzerland.—Heading the American Olympic Skating Team is Miss Gretchen van Zandt Merrill of Boston, Mass.; for five consecutive years the national figure skating champion of the U.S.

With a figure that would draw a whistle from any man, the slim, beautiful, blond skater is taking no chances of not being in perfect shape for the Olympic competitions. On her own the 22-year-old champion arrived early at the St. Moritz to practice on the rink of the Palace Hotel where she had several months' practice last year when she won the European International competition at the huge Olympic Stadium.

Miss Merrill began her skating career when she was 10 years old, and at 12 and 13 she began winning championships. She was 17 years old when she copped the coveted American championship at Madison Square Garden.

If she wins in 1948 she will have held the title longer than any American figure skating champion. Spectators at the famous Palace Hotel rink any day may be Norma Shearer with her husband Martin Aronow; King Peter II of Yugoslavia; S.A.I. Prince Abrozze Pahlavi of Iran; and arriving later in the month to stay through the Olympic game competition are the Prince and Princess Sagar d'Arrouberg of Belgium; the Prince and Princess Abd-El Moneim of Cairo; the Count of Barcelona, Madrid; the Duke of Alba and the Duchess of Montoro, Spain; and America's Henry Ford II.

WAC Sergeant Seeks to Form Post Drama Club

WAC Sgt. Henry Bishop of ECIS has announced her desires of forming a Post Dramatic Club to present one-act plays for the Post at the Oberammergau Theater and at some hall in Garmisch (to be selected at a later date).

The requirements call for a club membership of approximately 20-25 persons, including WACs, (GI, Civilians, Officers or Dependents. A staff of six people has already been chosen (who have had previous stage experience) to act as the nucleus for the Club.

One-act plays will be presented when the club has been formed, as they are simpler to present until the group has acquired enough experience to present its season finale, a full three-act performance.

Full particulars can be obtained from Sgt. Bishop by telephoning the Special Service Office in Oberammergau. Individuals who are interested in this sort of work should contact Sgt. Bishop as early as possible.

Recruiting Notes:

Don't Delay... Extend Today

They say that it is not polite to point, BUT...

These days people are pointing, and they are pointing right smack in your direction. YOU are the man who is being singled out for mention and attention because you are the man that is on the spot. It's the Regular Army that is doing the job throughout the world to keep the peace that has been won. It is the Regular Army that is equipped to do the job; and it is the Regular Army that WILL do the job.

In the recent war it took a lot of people to do the initial job... anybody... everybody. But the job is not finished and we still have work to do. To do it properly, we must have a select body of men who can proudly call themselves Regular Army Soldiers. Anybody won't do! It takes a good man to do the job.

And we are getting good men too! Don't kid yourself about that.

Where are you going to fit into the picture when the process we call History takes over and starts to write the record on the books of time? What have YOU done to help write that history? You have your chance now, in the Regular Army, to belong to the writers of history as it is being made. Are you going to read about it... or are you going to make it?

If you don't think that you can stand the strain, don't try to help write it. But if you can do it and stand up under the strain and Regular Army and stay with it as it goes places and does things...

If you are a "Regular" all the way, you'll find it is a pleasure to be pointed out. You're different... you're doing the job... you are outstanding.

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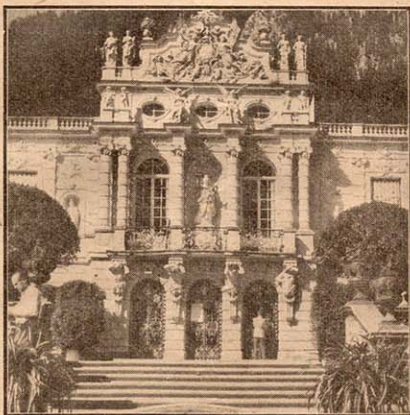
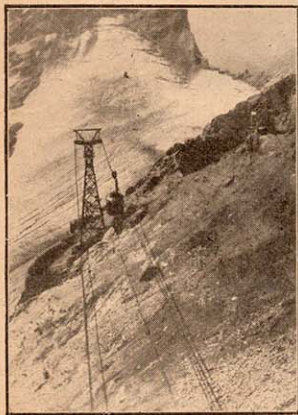
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Garmisch—land of beauty, romance and fun-making. One of the nicest spots in Europe to spend a vacation. Most military visitors from all parts of occupation zones find that Garmisch has more than scenic splendors to offer them, and it's no wonder, for Garmisch is one of the biggest and best GI playgrounds in the European Command.

Here the average soldier, Wac or civilian can find pleasure to suit his or her taste. The sports lover is completely at home, for there are countless sports available. On the whole, a trip to Garmisch is much lighter on the pocketbook than other places.

Meals can be purchased on the train at a cost of 25 cents per person. If you have made your hotel reservation ahead of time you'll find that living conditions are very satisfactory and surprisingly reasonable.

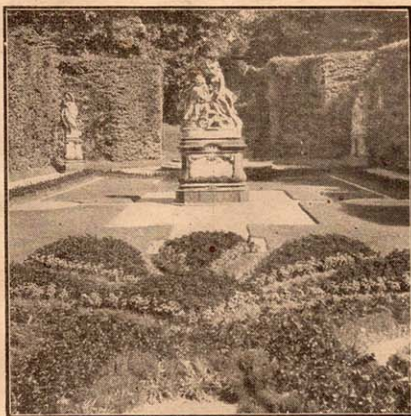
The pictures on this page were taken by Sgt. Nathan K. Ulrich. The Linderhof Castle, located near



Garmisch, pictured above center, and the gardens of the castle, below right, were photographed in the late summer. They hardly seem to correspond with the type of weather we're having, but Sgt. Ulrich feels that a good picture is welcomed anytime. Anyway, a bit of comparison always helps.

In the top left picture the tramway, suspended on a cable, transports people daily to the top of the Zugspitze. A view from the top is pictured in the top right photo. In the center prominent amidst the grandeur of the Garmisch retreat, is the Hotel Badensee, one of the finest hotels in the area. In the lower left picture is the Hotel Eibsee, another first rate Garmisch hotel. The final photograph, located below center, is the peak of the Zugspitze again.

Take it from us, you can't go to a better place than Garmisch. It has more advantages to offer the individual than can ever be found in all the travel folders in existence.



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Murnau Briefs:

U. S. Housing Facilities Called 'Rough' by NCO

By CHARLES SPENCER

S/Sgt. Max Stark who was recently assigned to the school says that housing facilities back in the states are still rough. Stark was stationed in Garm. Hood for quite some time with a one room apartment located twenty eight (28) miles from the camp at \$20.00 per week. The sergeant's wife is expected to arrive in Bremerhaven any day now.

The Castle Club council with the assistance of some of the EM wives are planning a costume party at the Castle Club-Jan. 31 with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes Campaign. The March of Dimes Campaign is led by 1st Sgt. Clyde W. Mills and M/Sgt. Robert E. Thomas were recently relieved from assignment transferred to the Det of Patients 98th Gen. Hosp. for return to the Zone of Interior. Mills saw action in the Pacific with the Combat Engineers.

Thomas was reassigned to Engineer Depot Augmentation Detachment in Hanau Germany. Thomas was stationed in England and France with an Aviation Engineer Battalion during the war.

The cafeteria style of messing at ECES Central Mess has gotten underway with quite a few wrinkles to be ironed out before functioning up to the standard that is required.

T/Sgt. Gandy one of the School's greatest hunters and fisherman came through again last Saturday with a 10 point deer, one of the largest to have been killed by any member of the school. Gandy has a deal worked out with T/Sgt. Churchill so that Churchill gets a portion of the meat. Churchill carries Gandy's rifle to the area where the two think there might be deer. Then Churchill returns the rifle to Gandy and takes over as beater and hound. Gandy was a member of the Engineer rifle team that was represented in the Granfenwohr matches held last August.

In Ski Meet



Ed Link (above), sports supervisor for the Garmisch Mil. Post, is shown as he flashes through the final gate on the 1500-meter downhill slalom course at Hansberg. Link took firsts in both the downhill running and slalom races held here Jan. 21. Lothar Wuerslin (below) copied second place in the downhill race, trailing Link by eight seconds.



314th Band Zls Two Gls; Fights Polio

T/5 Edward Sullo and Pfc. Geron Blamire left for Bremerhaven Jan. 24, pending shipment to the ZI where they shall resume their civilian status after separating at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y.

"Of all the enthusiastic skiers in this organization, T/5 Robert Morgan has proven himself the most capable. In spite of the fact that this is Morgan's first year on skis, he has presented some stiff opposition for the more seasoned skiers in the two American Standard down hill races that he has participated in. As proof, "Morg," boasts fifth place in both events. In showing their desire to defeat polio, the members of this organization pledged a total of \$110, to be added to the Garmisch Military Post's March of Dimes campaign.

Barber Visits GMP Area

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athletic program set-up in the EC was ample for the troops he replied, "I cannot be a judge of that; I'm here to speak to the boys, not to inspect athletic installations. And, were I inspecting, I would have to spend much more time at the Post... get in the locker rooms and talk to the boys... have heart to heart talks with Athletic Officers before I could offer any constructive criticism."

"Red's" main reason for coming to Garmisch (which had not originally been on his itinerary) was to view some of the former Olympic sites after moving on into St. Moritz.

He made a brief tour of the Garmisch sports installations with Maj. John Howe of Theater Athletic Office and Ed Link, Garmisch Sports Supervisor, before departing for Switzerland by car.

Incidentally, AFN will probably broadcast nightly at 2:30 hours direct from St. Moritz, keeping EC winter sports personnel up to date on happenings in the Olympic Games.

'Wham' Band Turns Torrid In Performance at Murnau

Playing to a packed house in the ECES Service Club Theater, "Wham" the all-Negro soldier show reached a new high of perfection Wednesday night at 2:30 hours. Capably led by T/Sgt. Young, officiating as M. C., the band gave out with plenty of heat, demonstrated by their rendition of "Feather Merchants" and "Columbia". Outstanding was the lead sax man Sgt. "Red" Allen.

In the sweet line the band gave



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Hoop League Games Split

Due to a revised basketball schedule, brought about because of the utilization of only one basketball court for the majority of the league season, the Garmisch Basketball League will now consist of two halves.

Each team will play a total of 12 games, six in each half of the season. The winner of the first half season (ECES) was the winner with six straight victories) will play of the winner of the second half of play in a best two-out-of-three game series to determine the post-champion.

Should the ECES squad win the second half also, they will automatically win the title.

No basketball games were conducted this week because the Garmisch All-Stars were in practice for a March of Dimes benefit game to be conducted at the new Garmisch court, Monday evening, Feb. 2.

The other half of the evening's program will find the ECES quintet playing another outside team. An admission fee of 50 cents per person will be charged, and proceeds will be turned over to the March Of Dimes drive.

ECES Graduates 21 Students

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Szafransky Leads Loop

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with 63 points on 20 field goals and 23 free throws. Fourth in scoring was Jim Ault, 7808 SCU, with 58 points and Bill Sage, 636 Gen. Dispensary rounded out the first five leaders with 57 points each.

Offensively it was the ECES squad who lead the seven-team loop with an average of 38.5 points per game for the six games played on a total offensive figure of 231 points.

The 536th Dispensary committed the least number of personal fouls, 61 in five games. The league-leading Murnau club also paced the loop in free throws made, garnering 37 of a possible 76 chances for an average of 48.7. The most free throws made were by the 314th Band, which tallied 42 times from the foul line.

Bob Morgan, 314th Band had the best individual free throw record with 23 completions in 41 attempts. Szafransky's 40 field goals were tops in that department.

The first ten scoring leaders:

| PLAYER | TEAM | FG | FT | TP |
|------------|----------|----|----|----|
| Szafransky | ECES | 40 | 12 | 92 |
| Scheer | ECES | 29 | 9 | 67 |
| Morgan | 314 Band | 28 | 23 | 63 |
| Ault | 7808 SCU | 24 | 10 | 58 |
| Sage | 256 Disp | 24 | 9 | 57 |
| Young | 314 Band | 22 | 22 | 52 |
| Dalley | ECES | 21 | 6 | 52 |
| Nelson | 7808 SCU | 21 | 50 | 50 |
| Donaldson | ECES | 20 | 4 | 44 |
| Richter | 7808 SCU | 19 | 4 | 42 |

2 Garmisch Post GIs Extend RA Hitches

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Bastnagel blamed the lack of response to the RA career plan on the fact that enlisted men at the Garmisch Mil. Post have not been fully informed about the advantages offered, but he believes that interest will pick up in the future.

He estimated that, of the 200 EM on the post, over 55 per cent were career soldiers. A large percentage of the remaining 45 per cent, he believes, will favor the career plan as soon as they are fully acquainted with it.

Engineers Issue Oxygen

Oxygen and acetylene gas are items of engineer supply and will be requisitioned through the Post Engineer Supply office.

Tilts Set To Benefit Polio Fund

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Len Grabulis, Tony Scharisch and Loren Wolfe (the latter may be dropped from the team to offset the games) are the four Roter Hahn choices. Bill Richter and Jim Ault of 7808th SCU; Bob Morgan and George Yen of the 314th Band; Rod Balcomb and Walt Teague of the Garmisch Officers and Bill Sage, 536th Dispensary are the men chosen to play for the All-Stars. Morgan, Richter, Ault and Sage are four more men who are among the ten scoring leaders in the Post League.

The Murnau team will be headed by Elmer Szafransky, 6 ft. 3 in. center, who, converted to forward, paces the league in individual scoring with an average of 15 points per game in seven games to date. Dave Donaldson 6'3" and Joe Albertson 6'4", the other two men to compose the "giant killers" of the Murnau forward line, will give any opposition a heap of trouble. The two guards, Harry Jackson and Elmer Daubek round out the first string of the ECES quintet.

This game is scheduled for 2100 hours, or immediately after the first contest.

Coch J Johnny Morse of the 782nd SCU cagers indicated he would start Everett Gay at center, Doug Hammond and Clarence Morse at forwards, and Al Boykin and Warren Danos at guards. Boykin was named for the Bad Toiz All-Star team recently and Gay, although just getting a good start with the squad, is one of the best up-and-coming team men to date.

The mentor of the Hq Co. team, Captain George Mills, announced that the Murnau forward line, McKav at center, Callahan and McMahon at forwards, and Perry and Husk at guards would probably be his starting lineup against ECES. Perry was another man chosen for the Bad Toiz All-Star team, while Husk is one of the best floor men in the Bad Toiz league.

The admission to the game will be 50, the entire proceeds to go to the March Of Dimes. A brief ceremony will be held prior to the game to dedicate the field house in honor of the late Pfc Tommy Glynn, who was killed early this month in an airplane crash near Garmisch. The 314th Army Band will be on hand to furnish music throughout the program.

Future Champ



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Jimmie Lundquist, young son of Capt. Harry T. Lundquist, Garmisch P.O. Officer, experiments with a new pair of skis.