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Spring Sports Program Underway Here--Until It Snows

Tennis Players Welcome Opening Of Local Courts

Burley He-men and feminine short-lad tennis enthusiasts welcomed the news that the tennis courts near the officers' and NCO clubs are open for any and all who care to use them. Enlisted men may reserve courts for any time except the hours 1400 to 1700, which are held exclusively for officers' use.

More sports supplies of all kinds are expected at the Gym during the coming weeks so that no shortage should develop in the matter of rackets or tennis balls.

When the demand becomes great enough for tennis equipment in the evening, a man will be available nearby from whom equipment may be secured, but at the present, all personnel who wish to play in the evening are urged to sign out rackets and balls at the Gym before 1700.

Squadron 'B' Charters Busses for Party

Five specially chartered busses will be waiting at the Main Gate at 1930 tonight for members of Squadron B who wish free transportation direct from the base to the Penobscot Valley Country Club for tonight's party. In addition, bus drivers have been instructed to permit one lady to ride free, providing her escort is with her and can show the driver his bona fide "invitation." As there will be no detours from the Base to the Club, personnel have been requested to notify their wives and sweethearts to assemble at the Main Gate by 7:30 p. m. (civilian time) so that they may ride to the party on the same bus. Those who do not wish to avail themselves of free transportation may reach the Penobscot Valley Country Club by taking a bus to Bangor and transferring to a bus marked "Orono" or "Old Town."

The committee in charge of party arrangements emphasized the importance of the "invitation" which was to individuals in Squadron B and military guests in other Squadrons. They stressed the fact that these invitations will be used to checkmate "gate crashers" and must be presented at the Club before entry will be permitted through the portals leading to the fun and frolic. Each invitation bears a series of numbers which will be used when drawing is made for the various prizes to be given away tonight.

Ladies may wear whatever dress they like. However, since there are few military functions where they have the opportunity to wear the dress that's more gone than gown... the committee urged the men in Squadron B to encourage their gals to wear evening gowns.

TWO MEN MAKE PFC.

Two Squadron "B" privates, Joseph Frasca and Thomas P. Sandle, made Pfc. during the past week.

USO Show 'Town Topics' Booked for Tonight



Wilfred Mae Trio

Softballers Sought For Local Leagues

All softies and others who do not manage to make the "Bomber" baseball squad will be eligible to organize or join a softball team this coming season. "A" and "B" leagues are being planned this year, not so much to separate the "wheat" from the "chaff" (we're all good) as to provide competition for the winners in both leagues at the end of the season.

Each team will meet every other team in its respective league twice during the playing days, and these competitive groups may be squadron representatives, department "heroes" or just independent groups who believe that they stand a chance or want to have some fun. A minimum of eight teams is expected in each league before play begins.

Rumor has it that both the Wacs and the feminine members of the civilian clinetele are planning to organize softball teams this year, but since they probably are better players than the "rugged" sex, they will not engage in regular league competition.

If you believe that softball is a sissy's game, join one of the teams and discover the truth, and if you think it's too tough for you, see your doctor immediately.

TWINS CALLED IWO AND JIMA

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Martha Johnson has named her twin sons Iwo and Jima. Their father, George, is in the Navy.

Then They Came Back ... But Not the 198

Into the combat zone of Belgium this winter went 198 dogs of NAD's Search and Rescue Section. This week they came back—205 of them!

The increment of seven dogs represented puppies born to Nena, a Siberian husky, on 11 March while the dogs were on the way home by boat. After landing in New York, the dogs were flown to Presque Isle from Mitchell and Laguardia Fields. From PI the dogs will be flown to Goose, Gander, the Crystals and BWs to resume rescue work.

The trip to Europe was more educational than practical. The snow had melted before the dogs reached the battlefield. They remained at the front for a few days, reacting very well to the strange surroundings, according to Lt. Donald A. Shaw.

He said:

"If the snow had remained, I'm sure we would have accomplished a lot."

Name of Division Sheet Meets General Approval

Most Dow Field personnel approved of the judges' choice of the name "Airmada" for the two-month old NAD paper. According to a story on page two of the latest issue, the name was selected in Washington by a sergeant who had only the names submitted to go by. Only after "Airmada" was selected and sent back to Manchester were the editor, Cpl. Norman Leighton, and his staff able to look on their lists and find the name of S/Sgt. Glenn Henninger of Headquarters, NAD, who suggested it.

'Schlepperman' Billed With Varied Cast

Featuring Sam "Schlepperman" Hearn, nationally known radio comedian, the current USO show, "Town Topics," will be presented in two performances at Building T-6 tonight. Scheduled to go on at 1830 and 2030, "Town Topics" also includes in its itinerary an all-girl orchestra, a dance team, the De Leon sisters, and The Wilfred Mae trio, novelty hoop jugglers.

Hearn is an accomplished violinist who created his dialect character on the Jack Benny Program. He has appeared in many Broadway productions and recently toured the U. S. and Canada with the entire Jack Benny show.

Twelve-Gal Act

Virgil Whyte's Musical Sweethearts, featuring 12 beautiful young girls (it says here), has been highly rated by "Downbeat," music magazine. They have appeared on the radio and at leading theaters and ballrooms throughout the country. The band, a swing outfit, plays some sweet music.

The DeLeon sisters have been across for 13 months in England and France with the "foxhole" circuit, playing to GI outfits as close as 500 yards from the front in France. They were in the first contingent of USO performers to land on the shores of France, and followed Gen. Patton's armies all the way across that country. Their acrobatic dancing routine was popular before the war in many big cities of the U. S. and in Venezuela.

Hoops, Dearie

Using vari-colored barrel hoops, the Wilfred Mae trio of one girl and two guys excels in the art of hoop-rolling and juggling, with as many as 15 hoops in the air at one time. The trio has been appearing for many years on RKO and Loew circuits.

'A. M. Mayhem' Directors Seek More GI Talent

The producers of "A. M. Mayhem," Special Service sponsored musi-comedy about the men on the line, are seeking to round out their cast and get into rehearsal for a spring presentation. Everyone who has had anything to do with the show so far has claimed it as his own, which indicates to this office the fact that it must be a good thing.

With lyrics by Pfc. Ralph Miller, music by Sgt. Herbie Blinn and the technical direction of Sgt. George Barton, the show has room for all types of positive and negative talent and the services of stage technicians and sub-directors. Anyone interested in taking part in any way to make this all GI show a success is urged to attend the Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals in Building T-6.

In line with the general tone of the show, the producers have adopted the slogan, "A. M. Mayhem Is Bound to Slay 'Em."

Baseball Talent Better This Year, Adams Predicts

Practice for the Dow Field Baseball team got under way this week and according to Pfc. Buddy Adams, manager of the nine, this year's squad looks more promising than last season's. The squad, still looking for talent, has adopted the name which all teams representing Dow Field in sports use, that is, the "Bombers."

Among oldtimers returning to the diamond this year are Cpl. Bud Mitchell, Sgt. Dick Saey, M/Sgt. Mike Scherneski, Pvt. Roy Carcich, Pfc. Francis Dillon, Sgt. Joe Crook and Pfc. Adams.

Some of the new men trying out for the team are T/Sgt. Irving Meltzer, S/Sgt. Doc Ankrum, Pfc. Johnny Allocca, and Pfc. "Catcher" Winkowski. Adams guarantees to any timid souls who might be afraid to try out, that the Dow Field "Bombers" do not have all of the talent which the major leagues claim to lack this year, but that they will be a good team nevertheless.

Chief among the opponents already lined up for games are the Grenier Field nine, though the Presque Isle diamond men and the Bradley Field team will give the local lads plenty of competition.

Once the team is rounded into shape, those in charge are going to try to hold full practice sessions several times a week at 1600 hours, taking advantage of the best time of the day.

I & E Section Starts 'Cook's Tour' at Base

Embarking on a type of orientation new to Dow Field, personnel of the Information and Education Department have instituted a "Cook's Tour" of the Base. It consists of taking members of one section on visits to other sections of the Base in order to familiarize them with other functions and let the one-eighth see just how the other seven-eighths work. Each group of approximately 250 men will visit two out of eight departments during the week, spending about half an hour in each of them.

Included in the itinerary of the visiting groups are the Control Tower, Job Center Control, Aircraft Maintenance, Flight Control, Link Trainer, Weather, the Commissary and Embarkation-Debarcation, all close to the mission of ATC in delivering planes and supplying personnel with the equipment necessary for doing a good job. Other "requested" departments will be visited in the near future, if those tours now in progress should prove successful. From all indications, this revolutionary form of orientation is as successful as its originators had hoped.

Word has just been received here that Capt. Brower L. Pernet, former Special Service Officer at Dow Field, is the father of a baby girl born 20 March.

The Dow Field Officers' Call

Lt. Opp, Civilian Personnel, Twice Called Into Uniform

First Lt. Armel H. C. Opp, Civilian Personnel Officer, in addition to having the education and experience to qualify him for his present assignment, has one other unusual entry in his record that might better qualify him for the post. He is one of the relatively few men to enter the Army, leave it and be called back to active duty since the passing of the Selective Service Act. His brief period as a civilian may help him to better understand their problems.

Private to Master

He should also have the inside dope on what makes an enlisted man tick because he has served in every EM grade but Pfc.

Lt. Opp was a County Directory of the Missouri Social Security Commission when he was inducted in April 1941. In November of the same year the Commission was in need of trained personnel so the then S/Sgt. Opp requested a release for the Air Corps. It was granted on the grounds of overage (28), and he was placed in the Enlisted Reserve. Two months later, in January 1942, he was recalled in grade. The following month he made technical sergeant.

Opens Atlantic City

In July of that year he was with one of the outfits that opened Atlantic City as a AAF training center. Things seem to move fast for him. On 1 August he became a master sergeant; on 13 September he married Melba Fowler, of his "home state," at Atlantic City, and before the month was over he was in OCS at Miami Beach, Fla.

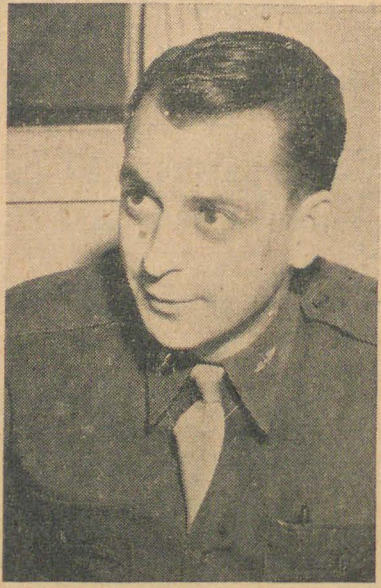
On receiving his gold bars in December 1942 he was assigned to Chanute Field, Ill., and became assistant civilian personnel officer. Later he was adjutant of the first school squadron there for about five months. For about a month before shipping to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., was supply officer.

Missouri Graduate

This moving from Illinois to Missouri was reminiscent of his youth. He had been born in Illinois. His father, a Methodist Episcopal minister, was given a congregation in Missouri in 1923. In 1926 the Opp family returned to Illinois, only to return to Missouri again a few years later. Lt. Opp, who received his advanced education in the latter state, considers it his home. He attended Flat River Junior College there from 1932 to 1934, and then entered the University of Missouri, graduating in 1936 with a B.S. degree. He returned to the University in 1937 and 1938 to take graduate courses in sociology and social work. It was following this that he was employed by the State Social Security Commission.

Assigned to ATC

On arriving at Jefferson Barracks in March 1944, Lt. Opp was assigned to an overseas replacement pool for Air Corps administrative officers. The following month he was assigned to the North Atlantic Wing and, after a brief stay at Manchester, went to Presque Isle where he was made adjutant of Unit No. 4. A month later he was made Civilian Personnel Officer there and retained the position until he was transferred to Dow Field in the same



1st Lt. ARMEL H. C. OPP

capacity in January.

Antiques a Hobby

Lt. Opp expects to continue in personnel work or social work after the war. That will be his occupation, but much of his time will be devoted to antiques, a hobby whose buying, selling and trading aspects makes it almost a second business with him. His particular interest along this line is in furniture. He is unable to devote much time to this hobby here in Bangor, where he lives with his wife.

The Lieutenant received his present rank in August 1943.

Henpecked Six Challenges All Comers In Volleyball

A new volleyball team, the Henpecked Six, plays its first game this afternoon at 1430 in the Gym with the Enlisted Medics. The team, composed of Capt. L. B. Smith, T/Sgt. Irving Meltzer, Sgt. Harry Richardson, Sgt. Joe Crook, Cpl. Lee Dalecky, and Pfc. Buddy Adams, challenges all comers.

The spokesman of the Henpecks issued the following statement:

"No challenge will go unheeded; we'll play a WAC team or the champeens of the world."

Rotation Plan Changes Within the Division

Two years overseas service, except for isolated Arctic stations, has been set as a standard for rotation of personnel in NAD, according to a recent directive from Headquarters, ATC. The change, rescinding the order which set 18 months as a standard, will not affect those overseas now awaiting arrival of replacements. In the future, the letter added, replacements may be expected to arrive at overseas stations so that returnees may depart immediately upon completion of 24 months service.

This change, meant to insure uniformity of rotation programs throughout the ATC, is in conformity with War Department and theater policies, so that NAD personnel are in no way being discriminated against. Previously the North Atlantic Division had fixed the standards for rotation within the Division without regard to other programs, and on the most liberal policy permitted by the resources from within the Division.

Party Rates Priority Over Mid-Week Dance

Because the Squadron "B" party has the center of the stage tonight, the regular Wednesday night dance sponsored by Personnel Services and the USO Club will not be held. It was originally scheduled for the Base.

The mid-week dancing parties will be resumed on Wednesday evening 11 April, with a Great Statesman night at the USO. The party will honor Charles Evans Hughes, born on 11 April 1862; Henry Clay, 12 April 1862, and Thomas Jefferson 13 April 1743.

Music for the slow dancer and the jitterbug will be provided by Sgt. Herbie Blinn and his orchestra.

Pilot Bags Jet Plane; Wife Not Surprised

Lt. Roscoe C. Brown, named in field dispatches as the first Negro fighter pilot to engage and destroy an enemy jet plane, was extolled Friday by his wife for providing "a further rebuke to those who would take away from the Negro's courage as a combat soldier."

Lt. Brown, the husband of Mrs. Laura Jones Brown, of New York City, is assigned to the 332d Fighter Group, a Negro outfit based in Italy. He is one of three Negro pilots of P-51 Mustangs who were credited with destruction of jet planes during a forty-minute aerial dogfight over Berlin on 24 March. The two other pilots are Flight Officer Charles V. Brantley, of St. Louis, and Lt. Earl R. Lane, of Wickliffe, Ohio.



DOW FIELD'S civilian strength was elevated recently with the arrival of eight trainee mechanic helpers, transferred to this installation from Fort Tooten, L. I., after a nine-week training course at the Casey Jones Academy of Aeroautics, LaGuardia Field. The above picture, 1 to r, is Clarence "Bud" Ryer, General Shop Superintendent, greeting Dorothy Zeissler, Irving Klausner, Betty Stewart, Dolores Loubriel, Elizabeth Gray, Ingrid Peterson, Georgette Rheinheimer and Ralph Aeivoli.

The Chapel Spire

Chaplain
Capt. James T. Kilbride
(Catholic)

(Protestant)
Capt. Edmund D. Viser
Ass't Chaplain

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CATHOLIC

Sunday—In Base Chapel, Masses at 0730 and 1100. Hospital Rec. Hall, Mass at 0945.

Daily—In Chapel, Masses at 1700. Confessions Saturday night from 1830 hours and before each Mass.

PROTESTANT

Sunday—In Chapel, Services at 1000. In Hospital Rec. Hall, Services at 0900.

Wednesday—In Chapel, Choir practice at 1845.

JEWISH

Friday—In Chapel, Services at 1900 by Bangor Jewish Welfare Board.

Flame of Eternal Hope

Chaplain E. D. Viser

There is a famous structure in the city of Paris called the "Arc de Triomphe." It is the center of things in the great metropolis. It is possibly the most magnificent triumphal arch in all the world. From it a dozen of the stateliest and most lovely avenues of the

city stretch forth into the far distances. All life floods it; and all life flows out from it. So the world's life has its central arch of triumph in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There would be no Easter had there been no Cross; no Cross had there been no Saviour. The hope eternal in this year of grace 1945, amid the blood and battle, the sorrow and suffering of mankind, is a steadfast belief in One who died and who rose again from the dead.

At the base of the Arc de Triomphe is the dedicated flame—the eternal light that burns in memory of the unknown soldier. This light was never dimmed even during the German occupation. Perhaps it symbolized the unconquerable soul of France. A tiny flame, but one that burned all through the night of slavery and darkness. In August 1944 the city shook with the shouts of joy as the Allies marched in. Paris was free! . . . The light burned on . . . Perhaps in August 1940 all hope was lost, but, four years later, there came the glad liberation.

The poet has said, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." May our hope and trust this Easter season—pre Lenten and post-Lenten—be in Him who conquered death and evil, and who said, "I am the resurrection and the life . . ." Let us work for victory, let us pray for peace; but above all, let us keep our hearts burning with the flame of hope in God—a God who

eternal life for those who will accept it. His royal invitation is "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." In Him and in Him alone is the eternal Easter hope of the soul!

27 March 1945.

JAPOLOGY



Here's a typical day for the Jap soldier: He is awakened at 0530. Within 20 minutes he must appear for roll call and morning service. He uses the next hour to police his quarters and do necessary chores. Breakfast is at 0730, lunch at 1210, evening meal at 1730. His daytime hours are packed with study and drill periods, with only the briefest intervals of rest. For relaxation Jap soldiers play at bayonet practice. Beginning at 1900 the soldier studies the next day's lesson. He gets a 10 minute rest at 2000 and then goes back to his studies until 2130. Lights are out at 2200.

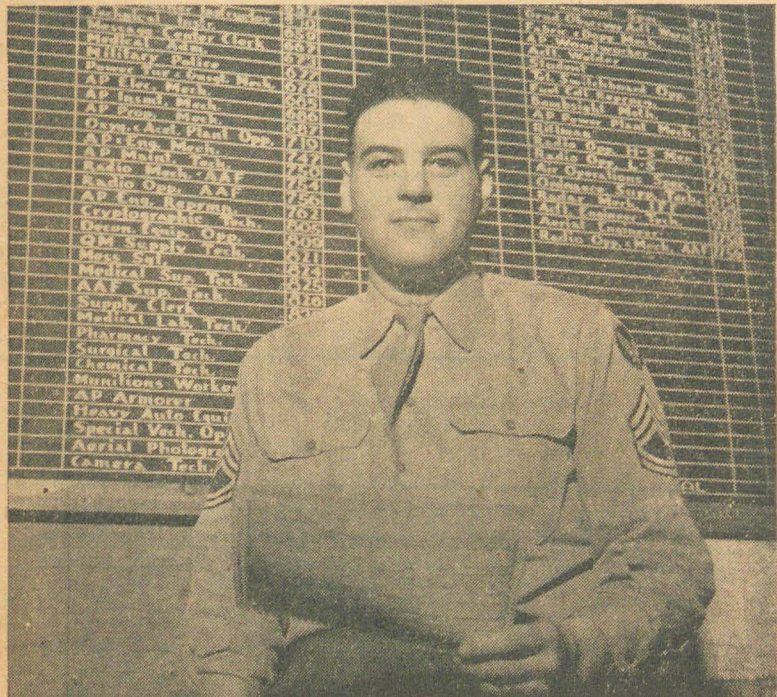


"Bust anyone today, dear?"

LAST B-26 IS DELIVERED
BALTIMORE — The last of the Marauders was off the Glenn L. Martin Company's assembly line Saturday and was turned over to the United States Army Air Forces. The Marauder B-26 medium bomber, once the target of Senate committee criticism because of claimed take-off and landing difficulties, has figured as a vital air combat weapon. Production was stopped, the company said, because the Army now needs longer-range bombers. The last plane was christened "Tail End Charlies" by Martin plant workers and was presented by Glenn L. Martin, president, to Colonel Kenneth Collins of the Army Air Technical Service Command.

ver; who ever lives to make con-
s to all men everywhere

Who's Who of Enlisted Men



T/Sgt. Irving Meltzer

Even If You Don't Know Him, Meltzer Has Your Number

Perhaps all military personnel on the Base don't know T/Sgt. Irving N. Meltzer, but it's a safe bet to say that Sgt. Meltzer knows more about a greater number of them than anyone else. As Classification and Assignment NCO it's his job to know who can do what and why. Once he has this information, he tries to see that the right person is placed in the right job.

Irv maintains the same outward calm whether tied up during a rushed period in the office or in a tight spot on the basketball court, where he played this past season with both the Base team and the Squadron "A" Gremlins. Although known in the field of sports here principally as a cager, he never played basketball until he arrived at Dow Field a little over a year and a half ago. His real prowess is in football and at the time of his induction in May 1943, he had just signed a contract to play pro football with the Detroit Lions.

Too Big For Marines

Prior to that May day when Uncle Sam beckoned, Meltzer had made attempts to enter the service. He had applied for entry in the Marine Corps three times and each time was turned down because he was "too big." He was accepted as a cadet for the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., but didn't pass the final physical because of hypertension.

The Sergeant's home town is Syracuse, New York. While at Central High School there he played on the championship football teams that traveled to Miami, Fla., in 1933, and to Tampa, Fla., 1934 to play post season games.

After high school he went to Saint Lawrence University where he played tackle on the freshman football team and followed it up with three years on the varsity eleven. While at Saint Lawrence he also wrestled in the unlimited class. In recalling one particular match he said:

"I wrestled with the runner-up in the National Inter-Collegiates. Although I lost my match, the strategy we used won the meet for Saint Lawrence. If he'd beaten me by a fall, we would have lost. I was instructed to stay away from him and in that way only lost by a decision."

He graduated from Saint Lawrence in 1941 with a B.A. in sociology and a minor in economics and education. At the time of his induction he had just been accepted for graduate school in social work at the University of Indiana.

After college Irv started work as an adjuster for a finance company and later became a unit manager. The job must have required diplomacy for in

mentioning it Sgt. Meltzer said:

"It was a tough racket; you had to take money away from people and still have them think you were a good guy."

He also chased "skips." He recalls: "I remember chasing a medician man who claimed to be an Indian Chief. I found out that when an Indian doesn't want to talk you can't make him. Even his own family claimed they never heard of the guy."

Shortly before induction, Sgt. Meltzer married Gladys Alper at Gloucester, Mass., where he was teaching "everything and anything" as a substitute at high school there.

He was inducted in May 1943. After reception center, he was sent to Camp Lee, where he expected to be in the Quartermaster but ended up in an Adjutant General training unit. Seven weeks later he was sent to Army Classification school at Washington and Jefferson College, in Washington, Pa. After eight weeks there he requested to be sent to the Air Corps. The request was granted and he ended up in the First Air Force, at Tent City, just outside Camp Mills on Long Island, N. Y.

A Flip of a Coin

He arrived at Dow Field 26 September 1943. Two days later deactivation of the Base was begun and in three months time, while still remaining at Dow, he had been in three commands. Once during this period a flip of a coin had kept him off the shipping list. He feels that the experience gained during this deactivation-activation period was invaluable. In mentioning what has transpired since then he said:

"We've made a great deal of progress in classification and assignment in the last year and a half. We endeavor to study each classification and assignment as an individual case. Of course the demands of the Army come first, and for this reason everyone can't have the job he wants, but we do our best to suit the individual to the job within the limitations placed on us."

After the war Sgt. Meltzer expects to enter personnel work. He said:

"I believe the training and experience I've received in the Army will be valuable in civilian work and hope to get into per-

Easter Parade

While beautiful ladies were parading down Fifth Avenue in New York, down the sunny streets of Hollywood, down the windy streets of Chicago, or down the streets of almost any city, town or village in the United States, Dow Field was far from forgotten.

The olive drab surroundings of Dow Field were brightened on Sunday by the array of new spring coats of pastel shades hats of all shades and shapes, and corsages of all colors and smells worn by our feminine visitors and workers.

Overheard one soldier's wife complain of the high wind, for the reason that it would not permit her to wear her new Easter bonnet. She went on to explain that her new lid was one of those wide top and narrow bottom types, although streamlined was not "wind resistant."

On the other hand, saw the spouse of one of our Weather Squadron men wearing a small low-built hat of a "sky-blue pink color" and plenty "wind resistant." You don't suppose he got a special forecast before the wife went down to pick out her "lid," do you?

We heard it as a rumor and that is what it is going to remain, but here is the rumor: "A young lady of Squadron G (WAC) knew that existing regulations would not permit any fancy 'bonnets' and even a new one would look like the old one—so, she changed the color of her hair from 'Blond' to 'Army Brown' (and this was not intended as a plug for a shoe polish of the same color)."

What was a little hard to take was being served SPAM and Eggs on Easter at the PX instead of the usual Easter HAM and Eggs. While sitting there doing a bit of griping, a fellow leaned over and said, "What are you griping about, Sergeant, last Easter I had Spam and Powdered Eggs?"—well, guess things are never so bad they couldn't be worse!

Here's another that came in as an added bit of humor to the Easter Holiday on Dow Field. It seems that a doting aunt of Pfc. Tom Omlie of the Sergeant Major's Office was fearful that the Easter Bunny would not make a trip to Dow Field, so in the mail Tom received six brightly colored eggs—slightly battered! Some "Omelet," eh, Omlie?

Water Supply Rationed At Fort Nelson, Alaska

At the Fort Nelson base of the Alaskan Division, water is now being rationed. Except for ten minutes every hour on the hour, water is shut off from 0900 to 1100, 1400 to 1700, and 2400 to 0400. Hence, there's a rush for drinking fountains and wash rooms when a new hour rolls around.

The water supply problem at Fort Nelson is a tough nut to crack. Officers explained that for many miles around Nelson is a dry strata, with little water available. Three deep wells have been sunk so far, and one is fairly good. It is now being cleaned, and other wells are now being drilled in the nearby River flats.

Meanwhile, dry wells have placed the burden on seven tanker-trucks which work 24 hours a day. About sixty trips daily are made to the river, eight miles away. The composition of the well water presents another real problem. It contains a large amount of natural gas. In the past men have reported that the water will burn at the outlets, if lit—the water, not the men.

sonal management. Where, and I might add when, I have no idea."

Under Meltzer's usual composure there seems to be a slight uneasiness during the interview. This was explained in his closing words. He said:

"By the time the "Observer" appears next Wednesday I expect to be a father."

Squadron 'G' Presents:

By Pvt. Constance Klink

There have been plenty of people calling her all fall and winter (especially a certain sergeant from Squadron B), but this is the first opportunity they have had to call her Pfc.! The gal in question is Vera Edwards of the Public Relations Department, the gal with the glamorous dark eyes and the flashing smile, who just this past week sewed on her first stripe.

Vera came to Dow Field early in July of last year, when the present WAC squadron was being activated, and the members housed in Ward VII of the Hospital.

She proceeded here from Rosecranz Field, Mo., where she had been temporarily assigned after her basic training at Fort Des Moines. The first six weeks of her sojourn at Dow, Vera worked in the Personal Affairs Office, transferring to Public Relations early in September. She acts as assistant and Secretary to Lt. Thompson in the Historical and Research Division, an assignment for which her civilian life had ably prepared her.

Holds Two Degrees

A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and holding two degrees—that of B.A. and B.L.S., she worked for many years as Librarian of the Arkansas City, Kansas, Library. In conjunction with this work she also did book reviews and presented radio talks on books of the hour. The year before entering the Service, she left the Library at Arkansas City to accept an interesting post as Librarian for the State Prison at Springfield, Mo. Here her experiences were rich and varied, vying an "Ann Vickers" in the nature of the work.

The new Pfc., however, is a most versatile person, and her career has not been confined to Library and Research work. Always interested in the theater, she did a vast amount of little theater work while in school and college, and later played feature roles with Ted North's stock company for several seasons. She studied dancing for many years, which is probably one of the factors accounting for her skill and ability in PT and other forms of sport.

Native of Oklahoma

A native of Kildare, Okla., (noted for nothing we can discover, other than being Vera's birthplace), she spent most of her life in Arkansas City, and also lived for a short time in Ponca City, Okla. (All this confuses us—we don't know anything about the middle west.)

People are always supposed to have hobbies (particularly Wacs, for some reason) but Vera has so many it is



PFC. VERA EDWARDS

rather bewildering. She is one of those rare human beings who possess the knack, trick or whatever you care to call it, of looking utterly helpless, and inefficient, while in actuality, the reverse is exactly true. Along with her keen brain she possesses an enormous energy, and an almost terrifying capacity for work, which she does quietly and unobtrusively, finishing it before many of the rest of us have even begun to gripe about it. Another happy characteristic, her all powerful sense of humor, has carried her through many trying and difficult situations, and makes life a gayer place to live in, not only for herself, but her friends.

Her ambition, like a lot of other Wacs (where have we heard this before?) is to go over seas, but she finds Dow Field and her job much to her liking, and says she would enjoy spending another summer here. We rather think Dow Field would enjoy having her too!

FOOT NOTE: We JUST remembered! Pfc. Edwards HAS one outstanding hobby—eating carrots in bed! Which quaint (to say the least) habit has earned her the well deserved pseudonym of "Bugs Bunny."

Twinkle, Little Star



GLORIA GRAHAME gets ahead faster than you can say "woo-woo." A quick success on the stage with her special kind of comedy brought Gloria an M-G-M contract without so much as a screen test, and the lead role in that studio's "Blonde Fever."

7th War Loan Quota Set for Base Personnel

We're going to hang Hitler and Tojo to a sour apple tree. It's the 7th War Loan Drive method of showing that we have hit the top—achieved our goal. That goal is going to be high too, since

civilians will have to buy a total of \$90,000 or 18% of their pay for three months; and military personnel will have a quota of \$68,000. These figures include payroll deductions and cash purchases.

It will be a race between the civilians and the soldiers as to who is going to hang their victim first. Since the cleaning up of Japan is likely to be a longer military procedure, the soldiers are going to work to hang TOJO. The civilians are going all out in their campaign to

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News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 4 April

Juke Box Dancing. Portrait Sketching at the Club with Mrs. Sheila Findly.

THURSDAY, 5 April

Classical Music Hour. Crafts Night with Miss Georgia Worster. She'll do a watercolor portrait, too!

FRIDAY, 6 April

Movie, "Are Husbands Necessary?" starring Ray Milland and Betty Field.

SATURDAY, 7 April

Dance honoring the establishment of the Coast Guard in 1790. Games and a general good time. Music by Herbie Blinn's Orchestra.

SUNDAY, 8 April

After Church: Sunday morning breakfast at the Club, served by members of St. John's P.T.A. Coffee Hour 4-6, cakes and sandwiches donated by the Athene Club and served by the Sunday Snack Bar Committee. Song Fest at 8:30, old and new favorites.

MONDAY, 9 April

Game Night: Bridge, cribbage, Chinese checkers, ping-pong, pool, compare card and coin tricks.

TUESDAY, 10 April

Bingo: cash prizes. Letters on a Record for the folks at home of the girl friend. Hostess Connie Beal in charge.

American Faces

I'll remember ever those American faces,
That bore the stamp of the country's wide
spaces.
The quick, sober man from the Eastern
states,
Who spat out his words at remarkable
rates.
The wide, slow smile of the man from the
South,
Whose warm phrases seemed to melt in
his mouth.
The pink cheeks and clear eye of the Mid-
dle West,
Where life stems from the earth with frag-
rant zest.
The honest face from the great Northern
plains,
Fresh and pleasant as the light Spring rains.
The informal visage of the sprawling West
Coast,
Where the words ring clear in generous
boast.

And I wonder what angry destiny awaits
Those treacherous few who ignored the fates
Of the dying men in the shell scoured
ditches;
Those few who debated, grasping for
riches,
Palms greased with money from filthy mu-
nitions.
What miserable plea, what futile excuse,
Will their wretched souls make when sev-
ered loose
To nakedly confront those American faces.
By N. H., Squadron "A."

Former Dow Field Major Makes Lt. Colonel

Lt. Col. Carleton Duby, at one time stationed at Dow Field, was promoted while home on leave in Bradley, Maine, from the rank of major. A graduate of the University of Maine, the colonel served six months in the South Pacific, and is at present an instructor at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is married to the former June Spencer, of Bradley, and has a daughter four months old.

Maj. Warner Honored At Farewell Dinner

Civilian employees of the Base Maintenance Section and officers of Dow Field gathered at the Penobscot Exchange Hotel Monday night to do honor to Major Loring K. Warner, who is leaving on an overseas assignment. Since December 1943, Major Warner has been Post Engineer and Base Maintenance Officer, responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the hundreds of buildings, miles of roads, and hundreds of thousands of square feet of runways and parking areas.

Nearly a hundred of Major Warner's co-workers attended the dinner, along with Lt. Col. Ori O. Schurter, Lt. Col. D. H. Bullough, Major George F. Bryon, Capt. Fillmore Frye, 1st Lt. Jacob Berger and 2nd Lt. Paul Hanley. Capt. Frye, succes-

A combat jacket and pen and pencil set were presented the departing guest. Members of the committee arranging the dinner, in addition to the above, were Mr. H. Roy Bard, chairman; Chief Charles Turner of the Dow Field Fire Department; Carl Hutchings, John R. Mullaney, Franklin Graves, and Bernard Noden.

Major Warner served actively for 11 months as an engineer in World War I. He is a native of Marion, Ohio, where he operates a sand and gravel business. Mrs. Warner will continue to reside at 211 Silver Road, Bangor.

ARCTIC TRAINING SCHOOL

GREAT FALLS, Montana — The Arctic Training School, formerly at Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado, officially opened at East Base recently. The school received its original conception in the ATC, but was transferred to the Technical Training Command in 1942. In October 1944, the school was transferred back to the ATC and is now attached to East Base, Great Falls.

There are courses in aircraft and ground heaters, refueling units, aircraft power plants, etc.; all with an eye to problems that are encountered in sub-zero temperatures. Not all the students take the entire set of courses. They are interviewed before entering the school, and the subjects taken are determined by their MOS numbers.

Squadron C

By Pfc. Ralph Miller

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Sgt. Cletus Jenning for the recent loss of his infant daughter.

Lt. Don Lukenbill is now the Officer in Charge of the Aircraft Service Section (formerly known as the Alert Crew), replacing Lt. Jakel, who has been sent to LaGuardia Field to replace Lt. Luckenbill. . . I don't know. You figure it out.

That'll be the day: When Pfc. Aaron "Tailwheel" Pisatznar isn't reading all the newspapers he can get hold of searching for signs of an Armistice. . . . When Cpl. "Newfie" Coulter isn't rushing to get down to Harry's, where he dreams up material for his daily latinagrams. . . . When Sgt. Crane isn't drinking the PX out of coffee. (Incidentally, we would like to offer our apologies to

Sgt. Crane for calling him Cpl. in last week's column. Now he won't have to tear off one stripe to keep from making me out a liar.)

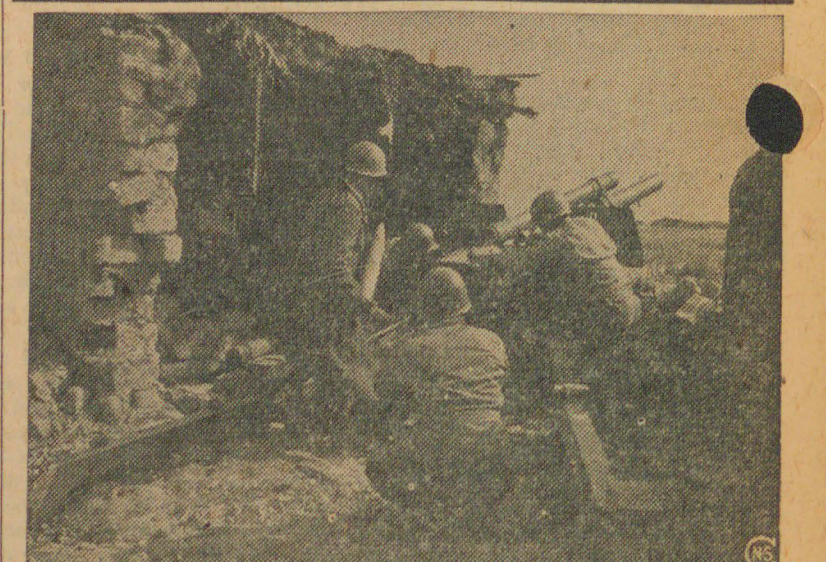
Hangar (Wash) Line: It was Wedding Bells along with the Easter Bunnies for Cpl. William Wassmuth. He was married in New York City Easter Sunday. Accompanying him down to give him moral support for the affair were Sgt. Tex Grant and Cpl. Stanley Schultz.

S/Sgt. "Weary Willie" Be. tossed his semi-annual "Fling" Saturday night. The locale for the occasion was the Paramount. We hear that the fancy foot-work he displayed proved quite revealing.

GI DANCE AIDS ESKIMO KIDS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Natives from Point Barrow and GIs from Ladd Field danced the traditional Eskimo dances to raise money for the treatment of ten crippled Eskimo kids. Sponsored by the Eskimo community of Fairbanks, the dance raised \$845.

American Ordnance Superior to German



U. S. SOLDIER SOMEWHERE in the ETO fire a 105mm howitzer, one of the many weapons supplied by our Ordnance. In answer to critics of U. S. weapons, Col. George G. Eddy, Director of the Ordnance Research and Development Center, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, says, "If the critics of American weapons will take occasion to examine losses of German materiel as compared with losses of American materiel they will find the losses of German materiel far exceeds our own."

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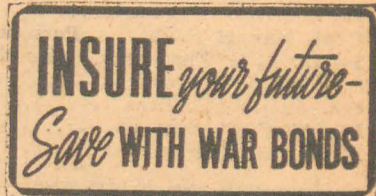
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ANDREWS FIELD DEDICATED

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — The Camp Springs, Md., Air Base is now Andrews Field and the continental headquarters of the AAF. In a military ceremony punctuated by speeches and music from the Army bands, the field, which was built to give air protection to the nation's capital, was dedicated to the memory of Lieutenant General Frank Andrews. He was killed in an air crash on 3 May 1943, while commanding the American Expeditionary Force in the British Isles.

NO TOUGHER FIGHT AHEAD

PEARL HARBOR — Iwo Jima not only was the toughest fight the marines have had in their 168 years of existence, but they will probably have no tougher combat in the next 500 years, Lieutenant General Holland M. Smith said in awarding Purple Hearts to Iwo wounded. Twenty-one generals, admirals and commodores required almost two hours to pin medals on the chests of men at the Alca Naval Hospital.

Civilian Slants

By Bud Leavitt, Jr.

Sure as shootin' fish in a rain barrel we'll be staggering through savings campaigns until the firing has officially ceased on the other side of the brook. Here at Dow the Seventh War Loan Drive is in gear and until \$90,000 has been pushed through the till the drums will be 'beatin'. The 90,000 cited above is not a telephone number, that's the amount needed to call Dow's civilian effort an outstanding contribution. The drive begins 1 April and will continue for three months.

Our squib in last week's "Observer" calling attention to Ernest Crockett's run of 42 consecutive months without absenting himself from duty due to sickness caused quite a furore among the hands. The customers are scrutinizing their leave marks in an attempt to better Brother Crockett's string. Crockett is assigned to the Base Maintenance Section.

This ain't in line with writing a civilian column, but we were thinking after taking an awful haul on a cheap cigar how the popular-priced cheroot has gone up in the smoke of war. It has been said that a good five-center is as American as a hamburger with "the works." We used to frequent one particular tobacconist for an occasional five-center. Dropping in the other evening for a popular type heater, the clerk laconically shrugged a pair of stooped shoulders and pointed to an empty humidor. While standing around hoping that he might stoop low enough behind the counter and come up with a "stowaway," another customer walked in and asked for a Phillie (they used to cost a nickle but now market for eight cents). The clerk shakes his head. The man wants a Yankee. The clerk says no. The man walks out with an El Fan, a cheroot he never saw before—for 13 cents.

In the last few days well-known civilian personnel have visited the operation at this installation, namely: Donald Watson, Chief, Civilian Training Division, Headquarters, Air Transport Command; Lorin B. Krue-



This Week at the Base Theater



WEDNESDAY, 3 April—UTAH, with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Also "Swing Fever," a headliner revival, and "Ski Gulls," a Sportscope.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 5 & 6 April—SALTY O'ROURKE, with Alan Ladd and Gail Russell. Also "Life With Feathers," a Merrie Melodie, and Movietone News.

SATURDAY, 7 April (double feature)—HOUSE OF FEAR, with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. Also ROUGH, TOUGH AND READY, with Chester Morris and Victor McLaglen. Running time: 2 hours, 17 minutes.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 8 & 9 April—THE HORN BLOWS AT MIDNIGHT, with Jack Benny and Alexis Smith. Also "Jasper's Minstrels," a Puppatoon, and Movietone News.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, 10 & 11 April—THE CLOCK, with Judy Garland and Robert Walker. Also "The Shooting of Dan McGoo", an MGM cartoon and "THIS IS AMERICA".

ger, Civilian Training Administrator, Headquarters, North Atlantic Division, and George Caldwell, Senior Instructor, Casey Jones Academy of Aeronautics, LaGuardia Field, L. I., N. Y.

Ralph DeCrow, foreman of the instrument branch, Aircraft Maintenance, is pursuing a course at the Pioneer Instrument School, Philadelphia, Pa., while Bror O. Hultgren, Civilian Personnel Office, and Bud Ryer, Shop Superintendent, Aircraft Maintenance, are now at LaGuardia Field.

William "Bill" Clisham, a canine fancier, has a full blooded cocker spaniel for sale. Bill, a discharged veteran of fracas II, is a controls clerk in the Civilian Personnel Office—which is a hard way of saying that he has a mutt for sale.

Add members to the I'm-the-poppa-of-a-brand-spanking-new-baby - BOY-club: Al "keep your feet on the ground and don't get hurt" Lancaster.

FLAG FOR DISCHARGEES

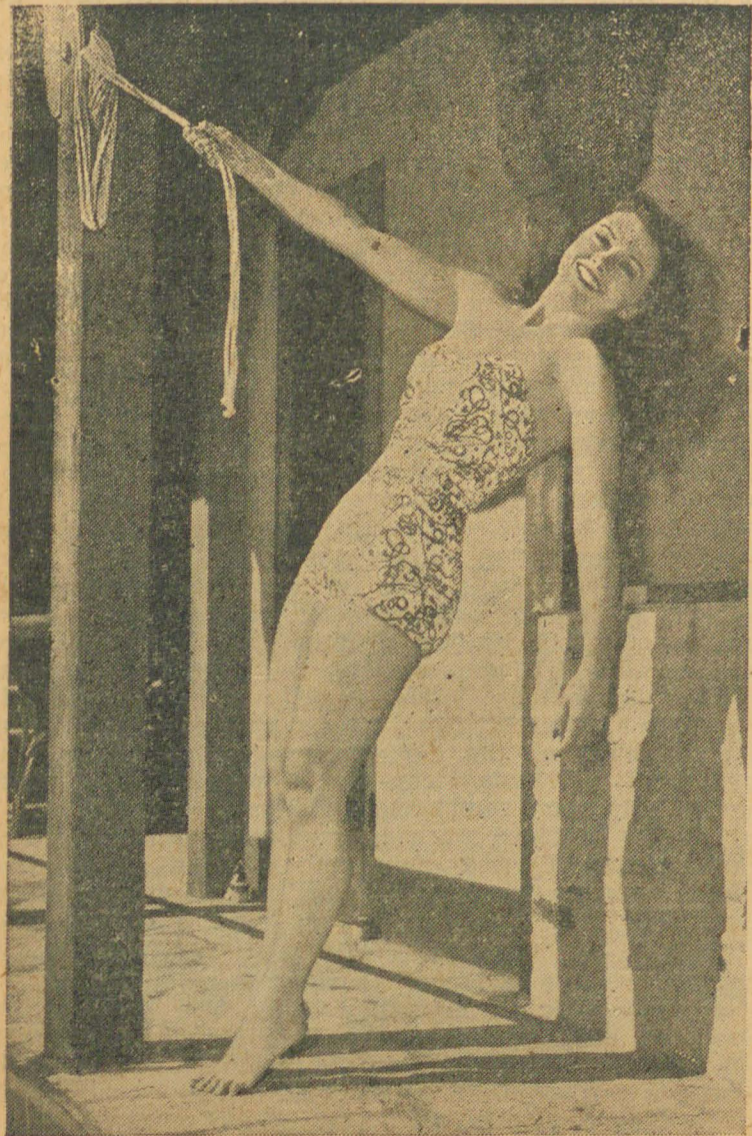
In addition to the lapel button which is issued to honorably discharged soldiers, a service flag has been contrived in behalf of the veterans who have served. The design of the button is being used as the symbol and will be placed on the flag in lieu of the blue star.

Base Red Cross Drive Tops 1944 by 56%

The 1945 Red Cross Drive has netted a total of \$1,807.89, according to Ellis H. Dana, Field Director of the Red Cross. This is better than 56% over the 1944 total of \$1,160.46, and a very fine increase. Officers donated \$398.00, compared to \$153.00 for 1944; enlisted men gave \$542.64, compared to \$114.09 for 1944; and civilian employees gave \$867.25, compared to \$884.37 for last year.

Mr. Dana said: "We wish to thank especially all officers, enlisted men and civilian personnel whose contributions made this effort so successful. It is particularly reassuring to us in Red Cross service to receive such a representative indication of the widespread desire on the part of such large numbers at Dow Field to share in all our many services here and throughout the world." Members of the Red Cross Council which promoted the drive were Lt. Col. Orie O. Schurter, Captain Charles Horvath, Capt. Wilbur Hemstreet, John R. Mullaney, Bud Leavitt, and 1st Lt. A. G. Thompson. Ellis H. Dana of the Red Cross was an advisory member.

The personnel of Dow Field are to be congratulated in exceeding their quota of \$1,500 by \$307.89.



Vivian Austin, Universal Pictures beauty, is appearing in three new pictures, "Destiny," "She Gets Her Man" and "Romance, Inc."

7th War Loan Quota Set for Base Personnel

We're going to hang Hitler and Tojo to a sour apple tree. It's the 7th War Loan Drive method of showing that we have hit the top—achieved our goal. That goal is going to be high too, since

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With a knowledge that it's too late to do anything about it, we add our sting of condemnation to those who failed to "kick in" on pay day with the customary buck for the permanent KPs. Of all the guys we don't like, we've decided that we don't like them best.

The lower grades, especially those with financial problems, may be excusably left out of this barbed editorial. They must use all of the money they receive, but the following type of individual, about whom we know much, should reap just what he's asked for.

When asked why he didn't contribute even the smallest amount to keep the KPs in well-deserved cash, this Staff Sergeant's reply was, shall we say, typical of what might have been expected. He answered:

"Anytime that they wish to put me on KP I'm available."

He's the same guy who doesn't contribute to the March of Dimes because he's pretty sure he'll never get infantile paralysis.

Contributing toward the permanent KP fund has nothing to do with the morale and efficiency of the Base as a whole. And that means the morale and efficiency of all grades and ranks, not just the minority group who used to pull the detail.

Everytime a man was taken from an office for a day of KP, someone else in that office who wasn't on the roster was affected. We know of cases where master sergeants and officers had to change their plans—office and personal—because some private was on KP. We'll also bet that the volume of the telephone load on the Base dropped considerably when the phones were no longer used in trying to get men off KP.

The United States Army isn't built on a flunky system. Officers pay for the services they receive from enlisted men. But it now appears that some upper grade enlisted men consider themselves entitled to services denied all lower grades and all officers including generals.

Keep your dimes, quarters and dollars. The Red Cross, Tuberculosis and Infantile Paralysis drives and the KP fund will survive without them. And all of them being worthy and tolerant institutions will continue to serve you just as if you weren't a louse.

For Yourself

This item has nothing to do with the above editorial. The above editorial concerns contributions and, if you catch on quickly, you will gather from it that we consider guys heels who don't kick in to worthy causes. This item concerns buying war bonds. If guy doesn't buy bonds when he is financially able to, he's just a darn fool. That two or three hundred bucks mustering out pay isn't going far when it must be used in buying civvies, finding a job, and just having a hell of a good time before settling down to work. But with a few war bonds added to it, it will make a nice nest egg. Everyone knows all the answers by now on why war bonds should be bought, so we'll only say:

Buy 'em for yourself, this war isn't going to last for ever and you can use the dough when it's over.

DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION DOW FIELD

A few days after this week's question was asked, some of these who gave the answers wanted to change their statements. They claimed that the nice spring weather on that day made things seem different. They were not permitted to renege. The question was:

"What do you like or dislike about Maine?"

Pfc. Orlando Hughes, who hails from Louisville, Ky., has been here 15 months and works in the new Squadron E service club, stated:

"As a vacation land Maine is swell because there's nothing to do, no one to bother you, and nothing but peace. It's also an ideal place for raising children. But as for living here, I'd rather be someplace else."



Cpl. John Dura, a fireman of Squadron "A" who has been here since returning from Iceland in January, makes his home in Philadelphia. He declared:

"I don't like the winter climate, even comparing it with Iceland. I've met a lot of nice people here but a lot of others seem to be allergic to soldiers. Around Bangor some of the merchants seem to overcharge for certain items. But the scenery is nice and some of the people I've met off-set the complaints."



Pvt. Cathie Niles, a native of Maine makes her home at Pigs Island, Portland, and works for Distribution. She said:

"Maine is all right but after you've been around you find it's rather dead. Of course I like Pigs Island, but after the war I intend to live in the south. Memphis, Tenn., is my choice."



Sgt. Herbie Blinn, is a musician from Miami, Fla., who has been here for nine months and now works for Personnel Services: His statement was:

"I don't like the changes in the weather. But the summer (what there is off it) is fine. Maine is okay for the people of Maine but give me Florida. There are much worse places than Maine so I'm not kicking."



T/Sgt. Al Gomez, a flight engineer on a C-46, comes from "out where the west begins," in Denver, Colo. He said:

"I've spent three winters here and don't think much of them. But the scenery and summers are enough to compensate for them. The people don't have as open a manner as they do in the west; still I can't kick about the treatment I've received since being here."



The Wolf

by Sansone



"Unless the rules have changed, he plays a pretty rough game of checkers!"

The Light Fantastic at Dow

Dancing, that extrovert expression of an introvert tendency, has always fascinated the average person, especially in his younger, years while he or she is going from child to grownup, from adolescent to age and from girl to girl or fellow to fellow like a barrel of beer at a convention of the teamster's Union.

The various phases and expressions of dancing, seen only too well at any of the base dances attended by local and town talent, were developed after careful consideration of the risk involved in learning to dance the right way and the determination to figure out a way of our own, which in the long run, makes the girl or fellow with whom we wiggle for a few short minutes none the worse than if we'd spent the \$10 Ma gave us on dancing lessons instead of sneaking off to the premier performance of "She Done Him Wrong," or "She was only a stocking manufacturer's daughter, but she gave him a sock in the kisser." Besides this, any mistake we may make in imparting the elbow to someone whom we particularly dislike, may be laid at the doorstep of misinformation in the Terpsichorean art.

At the beginning, let us state that all people who appear at base dances are not dancers, but its just a case of, "If ignorance is bliss, my feet are paying for your happiness." Nevertheless, most of the hoof-heaving-hindividuals manage to gain some semblance of reason in their dancing, though the married man often wonders what he is doing out there.

First on our list of graceful attitudes in dancing is the hug-me-tight method, proposed because, "we'll be able to dance much better that way." It's quite a good method on a crowded floor, but if that is the only reason for its use, then some people

must assume that four is a crowd. People who dance far apart may have reasons of their own that even their best friends won't tell them, though they may simply be admiring each other from a distance. In between these two are so many ways and wherefores that it would take too much time to tell you about them all so you'll have to drop in and see for yourself. For instance, there is the fellow who believes he's driving a Mack truck, tearing the gal around the floor with all the grace and finesse of a three-weeks dead fish. At the sound of an eight note, he grabs his human cargo, throws in the clutch, and away they go. Many couples believe in the feet apart, head together, technique, which it is true, gives maximum clearance for maneuvers, and at the same time allows the parties to communicate with one another easily. The Walkie-talkie will do away with all of this. Those in favor of the dip are many, for the dip adds that final touch to something which we had already thought final.

The jitterbug dance, known to its admirers as "tripping the light fanatic," is nothing really new in dancing, for years ago we used to go through the same motions when we struck the cold water at the beach. When the "hepcat" inquires of us, "doesn't that send you?" whenever his favorite sears an unsuspecting trumpet with a scorching song, we simply say, "Yah, home," and leave the modern to speculation on the misfortune of being a "square" who can't go a few rounds.

Now don't get us wrong, we love dancing, for it brings people together as nothing else can, but for real endurance we'll take the old fashioned square dances. Those people could really take it, and come to think of it, maybe that's why they died so young.

Maintenance Men Baby Those Orange Tipped Planes

Keeping Dow's Air Fleet Going Requires Cooperation of Many

By Pfc. Ralph Miller

THOSE HARD-WORKING C-46s with the orange trimmed rudders and elevators you see buzzing in and out of the Field belong to the fleet of cargo aircraft based here at Dow. The fleet consists of eight C-46s, one B-17 converted to carry passengers and a YC-108, which is a B-17 modified to a cargo plane.

The job of these aircraft is to carry air-freight and passengers between various bases in the NAD. They usually range from Newark and LaGuardia Field, important air-freight terminals, to as far north as Goose Bay, Labrador. Occasionally they have flown trips down to Bermuda and even up to the Crystals.

The air-freight of these ships is comprised of all kinds of supplies imaginable. Their "mission" supplements the work of C-54s and C-47s flying throughout the NAD.

Complex Job

Directing the flight operations of the Dow-base fleet is the job of the Transport Operations Section, directed by Capt. Alfred B. Nichols, Jr., Base Chief Pilot, who recently replaced Major B. McEntire, Jr. The Transport Operations Section receives its flight schedules from the Transport Movement Center located in Presque Isle. Under the direction of Capt. T. R. Waterman, the Transport Movement Center has the complex job of scheduling the movement of all air-freight within the Division.

Assignment of Crews

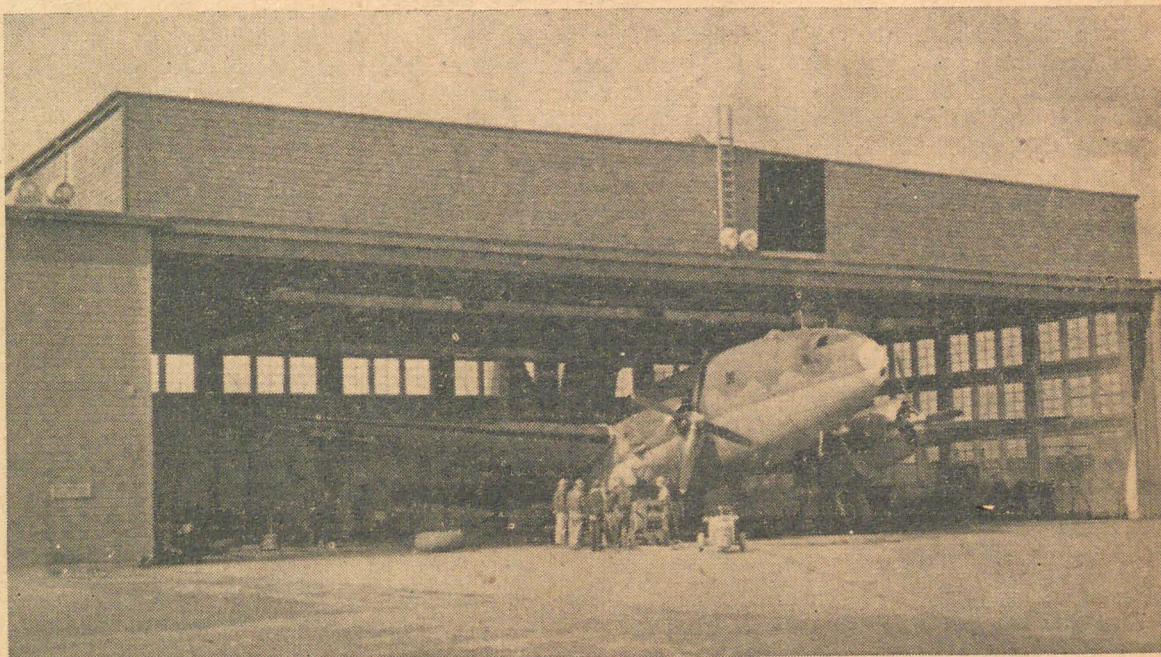
Upon receipt of a freight schedule, Transport Operations assigns the flight crew for the plane chosen for the trip and supervises all the necessary operational activities for the flight. The Priorities and Traffic Section, of course, handles the dispatching, manifesting,

loading and so forth of all freight and passengers. A four-man flight crew is assigned to each ship and includes: pilot, co-pilot, radio operator and flight engineer. The pilot and co-pilot navigate the courses themselves.

On call for assignment to flights are the flight crew members. Those stationed here include fifteen first pilots, fourteen co-pilots, seven radio operators and fourteen flight engineers. None are assigned permanently to a particular plane except the flight engineers. There are two flight engineers for each C-46 and they alternate on flights. The B-17 passenger ship and the YC-108 each have engineer assigned.

Transport Maintenance

The all-important job of keeping the C-46s in good flying shape is the "worry" of the Transport Maintenance Section. In charge of Transport Maintenance is Capt. Joseph E. Seidl. He is assisted by Lt. Robert Tibbetts. Transport Maintenance is a branch of the Aircraft Maintenance Division of this base which is directed by Major George E. Saltzgeber. The EM who personally supervise the maintenance work on the C-46s are M/Sgt. Harry Mucklow, line chief; T/Sgt. Henry Litchke, shift chief on shift No. 1; S/Sgt. Glenn Schultz, shift chief on shift No. 2, and T/Sgt. Donald Pipher in charge of shift No. 3.



A C-46, SUCH AS THE ONE ABOVE, finds the hanger a snug fit. Transport Maintenance at Dow Field has three such hangers in which to work.

In addition to general airplane mechanics and inspectors, the ground crew of the Transport Maintenance Section includes specialists in engines, hydraulics, electric system, instruments, and propellers. Other branches of the Aircraft Maintenance Division are called in for special work for which Transport Maintenance has no facilities, such as the Engineering shops, Cable Branch, Parachute Branch and others.

Other sections of the Aircraft Maintenance Division which keep a check on all these aircraft are: Weights and Balance, Aircraft Equipment Inspection and Radio Maintenance.

When ETA (estimated time of arrival) is received on our transport aircraft returning to this station, each section concerned is notified immediately. These include, in addition to the Transport Maintenance Section, and the above mentioned branches (W&B, AEI, and Radio



CAPT. JOSEPH E. SEIDL and his assistant, Lt. Robert W. Tibbetts, direct the activities of the Transport Maintenance Section.

Maint.), the Alert Crew whose job it is to park and service the planes with fuel, and Priorities and Traffic.

Prompt action is required by all these branches in meeting planes, some of which stop here for only a short while—sometimes for

less than an hour, then depart. During such short stops, the planes are usually literally swarming with men from these various branches, racing with time. Here the coordination existing between the various functions can actually be seen.



S/SGT. GLENN SHULTZ, Shift Chief and M/Sgt. Harry Mucklow, Line Chief of the Transport Maintenance Section check the landing gear of a C-46 and discuss the work required.



WHILE AWAITING assignments, crew members relax in the Transport Operations Building. Ping-pong is one of their main forms of diversion.

Dow Civilian Personalities

By Marjorie Talbot

Since we've heard from two notable male employees of Dow Field, it seems only fitting that this week something should be said in behalf of the fairer sex. Our choice is a modest, soft-spoken lady who does a tremendous job at Purchasing and Contracting—Margaret O'Leary.

The often heard expression of "doing a man's job" is certainly appropriate in her case. For among the various duties she performs so aptly, the responsibility of supervising all work regarding the contracting and purchasing is fundamental. Working with Miss O'Leary in the compact corner office of T-201 are three capable girls, Elizabeth Burke, M. Rose Day, and Madeline Martin. Theirs is a full time job and one that requires a great deal of accuracy and lots of plain "level-headed" reasoning.



MISS MARGARET O'LEARY

"Cabbages and Kings" Under the supervision of Miss O'Leary, this office initiates contracts for gasoline, oil, light, water, power, maintenance and repair of equipment for Post Engineers, supplies for Air Corps Supply Division, contracts for the repair of crash boats, and for covering burial expenses. These are only a few. The delivery of all this material must be checked and you can bet the volume of paper work connected with these purchases would make your head swim. If a soldier of the first three grades stationed at Dow Field and living with his family is transferred, all the required papers regarding packing, crating, and shipping of his household goods go through this office. Laundry and dry-cleaning service must be maintained for the personnel of the Base and bids for this work are directed to Purchasing and Contracting. A good deal of this purchasing is done in this vicinity except in cases where local concerns are unable to furnish the necessary material. Frankly, a great many people, the writer included, would probably lose a lot of sleep worrying whether or not "this" or "that" particular article was ordered and in the right amount. But, from personal observation, we can vouch for the fact that all the girls in the office look completely rested and content.

Various Jobs

After completing a course at Gilman Commercial School, Miss O'Leary embarked on her business career working in a real estate office. Perhaps it was the effect of this type of work, or maybe she always had a little "gypsy blood" in her veins, for after working several years, she decided to do a little traveling in Europe. After six months of sight-seeing in Great Britain and visiting relatives in Ireland, she returned to Bangor. Practicing the adage that "variety is the spice of life," she worked in several concerns in Bangor and New York, as well as working for "Uncle Sam" in the U. S. Immigration Department, War Department at Fort Williams, Portland, and the Department of Agriculture.

Miss O'Leary transferred from a position as Deputy Collector in the Treasury Department in September of 1941 to come to Dow Field. Those were the days when mud was very plentiful everywhere and civilian em-

ployees not quite as plentiful. And, from that day on, she's been climbing steadily up the ladder.

When asked what her hobbies are, she just sighed and remarked:

"When I get home at night I'm too tired to do anything except go to bed."

However, from a reliable source we've learned that her secret ambition is to travel and no doubt when the world is settled again, Miss O'Leary will be off to Europe to finish her sight-seeing tour.

AAF Demobilization Remote, Arnold Infers

Predicting heavier air blows against Japan, General H. H. Arnold, in an interview with the Associated Press last week, indicated that there would be only limited or no demobilization of the air forces after Germany's defeat.

Promising that the Japanese in the future will get no rest, he told a news conference that the Army will need all its air force men to see that the Pacific war "is finished."

Asked if this meant no demobilization of the air force, he answered:

"We are going to use every airplane we can against Japan even if it requires every plane now used in Europe."

The air force intends, he said, to do to Japan just "what we did to Germany."

Arnold, speaking at the first news conference since a recent illness, hinted that Superfortress raids against Japan may be doubled or tripled by summer.

"If the Japs are unhappy now over the bombing of the 20th and 21st (Superfortress) bomber commands," he remarked, "they'll soon be twice or three times as unhappy."

The air force chief displayed charts indicating that the B-29 forces now in training or en route to Pacific bases are larger than those already hitting at Japan.

During the first three months of Superfortress operations last year, he said, one raid was made on the average of every 10 days with approximately 50 planes. At present, he said, the raids are being made on the average of every four days with 300 planes and the curve of operations is still going up.

News of the Base Library

By ALYCE M. CONNOR

Over 50 new books have arrived at the Library during the past two weeks but for lack of space, I will only be able to list a few. Be sure to ask at the desk for any new book you might want to read. If we haven't got it, we will order it.

- Deep River . . . Buckmaster.
- Speech for Every Occasion.
- Three Who Loved . . . Morris.
- Banshee Harvest . . . Phelan.
- Written in Sand . . . Case.
- Private Adventures of Capt. Shaw . . . Shay.
- Tourist Under Fire . . . Healy.
- Anna and the King of Siam . . . London.
- Lower Than Angels . . . Karig.
- Vigil of a Nation . . . Yutang.
- Planning to Build . . . Creighton.
- Poor Child . . . Parrish.
- Citizen Tom Paine . . . Fast.
- Roughly Speaking . . . Pierson.
- How to Write Letters . . . Sheff.
- Indoor Photography . . . Bailey.

- Jennifer's House . . . Govan.
- Lost Waltz . . . Harding.
- Try and Stop Me . . . Cerf.
- Bedside Tales.
- A Woman in Sunshine.
- Turn Home . . . Mayo.
- Handybook of Pract. Electricity.
- Died in the Wool . . . Marsh.
- Two Solitudes . . . MacLenman.

Large Turnout Expected For Handball Double Tilts

Approximately 20 teams are expected to enter the Handball Doubles tourney slated to begin shortly. The doubles tournament, unlike singles, will give every team a chance to play every other team, and will extend over a period of about a month. The winners will be chosen on percentage points.

In order to preclude the possibility of an easy victory for any one team, no class "A" player will be able to have another as his partner. Players' ratings will be determined by previous showings.

Squadron A

By Johnny Allocca
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(Editor's Note: Johnny's by-line was unintentionally omitted from last week's column. To make up for it we are giving him two this week.)

HATS OFF DEPT.—Hats off this week to the men and officers of the best Army and Navy in the world for bringing us the best possible news in the world: the early annihilation of the once Super-Men the Ratzis. A million and one words would never describe our appreciation for what they are doing for the world of today and tomorrow, so I humbly tip our topper to them and say, "Keep up the good work."

IDLE GOSSIP—Lee Felges was the most surprised man of the year this week in the mess hall. It seems that one of the chefs wanted to know how he would like to have his eggs, sunnyside, or over. Lee replied, "Any way will be all right." With that answer, the dumbo threw the eggs on his blue-plate raw. I wonder if Lee really needs them raw? The incomparable Grant Walsh (The Maria Montez of Boston) did his famous snake dance last nite to the great delight of many patrons. This epic took place in the Lavendar Room of the Paramount Bistro. One of the town's society matrons was heard to remark, "Isn't he large?" Next week—"East Lynne." Received word from 1st/Sgt. Kelley that our party will be held in about two or three weeks. Yours truly will be the MC for the floor show, so if there is anyone who would like to do his specialty that nite, contact me for an audition. Able Seidman, the poor man's "John Garfield," will positively appear, as will many other crumbs including myself.

THOUGHTS WHILE LYING ON THE SACK—Of how nice it would be to be walking down Fifth Avenue on Easter Sunday. It will be a strictly military fashion show this year, but wait till next year, boys. I sure am sweating out the old ball season this year, and it sure would be nice if the base could book us some travel games. Couldya Col.? Wondering of how many times I have made this sack since being in the Army, NOW ROLLING OFF THE SACK.

NICE FELLOW DEPT.—Mother Weaver and Charlie Brien, our home cookin' experts. The genial Chow Hound Brown, who claims he doesn't eat too much. They tell me his tape worm has a tape worm. Our mail dept.—all nice fellows. Johnny Clifford a real Ace, as well as Sgts. Burgess and Les Goyette. Sgt. MacInnis our CQ, a really good fella. In all, I could devote a whole column to the nice guys in our outfit because we have many, but only give a few each week for some deserving guys. That's about all for this week. Once again let me remind you of the coming company party. We are going all-out for a successful shindig, so let's have your cooperation, too.

LATER FLASH—Pfc. and Mrs. John Coyne are the proud parents of a 7½-pound boy. Lots of luck, Mom and Pop.

Two Limbless Players Hit Bigtime Baseball

Baseball, first in the list of American sports, has added two figures to its roster of personnel who may well be the nation's top morale builders for wounded GIs. These new and revolutionary personalities are one-legged Lt. Bert R. Shepard of Clinton, Indiana, and one-armed Pete Gray of Nanticoke, Pa.

Both are making good. Lt. Shepard is showing wounded veterans that he still can play baseball and Gray is seeking a permanent place in the outfield of the St. Louis Browns, American League champions.

Lt. Shepard pitched for the 55th Fighter Group and piloted a P-38. He was strafing a truck convoy on a road northwest of Berlin while flying at 200 miles an hour when he ran into anti-aircraft fire. His right leg went numb. Ten days later he awoke in a German hospital with his leg amputated halfway between the knee and ankle.

Gray lost his right arm when he was 6 years old. It was badly mangled in the spokes of a mowing wagon and amputation above the elbow was necessary.

Last year, Gray was voted the most valuable player in the Southern Association.

Wac Seeks Harmonica For Brother In China

Pfc. Margaret Lightfoot, of Military Personnel, has been batting her brains out, wearing her shoes down, and chewing her fingernails off to the elbow because of a simple request received from her brother, an ATC pilot in China. All he wanted was a harmonica.

In quest of one, Pfc. Lightfoot consumed plenty of time, energy and thought to no avail.

If someone will kick in with it, Pfc. Lightfoot will pay any reasonable price. Any type of harmonica will boost the morale of the local WAC, the prestige of the "Observer," and the morale of the C-B-I Theater (providing her brother can play a harmonica better than some guys).

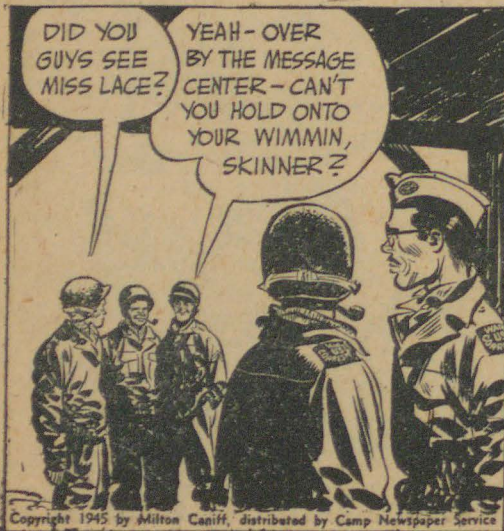
Donna's Dilemma



WHAT MAKES Dorian young, is Donna Reed's chief worry these days, in her role of the unsuspecting sweetheart of Dorian Gray in the M-G-M film version of Oscar Wilde's classic, "The Picture of Dorian Gray."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



She Looks Different Without Bangs