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**DOW FIELD BAND IN FIRST
CONCERT MONDAY NIGHT**

The Dow Field Base Band climaxes four months of distinguished service to this Station and to the music destitute communities of Eastern Maine by offering a concert to all music lovers in Bldg. T-6, on Monday, 30 October 1944, at seven o'clock.

During the last four months the band has performed at retreat parades at this station, furnished music for the entertainment of local military and other community groups, as well as contributing to several traveling stage productions, most of whose success was due to the performance of our band.

The band has just returned from a road trip that earned it the enthusiastic acclaim of the people of Eastport and Lubec, as well as the clamor for a return engagement from the Quoddy Village sailoes. Lt. Joseph J. Marshall and his band came as pinch hitters for an overdue USO troupe to Quoddy, but before the end of their concert, the sailors indicated that they were getting tops in entertainment and that they knew it.

This same band offers Dow Field music lovers the same brand of entertainment Monday night.

**OBSERVER SEEKS WRITERS
ARTISTS, CARTOONISTS AND
PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Beginning with the next issue, the "Observer" will be printed in a commercial plant. This arrangement will not only afford more space for news, features, and pictures, but will also result in a more attractive paper.

A meeting of all writers, artists, cartoonists, and photographers interested in contributing to future editions will be held in Bldg. T-6, at 1830, Monday 30 October.

**LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
TODAY AT BANGOR CITY HALL
HOURS FROM 7 TO 9 P.M.**

**DISCHARGED VETERANS GIVEN
DOW FIELD EMPLOYMENT**

Discharged veterans of World War II find that the G. I. Bill of Rights has teeth and that they are being given a preference for jobs with the Federal Government.

According to information currently available, fourteen discharged vets of this war are employed in various capacities on this Station. (This does not include the scores of vets of the last war.) It is known that most of the men given employment are recipients of medical discharges, with some who have seen service in the fighting zones.

DOW FIELD BAND PROGRAM

Part I

- United States Army March ----- Darcey
- Moonlight and Roses ----- Lemare
- The Trumpeters ----- Leidzen

CORNET QUARTET

- S/Sgt John Bessmer Sgt Herbert Blynn
- Sgt. Nathan Diamond Sgt George Hardy
- William Tell Overture ----- Rossini
- The Glow Worm ----- Lincke

Part II

- On The Mall ----- Goldman
- Begin The Beguine ----- Porter
- Atlantis Suite ----- Safranck
- Lustpiel Overture ----- Keler-Bela
- In A Persian Market ----- Ketelbey
- Stars and Stripes Forever ----- Sousa

Bldg. T-6, Monday, 30 October 1944

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

CONTACT

Out of Greek Mythology there comes the story of the Hero Hercules and his struggle with a giant opposed him in the way. Antaeus, the giant, received new strength every time he was thrown to the earth by the mighty hero.

Try as he would, Hercules could not prevail against him. Every effort seemed in vain. Suddenly it was revealed to the hero that the wrestler was a son of Mother Earth, and that the source of his power was contact with the earth. Quickly the hero changed his tactics; he seized his opponent and lifted him up and strangled him in mid-air.

Antaeus was vanquished because he was powerless without contact with his source of strength. This is only a legend, but it should remind us that when we fail in a spiritual struggle, it is because we have lost contact with God.

The child of God must keep in constant contact with his Father through daily prayer and the reading of the Holy Scripture. Otherwise the enemy will come in like a flood and overcome him.

God promises his divine strength in our weakness. He binds himself by His Word and his power to help the helpless. The secret of strength is no longer a secret to the one who will follow God all the way.

Are you tempted? Take your Testament; turn to Hebrews, 4:15-16. Are you

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worried? Read Philippians 4:6-7. Have you sinned? The answer of power is I John, 1:7-9. The secret of all strength is with the Lord of Lords who never fails his own.

Chaplain E. D. Viser

USO MUSICAL HOUR NEEDS
DOW FIELD TALENT

An effort is being made to secure added participation in the USO Friday night musical hour by the enlisted personnel of Dow Field. Pianists, vocalists, violinists, and men with other related talents are urged to contact Mrs. Kathryn Splaine at the USO.

INFORMATION POSTERS TO
HIGHLIGHT NEW FEATURE

A series of twenty posters, "We Are United Nations", spotlighting the people, countries and the ideals of the United Nations will be displayed on the information tripod in the Post Exchange, beginning Monday. These posters will be changed daily so as to complete the entire series in as short a period of time as possible.

This treat for all Dow Field personnel has been made possible through the kindness of two prominent publishing firms and by the alert intercession of Capt. George H. Stone, Information and Education Officer, of this Station.

Do not miss these posters!

LOCAL ITEMS

NINETEEN SEEK NCO CLUB
POSTS IN ELECTION

The members in good standing at the Dow Field NCO Club will ballot for the election of 10 members of the Board of Governors on Thursday, 2 November 1944, from 1800 to 2000. After the completion of the balloting, counting, and announcing of the newly elected board members, there will follow the further selection by the members, in meeting expressly called, of a President and Vice-President from among the newly elected board of directors.

The posts of Treasurer and Secretary shall be filled through appointment by the board of governors as directed by the provisions of the club constitution.

The printed ballots contain four nominees (with two to be elected from each squadron) from Sqdns. A, B, C, D, and three from Squadron "F".

Sgt. T. F. Applebaum paces the Sqdn "A" slate of four nominees, which includes Sgt. James Byron, F/Sgt William Kelley, President of the club seeking re-election to the Board of Governors, and T/Sgt. Wright. Some hold Kelley's race can be likened to a request for a vote of confidence. He has done much to step up the quality of the service which the club has made available to its members and, in such enterprises as that of sponsoring weekly dances, and the two outings and lob-

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 CAPTAIN GEORGE H. STONE, SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER
 S/Sgt. PAUL E. GEDEN, EDITOR
 PFC DALLAS RAPE, CIR. MGR.

RANDOM

The Sultan's turret is bathed in light... (or some thing like that)!.. So with a tearing, rending sound, the severance of bunk and body is at last accomplished. Quick deft fingers folding corners, dusting shoes. A cigarette and the harsh bitter fumes acrid and destroying, gripping the chest in a paroxysm of coughing. The road to health.

Is today Laundry Day, Gas Mask Day, Pay Day, Sheet Day, Mother's Day, or D-Day? Somnabulist eats breakfast and dreams of blue crockery and crisp tablecloth. The chair in the office is hard and non-comforting. "In compliance with request in basic communication for one each foristrans, blue, perpetual, twitching, and fifth indorsement thereon suggesting substitution of thermacouple, large, voltaile, slight see incl. 38 Expedite..." Off and away to cloudless clime with
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LITERARY CONTEST FOR U. S. SERVICE WOUNDED

Men and women of the armed forces have been invited to take part in a contest known as the G.I. Joe Literary Award. It is sponsored by E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc., New York book publishers, which offers \$5,000 against royalties for the best book manuscript by a man or woman in any branch of the U. S. service, officer or in the ranks, wounded in action. Complete prospectus may be obtained from E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc., 300 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

R A N D O M H A R V E S T

By Cpl. A. H. Seidman

Gabriel blows his horn. Resurrection in the chill, dank barracks. A questing foot gingerly testing atmospheric temperature. One half-opened eye scans the gray-paned window silhouetting barracks bags and gas mask. Miserable day. The sky is frowning. A prayer for one more hour of sleep and comforting warmth. One more hour of forgetting and unawareness. "Wake for the day has scattered to flight the stars that gleam in the night.

ENGINEERS BUILD APRON FOR B-29s IN INDIA

India (CNS) -- A battalion of U. S. Army engineers, comprised of Negro soldiers from southern states, has turned in one of the most remarkable jobs of the war here.

The battalion poured 23,000 cubic yards of concrete into a parking apron for B-29 Superfortresses in a single month of its contribution to the 20th Bomber Command's aerial offensive against Japan.

Previously most of these men had been working for six months on the Ledo Road, vital supply route being hacked through the jungles and mountains between India and China.

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dancing girls and hushed music, hushed lighting and Hush—"Are you asleep at the switch Private First Class Bonaparte?" "No Sir --I mean no Corporal." "In compliance--" On the beam again, a beam glowing with a beautifully purple-tinted radiance like in Radio City with the ballerina executing a superb Pas A Deux, with shimmering tights as Love Conquers All with the sobbing cellos. The plane circles low over the desolate swamps of Iceland and the soldiers rush from the ice canvas shouting, "Relief and kissing each other. Alone in a chilly cave eating an empty box of Q rations talking to a beautiful Eskimo. A pounding concussion on the point of the jaw.

Typewriter is hard unyielding, ribbon leaves blue stain on nose. Chow moist fingers jingling coins deep in pocket. Detour around mess hall to PX. Gaze reluctantly up into the leaden sky--leaden with promise of fat white flakes. Conversation. Is she the girl? Did he tell that MP? Lend me five? Boy have I got the gripe? See the Chaplain? Are you kidding... what a doll...The chair in the office seems somehow softer. Where's that letter, that obscure wretched epistle resembling a configuration from a Machiavellian statistician. 1st indorsement Second Third Ninth--Say Private Careful the Major said for me to tell you to answer this letter. Pass the buck. Yes the sun is appearing

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or is just the gleam from the big trombone as the band passes by in readiness for retreat? A bugle call which is a love call a call to action to passion to living. Retreat. A thunderous release from claustrophobia, from do's and don'ts and wills and won'ts dum-de-dum, la la army life isn't really bad at all about this time of day.

Resolution? No more over night passes and a daily prayer to the great power that sends us South in summer and North in Winter...

G.I. SHARPSHOOTERS BAG DEER IN LOCAL WOODS

Deer hunting in the life of a Dow Field G.I. may not mean just what you think. It may mean that, if you are a friend, you may get an invitation to a venison roast, or it may mean that your sharpshooter friend may be enjoying fresh meat without using ration points.

This office, to say the least, is somewhat skeptical about the reports of the successes announced to date, in-as-much as the men reporting these early kills are the same ones who none too modestly told of catches of large fish last spring. Of the 12 or more deer reported to have been shot to date, four have gone to these same anglers of reknown---Capt. E.C. Stollard, T/Sgt. A.E. Wiens and S/Sgt Eddie Crow and Pfc Otis Cavender.

Cavender's experience is unique. He holds the distinction of getting the first and biggest deer to date--a seven point 1 215 pound buck. But Cavender

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does not stop here; he tells us that he borrowed his shotgun, and that he hitch-hiked both ways.

Off the record information, and this is the best story to date, has it that a lanky Texan of Dow Field bagged his deer with a single 22 short shell, and that after his partner with a high-powered rifle passed up the shot because he thought the deer was out of range. Sure we hate to believe this story! But this hungry Texan brandishes a deer hoof and an ankle for proof.

The new issue of the "Observer" will contain pictures of deer which are killed in local forests. It is necessary to get reports from the hunter's if pictures and stories are to be in the next issue.

USO TO AID ARTISTS --- URGENT PARTICIPATION IN ART WEEK

The Park Street USO of Bangor urges all artists among the Dow Field military personnel to observe National Art Week, November 1 to 7, by submitting work which will be displayed in the Bangor Library.

Mrs. Shelia Findley, Bangor, will be available on Wednesday evenings to assist all artists. All the necessary supplies will be available free.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE STEPPING UP AS MEN TURN OUT

Prospects for a lively winter basketball league grow better with each passing evening as men turn out in ever increasing numbers. Five sqdn. and one post team are in the making.

NCO CLUB

ster and clam bakes at Pushaw Pond, there are no equals in the annals of NCO service and entertainment. For these reasons, and for his being better known, Kelley seems sure of re-election.

The Sqdn. "B" slate consists of M/Sgt Mike Cherneskie and Sgt Brady seeking re-election, and Sgts. Aakre and Herkimer who are seeking this post for the first time.

The real fight in this election is in Sqdn. "C" with S/Sgts J.B. Reed and Fenimore, two "eager-beaver" members of the present board seeking re-election against the popular and well-known F/Sgt. Tom Shanley. Sgt. McHale is the fourth candidate from Squadron "C".

S/Sgt. Miller is the only incumbent seeking re-election on the Sqdn. "D" slate. The rest of the Sqdn. "D's" representative slate includes Sgts. Freedohl and Roberts, and Cpl. Harold Arthur.

S/Sgt. Thompson, present member of the Board of Governors, heads the Sqdn "F" slate of three candidates. Sgts. Mowery and Flynn are the other two nominees of Sqdn. "F's" trio of candidates.

SPORTS

MEDICS SET PACE ON LOCAL VOLLEYBALL COURTS

Two Medic volleyball teams, the officers and EM, are off to a flying start in the Dow Field Volleyball league. Both teams have shown plenty of power and teamwork in running up four straight wins to date.

Observers credit much of the effectiveness of the officers to the sure handed work of the ace spikers, Lt. Col Morris, Maj. Hanson, and Capt. Downing. The EM of the Medics have hinged their offense and defense upon Sgt. Hirsch and Cpl. McFarland, two of the tallest men in the league. In addition to these two men, the "pill-rollers" have a veteran set-up man in S/Sgt Marcus who knows his business.

Word from the gym office indicates that the game between the two Medic teams will be played during some evening, with the date to be announced in the daily bulletin.

Fortunately, all league competition is not as one sided as games involving (Continued next column)



MEDICS

the Medics. Good hard-fought games are the order of things whenever teams like CWO Katz's officers, T/Sgt. Levy's Sqdn. "D" team, the Mechanics, and the Special Service teams give battle on the court.

Many of the league players who know a little history and who have seen the hustling Sqdn "E" team of S/Sgt. Riley's in action, will assuringly add that the first round is not to be taken as settled by the first few games. So it looks like the Medics still have at least one more big hurdle ahead of them.

LIBRARY TO OPERATE GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

The Base Library has secured funds from the Central Post Fund Council to inaugurate a gift wrapping service for military personnel.

This service is only available in the afternoon when the library staff is at peak strength.

Mail your Xmas bundles early!

MALE CALL

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

P/O JOE



THEATER PROGRAM

Sat. 28 Oct.

"STRANGE AFFAIR"

with

Allyn Joslyn-Evelyn Keyes

Sun & Mon - 29 & 30 Oct.

"AND NOW TOMORROW"

with

Alan Ladd-Loretta Young

Tue & Wed - 31 Oct & 1 Nov

"CAROLINA BLUES"

with

Ann Miller-Kay Kyser-Victor Moore

Thu & Fri - 2 & 3 Nov.

"MRS. PARKINGTON"

with

Greer Garson-Walter Pidgeon

THE WOLF

By SANSONE



SCORES USE LIBRARY DAILY

Factors such as the weather of the season, the imobility of transients, and the multiplication of the services and attractions have resulted in a marked increase in the number of daily patrons using the library. The largest attendance reported for one day was 238, while the lowest was reported at 58. All in all, it can be seen that the library at Dow Field is a very important morale factor.

LETTER WRITING

Letter-writing continues to be one of the more stable of the library's attractions to military personnel. It is well-stocked with numerous writing tables, free writing paper, pens, ink, and good lighting as well.

COMFORTS OF HOME

For those who would

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"broaden their horizons" while relaxing and reading there are the comfortable lounges and chairs, as well as adequate reading lamps.

TECH BOOKS & PERIODICALS

The Base Tech Library is housed in the same building as the Base Library. It contains worthwhile books that have been selected by the War Department, as well as 68 technical magazines.

CURRENT PERIODICALS

Thirty-eight (38) current periodicals (fiction and current events) are mailed to the library weekly. On many occasions, the librarian is able to spare much reading matter for the unit day rooms.

The library also offers a wide selection of daily newspapers for the men who would keep informed.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Week of 29 Oct. to 4 Nov.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY - In Chapel
Masses at 0730 and 1100

SUNDAY - Hospital Rec Hall
Mass at 0945 hours

DAILY - In Chapel
Masses at 1700 hours
Confessions at 1830 hours

PROTESTANT

SUNDAY - In Chapel
Services at 1000 hours

SUNDAY - In Hospital
Services at 0900 hours

WEDNESDAY - In Chapel
Protestant Choir practice at 1845 hours.

JEWISH

FRIDAY - In Chapel
Services at 1900 hours
by Bangor Jewish Welfare Board.