

Bangor Public Library

Bangor Community: Digital Commons@bpl

Dow Field Observer

Dow Air Force Base

12-19-1945

December 19, 1945

Dow Field Personnel, Bangor, Maine

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digicom.bpl.lib.me.us/dowfieldobserver>

See Daily Bulletin
For Late Changes

Telephone 281

Published Weekly

THE DOW FIELD OBSERVER—BANGOR, ME.—WEDNESDAY, 19 DEC. 1945

Vol. III. No. 59

Bombers Blitz Bath Iron Works

The Dow Field Bombers basketball team played Bath Iron Works at Bath last Friday night. Final score was: Dow Field 41, Bath 35. Two new forwards on the Bombers' team scored 38 of the 41 points—Cpl. Bud Land scored 21, Pfc. Charles L. Knox scored 17, and Lt. Don B. Taylor scored three.

Saturday night the Bombers played Bucksport Boys' Club at Bucksport and lost 29 to 42. Cpl. Land made 13 points, Lt. Quattrociochi 5, Lt. Taylor and Capt. Bettman 4 each, and Pfc. Knox 3.

Results of Monday night's game with the Bangor Seminary are as yet unannounced.

Frequent discharges have handicapped the Bombers in the past, yet to date they have won 6 games, tied 1, and lost 8. A new team is now in full swing and has been rated as one of the strongest service teams in the state. The new lineup includes Cpl. Bud Land, Pfc. Charles Knox, 1st Lt. Don Taylor, 1st Lt. Bob Craven, Capt. Roland Bettman, 1st Lt. Edward J. Smith, Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, Cpl. Orris W. Higgenbottom, 1st Lt. Pear-tree, T/5 Harold E. Huber, and Cpl. Bill House.

Recent Bombers who have assumed civilian status are Lieutenants Joseph Quattrociochi and Dick Mullen.

Future games scheduled are: Friday night with the Brewer AC's at Brewer; January 5th, Farmington State Teachers at Farmington, and January 9th, Colby at Dow. It is urged that more personnel attend these games and lend a little moral support to the boys. There is no admission charge, and civilians can get onto the Base at night for the games.

Flash! Four Day Holiday at Dow

The war must have really ended (although our state of emergency still exists) because Dow Field personnel are about to enjoy a four (4, count 'em, 4) day holiday. Remember the old days when we battled to get out for one holiday. You can punch out at 5:00 Friday, and really let yourself go at the Victory Loan Dance that night, because you won't have to punch in again till Wednesday morning.



MERRY XMAS! The cutest Christmas package of the year is Jane Harker, Warner Bros. actress, soon to be seen in "Night and Day," technicolor musical based on the life of Cole Porter.

Christmas Greetings

FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

I am happy to have this opportunity to thank you, one and all, for the splendid manner in which you have performed your duties during the past year and I want you to know that your cooperation and loyalty is deeply appreciated.

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend my wishes to each and every one of you for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

EDWARD F. TINDALL
Lt. Col., Air Corps
Commanding.

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 19 December

Wreath Dance, to the music of Sgt. Bob Lindemann and his orchestra, from 8:30 to 12:00.

THURSDAY, 20 December

Christmas tree decoration. Arts and Crafts night. Shellcraft with Miss Marion Quinn. Charcoal portraits with Miss Georgia Worster.

FRIDAY, 21 December

Movie of the week: "Bermuda Mystery," starring Preston Foster and Ann Rutherford.

SATURDAY, 22 December

Christmas party with all the Yuletide trimmings. Gifts for everyone. Refreshments. Floor show. Dancing from 8:30 to 12:00 with Sgt. Bob Lindemann and his orchestra. "Santas coming to town."

SUNDAY, 23 December

Breakfast at the Club after church. Coffee hour from 4-6 p. m., with home-made cakes and sandwiches provided by a community organization. Carol sing at 7:30 with Fred Collins at the piano. Preview of the movies of the week at 8:30.

MONDAY, 24 December

Open House at the Club. Browse in front of our fireplace. Christmas recordings. Radio program, and informal dancing. Carol singing.

TUESDAY, 25 December

A Merry Christmas. Informal Open House all day. Christmas music. Cheery fireplaces, a specialty. Juke box dancing in the afternoon. Christmas supper at 5 p. m. Christmas night dance at 8 p. m. Refreshments. Variety show, with music by Sgt. Bob Lindemann's orchestra.

Victory Loan Dance To Be Held Friday, Dec. 21

All members of Dow Field, military and civilian, and their guests are cordially invited to attend the big Victory Loan Drive to be held at the Bangor City Hall this Friday evening at 8:00 p.m.

High spot of the evening's entertainment will be the auctioning of valuable and attractive gifts donated by local merchants to the

Bond Winners of December 13

This week's Bond raffle was held at Base headquarters on Thursday with the following results: The \$100 bond was won by William Edmonds of Bangor, and the two \$50 bonds were won by Phillip Jarvis of Bangor and Walter Brown of Bucksport. Winners of the \$25 bonds were John Finnigan and Anselm Johnson of Air Supply. Anthony Herbert and R. G. Weeks of Aircraft Maintenance, F. J. Clish and Edward Wilson of Bangor, M. M. Hodgkins of Bar Harbor, Lt. B. A. Pieromarchi of Base Training, Captain D. Holyfield of Brewer, Carroll O. Deane of Ordnance, and Edward McDougall of the Base hospital.

The remainder of the proceeds from tickets amounted to \$3.25 in stamps, which was won by Robert DeGrasse of Petroleum.

Next week's raffle will be held as usual in Base headquarters at 2:00 p. m. Thursday, 20 December. Tickets for the raffle are on sale from all Minutemen or at the candy counter in the PX for fifty cents each. Buy yours today!

Christmas Greetings From Ed Cronin

At this time I wish to thank each Minuteman and every civilian employee on Dow Field for your fine spirit of cooperation during this past year. I realize that only with your help we were able to go over the top of our goal in the Seventh War Bond Drive and again in the Eighth Victory Loan Drive.

We all have had our very busy days and work piled up on us, but nevertheless you have squeezed out enough time willingly and put your shoulders to the wheel and we made it.

During the year we have also met with success the War Fund and Community Chest Drive and the sale of Christmas seals. All of these projects are of vital importance to ourselves and our community.

PG Reopens

We visited the newly reopened Pilot's Grill the other noon and it seemed good to see the familiar place and personnel again. The main part of the building is unchanged, but additions are being completed for a glass-enclosed heated lobby, a separate dining room, and a banquet room for private parties.

We wanted to try one of their steaks, but we had some delicious hamburgers (twas the day before payday). Come warmer weather or better transportation, we'll be over to try again.

highest bidders in Victory Bonds. The bonds will be purchased and delivered on the spot. Present plans are to have Mr. Merton F. Banks as auctioneer, with an alternate. Merchandise to be auctioned is on display in window No. 19 of Freese's.

Besides the auction, door prizes of Victory Bonds in the amount of \$1,000 will be given to holders of lucky numbers drawn at the dance. Holders of these lucky numbers need not attend the dance to receive their bonds. First prize will be one \$200 Roosevelt Bond, with the remaining bonds to be in \$25.00 denominations. All receipts for the dance over and above relatively low operating expenses will be given away in Victory Bonds.

A concession for soft drinks and sandwiches will be managed at the dance by "Jimmy" Farwell, who only recently returned to his old business after receiving a naval discharge.

There is no limit to the number of tickets each purchaser may obtain at any of the following stores: Garland Street Pharmacy, Houlihan's Drug, Mooney's Market on Second Street, Brass Rail Restaurant, Stanley's Grocery Store, Joe's Canteen, State Street Fire Department, Young's Tobacco Store, Clare's Newsstand, Caldwell Sweet's, Mecca Spa, Miller Cut Rate Store, Gray's Market on Main Street, Viner Bros. Shoe Manufacturers, Bar Harbor Steam Laundry, Mr. Kelley at the main gate of the Maine Seaboard Paper Company in Bucksport, Ken Gray of the First National Store in Bucksport, Hinkley's Pharmacy, Brewer, the candy counter of the PX, or from any of Dow Field's Minutemen. Tickets will also be sold at the dance by Mrs. Kathleen M. of Petroleum Division at Dow Field.

Some of the gifts which will be auctioned off at the affair include: fluorescent light fixture by Cal's Electrical Shop, a Contoure beauty kit by the Eastern Beauty and Barber Supply, a Handi-cart donated by R. B. Dunning Company, one gallon of inside paint by the Penobscot Paint Products Company, a lady's handbag by David Brady Company, an automatic electric iron donated by General Electric Company, a salad bowl set offered by Day's Jewelry, a panda doll by New Central Furniture Company, a two-way telephone set by the Leen Electric Company, a lady's sweater donated by Cortell-Segal Company, a flush closet complete with tank and seat by New England Pipe and Supply Company, a credit slip offered by Burdell's in the amount of \$10.00, a pair of Nettleton shoes or merchandise of equal value (\$15.00) by Lyford Woodard Company, a box of 50 cigars offered by Walter S. Allen Cigar Manufacturers, a stationary maple rocker by Farrar's Furniture Company, a case of Betta Klene by Thurston & Kingsbury, a man's travelling case donated by Manhattan Jewelers, a hand-painted centerpiece offered by Mrs. Alys Bishop of R. F.

(Continued on Back Page)

Dow Field Observer

Published weekly by the Information and Education Office for the personnel of Dow Field, Maine, and cleared through the Public Relations Office. Opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily represent the views of either the field or the War Department. The Observer uses Camp Newspaper Service material. Reproduction of credited matter is prohibited without permission of CNS, 205 E. 42nd St., NYC 17, N. Y.

Lt. Col. Edward F. Tindall

Commanding

1st Lt. Joseph Marshall

Special Service Officer

1st Lt. Annis G. Thompson

Public Relations Officer

Charlotte O'Donnell.....Editor

Photo Lab Personnel.....Photography

Peace On Earth

Christmas, to most of us this year, means more than ever before. The words "Peace on earth, good will to men" were nothing more than words to us—words we'd seen on Christmas cards, sung in carols, or heard in church—but they were meaningless until four horrible years of war enabled us to really understand the full glory of the phrase.

The years of insecurity and fear and loneliness and despair—all their tension was loosed on V-J Day. Remember that night? Downtown was havoc; practically every car in Bangor inched its way with horns blaring; impromptu bands wound in and out of traffic; air raid sirens wailed for the last time; fire whistles were abetted by banging pans, horns, and every noise-making instrument available. The mob-release of emotion was a thing of awe.

But the years of terror are behind us. The boys are coming home. Many of them will be with their families this Christmas as civilians. We are all war-weary and glad to begin settling into our comfortable ruts of domesticity. We have come to realize the full significance of "Peace on earth."

If I have a prayer this Christmas, it will be to make the world wise enough to maintain this peace—to maintain it on democratic principles—a world governed by the people, not by a few radical savages; a world in which we can trust our fellowmen; a world of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

What's Cookin' In Parachute?

Well, it's been rather quiet lately, due to the aftermath and disappointment of the hunting season—but things are picking up already, as plans are being made for the Christmas holidays. Shirley Day will travel to the great North woods again—her sister is a bride of a few weeks, so maybe Shirley will get a few pointers. Belle Martin will travel to the South (Augusta) for a holiday with her parents.

The Dunkelbergers will spend a Christmas at home with members of their family. As usual, the table question in Parachute is, "What's John Rodgers doing over the holidays?" John just ain't talking.

Emile Dubey, foreman, is sporting a proud smile—his son James is getting his Navy discharge and will be home soon.

Can anyone suggest to Katy Spencer a sure way of cutting things into pairs? When making mittens, she always has plenty of lefts but no rights.

Gladys Richardson has had a severe cold, but is back to work and feeling much better.

At last the Eventual Morning arrived... when a lone, forlorn looking specimen of the male species, better known as Arthur MacQuinn, was seen begging a push for his Dodge. Freddie Woodman took pity on (not the man) but the Dodge and got it started... Friend Arthur couldn't offer any alibis coz Katy Spencer was in Freddie's car... since Katy takes lots of banter from MacQuinn, natch she was overjoyed to be able to turn the tables... for once, Katy had the last laugh!

Stud Owings pushed Josephine Cameron's car around the city the other a. m.—her car happens to be the same make as MacQuinn's (if only he knew this!).

All Aircraft Maintenance employees join in wishing you "A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN. Merry Christmas MISTERS from the Observer and all of its readers. Former Sergeants Beattie, Whitley and Sirabella were buddies in photography in Greenland, and teamed up again at Dow Field, where they turned out a large part of the photography used in this news-sheet. All of them are now civilians, and enjoying their new status.

Patterson Says Post-War Army Will Be Swell

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Emphasizing the benefits of the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act—including shorter enlistment periods, extended furloughs, enlistment bonuses, and retirement on half-pay after 20 years' service—Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson has issued an appeal to the youth of the nation to enlist in the Regular Army.

"The day when food, clothing, shelter and small pay were considered ample reward is long past," Mr. Patterson said. "The American soldier of the future will enjoy every advantage of American life."

Under the new, liberalized policy, Mr. Patterson pointed out that enlistments can be made for 18 months, two years, or three years, and that any enlisted man now in the Army who has performed active duty for a period of not less than six months can enlist for a one-year period.

Men in three groups—soldiers now in the Army, those who reenlist with-

in 20 days after their honorable discharge, and veterans discharged on or after May 12, 1945, who enlist again no later than 21 November 1945—will be given a reenlistment furlough of 30 days for each year of service, but not exceeding 90 days. Double time is counted for overseas service. Men in these same three groups also can enlist in their grade at time of discharge if they enlist by 21 November.

The recruitment act also provides for optional retirement after 20 years, with retirement pay for life. Other advantages include selection by the three-year enlistee of any component of Army Ground, Air, or Service Forces and choice of overseas theater; payment of mustering-out allowance in one sum instead of installments, if desired; and family allowances for the entire period of the new enlistment, if the enlistment is made before 1 July 1946.

Applicants for the Regular Army must be citizens of the U. S. between the ages of 17 and 34.



HUNTING WAS REALLY GOOD this year for the Post Engineers, who caught these four bears near Cherryfield. The largest bear weighed approximately 250 pounds. In the picture, left to right, Bernie Noden, his son Richard, Frank Clark, Jim Cunningham, and Herb Willey.

The Chapel Spire

Captain James T. Kilbride, Base Chaplain
Telephone Ext. 215

CATHOLIC

Sunday—In Base Chapel, Masses at 0730 and 1130.

Daily—In Chapel, Masses at 1230.

Confessions Saturday night from 1930 to 2030 and before each Mass.

PROTESTANT

Sunday—In Chapel, Services at 1030. In Hospital Rec. Hall, Services at 0900.

JEWISH

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

The Meaning of Christmas

The man in uniform has the power to make the dream of Christ that first Christmas come true. He and Christ both were sick of war. He and the men of ancient days were exhausted with the futility of struggle. He and Christ and the men of the Old World hoped and dreamed of peace. And Christ gave them the simple formula: A world made of "men of good will."

A simple formula? No, that's wrong. For no formula that can cure our world and bring peace forever to mankind can possibly be simple. It is as difficult as the beating down of personal temptations. It is as hard as the cultivation of purity and unselfishness and the true love for and the trust in one's fellow men. It is tough as rooting out the hatreds and greeds and lusts and ugly vices. AND AS NECESSARY.

The man in uniform today, standing guard, marking time, waiting for release, is precisely the man who can do most for the makings of another war or the confirming of a Christlike peace.

AND CHRISTMAS IS THE DAY TO START.

How far are our armed forces made up of men of good will?

How far is their peace in their souls?

How far are they going to give to the enemy the example of those virtues which Christ came to earth to teach mankind?

With these things, the war is won, and there is peace on earth now and for years to come.

Without these things, God pity the world. Think it over and ask yourself what have you done to effect these principles in your own life as a follower of Christ. We are His soldiers also, remember.

Anyway, my sincerest wishes for a very Happy but Holy Christmas to all the military and civilian personnel of the field. It has been a grand year with you all.

PADRE.

Just Wondering Dept.

Why don't they call in all those dusty gas masks that are hanging around the Base? . . . What will become of them anyway? . . . They'd be handy in some of those famous Kansas dust storms.

Why doesn't the PX go in for vegetables in a little bigger way? . . . Haven't seen an appetizing vegetable for ages. . . . And how about a little fruit—any kind? . . . This is the only restaurant in the state whose customers complain because they get too much meat. . . . And while we're on the subject, couldn't we ever have a baked potato.

Think of the money the merchandise branch would make if they started stocking civilian clothes, but there must be an AR against it.

And when are the boys of Company A, 1385th Engineers, leaving the Philippines for home?

Senate Group Backs New Job Benefits

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Senate finance committee has approved and sent to the floor of the Senate a bill broadening the GI Bill of Rights to make it easier for veterans to get loans and schooling.

The bill would do these things:

Authorize government-guaranteed loans based on "reasonable" value of property.

Permit loans to furnish capital for farms and businesses as well as for real estate.

Extend the time limit on repayment of loans to 10 years instead of five.

Raise the maximum term on home loans from 20 to 25 years and on farm loans from 20 to 40 years.

Open the educational program to veterans irrespective of age.

Increase the living allowance for single veterans attending educational institutions from \$50 to \$65 a month and for veterans with dependents from \$75 to \$90.

Authorize the VA to enter into agreements with state institutions for payment of tuition to veterans.

Open the way for veterans to take short technical courses or correspondence courses in state-approved institutions with the government footing the tuition bill.

Base Library

By Alyce M. Connor

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING

Bring your gifts to be wrapped in gay paper and ribbon to the Library, Bldg. T-33. Come early and avoid the last-minute rush.

CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS

The Library will be closed Sunday evenings in the future. The hours the rest of the week remain unchanged.

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m.

Sunday: 1:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.

NEW BOOKS

If He Hollers Let Him Go—Himes. A bitter and violent novel about racial injustice. Central figure is a Negro man predestined to trouble and tragedy.

Outside Eden—Rorick. Mr. and Mrs. Cugat are back with us again in this new novel by Rorick. As gay and humorous as her first book about this delightful young couple.

River Road—Keyes. Destined to be a best seller, Mrs. Keyes has written this time of Louisiana and the sugar-raising industry.

Home Planning—A special exhibit of books on home building, buying and remodeling. You will find interesting ideas and suggestions for the new home you might be planning for the future or a home you want to remodel.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) — Graduates from the short term at Yale this year included Merrill K. Wolf, 14 years old, the youngest "Old Blue" in history, and Lawrence W. Lockwood, first World War II veteran to be graduated under the Yale studies-for-returning servicemen program. Lawrence was one of eight graduates to receive his degree with honors.

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS)—Hep cat Ray Harrigan started to dance with a toothpick in his mouth. After a couple of gyrations, the toothpick penetrated Harrigan's intestines and the jive-maddened jitterbug was removed to a local hospital for an emergency operation.

DOW FIELD CIVILIAN CHIT-CHAT

Aircraft Maintenance

By Cecilia Riley

At last, we've seen a B-29 Superfortress. We were amazed at its size—such huge engines and propellers—and what a wing spread! Overheard several mechanics saying, "Why that B-17 over there looks like a baby alongside of this B-29 job." Truer word were never spoken.

It doesn't pay to be superstitious—or does it? Ralph Decrow, our Instrument foreman, was suffering with qualms about giving his pet (black) cat to the Humane Society because for five years this cat has brought him luck. Well, the very next day—after parting with his pet—Ralph won a \$25 Victory Bond in the weekly raffle!

George Wilson lost his voice. That's why the quiet is so noticeable in Electrical these days. His best friends wouldn't tell how it happened—but from other reliable sources we gleaned it's from too much singing at "The Tavern" in Winterport.

A bunch of enlisted men tramped into the office last Thursday to say "Hello" to their former boss in the Azores—Lt. Nicholas Tomchuk. From the beaming expressions on their faces when they greeted him, it was very plain to see that the lieutenant fitted with his "boys" there.

John (Stan) Loftus certainly got banged up in his airplane accident. He's got three stitches in his lip, a black eye, sore ribs, and is black and blue all over. Stan says his wife won't go Christmas shopping with him for fear people might think she beat him up.

We're happy to have Capt. Kenneth H. Ducat, our boss, back to work after being out ill for several days. The captain's attractive wife has been busily selling Christmas seals at the PX booth this past week.

Helen Temple is simply radiant these days, and little wonder. Her husband, Mervin, is home from ETO and has his discharge.

Word is that the former Leola St. Germaine is blessed with twins—both boys. She's the little gal who worked in Electrical but left last January to marry Billy Comer, a returned veteran and a Bangor boy.

John Ryder has been laid up for over a week with a foot infection. Incidentally, Johnny is doing a swell job selling Bond tickets.

Lillian Reed, the gal with the big brown eyes in Sheet Metal, is resigning. Her boy friend has arrived in this country. Guess wedding bells will ring for our "Lil" soon.

Raymond Sherwood decided commuting from Bucksport wasn't so good these cold, sharp, frosty mornings, so he and his wife have taken an apartment in the city. By the way, when you were hunting at Chemo—what happened to your compass?

The other a. m. George Stover was the only passenger on the Hammond Street bus. We trust George isn't getting exclusive on us by chartering a bus to work. We understand this same Mr. Stover sent away for a "Petty" calendar and it's now pinned up in his bedroom. Hummm, wonder if he's the George?

We're glad to see Frank Towle back to work. Frank dropped a tow bar on his foot and has been out several weeks. He's still limping, but says it's coming slow but sure.

'Tis rumored that we have a Charles Boyer in this department in the person of George Parlee. They're calling him "The Great Lover." Could it be that he is supplanting Sheets?

On "Open House" day there were only three young ladies who ventured out in the heavy rainfall to join the group touring the hangar, the rest were elderly men and youngsters. The three fair damsels in question were ably escorted on the tour by none other than "Sheets."

Frank Crymble is very sick and under a doctor's care. We miss the daily sight of Frank and his cheerful smile.

Lena Bell is going to have a happy Christmas—her two sons, George and



DOW FIREFIGHTERS PREPARE FOR RAINY DAY—Mr. Fletcher L. Whitcomb of Dow Field's Fire Department is shown receiving the \$1,000 bond purchased recently. In the picture, left to right: Chief Charles E. Turner, Mr. John Mullany of Base Maintenance, Assistant Chief S. H. Libbey, and Mr. Whitcomb. Other recent purchasers of large denominational bonds include Frances Flynn of Air Supply, Joseph P. Tyler of Motor Pool, Harris Mower of Aircraft Maintenance, Charles K. Robbins, Bert J. Benner and Frank McDonough, all of the Fire Department.

Headquarters

By Dorothy Bates

We all extend sincere sympathy and condolences to Charlotte Zitaner of Military Personnel, whose father died as the result of an automobile accident last week.

Visitors this past week from Wing Hq. included Lt. Col. Lane, Major Ralls, Mr. Wm. McKenzie and Lt. Nelson.

The most popular tune these days seems to be "I'll Be Home for Christmas," those humming loudest being Lt. Nicholson, who is going home to Texas, Captain Boyd, who is going to Pennsylvania, and Sgt. McKenney, who is going to Chicago (or is it Wyoming?).

This week two more of our boys left us to join the civilian ranks—Lowell Dahlberg of State Control and S/Sgt. Jolley from Military Personnel—best of everything to you both.

Nothing else to report from Hq. this time. Seems like everyone is busy with their Xmas shopping. From all reports the shopping tours have been more than successful. Shirlee Knight went shopping for her family and came back with two pairs of NYLONS. Betty Swickard went to get a watch strap and bought two dresses for herself. Lt. Nicholson went looking for ties and came back with a book for himself.

About this time every year you suddenly think of old friends, as well as the people around you every day that you appreciate. At the top of my list goes Lee, the attractive brunette behind the cash register on the food counter in the PX—'cause her sunny smile and cheerful comments are a boost to everyone's morale. Also Charlie Share, behind the cigarette counter, for he always remembers the brand of cigarettes you smoke, the gum you chew, magazines you read, as well as choice bits of gossip. Near the top of the list are the telephone operators, whom I only know as voices, for their unfailing courtesy and helpfulness. The girls of Dow Field who are always attractive and well dressed. The men of Dow Field—just because they're men.

Don't forget the Victory Bond Dance at the City Hall Friday night.

In closing may I wish you, one and all, joy and happiness at Christmas and throughout the coming year.

David, both are out of the service and home for the holidays—and her son-in-law, Jerome Phelps, also is discharged, so he and Mrs. Bell's daughter will be with her on Christmas, too.

Wilbert Berry of the Woodshop is very happy—his son, Robert, will be home from West Point for Christmas. Wilbert is very proud of his boy.

POW Camp

By Marion Dickson

Since last week's Observer was published, I've been a target for snowballs. That blonde you folks have seen lately slowly opening doors, looking both ways before venturing out, then dashing for the nearest shelter, is really me. What a life! I'm going to be very careful what I write this week—by the way, why is Cpl. Krzan looking so "SUNNY" lately?

Our 1st Sgt. seems to be much easier to get along with lately. Could it be he believes in Santa Claus after all?

Two former members of this detachment dropped in last week—Bill Mason and Jim Harakles. They sure make a couple of fine looking civilians.

Eight of our boys are getting discharges next week. Could they ask for a better Christmas present?

Thursday a group of E. M.'s took their trusty hatchets and brought back a load of Christmas trees. The boys were so bundled up they looked like overstuffed teddy-bears. Honestly, I don't know where they found room to put the trees—maybe that's why they took "3" trucks???

Here's some more favorite songs this week: "I Should Care," Pvt. Meade; "A Hunting We Will Go," Capt. La Plante and Lt. Carpenter (Lt. Carpenter also likes "Home Sweet Home"); "Playmates," S/Sgt. Bogomolny and S/Sgt. Milliken; (they're still playing checkers every night, Capt. Boyd), and "Cuddle Up a Little Closer" is a ringer for S/Sgt. Thompson. I guess this is where I'd better leave. I believe I detect more snowballs for next week.

Here's wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Base Maintenance

By Theresa O'Brien

With Christmas almost here, we are preparing for our office Christmas party. "Ginny" Bond and "Glory" Carson are the committee in charge and it looks as though we will have everything from soup to nuts.

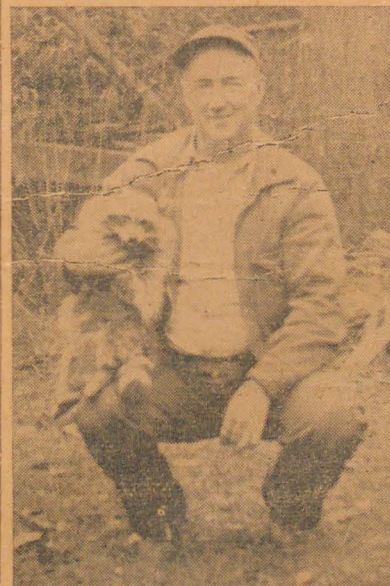
With all the pleasant thoughts of Yuletide there seems to be but one drawback. Mr. Sargent, "handsome Harry," Asst. Chief Warehouseman, left us Friday to return to his old job at R. B. Dunning's. Harry has been employed here at the Engineers for over three years. It is our opinion that he knows more about the items in stock than if he personally made them all. We in the office and all the men in the shops will miss his helping hand. Well, it proves that the old adage "For every good thing we must give up something twice as dear" did not spare anyone.

It is hot here in the Property Section. Mr. Hall has his hands full with auditors and inspectors. It seems every time you look up there are more coming.

Capt. Frye, our late Post Engineer, left Tuesday last, looking forward to civilian life. The organization bought him more fishing equipment than I have ever seen at one time. That, of course, was to insure his returning to Maine for future fishing trips.

We welcome Capt. Wilson, our new Post Engineer. "Remember, Capt. Frye's message and back it up with work, not just good intentions. If I can personally be of any assistance to any of you, do not hesitate to call on me, for we must work together to succeed together," Capt. Wilson said when I asked him for a statement for the Observer.

Until the next issue, may all our readers enjoy in full the blessings of the Christmas season.



KENNETH G. KARNES, foreman of Stock Tracing Unit of the Acft. Maint. Div. with his fox which he shot on his recent hunting trip. Ken is having a rug made up at Park's Taxidermist. On his trip he also shot a deer and a partridge.

That fine drawing on the front of last week's mimeographed Observer was done by Cpl. Rosenthal of Special Service. Thanks, Corporal.

Quartermaster

By Marie Pecorelli

Hail and farewell—our Base Quartermaster and Sales Officer finally found a "victim" to replace him in the person of Lt. Schwarzkopf. We don't know what kind of tactics Capt. Busick was forced to use but the last we saw of him he was badly battered up with a bandage over one eye. Heard rumors of a strictly stag party being held to give him his unofficial send-off but of course I wouldn't know the details of social affairs of this type.

Christmas came early here when Ginny Woods received a beautifully wrapped gift last week bearing the impressive label, Mme. Blimpowsky, 5 Park Ave., N. Y., which proved to be a complete set of OD ladies' "garments" with open ventilation (style by Cartiere—it says here). At first Ginny suspected our typewriter repairman, Jonesey, of being the donor but his complete innocence (???) of the whole thing finally convinced her they were really from Santa Claus.

Our wandering salvage man has returned to the fold. We haven't figured out yet whether he just couldn't get along without us or his favorite winter sports is moving furniture up and down the street. This time he arrived with another Salvage Officer in tow (it would take a better bookkeeper than I am to keep track of the number who have come and gone during the last few months). His name is Lt. Edward J. Smith and Jordan reports that he is slowly but surely "de-Azoring" him, having warned him of the pitfalls to be found in such places as the Paramount, Passion Pit and other exclusive night spots. (Now how would a sober family man like Ray know about such places anyway?) We hear Lt. Smith is a rugged individual who enjoys our winter climate and doesn't even mind waiting on cold street corners for a late date to show up. How about that, Lt.?

QM can now boast of one GI, Sgt. John McGinnis (Mac), who recently returned from a furlough (and incidentally a honeymoon). How long he will be with us is anybody's guess—the usual time limit is ten days now.

Hear Barb Lanpher has a date for the whole four days of Christmas vacation.

The following item was received this week, signed only by "an ardent fan":

1. Inasmuch as items are not too plentiful for your column, it is thought that you might be interested in finding the answer to the following query:

(a) Who is the Air Supply damsel seen sharing the front seat of Chevy bearing New York license plates during a Sunday drive? This romance still in bloom or could it be that said fair damsel threw wet blanket on the affair, causing certain QM "executive" to spend an indefinite period in the Base hospital with the "common cold"?

Flash! The latest bulleting on the Burby affair at Bar Harbor from an authorized source of information is that (and I quote) "something is about to break." Watch this column for up-to-the-minute reports on future developments.

It looks as though we would really have a Christmas party here this year (at least a handsome tree has sprouted out of one of the wastebaskets, although, as yet, no decorations have appeared). The official (I think) time set for said party will be Friday afternoon, so all you Quartermasters, come one, come all. (We even heard there was to be some of the famous Quartermaster punch on hand, which if John Luosey has anything to do with concocting we know will be well worth coming for. So, until then, Merry Christmas and don't forget to come back after that unexpected four-day holiday. My, how times have changed around here!

OMAHA (CNS)—Bijou Kay, a strip-tease danceuse, caught her G-string in the curtain while concluding her act. Result: Six spectators were injured in the scramble.



This Week at the Base Theater



WEDNESDAY, 19 December—VACATION FROM MARRIAGE, with Robert Donat and Deborah Kerr; Passing Parade and Terrytown color cartoon.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 20 and 21 December (Matinee Thursday)—THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, with Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. Movie-tone News.

SATURDAY, 22 December—THE STRANGE MR. GREGORY, with Edmund Lowe and Jean Rogers. Unusual Occupations, Vera Vague in Calling All Fibbers, and a Vitaphone Variety.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, 23 and 24 December (Matinee Sunday)—FRONTIER GAL (technicolor), with Yvonne De Carlo and Red Cameron. Community Sing and Movietone News.

TUESDAY, 25 December (Matinee)—ONE WAY TO LOVE, with Chester Morris and Marguerite Chapman. March of Time and Noveltoons color cartoon.

Air Supply

By Ann Fisher

Nothing quite like starting off Monday mornin' right—according to Cliff Wetmore. That day he arrived at work at 7:35. As we all know, it is a problem for Cliff to get up in the morning. Every day since it has been a little later. But there are other Mondays coming, Cliff.

Barbara Magee is floating on air. She is about to take off for North Carolina to meet her husband. Hope you have a wonderful trip, Barbara. Estelle Cassell is going around all smiles. Her hubby is on the way home at last.

Vic Billings recently made a trip to Eddington to see if the ice was strong enough to go fishing. Not yet, he reports, as he chews away at that gum.

Ancel King recently bought a car, so he could get to work occasionally. Guess he must have had to take a trip to try it out, 'cause he still isn't here.

What were Francis Jordan, Ray Torrey and Red Johnson doing on their knees in the Whse. the other day.

As I sit here trying to write this column an item came to me through Distribution. The sender did not put his name on it, which isn't quite right. Here it is: Quote: Subject: Item for Dow Field Observer. To: Ann Fisher 1. Reference is made to the query continued in the Air Supply item on page two of the Dow Field Observer dtd. 12 Dec. 45 relative to a scoop for Air Supply col-Galley FOUR

um. There are those who would be interested to know the truth behind the assertions of a certain young lady of Air Supply who regularly boasts of the affection bestowed upon her by Freddie Cole. If it is so, then your "Freddie" would do well to bow gracefully out of the lives of certain other fair maidens with whose affections he has been trifling of late months. End quote. No doubt this will cause some fireworks.

A lot of people are wondering why Ray Torrey was passing out cigars the other day. Mr. Ames had a brilliant idea. It seems that Ray has been getting some wood from him. So on the woodbox he has installed a sign for Ray, reading: "No Smoke, No Wood." Better buy some more cigars, Ray.

Reginald Russell has deserted us temporarily in favor of the PWs. He is over there supervising the crating of some furniture. Pop Drew had so much annual leave accumulated that he had to take a few days off. During his vacation he helped to install a new furnace in his home. We are glad that Gladys Taylor is back at work. The file room was so lonely without her. Elaine Caron and Elaine Powers have been out on sick leave.

There will be a return bowling match between the women and the men on Dec. 20 at 8 p. m. at the new beau. Hope the women will have better luck this time.

South Bull has rented a home in Harbor and is so excited over it that she can hardly wait for the weekends to come so she can go down.

One hears faint rumors of a wedding brewing—could it be?? More details will come later, I hope.

Bert Leen took to the woods the other day and brought back a beautiful Xmas tree for us. We can hardly wait to see it up. Plans are progressing for our party. So let's everyone cooperate and make it a gala affair.

Christmas is almost here. This year we have a lot to be thankful for. Many will have their loved ones home for the first time in several years. Some of us are still waiting, and hoping. But to all—a Very Merry Christmas.

I Lux my undies every night
And hang them up to dry;
I always use some Maybelline
To beautify my eyes
Lifebuoy soap and Colgate's too,
There's nothing I don't try;
My eager charms are but alarms
To GIs passing by;
I've read What Every Girl Should
Know,
I still can't get a guy.
Why?



MERRY CHRISTMAS
from THE WOLF & C.N.S.

Civilian Personnel

By Janet M. Reid

Helen Toole received a long distance phone call from California at 12:30 a. m. the other night from her O. A. O., and when he asked her what she was doing she laughed long and loud. Well, gosh, Toole, it was only 9:30 in Frisco and you could hardly expect Johnnie to be rational enough to figure out the three hours difference at a time like that.

Barbie Carr is another one with the love light shining in her eyes these days. Her man got home last weekend and it was the first time they had seen each other in three years. For further developments watch that third finger, left hand. She's been using Pond's religiously.

This is the wrong season to be developing such an interest in "boids," Margie Talbot. Or did one stay North for the winter?

Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas dance, especially Ed Cronin. He couldn't have that much interest in a War Bond Drive, so if it isn't the bonds, what is it?? Another problem for Mr. Anthony.

Blair Stevens had "things" to say about last week's column. His story is that he can't find a femme with enough money. He must have thoughts of retiring IF he finds the right one that fills all his qualifications. That's a big order to try and fill, Blair, but keep-a-trying.

Songs heard round and about CPO: Janey Babcock—"My Silent Love." Ed Daley—"I Dance With the Dolly" (and a five-year-old at that). Carmie Mikelk—"It's Been a Long, Long Time."

Helen Toole—"Oh, Johnnie," "I'll Be Seeing You."

Alice Conroy—"Gonna Take a Sentimental Journey."

Paul Clark—"Rockaby Baby."

Georgie McKenney—"In My Merry Oldsmobile."

Carrie Thompson—"There's Gonna Be a Great Day a Comin'."

Barbie Carr—"Waitin' for the Train to Come In."

Avery Hammond—"Doin' It the Hard Way."

Captain Houlihan—"Summertime."

Betty Browne—"My Mamma Done Told Me."

Everyone—"I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

That's all for now:

My mind's in a blank,
My head's just a twirl,
It's back to the ranks
For this little girl.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you, and you, and you.

Navy to Store Ships

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Navy intends to store 4,000 to 6,000 vessels using new methods of ship preservation, keep them ready for lightning use in an emergency, all at five percent of the cost of keeping them in service. Lt. Robert T. Furman, Jr., USNR, writes about it in Liberty, declaring that the chief problem is to "dehumidify" the vessels.

American Theater Ribbon

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Personnel who served one year or more within the continental limits of the U. S. are now entitled to wear the red-white-and-blue American theater campaign ribbon.

Motor Pool

By Charles Russell

This week several of us enjoyed the satisfaction of getting our pay and grade advancements from Civilian Personnel. The drivers were also pleased to hear that they are to get paid before Christmas, instead of the day after.

The weather this past week has been severe, and hard on many of us who are obliged to depend on our over-aged and over-worked cars to get us to work. Some of them could not take the zero temperature and had to be pushed or left at home.

Lester Vaseur is making himself popular with the gang by his sincere generosity in helping them with his car when theirs refuses to start. He has given several a lift to and from work, as well as a tow.

The spirit of Christmas invaded the Motor Pool Friday, when a Christmas tree was brought in and set up in the room. Now, fellows, please don't get mischievous and destroy it before it gets decorated. If other departments can arrange one successfully, we should.

James Crawford drove a bus to Niagara, New York. It is quite a trip. He should have some interesting details for us when he gets back.

Victor Johns returned from a trip to Presque Isle in a truck.

Dispatcher Ed Kelliher brought his dog in with him the other day. It is a cute little pup, too. It received lots of attention from the boys.

Ralph Grant has done it again. He had traded his Packard in for a Studebaker. During the past season I believe Ralph has owned two-thirds of all the second-hand cars in the state. Well, almost!

Victory Loan Dance

(Continued from One)

D. No. 2, Bangor, a hassock by Freese's, two piccolos by the Harmon Music Company, and a credit slip worth \$10.00 donated by Queen City Dye House. It is expected that there will be later additions to this list.

The committee for the Victory Loan Dance is under the chairmanship of Mr. Raymond Pinkham, with Mr. John Mullaney, Secretary, Mr. Edwin Cronin, Treasurer, Lt. A. G. Thompson, publicity, Mr. Dave Cronin, in charge of ticket takers, Mr. Michael Quinn, Mr. Charles Johnson, and Mr. John Finnigan. The music will be furnished by Norman Lambert and his seven-piece orchestra.

It is anticipated that the Victory Loan Dance will put Dow Field well over its quota of \$48,000.00 for the drive, which ends here December 31st. To date over 95% of the quota has been met. Departmental standings are as follows: Civilian Personnel 95½%, Radio Maintenance 49½%, Aircraft Maintenance 85%, Quartermaster 58%, Medical 40%, and Signal 93%.

In the Alley

With Mike Quinn

Statistics as of December 12th in the bowling league have been computed and heading the list are the Machine Shop and Air Supply, both of whom have won ten games and lost six. Next Base Maintenance and Aircraft Maintenance No. 2 have won nine games and lost seven. Quartermaster has won eight games and lost eight. The Motor Pool, Aircraft Maintenance No. 1 and Civilian Personnel have all won six games and lost ten.

This covers the fourth week in the second round. After December 18th, there will be a temporary lull of three weeks in the bowling league due to the Christmas holidays. On January 8th bowling will resume.



OKAY, GENERAL,
THE SANTA ACT
IS GOOD...YOU
MAY KISS ME,
BUT PLEASE TAKE
OFF THE BRUSH...

TAKE IT
OFF? IT'S
REAL!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from
Lace,
Male Call,
Camp Newspaper Service

MILTON
CANIFF