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THE OBSERVER—BANGOR, ME.—MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1943

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## Bombers Beat Castine To Win E. Maine Title; Play For State Service Championship Thurs.

### New Chaplain, Lt. L. F. Waite, Takes Up Duties



CHAPLAIN WAITE

Lt. Lucius F. Waite is the new chaplain of Dow Field.

He will conduct the Protestant services and lend a willing ear to all gripes.

Chaplain Waite is a native of New York State. Richland (near Syracuse) is his birthplace.

His religious background was begun at Johnson Bible College in Kimberland Heights, near Knoxville, Tenn.

He had held the pastorate in four churches in central New York State. Soon after he received a call to go south. He became the pastor of a group of churches in Roanoke County, Virginia, taking over temporary duties. During this time he actually helped build the churches, doing much of the painting himself. His group is known as the Christian (Disciple) Church.

Entering the Army on February 1, 1943, he first received instruction at Harvard University. From there he went to Kelly Field, Texas.

Chaplain Waite is busy making Christmas preparations and will continue the regular 10 o'clock Sunday service.

As far as hobbies go, he insists they are the usual ones: stamp collecting, coin collecting, etc. "Never had time to do much on that side; always working," he said.

Our best wishes, Chaplain Waite, for a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas and the best of luck in your new duties.

### The Base Commander's Christmas Message

I would like to extend to all personnel of the Base and their families my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. The time honored greeting of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year may seem to have a somewhat ironic sound in a world at war. However, the nations now joined together in defense of those great principles of right and justice enunciated by the Prince of Peace, whose birthday we are celebrating, have better reason to feel happy than at any time since this war began. The horizon is beginning to light up with the dawn of a new era of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men." Let us rejoice over this brighter outlook but at the same time firmly resolve not to relax in the least our efforts to bring about this new era in the shortest possible time. The final outcome is certain but the time required to reach it depends upon our own efforts. I would like to leave with you a verse from a poem written many years ago by William Cullen Bryant which, it seems to me, carries a message of hope and promise peculiarly appropriate to our present conditions:

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again  
The Eternal years of God are hers  
But error, wounded, writhes in pain  
And dies among his worshippers."

S. F. LANDERS,  
Colonel, A. C.

### Pvt. Winning Wins Honeymoon Race At Ordnance Party

Pvt. Winning lived up to his name by joining with Mary McGee and winning the honeymoon race at the Ordnance party last night at T-5.

Amid a flurry of wigs, girdles and dresses he came through against Corporal Russo and Rose Smith.

M/Sgt. Hartwell M-Ced the party keeping everybody happy and busy. Mistletoe dances, back to back stunts and a masculine leg show added to the fun.

The gals brought the cakes, cookies and doughnuts.

Mrs. Madeline Shaw prepared the party. She was assisted by Elaine Lancaster and Charlotte O'Donnell.

### Christmas Carols To Be Played Tonight As Base Library

A Christmas Musicales will be held tonight at the Base Library. All are invited to come and bring their friends to listen to the program of carols.

The time is 8:00 p. m., at the Library, Bldg. T-33.

### Heads Yule Party



MRS. S. F. LANDERS

### Party for Children Of Dow Personnel Set for December 23

A regular old-fashioned Christmas party for the children of both officers and enlisted men of the base is being planned for December 23.

The program will begin at 2:00 p. m. in Bldg. T-6. In an atmosphere of Christmas decorations, the youngsters will sing Christmas carols and enjoy the music of the Troubadours. Cpl. Gerald Sheier will present magic tricks, S/Sgt. Paul Geden will do a chalk talk and children's games are planned. Each child will be given a gift by Santa Claus and then refreshments will be served.

Immediately afterward, the party will move next door to the Base Theater. A complete program of moving pictures, chosen particularly for children, will be shown.

Arrangements for the party are being made by Mrs. S. F. Landers, wife of the commanding officer; Mrs. Morton, and members of the Special Service Office.

## Unbeaten Fort Williams Will Meet With Dow On Portland Floor

By S-SGT. EDWARD THOMAS

The Bombers, powerful Dow Field basketball club, claimed the Eastern Maine Service title and won themselves a chance at the State service championship by defeating the Maritime Academy at Castine by 60 to 55 on Friday night. The victory—their eighth straight—gives them

a chance to travel to Portland on Thursday to clash with Fort Williams, leading service team in the southern section of the State, for the Maine Service Championship.

After a lightening start in last Friday's game, in which the first four minutes netted the Bombers a 13-point lead, they found the Castine boys coming to life to bring the score to 13-11 at the end of the first period.

The second quarter was a nip-and-tuck battle with the score at the half 27-25 in favor of the Bombers.

At the start of the second half, the Bombers unleashed a fast and tricky offensive to again jump into a 12-point lead. With Sgt. Dick Carlson and Lt. Levine leading the attack, the close of the third period found the local club in front by 11 points with the score 34-23.

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### Protestant Service And Catholic Masses Planned For Christmas

Catholic Masses and a Protestant service will be held on the base Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Midnight Mass will be said in the Base Chapel on Friday night. Confessions will be heard beginning at 11:00 p. m. until shortly before the start of the Mass.

Another Catholic Mass will be said at the Station Hospital at 9:00 on Christmas morning, and one Mass—at 11:30—will be said in the Base Chapel on Christmas morning.

A Protestant service, conducted by the new Base Chaplain, Lt. L. F. Waite, will be held in the Base Chapel at 10 o'clock Christmas morning.

Regular Friday night Jewish services will be held at the usual time and if a change of location is necessary, it will be announced in the Daily Bulletin.

### Lt. I. Hurowitz Gets New Post In Legal Office



LT. HUROWITZ

Lt. Isadore Hurowitz has taken over the Legal Assistance Officer's duties formerly supervised by Major Berman.

Lt. Hurowitz has been active on the defense up until this appointment. Now, he steps into "D.A.'s office", as he expresses it.

The lieutenant has appeared on local radio broadcasts for the Red Cross as the "Voice of Humanity."

Graduating from New York University Law school, he immediately set up a private practice in Springfield, Mass. In 1933, he was ad-

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## \$200 to \$500 On Leaving Service May Become Actuality This Week

Mustering out pay ranging from \$200 to \$500 for men and women in the armed forces may become an actuality this week if a bill passed by the Senate on Friday is okayed by the House and the President.

The Senate acted after only a little more than an hour's debate and without the formality of a roll call vote after Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) had urged a "Christmas present" to the fighting forces.

Under the measure, \$500 would be paid to each man and woman up to and including the rank of

colonel who had served 18 months or more overseas or in Alaska. One-third of the sum would be paid on termination of service and the remainder in two monthly installments.

**\$200 To \$500**

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### LT. FARRAR, ANC, PROMOTED

Congratulations to First Lieutenant Ruth Farrar, of the Army Nurse Corps at the Station Hospital, who was promoted to her present rank from second lieutenant last week.

## Communications Still Hold Quiz Title After Four Weeks On Broadcast

For the fourth week running the lads of Communications have retained the title of Dow Field Khaki Kwiz Kids—their most recent victims being the Signal Corps, whom they defeated in a battle of wits at last Friday night's Radio Show.

The show, broadcast weekly between 9:00 and 9:30 over WLBZ, got under way before a large crowd in Bldg. T-6 when S-Sgt. Paul Geden stepped before the mike and announced, "The Army Air Base at Dow Field is on the Air."

After showing that they could play practically any kind of music from boogie-woogie to Bach, the

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### Dow Red Cross Chapter Announces New Hours For the Winter

Announcement of winter office hours has been made by the Dow Field Branch of the Red Cross. Present hours at Bldg. T-14 are:

9:00 a. m., to 5:00 p. m., week days.  
9:00 a. m., to 1:00 p. m. Sundays.  
During regular hours the telephone number is 357. In case of emergency the field director can be reached by dialing the operator. She will locate him for you.



## Bombers Win Title

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The final gun found the Dow club the winners of a fast, grueling contest with the final score 60-55.

S-Sgt. Dick Carlson played his usually brilliant game as he totaled 24 points, with Lt. "Norm" Levine contributing 17 points to the total score. On the foul line Lt. Levine remained king, throwing in seven out of nine foul shots.

Duplisea, of Castine, was high man of the game with 27 points. He is a former University of Maine star, who threw trick shots from all angles last Friday night.

Every man on the Bombers had at least two points to his credit to drive the club on to victory.

After the game the Castine club was host to the Bombers in their nicely appointed day rooms.

The Bombers' next game is scheduled for Base Gym here tonight at 8:00 with the Bar Harbor Naval Officers.

On Thursday the Bombers meet the powerful Fort Williams club at Portland, a game which will find the winners claiming the service club championship of the State as both clubs are still undefeated and between them have beaten every Army and Navy team in Maine.

## Radio Quiz

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Troubadours swung into the theme—"The Army Air Corps Song," and followed it with the "Victory Polka."

This was followed with Cpl. Jack Eaves, leader of the Troubadours, carrying the vocal of "The Little Brown Suit My Uncle Bought Me," from the Army show, "Stars and Gripes." The Troubadours then played "Siboney." It was then time for the first session of the Khaki Kwiz to start.

Defending the titles for Communications were Cpl. Warren Baldwin, Cpl. Loren Graven, Pfc. Jimmy Niles and Pfc. William Stroud.

Challengers from the Signal Corps were T-Sgt. Larry Wennerberg, S-Sgt. Merle Hodgkins, S-Sgt. Joe Harrington and Cpl. Homer Madewell.

At the end of the first session the score stood 12 to 10 in favor of the Communications. After the final session had ended the score was 13 to 9 with Communications still the champion Khaki Kwiz Kids.

Between sessions Sgt. Al Jerusalem received a great round of applause when he sang, "Moonlight Becomes You."

Cpl. Spurgeon Illery, of the Aviation Squadron, really "jingled" the ivories on the piano in his own version of "Honeysuckle Rose," dedicated to the late "Fats" Waller.

The program ended with the Troubadours playing "By the Beautiful Sea." But this did not conclude their part in the evening's entertainments as they played for the dancing following the broadcast.

Sgt. Geden acted as master of ceremonies and did the announcing for the entire broadcast with the exception of a "commercial" for war bonds, announced by Irving Hunter, of WLBZ.

Next Friday night the Communication boys will be given a rest as there will be no quiz session on the broadcast.

## \$200 to \$500

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The mustering out pay would be \$400 for 12 to 18 months overseas service and \$300 for less. Persons who served more than 12 months in this country would get \$300 and those serving less than that \$200. All payments except that of \$200 would be paid in three equal installments, the latter being paid in two monthly checks.

Estimates of the over-all cost of this reward for service, recommended in a message to Congress by President Roosevelt, ranged from \$3,000,000,000 fixed by Barkley to \$4,000,000,000 estimated by Senator Johnson (D.-Colo.), who headed a subcommittee which whipped the bill into shape.

Since the payments will be made to all persons below the rank of brigadier general who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces since Dec. 7, 1941,



**DINNER HONORS ORVILLE WRIGHT, 'HAP' ARNOLD**—Orville Wright (left), guest of honor at a dinner in Washington commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Wright's first flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., shakes hands with Gen. H. H. 'Hap' Arnold, chief of Army Air Forces (right), and Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, who presented to Arnold the Collier award (at extreme right) for "outstanding contribution to aviation during the past year." (AP Wirephoto).

Johnson estimated accrued obligations at \$350,000,000. The mustering out pay, however, would not be available to persons who obtained discharges through their own initiative or who are entitled to retirement pay.

Senator Austin (R.-Vt.) brought out that discharges from the armed forces for disabilities, age and other reasons now are running 70,000 monthly and Johnson said \$250,000,000 would be required to meet this current need.

Before final approval of the measure, Senator McFarland (D.-Ariz.) made the point that action on the measure would not preclude later consideration of bonus legislation and Barkley agreed, asserting that the mustering out payment was intended only to aid service personnel in readjustment to civilian life.

Before the vote was taken, Senator Lodge (R.-Mass.), who served for a time with the armed forces in North Africa, obtained permission to be excused from voting because he said he stood to benefit financially under the measure.

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mitted to the United States Supreme Court. He is a veteran of World War I, receiving the Purple Heart for wounds in action.

Here at Dow Field, he has been Commanding Officer of the Aviation Squadron, Commanding Officer of the A.A.F. Band, Asst. Trial Judge Advocate, and later Defense Counsel in Special and General Courts. He has also participated on many boards, and served as Summary Court Officer and Legal Assistance Officer.

Congratulations Lt. Hurowitz, and our best wishes.

## Headquarters

(By S-Sgt. Freddie Neumann)

All personnel of Headquarters and their guests are invited to attend the Headquarters Christmas party which will be held at the Bangor House, Tuesday evening, December 21 at 6:30. A dinner will be served followed by dancing and grab bag. Let's get into the Christmas spirit and have a merry old time. Hand in your reservations to Dottie Bates as soon as possible.

With so many of us out sick these last few weeks it's mighty nice to see you all reporting back. We missed you and hope you're feeling

## Class "E" Allotment Can Not Be Changed Without Soldier's Okay

Those in the service who wish to have a certain amount of their pay set aside for a particular purpose should familiarize themselves with the Class "E" Allotment. Full information concerning this allotment can be obtained from the Red Cross chapter here on the base, but a summary of some of the more significant points is given below.

A Class "E" Allotment is a voluntary deduction from the soldier's pay. He can authorize it, increase it, decrease it, or discontinue it at any time he chooses. He can make these changes without the consent of the person to whom it is payable. And as only he has authority over the allotment, it can NOT be automatically increased or decreased upon his promotion or demotion.

Allotments may be made payable to individuals or to banks for the support of the allotter's family or dependent relatives. They may also be made payable to insurance companies for the payment of premiums on life insurance policies on the soldier's own life.

Class "E" Allotments begin to accrue on the first day of the designated month, but they are not due until the end of the month. Allotment checks are mailed from Newark, N. J., shortly after the end of the month. For example: an allotment again.

This week we welcome back Captain John L. White who has been away at school. A hearty welcome from us all, Captain.

Flash! Sgt. Besley figures a twenty dollar Christmas gift would satisfy her no end. Well, who'll offer to be her Santa Claus? We all could use such a gift, Erlene so be sure and put in a plug for me.

From our House to your House: Each and every one of us at Headquarters wish all a most Merry Christmas—one filled with all wonderful things. See you at the Christmas party—folks.

ment "commencing" January 1st would not be due until January 31, and would be paid during the early part of February. Allotment checks are normally mailed in time to reach the serviceman's dependent on or before the fifteenth of the month.

Further information can be obtained from the Red Cross or by writing:

War Department, Office of Dependency, Newark, N. J.

## Remember?

Happenings gleaned from the OBSERVER of a year ago this week

**December 16:** The Bomber Basketball team defeated the Houlton Air Base Team by 48-35 in the Commerce Gym.

**December 17:** A mouse in Bldg. T-6 interrupted the Dow Field Radio Show and frightened many visiting WAACs who were attending the broadcast and dance following.

**December 18:** Lt. Isadore Hurowitz, of the Legal Department, gave his weekly broadcast, "The Voice of Humanity"—in the interest of the Red Cross, over WLBZ.

**December 19:** Sgt. Edwards (now in England) was putting finishing touches on the Christmas decorations in the Base Recreation Hall.

**December 21:** From the "Observer" we learned that Major Thorne Deuel was the new Base Executive Officer.

Major Lorimer Earle Goodwin was the Base Quartermaster and Transportation officer.

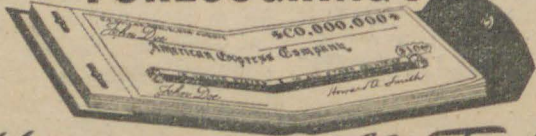
Pvt. Kenneth Bishop had made his radio debut and was the "Post Personality."

Temperatures had been sub-zero and snow was on the ground.

## Promotions

Congratulations to T-Sgt. George Reese, of the Weather Squadron, who was recently promoted to his present rank from that of staff sergeant.

## FURLOUGHING?



*Here's a valuable Tip!...*

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## Minute Mysteries Upstairs and Down

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A HOT PURSUIT

'Hello, Smith,' said Professor Fordney as he opened the door. 'What's up?'

Uncle Fred's house has been robbed. He had some negotiable bonds in the library safe and told me to stick close to home until he returned from New York.'

'Were they stolen?' interrogated Fordney.

'I'm afraid so. I was up in my bedroom about twenty minutes ago when I heard a noise. I rushed downstairs just in time to see a man dash out of the library. I ran after him and, as I passed the door, I noticed the safe was open, so I suppose he got the bonds. He jumped into a waiting automobile and I trailed him in my car which, fortunately was standing in front of the house, but he got away from me.'

'Did you get his license number?'

'No. Couldn't see it. When I lost him in the traffic, I drove right over here.'

'Didn't you keep the house locked while you were upstairs?'

'Yes, but the burglar chose to open a cellar window.'

'Well, let's go over and have a look,' suggested Fordney.

When they reached the Smith home, they found the bonds gone.

'Why-er,' replied Smith nervously, 'the door locks automatically. I don't know what Uncle Fred will say when he gets back.'

'He'll say plenty if you tell him the story you told me,' interrupted the Professor 'I suggest you put the bonds back.'

**WHERE DID SMITH MAKE HIS INCRIMINATING SLIP?**

## FOR SALE

### MUSCLE DEVELOPERS

Pfc. Jack Gottesman has a set of weights that he is willing to sell at an extremely low price. Anyone can see from Jack's build that they have done things for him. Here's a chance to get bulging with biceps.

If you're interested, check in at the gym and Jack will give you all the details.

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## G. I. Minstrel Boy



With a guitar sharing honors with his rifle and overseas pack, a grinning Yank soldier, somewhere in the South Pacific, prepares to board a transport headed for the front. (Coast Guard photo from NEA.)

## Medical Corps

By CPL. "SKIP" GROSS

Ho hum, Monday again—Gee, the days sure do sneak up on you, when least expected. News item of the week seems to center around one Cpl. Jerry Lukes. Don't know the complete story but one hears lately of Lukes's drunken benders. Tsk, Tsk, who would have dreamed?

We bid fond and sincere farewells to the men of the Veterinary Corps who have left to continue their duties at Mitchel Field, and to Cpl. Johnnie Riston who has gone to Seymour Johnston Field, N. C., and Cpl. Lou Zwirski now at Bradley Field, Conn. Best of luck, fellers.

We wonder whether or not Pfc. Abbott has gotten those Pall Malls and remembered the toothpaste for "guess who"?

Many a head of hair was torn out last week when the order came through cancelling all furloughs and passes. Quite a few of the group had plans already made, not to forget your scribe who also got hit. Could it be that our sins are catching up with us?

Notice Cpl. Heitner back from furlough, with his face glowing like all get out. Must be that Truman, Minn., has something that Bangor hasn't.

What with trying to keep track of the fellows that are hospitalized and the fellows leaving, your reporter is going half, if not all, off his nut. One Section Eight coming up.

Wonder where Ahearn and Peverill are spending most of their time off lately? We took a look at the newly opened Patient's Recreation hall. Gee it's terrific, been toying with the idea of getting sick for a few days.

Aside to Ed Lyons "What did you do with your flashlight, Ed"?

We keep thinking just what connection Jesse and English can have—give out, Ramsay! Some of the Medics were taken completely unawares last week by a man posing as a woman, or vice versa. Whew!—were faces red!

Say, fellers, what's this about a story of a dog?

Well, seems as though we got to be running along now—Don't take any wooden nickels!

## MOVING DAY

Salt Lake City—W. C. Peterson rushed into police headquarters and shouted: "Someone stole my home." He lives in an auto trailer.

## A WACY VIEW

A diary of doings on the WAC Reservation



## WACtivities

By SGT. MARION TIEMANN

'Twas the week before Christmas, And up on the hill Not a creature was stirring For a change all was still. When out on the road There arose such a clatter I peered from the window To see what was the matter And what did my wandering eyes perceive

But our own Helen Brennan And the gal was on skis!

Forgive your ole reporter for turning poetic, but I just couldn't resist. It seems that the girls in the first barracks expected a disastrous outcome for poor Helen. The necessary materials, to cope with an accident, were laid neatly on her bed. Even Clara Novakowski, standing over Sgt. Brennan with prayer book in hand, was ready to administer the last rites. You fooled them though, didn't you Helen?

Wednesday evening was packed full of surprises for T-4 "Rabbit" Reichart. Out of a clear blue sky, she walked into a shower. That's Maine weather all over. Seriously though, Betty, we hope that you will be able to make use of both the pink and blue. You would be pleasing not only your husband, but your sister WACs as well. Good luck, Betty, and may the little citizen fulfill your every dream.

The second platoon is at it again—moving I mean. They just played a "one night stand" at the third barracks, and Friday they tramped back home, bag and baggage. Last week they were wondering who would make the next move, this week they found out.

Well, the WAC hospital list is growing by leaps and bounds. Sgt. Godin, Sgt. Hill, Cpl. Sweeney, Cpl. Downing, T-5 Havard, Pfc. Rollins, Cpl. Carley are the new names on the register. Our sincere wishes for speedy recoveries are extended to all of you.

Headaches, in the form of Christmas packages are beginning for our mail clerk, Bertha Kaufer. Cheer up, Cpl. Christmas only comes once a year and just think of all the happiness you are handing out!

Unfortunately, the remainder of this column is being written in Ward Seven at the hospital. No—I didn't get the flu. I had to be different! You know me, kids! Well, at least the column should have a different odor about it this week.

Sgt. Margaret Eck and Cpl. Ramona Fleming have returned to their old stamping grounds once more. When Sgt. Eck walked into the orderly room, she had no sooner opened her mouth when Sgt. Eisenberg popped a thermometer in it. That was a nice reception, Betty. Well, the result of this little episode was that poor Margaret had to go to bed for awhile.

Embarrassing Moments Dept.: When the nurse came to take our temperatures yesterday, Rita Sweeney checked up on hers before the nurse returned. She put the wrong end of the thermometer in her mouth, and since then she certainly has taken a ribbing. You pulled a boner that time, Sweeney.

Flash—Superman has found a mate at last! It is none other than our own first sergeant. At temperature taking time, it was discovered

## TAKE A LOOK AT A BOOK

By MRS. ALYCE CONNOR

## MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Building T-33, better known as the Base Library, wishes all you men and WACs a very Merry Christmas. I will not be able to wish each one individually the holiday greetings so I will take the opportunity of the press to do it.

Christmas this year for many of you will maybe not be the same as in former years, in that you will not be able to be at home with your families so that means that you must strive all the harder to make it a Happy Christmas for yourselves. At the same time, remember that not only would you like to be home but also your families are wishing the same thing. That they are going to try to make the others at home feel everything is the same as maybe last Christmas when all the family was together. Why don't you do the same? Find someone who maybe hasn't been home for much longer than you and cheer him up and help make his Christmas a happy one. Chin up and a Merry Merry Christmas.

It is very encouraging these days to look around the library and see it so well patronized. Everyday now more men are finding their way here and taking advantage of the quiet atmosphere to read, write letters or play checkers. Another group will be around our phonograph listening to the scintillating music of Strauss, Grieg or Victor Herbert.

## REFERENCE WORK

The library is the place to call if you have some problem or question that you answer. We are equipped to do quite extensive work here along that line. If I find it is inadequate in any particular phase, I can always find it for you through other libraries. Don't feel that any question is too small or too large for us to cope with. That is what we are here for—to track down reference questions. Personally it is a fascinating job and one that I enjoy immensely. Come in and see me with your reference work.

## YEAR OF BOOKS

This week's Time magazine states that 1943 was the most remarkable

that Sgt. Godin's thermometer soared up to 104 degrees. The amazing part of it was that she looked perfectly healthy. We found out later what had caused the whole thing. Sgt. Godin drank two glasses of hot water before having her temperature taken!

What are the best dressed dogs wearing this year? Our Colonel WAC can be listed as one of the ten best dressed canines in America. He is sporting a new blanket, and it's a bright red plaid job. That's his Christmas present from Kay Nieding and Lola May.

Have you ever tried writing a column on your stomach? Oh, beg pardon, you use paper. Well, anyhow that's the position I am now in, so before I get a permanent "crick" in my back, I'll close. Hope I'll see you all next week.

Merry Christmas from all the WACs!

year for U. S. readers. The book publishers had the biggest year in 150 years of publishing. It was a year when book reading and book buying reached outside the narrow quarters of the intellectuals and became the business of the whole vast people of the U. S.

This is an interesting survey as we are aware of the quantity of good books that have been written and published this year. There have been many outstanding novels, war stories and biographies. I am also pleased to see that we have so many of the books here in your own library that Time lists. I will list a few for you so that you may see what we do have and also make use of them:

One World—Willkie.  
Guadalcanal Diary—Tregaskis  
Queens Die Proudly—White.  
The Battle is the Pay-off—Ingersoll.  
Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo—Lawson.  
Combined Operations.  
Underground—Shiber.  
Let the People Know—Angell.  
U. S. Foreign Policy—Lippmann.  
Between Tears and Laughter—Lin Yutang.  
The Robe—Douglas.  
So Little Time—Marquand.  
Whole Heart—Howe.  
Wide Is the Gate—Sinclair.  
Gideon Planish—Lewis.  
Forest and the Fort—Allen.  
Human Comedy—Saroyan.  
Fifth Seal—Aldanov.  
Taps for Private Tussie—Stuart.

## Distinguished Service Medal

Dating also from 1918, this decoration is awarded to persons who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility, and to all enlisted men of the Army to whom the certificate of merit had, on or before July 9, 1918, been granted under the provisions of previously existing law.

The coat of arms of the United States in bronze surrounded by a circle of dark blue enamel bears the inscription "For Distinguished Service" and the year of award. On the reverse side is engraved the recipient's name upon a scroll on

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## Bangor House

Dining Room

Cocktail Lounge

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"Pass the shoehorn, Sarge, I wanta get on the bus"



Sure, buses are crowded. One soldier said his ride was good trainin' for house-keepin' in a foxhole. And a sailor pipes up with, "Yeah, or a week on a life raft!"

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### Editorial:

## THE STAR STILL SHINES

Over nineteen hundred years ago a star in the heavens proclaimed the birth of the Prince of Peace.

A Prince who brought to a bewildered world a message so simple and yet so powerful it has penetrated to the ends of the earth. A message of hope and courage that has been cherished in the hearts of man down through the centuries. A voice speaking of good will to men.

This Christmas a star still shines. Obscured by world conflict, by tyranny and hate it's hard to believe that its rays are still alive. Yet, over every foxhole, through every porthole and over every man fighting for what he believes is right, the star guides him everlastingly.

How easy it is to wonder if good will to man has vanished from the hearts of men, to wonder if the Prince of Peace has abandoned us.

It's time for all of us to get down on our knees and lift our eyes to that star. Only we can keep it shining, only we can tear aside the clouds of terrorism and doubt of a subjugated people and keep that star shining brightly.

### Dow Field Diary

S-SGT. PAUL GEDEN

#### MONDAY

"Slight Correction" Dept.: Last week under Monday we described in detail the chemical test for mustard gas. Lt. Tanner called and pointed out that mustard gas does NOT spread if broken before maturity. Lewisite, however, does get wanderlust. Well, anyway, we're glad somebody reads the column. Maybe we should make a mistake regularly and wait for readers to bawl us out.

Speaking of making errors reminds us of a pertinent story.

A certain newspaper editor was warning his son about his low marks in school.

"You must go regularly and learn to be a great scholar," said the fond father encouragingly, "otherwise you can never be an editor, you know. What would you do, for instance, if your paper came out full of mistakes?"

"Father," was the reply, "I'd blame 'em on the printer."

And then the father fell on his son's neck and wept for joy. He knew he had a worthy successor for the editorial chair.

#### TUESDAY

After our Thanksgiving design for the dinner menu, we tried our hand at a Christmas angle. Incidentally, the cartoons (except for the cover) on the Thanksgiving menu regularly appear in many of the camp newspapers. Both "Miss Lace," known as "Male Call," and "The Wolf" are released by Camp Newspaper Service. Since we carry advertisements in the OBSERVER,

we are not eligible to use them in the paper. There is nothing, however, to prevent reprinting them in some other form. The Christmas menu is entirely original art, the wolf character being temporarily borrowed.

Received a V-Mail Christmas card from former Observer reporter Dave Karp from "Somewhere in England." Fellows who remember him might also like to know that it's SEAGUANT Dave Karp now.

#### WEDNESDAY

With anti-tuberculosis posters and stamps all around us it may be worth a chuckle to pass on to you this incident:

Down in Pennsylvania a matron takes the seals seriously—too seriously in fact. Every year she faithfully pastes the seals all over her body. Maybe she figures it will keep the illness out. Look out, lady, somebody might wrap you up and drop you in the nearest mailbox.

They tell me that this morning's temperature was on the submarine circuit—down as low as 32 below zero. A kind of dry cold that sneaks up on you. The first five minutes it doesn't bother you, but the next fifteen hang icicles from every projection.

Did a chalk talk last week at the University of Maine for a 4-H club. They seemed very enthused about the performance. Today we received a flood of letters from all over the state from interested spectators. Gosh, that's the first fan mail we've received from our scrawls.

#### THURSDAY

At Camp Stewart, in Georgia, a private was asked to identify a plane from a picture flashed on the screen for about three seconds. After a moment's hesitation, he answered quickly, "It's a two motor blur, sir."

This week we welcome a new columnist to our pages—Pfc. Gustave LeClair of Chemical.

Although we had announced Quartermaster as the opposition on the Khaki Kwiz, last minute changes bring Signal to the mike. What a job to get four men to compete. However, their enthusiasm finally worked up to such a fever pitch that we ended up with six men on the team. Four were then agreed on.

#### FRIDAY

Just before the broadcast we were having trouble locating the Communications team. Cpl. Baldwin's watch had run slow and there it was five minutes before air time and no team. Their enthusiastic C. O., sitting in the audience, started wondering himself. Four minutes before the show he dashed out the door, drove his private car to their barracks, and brought over the Kwiz Kids just in time for quick instructions before their appearance.

Pfc. Jimmy Niles, eyes twinkling, waded right into the current events questions without wasting a second. That New York "Times" he carries must be getting in its under cover work.

### Watch Out, Soldier



(U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo From NEA)

Art is all right in its place, but in this case it's being used as a booby trap. Painting used as a furnishing in a simulated French village at Camp Kohler, Calif., training center is wired so that soldier is "blown up" if he pulls down the drape.

### Aviation Squadron

Well, here goes for another attempt to hold your interest for a short while. There has been much activity in the Squadron recently.

Our orderly room and office now resembles a battalion headquarters rather than that of a Squadron. The desks, filing cabinets, and other office equipment are neatly and systematically arranged, thanks to Lt. Watry, and our own ingenuity.

With the advent of the holiday season, soldiers who have never been known to be very prolific at the art of letter writing now keep the mail man busy with lengthy correspondence to their loved ones. We wonder if the thought of a forthcoming present could possibly be a reason for their literary efforts?

Now that our brother Squadron has been consolidated with us, we take this occasion to welcome back some of our old friends who have been away for awhile. We are also happy to have the new faces around the Squadron. The members of the organization will now be able to see just how good their non-coms can be off the base as well as on the base. Our officers have instigated a town patrol. To those of you who are not familiar with the set up, we will attempt to explain in the next few sentences. The patrol will be composed of non-coms of the first four grades and a driver, with a different non-com each night. The duties of the patrol will be as follows: They are to patrol all of the favorite haunts or rendezvous of the enlisted men. Their purpose is to spot and control any possible trouble that a member of our organization may be apt to find himself in. However, they will not hinder or in any way interfere with a soldier who is having a good time within the bounds of good conduct.

Any infringement on the rights of any individual soldier or group will be severely dealt with by our officers. We are not to suppose that their duties will include being nursemaid or "taxi drivers" to men who do not know their drinking capacities. They will aid materially in effecting a better relationship between the various units on the base and the military police. We point with pride to a fine and

splendid record, and we of the Squadron have no intention of selling our honor at any price. We must close now until Christmas week, when we intend to give you some real news.

The Squadron.

### General Mess

By CPL. CUTHBERT AVERITT

It seems that our friend Tommy Dowell has been so busy with Christmas decorations and his new job at the N. C. O. that he doesn't have time to write any more. We are sorry to say that Pfc. Arthur Jones and Pfc. Peter Hicks had to leave us, but we are awfully glad that they are still together. They were such good friends. Well, I guess you have noticed that our mess sergeant, S-Sgt. Charles B. Hart, Jr., is back, and he has this place on the ball again. He said he had a good time, as he didn't even have to answer the telephone at all while he was at home. We missed you, Sgt. Tyre, so take it easy and we hope to see you real soon.

Another one of our boys is in the hospital, no other than Pvt. Carl Hostler. We are all waiting for your return.

It is rumored that Cpl. Leo Manning and his love, Doty, are going to merge sometime soon. We also have to keep an eye on Mr. Five-by-five, who is none other than Pvt. Mark Kumis. He is keeping steady company with Bertha, but after seeing Bertha, who can blame him. She is a real beauty. We would like to know who the cute dish is that Sgt. Cardin introduced to Pfc. Vincent Sorrentino. Another very romantic person is our night cook, Cpl. Zeigler. We won't mention any names though, Ziggy. We have two additions to our happy family, they are cooks Charley Long and Pvt. Denis. Sgt. Hart is a lucky fellow, he always seems to be getting something. The other day his K. P.'s presented him with a fine piece of literature, "How to Win Friends and Influence People," by the well-known Dale Carnegie. I wonder why, Charley? We are signing off by wishing everyone on the Base a very Merry Christmas.

Some people have tact, and others tell the truth.

## "THE SICK AND THE WORRIED"

ALBERT KORMAN, T/5 Medics

Much to my surprise I find myself writing this column as a S&W. It seems the other ayem I got up with the shivers and the heat; reported to Sick Call where I was admitted for the gripe.

Now it seems every time I get set to write this column Miss Hopper, the ward nurse, seems to have a pill, medicine glass, or thermometer ready to stick in my mouth, so if this column seems erratic, that's the reason. (Anyway, I'm hoping for a speedy recovery.)

Well, the S&Ws have really taken over the new recreation hall. Forty beds and convalescents have been moved in to make the rec hall look like a college dormitory. And it is a college dormitory in more ways than one—beautiful individual showers, washbowls with individual lighting, beds with the extra thick mattresses, etc. Now I know it sounds too good to be true, but you can have all these comforts, too. The admission is just be a "convalescent". New uniforms have been issued to the S&Ws convalescing and they really are what the well dressed patient will want to wear.

Well, here comes Miss Hopper with another pill, medicine glass or thermometer. (How long can this last?)

In class the other ayem one of the S&Ws was asked for the definition of A.T.C. His reply was "allergic to combat".

One of the S&Ws has decided to become a minister of the gospel. For an enjoyable hour visit the "rec" hall and have Eracli conduct services.

The hospital had four unusual visitors, German officers who are prisoners of war. A mighty interesting slant on the thoughts of the German soldiers was portrayed by the opinions stressed by these German officers.

An S&W in Ward III feels immune to the wrath of the Bangor police as he has a member of the captain's family on his side. (When's the wedding date, Fleming.)

It seems as though I got in the wrong ward. Out of about 18 S&Ws I'm the only northerner and do I have a hard time getting myself understood. All I can offer is my southern Connecticut accent.

A few of our S&Ws have left for home with CDD's. Good luck, fellows.

Jackson, that southern gentleman from Mobile, has been appointed mess Sgt. in III. (What a K. P. pusher he turned out to be.)

All right, Miss Hopper, I'm ready now. (What a long G.I. cocktail.)

Overheard last night when lights were out and the ward was supposed to be quiet. Sgt. Stang, in his sleep evidently thought he was back drilling men at Camden, Me. "When I was a little boy," he shouted, "my mother told me not to cry when I lost my wooden soldiers for I'll get them back some day and believe me, after looking over you so-called soldiers, I think I've got my wooden ones back."

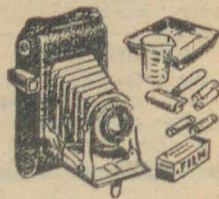
Well, since I'm in the hospital I can't check on the S&Ws whose birthdays are this week, so next week I'll include both weeks.

O. K., Miss Hopper, you don't have to hold my nose just to put a capsule in my mouth.

When two egoists meet, it is a case of an I for an I.

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### Eddie Thomas Managers Bombers Handles Gym and Writes Sports Col.

If there is anybody responsible for making Dow Field basketball conscious it's outspoken S/Sgt. Edward Jerome Thomas, its dynamic manager.

"We've got the best basketball team in the New England States," Eddie insists, and ready for all comers.

Back of his enthusiasm Eddie has an intense interest in sports and would be in there himself if it hadn't been for a trick knee.

"I was playing football in Lowell," Eddie explained, "opposite a big bruiser and my knee got knocked out of joint. Ever since whenever I take a quick spin it goes A. W. O. L."

#### OUR HERO BEGINS LIFE

Going back down the years in our hero's life we find him engaging in such diverse activities as: a milk man, crane signal man, and student at Lowell Textile. As far as textiles go Eddie states, and we quote, "I don't know three things about textiles." That after two years of study; so we went on to the next one—a milk man. We have heard a lot about clandestine affairs of milkmen and lonely girls, surely this would be an eye-opener.

"Did you ever get any love notes in the milk bottles?" we inquired, drooling just a little bit.

"No," said Eddie, matter of factly. "The only exciting thing in my five years as a milkman was the team bouncing in the rear. The whole back fell off one day and mixed up the orange juice, with the lemon and the milk and everything went haywire."

#### Comm.—Uniques

CPL. WARREN BALDWIN

Everyone is full of anticipation over the Comm. party scheduled for Monday night at the Penobscot Hotel (nothing cheap about us). With the plans afoot now it appears that it'll be tops. It very well may be the last get together we'll have as a unit, so let's support it to the fullest extent. Besides, who is going to stick his nose up at a swell feed and an inexhaustible supply of "beverages" and the Troubadors to supply music for adherents to "tripping the light fantastic"?!! For your info, the shindig starts at 7:30 p. m.

We ran a feature on names and nicknames some weeks back and since then there have been some "new-commers." We may as well bring ourselves up to date on the various "tags." There are two first names in the outfit that are certainly worthy of mention, we speak of Dorrance which Keegan had tacked on him early in life and Grafton which Googins has tated as a first name for quite some time. In the nickname Dept. we find "commissioner" Foley, "Brickhead" Birkhead, and "Benite" Muratore. We'll let you figure how they came by these titles. We almost forgot Breck who unanimously qualifies for the designation "lover."

A minor uproar was caused in the barracks the other night when Jy appeared garbed in one of his Christmas presents evidently selected for him by someone with fastidious tastes. A two tone pajama suit, slate gray, fringed with dark red trimming at the cuffs and waist worn together with a pair of bright blue fur slippers, all of which would knock out the eye of any fashion expert on "evening wear." While Jy posed decorously, leaping against a wash bowl in the latrine we all stared goggle-eyed and green with envy. This style flash comes to you through the courtesy of "The Happy Sackers, Inc." manufacturers of fine "evening ensembles," whose motto is

Since we weren't getting any hair-raising experiences in the job angle, we went back to sports.

#### SPORTS ENTER THOMAS' LIFE

Eddie then got warmed up to his subject and he started in.

"After Lowell High, I joined a basketball team as guard and soon we romped our way to the Massachusetts State championship in 1931. The trick knee accident forced me to stay on the sidelines. So I coached a Lowell athletic group known as the Belvidere club. One of the members of our team was Hank Mazur, who later became captain of the West Point football team and is now a lieutenant.

"Since I've been in the Army, the toughest eight weeks I've ever had was in the Non-commissioned Officers Physical Training school, and brother, they didn't pull any punches. I went down weighing 163 pounds, I came back a mere 151." A glance at the bowling league will also tell you that Thomas is right up there—second place.

#### GIVING EXERCISES

Eddie also gives the commissioned officers their daily exercises. "The first time I tried," Eddie said, "I very solemnly went through the preliminary explanation about an eight count arm exercise. When it came to the actual movement I found myself directing a very simple body exercise. Gosh, I was all confused."

To wind up this sports saga we also note that Thomas has a gym crew of four men who are constantly studying new ways to wrap you up in knots.

"Every Sacker a Happy Sacker," or "You'll Wake Up Singing Oh What a Beautiful Morning If You Go to Bed Wearing a Happy Sacker Garment."

After our "victory" over the Medics on the quiz show last week we're feeling pretty good. This was due in no small part to the moral support from the audience which seemed to be composed of 50 per cent Comm. men who weren't at all bashful about hollering and applause. If a group like this shows up in defense of the Comm. "interests" this next time, we should stand a fair chance against the Signal challengers we are facing.

It's doubtful that Wikoff's eyesight will hold up much longer if he continues to devour those dime novel adventure classics he pours over all his waking hours. We can picture him sitting calmly in the middle of a hurricane with the world crashing around him, interestingly reading the latest episode of "Dangerous Dan McGree."

Congratulations to the latest additions to the "Pfc personnel." It never rains on this detachment, it pours, that is when it finally does come.

If anyone has a few spare moments and wants to pick up some small cash, apply to "Head" Jackson as he has an ice cutting contract at Bar Harbor and is looking for employees. Due to the current employment shortage he is having quite a problem recruiting labor and it looks as if the ice may melt before he gets it cut. Although "Head's" capacity for work is great, he can't handle it himself.

Niles has been nominated as the Comm.'s chief threat to the Axis. His pose in a pair of oversize B. V. D.s is absolutely formidable. The feature of this is that the enemy would see a pair of B. V. D.s coming at them and no man in them and being completely mystified would retreat in great alarm. Of course we know better because we've looked very close and found Niles lost in the depths of them. Matter of fact, if they were much bigger for him, he'd need a road map to find his way out.

That's enough dribble for this

#### Pretty Partisan



Sparkling eyes and a toothpaste-ad smile belie the deadly skill with which the comely miss above kills Germans. She's "Zaga," a Yugoslav partisan sniper who has slain many Nazis, taken an oath to kill many more.

week so we'll say adieu for now. Don't forget the blow-out Monday night. We'd like to see 100 per cent attendance.

## KHAKI KOMICS

A PT was instructing a group of engineers in a game of soccer. "If you can't kick the ball," he said, "kick one of the men on the other team. Where's the ball?" "Never mind the ball," shouted one, "let's get on with the game."

Wife: Goodness, George, that isn't our baby. It's the wrong carriage.

Husband: Sh! Keep quiet. This one has rubber tires.

Friend: "Ah, professor, I heard your wife has had twins. Boys or girls?"

Professor: (absent minded) "Well, I believe one is a girl and one is a boy, but it may be the other way around."

Farmer: "You must of been an awful brave man to come down in a parachute in a sixty-mile gale."

Soldier: "I didn't come down in any parachute, I went up in a tent."

A pink elephant is a beast of bourbon.

IT COULDN'T HAPPEN IN MAINE Golf Pro: Now use your brassie.

Girl: But I don't wear one in hot weather.

When the Nazis on the Russian front are having close order drill, do they use the command: "In decadence, count?"

He: Please.

She: No.

He: Just this once.

She: No.

He: Aw, gosh Ma, all the other kids are going barefoot.

Sergeant: See that blonde over there, she irks me.

Corporal: Nice irk if you can get it.

#### NO LONGER BLIND

A German youngster told his school-teacher that his cat had just had seven kittens. "They're all Nazis," he added. The teacher was impressed by his loyalty to Hitler, and when the principal visited the room a week later she asked the child to repeat the story.

"They're all Democrats!" the pupil said.

"Why Heinie," the shocked teacher said, "I thought you told me they were Nazis!"

"That was a week ago," replied Heinie. "Now they have their eyes open."



### Holiday Hints ABOUT LONG DISTANCE CALLS

Christmas and New Year's are going to place heavy demands on long distance lines. This year, with thousands of others in camps all over the country wanting to call home, traffic will be extremely heavy.

We are making every possible effort to speed these holiday calls. Two points worth remembering are the following:

★ AVOID PEAK TRAFFIC BY MAKING CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR'S CALLS AWAY FROM THE RUSH. YOU WILL PROBABLY GET QUICKER CONNECTIONS A FEW DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

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## Why Don't You Do Right?

MRS. MADELINE SHAW



Coming from under mountains of string and paper, wrapping bundles and packages, it didn't seem possible to get my breath long enough to write this column.

However, I could hardly pass up the opportunity of wishing all my friends on the field a very Merry Christmas. It shouldn't stop there either because that just partly says it. Not only should Christmases be merry but they should be a time for giving thanks.

As Base Hostess, Christmas season brings a lot of unusual buying problems. If I were to conduct a Dow Field poll in "what the G. I. give their gals for Christmas" I would look like this:

Top place goes to jewelry. Apparently that solves a lot of difficulties for the type of girl you don't know anything real personal about.

Perfume seems to be a very popular present also. When I asked the boys, "Does she like jewelry?" some shake their heads. "Does she like cosmetics?" At this they said, "I don't know what kind she likes." When I mention perfume, their eyes light up and "that's it" pops out.

The boys are not pikers either. Only the other day a fellow came in with 17 packages to wrap up. A little later another G. I. came in with a whole suitcase full.

I really get a kick out of the shy fellows who want to buy lingerie and nighties as gifts but don't have the courage to ask the salesgirls. That's where I can be helpful.

That about winds up my Christmas package for this column, so am enclosing a little card—if you look over my shoulders you can see that it reads: "Thanks to the whole gang at Dow Field and on again, Merry Christmas."

### HEADIN' FOR THE SCRAP DRIVE

Police arrested four boys driving an ancient sedan on a charge of theft of auto accessories. Here's what was on the car: 11 musical horns, a door bell with cathedral chimes, seven tail lights, headlight shields, three extra bumper guards, two amber spotlights, two ordinary horns, a model airplane radiator cap, three coon tails and two American flags.

asked which one he liked the best. "A Dusty Fiddle's," he replied.

### Weather Note

If furloughs remain frozen here, so will those who were supposed to get them.

### Thrills!

With Christmas only five days off, we're so excited it may result in hardening of the archeries.

F. M. S.

## You Said It

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Ideas for items in this column are more than welcomed. Hence the name: You Said It.)

### Restricted

Now that a new base telephone directory is being compiled, we can hardly wait to see if a change has been made. Sandwiched in with the many military entries of the old directory is:

"Vera's Beauty Shop . . . 445."

They should at least fit it in with the theme of the book and call it: "Ye Olde Military Beauty Shoppe."

### The Other Pup

In case you've been wanting to "get the other pup, the guy that wakes the bugler up," but don't know just who he is here at Dow, this is the dope:

The "bugle," consisting of a phonograph record played over the public address system, is located in the Adjutant's office in Headquarters. The nine regular daily calls are played by the Headquarters' CQ, who may be any GI or WAC on Major Edward Shothafer's staff. The record is an oversized disk, with about 20 calls on a side, separated by quarter-inch ungrooved spaces. It is difficult to find the proper call as they are merely indexed on the center of the record by number, and the sections must be counted when a call is to be played. This sometimes results in the CQ starting to play "Tattoo" for "Taps" and vice versa. Occasionally there is an intentional variation such as last week when Cpl. Kenneth Bishop played "Fatigue" in place of "Assembly" at 1300. Either, he claims, is correct.

Two calls of the day are not "electrical transcriptions." They are "Retreat" and "To the Colors," which are played by a bugler from the band into a "mike" at the front of Headquarters.

But who gets the "bugler" up? Nobody. He or she is on duty from 1700 to 0715 and has to stay awake.

### Physical Training

A lonely lad who'd been standing by himself feeding nickels into a pinball machine at the PX for at least an hour, was finally heard to remark to no one in particular:

"Gee, my arms and back ache!" He must have been made of the proper stuff though, 'cause he stuck right to it.

### Blood Pressure Okey?

From an item in "Army Times": "Kitchen fats furnish medicinal products used by the Army and Navy in treatment of high blood pressure and circulatory diseases."

Yeah, and administered with meals in the mess halls.

### Seasonal Note

Whenever Christmas songs are discussed we remember the comment one of Kenneth Roberts' characters made when he was

## What's Doing This Week For Service Men In Bangor

A Weekly Calendar of Events for the personnel of Dow Field prepared by the Bangor-Brewer Servicemen's Committee.

U. S. O. CLUB, 81 Park street. Open twenty-four hours. Facilities: Reception lounge and information desk, check room, reading and writing room, library, newspapers, magazines, books, social recreation room, snack bar and refreshment lounge, music room, recording studio, classical records, game room, pool, ping-pong, arts and crafts room, hobby workshop, photographic dark room, radio, showers and shaving facilities, sewing kit, self-valet, first-aid kit.

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Y.M.C.A., 127 Hammond street. Open 24 hours. Services: Game room, lobby, writing materials, information, showers, swimming pool. BANGOR HEBREW COMMUNITY CENTER, corner French and Somerset Streets. Open 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m. Services: Pool, ping pong, dancing, library, room service, individual service.

USO CENTER, 81 Columbia street. Open 4:00 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. Facilities: Lounge, check room, game room, pool, ping pong, writing materials, dancing.

Y.W.C.A., 174 Union street. Open house every day for service men and women, 2:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.

Bangor Public Library, free for reading and lending for service men and women and their families. Central Library, 145 Harlow street. Open 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. daily; 2:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. on Sunday.

Music Branch, 166 Union street. Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a. m. to noon; 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. On Saturday, 9:00 a. m. to noon.

You are always welcome, no red tape to borrow books, just a simple matter of registering and the book is yours, until the time limit.

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Services are held in Bangor at 159 Union street each Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

## Dow Field Activities

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Puzzle night. Puzzles of all types are planned for Monday night. Some of them are real brain teasers. So come to T-15 and try your skill.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Mistletoe dance. Mistletoe will be the theme of the evening. Come on you G. I.'s and see if you can catch a Dow Field hostess under the mistletoe. The place is T-15, the time 8:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Special letter writing night. Are your Christmas cards all written and ready for mailing? This is an ideal time to get them ready. Come to T-15 and write your letters to-night. Refreshments will be served to all letter writers.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Children's Christmas party at T-6. The party begins at 2 p. m. A novelty program is planned to please the kiddies. Santa will make his visit. Everything is ready for Santa, big bright Christmas

tree, and many anxious, happy children, waiting to see Santa with his big pack full of delightful surprises.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve broadcast and dance. This festive affair will take place at T-6. So come on G. I.'s, come to the broadcast and dance. The famous Troubadours will furnish the music for dancing. The dance will be sponsored by the Finance Squadron. Other organizations will be invited. The dance begins at 9:30 p. m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas to one and all from T-15. Come to T-15 and enjoy your Christmas tree. Music and other entertainment is planned for your Christmas day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Open house at T-15. Informal dancing, games and entertainment will constitute the activities for the evening. Bring your lady friends and wives, they are always welcome at T-15.

## USO Activities

WEEK DECEMBER 20 TO DECEMBER 26

MONDAY, DEC. 20

7:00—Ask any of our hostesses to help with your Christmas wrapping and mailing. Christmas records. Community sing of Christmas songs. USO hostesses. Come in and see our special Christmas decorations.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

9:00—Christmas Bingo party. Cash for the holidays for prizes. Get your Christmas gifts wrapped and mailed.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

8:30—Mid-week dance and broadcast. Music by the Dow Field Troubadours. USO on the air at 10:30 with Christmas carols.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

8:30—Christmas party. Santa Claus arrives with a holiday show, Christmas gifts and refreshments. Singing, dancing, USO hostesses.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

8:00—Informal evening. Christmas carols and records. Join the group around the Christmas tree in the cherry glow of our fireplace.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

4:00—Christmas snacks at the snack bar. Keep Christmas bright in the homelike atmosphere of holiday music, Christmas trees, and crackling fireplaces.

8:30—Christmas night dance. Music by the Dow Field Troubadours, USO hostesses.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

9:00 a. m.—Meet your buddies at the Sunday morning breakfast club.

3:15 p. m.—Tea dance—records. Snacks at the snack bar.

8:00 p. m.—Informal dancing to new records. USO hostesses.

## Christmas Spirit Dominates Week At USO Club

This Christmas week will be a busy and gala event at the USO club. An outdoor manger, three gay Christmas trees, and wreaths and holly galore will be only a part of the elaborate holiday decorations. All service men and women will find a special welcome mat out all this week for them.

The mid-week broadcast and dance on Wednesday will have USO on the Air with Christmas music, songs and carols. Playing for this event will be Jack Eaves and his Dow Field Troubadours.

On Thursday the USO will go all out with a big Christmas party. A special Christmas variety show, refreshments, dancing and Santa bearing gifts for all will be on the program.

For Christmas Eve and all day on the Day of Days there will be holiday music, group around our Christmas trees, big, cheery fires in our fireplaces. From 4:00 p. m. on Christmas Day there will be snacks at the Snack Bar, and in the evening a gala dance with music by the Troubadours and all the holiday trimmings.

And for any you have forgotten there is still time to have our hostesses wrap and mail that late Christmas package. So just step up, boys and girls. It's a big week.

## Yank Second In Soldier Poll Of Magazines

NEW YORK—GI readers voted Yank a close second to Life magazine in a recent survey conducted by Special Services in Hawaii.

Answering the question "What are your three favorite publications?", 28% of all servicemen interviewed placed Yank at the top of the list, with Life receiving only 4% more votes. The "big three" publications, as far as men in the Islands are concerned, are rated as follows:

32%—LIFE

28%—YANK

23%—READERS DIGEST

Other publications regarded as soldier-favorites were listed in this order: Time, fourth; Liberty, fifth. After these came Colliers, Saturday Evening Post, Esquire, Cosmopolitan. Scattered votes were registered for various comic books and pulp detective and westerns.



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## CIVILIAN SLANTS

### MAINTENANCE

Many Maintenance employees are seen proudly wearing their Civilian Service Emblems.

Plans are under way for a big Christmas party and indications are there'll be more added attractions than ever before.

We're glad Emile Dubey, foreman of Parachute & Clothing Branch, wasn't hurt badly but we wonder how the truck looks now. "Chris" Beverage says, "Perhaps he needs a convoy to lunch—if he can't be trusted by himself."

The Stock Tracers' bowling team have put in a challenge to Supply's "Whiz Bangs" made up of Johnny Ward, Phil McKeen, and Harry Badger, as the stars. This should be easy and a little side bet should be made. How about it Supply?

We hear that Harold Sheehan thinks the anchor man on a bowling team is to hold the team back. Understand the coach is going to take him to one side and explain!

Bowling advice: Bud Leavitt wants to turn his Number 14 shoe to the southwest and stoop nearer the floor in order to get results. This will mean longer suspenders but Bud will not mind this.

MacFadden joined the bowling team last Friday but his fast ball was on the side of the alley most of the time.

Maynard Mulholland of the Engine Installation Unit is the latest employee to leave for military duty.

Maintenance men and women attending the Supervisor Training school are: Cecilia Riley, Bernice Tinker, Jeanne Breslin, Edmund Anderson, Henry Whitmore, Ralph Decrow, Celeste DeNardi, Paul Thompson, Edward Staines, William Dunkleberger, Byron Gettel, Harold Sheehan, Frank Saunders, Charles Gilmore, W. Jos. Goodness, Laurice Hatt, Allen Newcomb, George McKenney, Arthur MacQuinn, Irvin Helsey, and Anthony Hebert.

### PROPELLER DEPARTMENT

Folks at the Sub-Depot will be interested to hear that Harry Millward from our Prop Branch is now in the Navy. We all join in wishing him the very best of luck and his presence is greatly missed by us all.

Since wedding bells tolled in October, Gene Paine takes great delight in displaying his lunch box each noon. The Pilot's Grill lost a good customer.

Ed Rose now goes around singing "For the First Time I've Fallen in Love." And we don't think he's kiddin' either. If you should go to the P.X. at noon you would understand.

John Spinney has always tried to make us believe he's a "Woman Hater." Well, darned if he didn't turn up at the last Welfare Association Party with two women. That's a mighty good start, John.

Not only does Henry Reid need a fuel pump for his car that won't freeze up—now he's having house troubles. It's the OIL BURNER in the kitchen.

Say, that's a "right purt" new cap our foreman is wearing. What horse did you ride in the derby, Berninger?

Speaking of songs—Dotty is singing "I'm Dreaming of a Love-ly Xmas." Looks like there'll be one passenger on that train from Presque Isle, anyway, about Christmas time.

If you haven't already heard it—Rusty's favorite tune is "My Sea Bee Honey." We understand there's a furlough due there so it looks like a merry Christmas for Rusty, too.

### CIVILIAN GUARD

Sgt. Mills claims he has "mystic" powers—he can back up a car without looking. We believe it for we saw him do it.

O. D. doesn't mean Officer of the Day to the guards on Post No. 1—but "outdoors." P. S. It's cold at 4 a. m.

The "mystery" at Post No. 3 still remains unsolved. No record on file of the "prints" taken.

### Medical Dept.

Sgt. Carl Witham, son of Thomas Witham, has written his father of his assignment to Utah as an instructor. Sgt. Witham is chief gunner on a B-24.

Mrs. Helen O'Brien and Mrs. Ruth Tinker are back to their duties in the wards after a several day session with colds.

Lt. William P. Jinks arrived here last week from New Mexico for a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. Melvena R. Jinks. He has just been graduated from a bombardier school, and his next assignment is in Kansas for further training. He is now capable of performing all the duties of a navigator and a bombardier.

Among those who have been confined at home with colds, this past week were Daniel Shute, Mrs. Evelyn Hachey, Edward MacDougall, the Misses Ruth McConkey, Frances Barnes and Mary McGuire, and Leo McHugh.

Earl Hartt concludes his duties here the first of January as he has been inducted into the service and expects to leave on January 3rd.

Miss Rachel Rines, who went home to Gardiner for the weekend has been confined there for several weeks by illness.

### Headquarters

Recent visitors at this Sub-Depot included: William H. Loftus, Major A. C.; George A. Frost, Captain, A. C.; Jack R. Cohen, 1st Lt., A. C.; and Alexander Metules, 1st Lt., A. C., all from Rome Air Service Command, Rome, N. Y. Civilians here from Rome Air Service Command were Joseph B. Alexander and Elwood H. Plymmer.

Evelyn Bragg leaves us this week to take up new duties with the Post Engineers at this Base and she will be greatly missed by us all. The best of luck goes with you, Evelyn.

Carmen Conlogue is enjoying a few days of annual leave. With this cold weather she must be staying close by the fires, lucky girl!!

The employees of this Sub-Depot extend sympathy to Lt. Nick Shanta, Asst. Maintenance Officer, upon the death of his mother, which occurred recently.

We are glad to have Lt. Dyke back with us again after being on Detached Service for 15 days.

### Answers To Minute Mysteries

Questions on Page 2

Smith said he ran after the burglar. Had he done so he could not have known the cellar window had been chiseled open. Therefore, his story was obviously faked.

### Here's a Tip For Late Shoppers

Bring your gifts to T-15, and we will wrap your gifts in decorative paper and ribbon, then wrap them for mailing. We purchased more paper today and are all ready for you late shoppers. If you have some late or last minute shopping to do, let Mrs. Shaw know and she will help you.



12-25  
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"Every time I tried to enlist they rejected me, so one day I went down and called my draft board everything I could think of!"

### Chic Sheikess



French actress Lenore Aubert demonstrates what an Arab chieftain's daughter should look like, for her role in new movie, "International Zone."

### SEVENTH HEAVEN

S/Sgt. Stanley J. Schaffer

Guess Seventh Heaven now includes almost every soldier—male and female—on the base . . . but we know that people won't think we're snubbing anyone if we confine our remarks to the "Grand Old Seventh" . . . and so with that in mind we roll along on our merry way . . . Cpl. Richardson kept singing "I'll Be Home For Christmas" until he was blue in the face—suddenly his singing has stopped, and he's turned to another tune—"When You're a Long, Long Way From Home"—we sympathize with the Corporal—and with the other men who have had to change their tune this past week—but just remember fellows—there'll come a day . . . T. Sgt. Koontz' wife has come to town—and the little fellow just doesn't seem the same any more . . . S. Sgt. Hart came back from furlough yesterday—we celebrated with a terrific chow-veal stew . . . Where's S. Sgt. Frankie Nardella? . . . S. Sgt. Freddy Neumann's organ music may change from accompanying the third book of the Testament to accompanying the second book—the Grand Exodus . . . Scene from the sidelines . . . Sgt. Smitty hobbling along on a cane—still without his choppers—what a mell of a hess . . . Sgt. Wolfson and Cpl. Woodall decorating the base with paint and crepe paper . . . Cpl. Grande rolling up the training charts he's spent a week filling out—life can be futile . . . Sgt. Conrad knight-ing Cpl. Lapimaki—"Big Chief Gettum Squaw" . . . "The good old days have gone away, gone away and gone to stay; the good old days'll never come back, when love was an art, and we all had the knack"—it must have been in one of our weaker moments that we wrote that rhyme—it must also have been before we met Cpl. Left "Cas" Hazle—he is definitely a man who has not lost the knack—in fact, in our humble opinion—Lefty has decidedly improved upon it—and so it is to Cpl. Hazle that we—with apologies to other lovers in the 7th—throw our Bouquet of the Week . . . Brother Jackson tells us that a leader is a leader because he has electricity in his voice—we wanted to find out our fate—and so had a conversation with a hot wire—whether or not we were shocked remains a secret . . . We told T-Sgt. Stitham that he might be going pretty far east or south in the near future—"Do you mean as far down as Waterville?" he seriously asked . . . oh well so long as hes' happy . . . S-Sgt. Dellinger had victory in the palm of his hand—but the fickle finger of fate had to come along and upset his apple cart . . . The Week's Gruesome twosome goes to brothers Al and Reub Bredosky—they are hardly ever apart, and are separated only to take turns on guard . . . Sgt. Rodman claims that he still could have beat the railroad schedules—something that is beyond the realm of our simple imagination . . . We never knew Cpl. Martino had it in him—but

### CHEMI-CALLS

PFC. GUSTAVE LeCLAIR

As far as we know there was only one person who really got a genuine full size blister from the mustard gas (volunteer) treatment given to those attending the Chemical Warfare Troop School last week, and that person was none other than our own Cpl. Katherine Solomon of this office. Take it from the CWS boys who live in the CWS warehouse—if any of the cold wintry blasts get by this warehouse, it isn't their fault because all northerly gales hit this building first. (Note: Most of those high winds are totally absorbed by the building—occasionally, some cold will leak out of the building and cool down the remainder of the Base . . . W. O. (j.g.) Joseph Clifford who is in charge of the toxic gas yard, has just returned from a 10-day leave in Philadelphia (wherever that may be).

Our three staff sergeants have all had a hand in getting this together so perhaps we should introduce them. Here's genial S-Sgt. Bill Maylen, for instance who is in charge of supplies. That includes everything from gas masks to all forms of apparatus. Bill is a graduate of Edgewood Arsenal and knows his stuff.

Rugged S/Sgt. Jack Daugherty is our dead-eye-dick of the outfit. Hunting and fishing are his meat or vice versa. Jack is chemical inspector, his trained eagle eye searching out duds and defectives. His job is to destroy them or try to set them off in demonstrations. Jack was also producer and director of the Chemical Warfare Show some months back.

"Shy as a Violet", S/Sgt. Pete Metropolis handles storage of incendiaries and such. Pete just won't open up on his social activities. If no news is good news, then Pete is chock full of good news . . . Good news for those who have to wear them—Chemical Warfare Service has just recently put out two new types of Gas Masks, both of them being lighter in weight and much more comfortable to wear . . . The latest of the two is the new Assault Service Gas Mask which does away with the use of the hose tube and has the canister attached directly to the face-piece of the left cheek, a great improvement over the older type service mask, especially when the mask is to be used in combat. . . . White Phosphorus (WP) is really coming into its own in the battle areas, both as the best smoke screen producer and as an incendiary—reports from overseas have it that the Germans are really mystified by its use and often times are thrown into panic by its appearance . . . because of very painful burns it causes with whoever it gets in contact with, it creates a lot of confusion with enemy troops who have to operate in a smoke screen laid down by our troops. The best part of the whole deal is that the U. S. has practically the whole supply and therefore is the only country who can use it on a large scale.

### All Couples Are Welcomed At Bldg. T-16

Have you ever wondered if there was a warm, homey place for couples to get better acquainted; a place you can sit in comfort and chat without wondering if you are disturbing anybody? A place where you can have your own bridge party or press a button and dance to the juke box? If you still don't know the answer, you haven't read the headline very closely. Now that you are down to here, it's T-15. Mrs. Shaw will see that you are supplied with the necessary equipment, cards, tables, etc.

he is sure enough quite a hand at the fine art of carpentry. . . well, chilun, we have to be moving along . . . and you'll all be home for Christmas—it's just a matter of waiting for the right one to come along . . . so long . . .

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## GYM NEWS and VIEWS

CPL. DON REED

Every day between the hours of 4 and 5 you will find Captain Hamilton diligently tossing the weights around in the gym. He's quite a hand at it too. The Captain holds the record for the best attendance of the officers. Good work Captain. Then too, just about that time is Major Frazin getting all excited over a volley ball game. Incidentally the major usually comes out on the winning side. Speaking of winners, Captain Riley and Lt. Lee hold the winning hand when it comes to a fast game of handball. Here is a bit of news for you handball fans. S-Sgt. Berkson is rated as number one man of the handball court of Dow Field. He is looking for some competition! Are there any contenders?

Well, my boss, S-Sgt. Eddie Thomas wants me to go and find out who is responsible for all that noise in the shower room. It sounds like Cpl. Bishop giving out with one of his impersonations, but perhaps a sick cat got in somehow and is trying to get out. That's all for now, so in closing may I wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

## Gottesman Explodes Musclebound Theory

By PFC. JACK GOTTESMAN

Hello fellow body builders. Boy, this time I'm really peeved. Why? Well, I'll tell you. Time and time again, I've been asked, "Jack are you muscle bound?" Then my blood pressure rises. Instead of using fist-cuffs, I patiently ask the individual if he could give me the definition of the meaning of "muscle bound." Then comes a perplexed look on his countenance and he tries to change the subject. By this time my temper is aroused and I can't stop. I will not whole heartedly disagree with the theory that becoming muscle bound is brought about by weight lifting. Scientifically speaking, if the exercises are not done correctly, the individual has a tendency to have his muscle tendons shortened which creates that so-called "Muscle Bound Appearance."

If the exercises are done correctly, one not only obtains a well built body, but strength, agility, and stamina. No one need envy the well proportioned type for he also may attain the same accomplishments through constant and persistent weight training.

It is a known fact that some of our best swimmers, boxers, runners and hardened athletes are true believers in weight training. True, weight training should not be your only sport. It should be mixed with other varieties, such as swimming, basketball, baseball, etc. If anyone is interested in weight training, or has any controversy on the subject, I will be glad to help and answer your questions. I can be found at T52, Base Gymnasium, at all times. So don't be bashful fellows, let's hear from you.

## Get Aboard For Sleigh Rides

The nights are brisk, and just right.

There is plenty of snow. What more do you need for that good old fashioned sleigh-ride???

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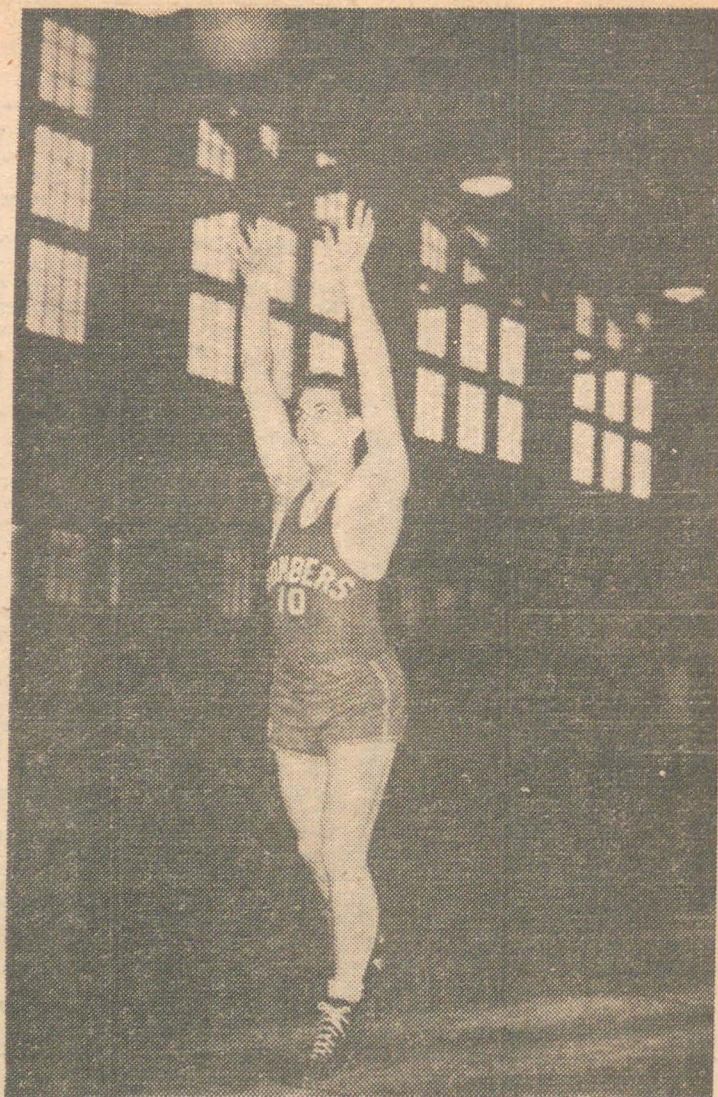
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## SPORTS NEWS

By S-Sgt. EDDIE THOMAS

### Final Bowling Scores of Dow E. M. League

	W.	L.
Headquarters E. M.	35	13
Ordnance	32	15
Hospital	29	19
Signal	27	17
Aviation Squadron	14	34
Quartermaster	13	35
High team triple, Hospital	1469	
Second high team triple:		
Headquarters E. M.	1431	
High team single, Hospital	502	
Second high team single, Signal	491	
High individual triple, Sunberg	338	
Second high individual triple, Palasek	331	
High single, Palasek	128	
Second high single, Spada	123	

### FINAL INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Spada	101.2	Shortledge	87.4
Thomas	96.1	Ripley	86.9
Palasek	94.4	Fields	86.6
Profta	92.1	Bushey	86.2
Harrington	91.9	Berkson	86.0
Roe	91.6	Thompson	86.0
Vukoninowich	90.3	Mack	85.0
Johns	90.2	Antella	85.0
Wennerberg	89.7	Christiar	83.4
Collins	89.4	Hodgkins	83.1
Skypek	89.3	Halsey	83.1
Sunberg	88.6	Marcus	82.6
Lubick	88.3	Bruen	81.0
Lima	88.2	H. Johnson	80.0
Snyder	87.6		

## Commendations For Guard Duty

The following named members of the guard received commendations for the manner in which they conducted their duty during the week:

### 10 DECEMBER 1943

Pvt. Gaither, Air Base Squadron; Pvt. D. Kennison, Aviation Squadron, and Pvt. R. Benson, Guard Squadron.

### 11 DECEMBER 1943

Pvt. C. Stafford, Engineers; Pvt. C. Leishman, Air Base Squadron, and Pvt. A. Brown, Aviation Squadron.

### 12 DECEMBER 1943

Pvt. E. Rust, Engineers, and Pfc. M. Farr, Aviation Squadron.

### 16 DECEMBER 1943

Pvt. Richard Benison, Aviation Squadron, and Pfc. F. M. Snyder, Air Base Squadron.

### 17 DECEMBER 1943

Pvt. Wallace Mayo, Aviation Squadron, and Pvt. T. Gaither, Air Base Squadron.

### PX'S CLOSE CHRISTMAS

All Post Exchanges on the Base and the Commissary Store will be closed next Saturday, Christmas Day.

### A PLANE EVERY 5 MINUTES

Aircraft production figures for November indicated that during that month the production lines of the nation turned out better than one plane every five minutes every 24 hours.

## Meet the Players

By S-Sgt. EDWARD THOMAS

S/Sgt. Carl R. Carlson is center and captain of this year's team.

Born in New Haven, Conn., June 12, 1918, he attended Commercial High school but played with his club team in preference to the high school team.

He played with New Haven Boys' Club — New England basketball champions of 1937-38-39-40—and was picked as center of the New England all-star team two years running, 1939 and 1940, by a group of sports writers attending a tournament at Boston Garden.

He went to Yale University, where he was star and high scorer of the freshman team, and played with the varsity three years: 1939-40-41. Upon graduation he went to work for the Page Steele and Flag Company, of New Haven, as assistant purchasing agent. He remained with them until 1942 when he was inducted and sent to Fort Devens, Mass. From there he was sent to Dow Field and is at present Acting First Sergeant of the Finance Department. He played with the Bombers last year and was high scorer on the team with 171 points in 19 games.

He is captain of this year's team which, up to the present is undefeated in seven games.

On July 18, 1943, he married his

## Sergeants' Club Formed Overseas

Moonlight on the blue Mediterranean, contrary to verse and song, was a drab affair until the "Overseas Sergeants' Club" was born in the oriental candlelight of a Sicilian blackout.

Organized by "three-stripers" of the United States Army Twelfth Air Support Command, now operating in Italy, the club brought a touch of home town Main Street to hundreds of soldiers, mixing good clean fun with grim duties of war.

Master Sergeant John T. Habit of Massachusetts, planted the idea when he voiced the pathetic observation that "too many sergeants are in bed by 7 o'clock each night, which weakens the morale of our men."

Ideas grow fast in fertile minds, and American ingenuity blossoms even on foreign soil.

Because of his linguistic proficiency, Staff Sergeant Frank Angelastro of Connecticut, was elected house chairman. His American personality and fluent Italian vocabulary overcame such obstacles as directing Italian carpenters in construction, dickering with native realtors over rental fees, and making numerous other local transactions in building the club.

Today, the Italian home of the "Overseas Sergeants' Club" is no less commodious than the comfortable layout of a small town recreation club. An orchestra of four Sergeants and a "borrowed" corporal keep evenings gay with favorite tunes. Gin rummy and checkers are favorite games. One huge room, with tile floor and walls is reversed for open house activities. Comfortable chairs line the walls.

## Sunday Juke-Box Dances At Base Rec Hall Prove Successful

These informal juke-box Sunday night dances, held in T-15 have been very popular. Last Sunday there was a full house, with more boys than hostesses.

Several transient crews were present, including a few transient officers, who with the enlisted men, thoroughly enjoyed themselves dancing with the Dow Field hostesses.

Of all the novelty dances, the G. I.'s Cut-in was by far the most popular.

Oh, and by the way, was that a new Base hostess we saw in the fur coat and hat of Mrs. Shaw's? Or was it just another of Cpl. Bishop's endless collection of impersonations? How about it, Bishop???

Cold drinks were available, together with light refreshments.

All those who attended the dance owe their pleasurable evening in no small way to Mrs. Shaw, the base hostess.

Cpl. Bishop.

school-day sweetheart, Jessie Carlson. They are now living at 402 Hammond street, in Bangor.

## "Under The Mistletoe" Party

This is the season for MISTLETOE!!!!

So prepare for this festive occasion.

The feature of the evening will be,

U know What!!!!

Any of you G. I.'s who think you are fast in pitching WOO,oo! will have a chance to show your skill.

There will be plenty of Dow Field Hostesses around, but your job will be to catch them under it.

Dancing and stunts will be a minor feature of the evening.

So pucker up, kids, and let's all meet at T-15, Tuesday night, December 21.

The fun begins at 8:15 p. m.

## Postman Knocks Twice, Second Time As G. I.

As a civilian, Jerry Siegel would stand on the front porch of his home in New York, and greet the postman with:

"Hi, Mister Eccles. Any mail for me?"

Today Cpl. Jerome (Jerry) Siegel, now a clerk in the base supply section at a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter station of the United States Army Eighth Air Force in England, puts the same question to the same postman—Sgt. James L. Eccles of 421 Greenwood avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is the station's mail orderly.

Sgt. Eccles, who delivered Cpl. Siegel's induction notice, followed him into the service a month later—November, 1942.

Mapping of huge areas of hitherto-uncharted country was done by the Geodetic Survey from photographs taken by Army Air Forces.

## BANGOR'S M.&P. THEATERS HITS FOR THIS WEEK

### BIJOU Theatre

TODAY and TUESDAY  
**Son of Dracula**

Louise Allbritton  
Robert Paige, Lon Chaney

Wed., Thurs., Fri.

**The Man From  
Down Under**

Charles Laughton  
Binnie Barnes, Richard Carlson

### OPERA HOUSE

Today, Tues., Wed.

**SPITFIRE**

Leslie Howard, David Niven

Thurs.-Fri.

**The Good Fellows**

Helen Walker, Mabel Paige  
and James Brown

### PARK THEATRE

Today and Tuesday

**CLAUDIA**

Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young

—Also—

**HI'YA, SAILOR**

Wed.-Thurs.

**THE STRANGE DEATH  
OF ADOLF HITLER**

Ludwig Donath, Gale Sondergard

—Also—

**SHANTYTOWN**

Mary Lee, John Archer

Friday-Saturday

**WE'VE NEVER BEEN  
LICKED**

Richard Quine, Noah Beery, Jr.

—Also—

**SO'S YOUR UNCLE**

Billie Burke, Elyse Knox

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