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THE DOW FIELD OBSERVER—BANGOR, ME.—WEDNESDAY, 14 FEB. 1945

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Dow Cagers Face Seabees And Grenier

Two games—one away and one on the home court—are scheduled by Dow Field's basketball team, the "Bombers," during the coming week. On Friday they play a return game at Quoddy Village with Camp Stevens' Seabees, whom they previously beat here, and next Monday, when Grenier Field's quintet comes to Dow, they hope to avenge the defeat they received at Manchester.

Grenier Game

At Manchester, N. H., last Wednesday night, Grenier Field's Flyers thundered past the Bombers in the fleeting minutes of the final canto to escape with a close 35-29 basketball win. The Bombers headed the Flyers at the end of the third quarter by 26-21 margin, but couldn't stem the tide of a furious Grenier comeback.

The game opened fast and even throughout the first quarter. Grenier opened the scoring with Swanson and Peters pacing the attack. The Bombers countered with high tallying Joe Pohlman and aggressive Artie Moire leading the fight. At the end of the first period the Bombers were on the short end of a 10-9 stick.

Second Period

The second period was a near

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Base Plans Course In Public Relations

A study course in public relations is being planned for Base Personnel by the Information and Education Section of Personnel Services. Mrs. Asher H. Ende, formerly connected with a large public relations firm, will direct the course.

It is hoped that a group willing to study in off-duty hours who will be able to meet weekly, can be formed.

Those interested should contact Sgt. Stanley Mikelk, Information-Education NCO, at Ext. 397.

In defining public relations, Mrs. Ende said:

"Public relations concerns itself with the development of techniques for the evaluation of public sentiment at any given time, and with devices for the effective dissemination of information concerning an idea, product or service."

Distribution of Ashes Begins Lenten Season

Catholics may receive ashes today—Ash Wednesday—following the 1700 Mass or at 1900 tonight in the Base Chapel. For those who are unable to receive ashes today, they will be distributed next Sunday following the regular Masses.

14 Receive Silver Bars

Fourteen Dow Field Officers are passing out cigars after being advanced in grade during the past week from second to first lieutenant. The new advancees, who have traded their gold bars for silver, include:

Robert R. Allen, Merlin C. Benninger, Irving S. Blau, Leon L. Cohen, Alton N. Donell, Sylvester S. Eaton, William D. Harrigan, Jack M. Henderson, Robert F. Fox, John T. Owens, Sidney H. Smith, Bruno A. Pieromarchi, Eugene F. Petit and Robert W. Tibbetts.

Lieutenants Nick Shanta and Sydney Levin, who have left for other bases, were among those mentioned for promotion on the new order.

Belgian Postal Brings News of Home to Wac

After not receiving word from her sister in Antwerp, Belgium, since Pearl Harbor, WAC Pvt. Germaine Dehaes, stationed here, received a card last Sunday. The U. S. Censor's mark afforded almost as much thrill to Pvt. Dehaes as the message from her "best friend."

Pvt. Dehaes, a native of Belgium who came to this country seven years ago and enlisted in the WAC last March, had been trying to reach her sister and friends in Antwerp through the Red Cross since Pearl Harbor. The card, addressed to her former home in California, was two and a half months en route and was the first message she received since the United States entered the war.

Delayed Play To Be Staged Next Tuesday

Without fail the promised production of Norman Cowin's play, "Untitled," will be presented next Tuesday in the Base Theater. Shipments, the Infantry, illness, KP, and CQ have delayed the play's appearance and the latest drawback is the hospitalization of Pvt. Constance Klink, who has a featured role. It seems that unnatural causes spring up to hamper this first theatrical venture of the Dow Field Players. However, all members of the cast, with fingers crossed, insist "the show must go on." And, according to Cpl. Leo Stein, director, it will.

Compulsory Attendance

The play has been assured a large audience as the attendance by all personnel is compulsory. Instead of the usual Information-Education lectures held during the week, credit will be given for attendance at the play.

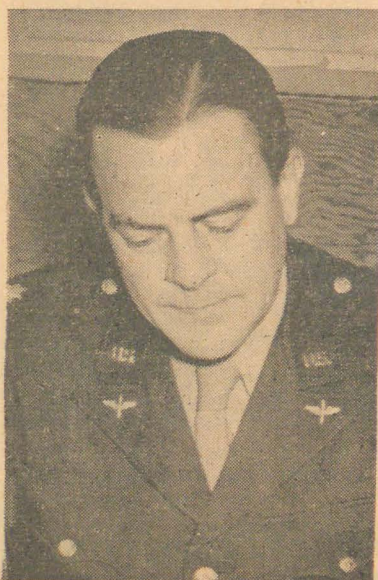
There will be two performances, morning and afternoon, at hours to be announced later.

The Cast

The members of the cast, barring further catastrophies, should include:

Cpl. Tarien as Hank Peters; Cpl. Lee Dalecky and Pfc. Buddy Adams as soldiers; Pvt. Joyce Spaude as the Girl Friend (understudy, Pvt. Marion Barden); Pvt. Zulu as the Mother; Pvt. Constance Klink as the Music Teacher (understudy, Pvt. Jennie Heller); Pvt. Dorothy Abbott, as the Teacher; 1st Sgt. Henry W. Trott, as Charlie Ferriter, and Cpl. Abel Seidman as the Nazi. Musical interludes and background will be supervised by Sgt. Herbert Blinn.

Heads Club



MAJOR CHARLES W. HUME was named president of the board of directors of the Dow Field Officers' Club at a recent election. Other members elected to the board were Capt. Charles D. Horvath, Capt. John J. Daily, Jr., Lt. Philip R. Riddle and Lt. John T. Owens.

Only Three Days Remain To Buy Theater Books

Only three days remain in which moneysaving coupon books may be bought for War Department Theatres. These books, containing coupons for ten 15-cent admissions to any War Department Theater, cost \$1.20 each, and may be used until 23 March. Unused coupons remaining in the books may also be redeemed at 12 cents each until that date. This coming Friday is the last day the books will be on sale.

Cpl. Good First, Tops Lt. Doran In PT Tests

Of the ten high scoring contestants in the quarterly physical fitness tests held recently on the Base, two scored in the nineties, two in the eighties, and six were tied with a score of 78.

First, with a score of 93, was Cpl. Harding "Deane" Good, of Squadron "E," who did 114 sit-ups, 16 pull-ups, and who ran the shuttle run in 45 seconds.

Second Lt. George E. Doran, Jr., military training officer, placed second with 90 points. He did 108 sit-ups, 12 pull-ups, and ran the shuttle run in 41 seconds.

The eight other top contestants follow:

Score Situps Pullups Run			
2nd Lt. William E. Tuite—	85	114	19 47
Pvt. Jack R. Leonard, "C"—	81	81	20 49
Capt. Edmund B. Beaumont—	78	114	14 50
Cpl. Harold B. Walbey, "E"—	78	102	15 50
Pfc. Marceo L. Simpson, "E"—	78	77	16 46
Pfc. Hugh "Buddy" Adams, "A"—	78	114	8 45
S-Sgt. Harold M. Johnson, "B"—	78	81	11 43
S-Sgt. Seward L. Houghton, "C"—	78	102	13 46

Party Acclaims Bond Drive Success

The War Bond Council of Dow Field, the Minutemen who put Dow Field over the top in the Sixth War Loan Drive, and their wives and husbands, frolicked Monday night in a colorful Dinner Dance at the Bangor House. Music was furnished by the Dow Field Troubadours.

A lobster and chicken dinner, with all the fixings; plenty of beer; a portable bar; lovely gowns on lovely ladies; and a pleasant atmosphere of jollification; the Minutemen were all there—well over 200 of them—to celebrate their achievements.

Certificates evidencing particularly good achievements were given to the following departments: Finance, represented by Capt. P. A. Rudwolis; Priorities and Traffic, represented by Mr. Avery Hammond; and Base Headquarters, represented by Miss Barbara Carr, received certificates evidencing 100 per cent participation to the tune of 12 per cent or better of payroll. Civilian Personnel, represented by Bror Hultgren, Jr., received a certificate for

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NO USO DANCE TONIGHT

Because this is Ash Wednesday, the bi-weekly dance scheduled for the Park Street USO for tonight will not be held. Next Wednesday USO hostesses will come to the Base for a dance in the Base Gym.

164 Dow Field Suggestions Help AAF

By Bud Leavitt, Jr.

According to statistics advanced by Headquarters, Army Air Forces, over 50,000 voluntary "ideas" have been submitted by civilian and military personnel in the AAF's Suggestion Program during the past 18 months. Of these 50,000 suggestions, 164 of these have been contributed by Dow Field personnel.

The recent statistical release from Headquarters, AAF, states that 6,000 of these contributions have been adopted and \$233,000 paid in awards which will ultimately result in savings estimated at \$16,500,000. It has been stated that the adoption of these suggestions has contributed substantially to increased efficiency of operations from the standpoint of administration and morale as well as maintenance and supply and, in many instances, reputedly solved many highly technical problems.

GIs Also Eligible

The general impression through-

out Dow Field is that the AAF Suggestion Program is confined only to civilian contributions. This is entirely erroneous and incorrect. AAF Regulation 37-3 (it isn't intended to pull 'the book' in a news story, follows, but that is the authority) states that "it is the policy of the AAF to encourage the submission of beneficial suggestions by civilian and military personnel on duty with the AAF. Cash Awards will be paid to civilian employees when such suggestions are authorized or adopted. Recognition for suggestions by military personnel may consist of a recommendation for Legion of Merit, consideration for promotion, or a letter of commendation placed in the individual's 201 file by the Commanding Officer."

Types of Suggestions

The Army Air Forces is particularly interested in suggestions from military and civilian resulting in:

(1) Conservation of manpower,

material, time or space.

(2) Elimination of unnecessary processes or improvement of existing methods.

(3) Increased productivity.

(4) Elimination of excess or improvement of existing toolings and equipment.

(5) Invention of mechanical devices which, when adopted, prove to be of value.

(6) Conservation of critical material and the utilization of material previously scrapped.

(7) Improvement of conditions affecting safety and health.

(8) Improvement of quality.

Boxes Handy

Suggestions boxes are located in the right "hanging out" spots throughout the field. Every one of us has a job to do in the successful prosecution of the war effort. And it is a joint effort as much as it is that of our fighting men.

Their contribution lies in meeting the enemy face to face and in

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The Dow Field Officers' Call

It's Now Capt. J. T. O'Connell For Flight Control Officer

It's Captain John T. O'Connell now, for the Flight Control Officer of Dow Field. Veteran of Gander Lake and Goose Bay, he has been in flight control work since he graduated from AAF OCS at Miami Beach in December 1942. Capt. O'Connell entered

the Army 4 February 1942 at Fort Devens, Mass. He received his basic training in the Medical Corps at Camp Lee, Va., and was assigned to Houlton, Maine, as a medical clerk in the hospital. After six months at Houlton, he made the grade for OCS, and went to Miami to sweat it out there.

He was assigned to flight control school with one of the airlines at LaGuardia Field, spending three months there, before going to Goose Bay. After seven months at Goose, he was sent to Gander Lake, Newfoundland, again doing flight control work. While at Goose and Gander, he visited every North Atlantic Station between the United States and Europe—doing all his travelling by plane.

Flight control work is vital in controlling the movements of the cargo and tactical planes that span the Atlantic. Recent statistics show that an AATC plane crosses the Atlantic Ocean at the rate of once every 13 minutes; such traffic requires good control. That is one of the main functions of the Flight Control setup which Capt. O'Connell heads up. The whole setup is under the direct supervision of Lt. Col. William Warner, Jr., Director of Operations.

In telling of his work, Capt. O'Connell said:

"We advise all airplanes that have mechanical difficulties in the air, as to the safest procedure for them to follow. We also advise planes en route to Dow Field, or leaving Dow Field, of weather difficulties that have come up since they were briefed on the ground. We maintain a large control board, listing every airplane en route to the base, or leaving here, showing their complete flight plan, other essential details, and the all important estimated time of arrival, or the time of departure. When planes leave the base, bound for other points, we send messages not only to the next base where they will stop, but also far ahead to the ultimate destination, so they may prepare for their arrival.

"Our work is important. Careless or slipshod work on our part could cause the death of pilots and crews. So our men are carefully trained, constantly checked, and kept on the beam all the time. Our office is on duty twenty-four hours a day."

Capt. O'Connell is a native of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and has spent most of his life in and around Boston. He was married 9 February 1942, to the former Elinor R. Forest. They live at 23½ Spencer Street, Orono.



Capt. John T. O'Connell

Name Change Effects Base Special Service

Personnel Services is now the name of the department formerly known as Special Service on this Base. The name change, directed by AAF regulation, has been carried through the entire Air Forces, beginning at headquarters.

The Personnel Services Division at AAF Headquarters is divided into four staff branches. These are Information and Education Branch, Special Services Branch, Insignia and Uniform Branch, and Miscellaneous Branch.

At Dow Field, Capt. George H. Stone has been named Personnel Services Office. The "Observer" is published by the Information and Education section of this department.

Bangor 'News' Runs Poem by Dow Man

The following poem, written by Cpl. James F. Burns of Squadron "A," appeared in last Friday's Bangor "Daily News":

WHEN HE IS ALONE

Did you ever go into an empty church,
With the shadows of evening round—
And no organ-peal to the lofty roof,
Shaking with heavenly sound?

Did you ever pause 'neath a silent arch,
Watching the candles' flame;
Hearing, in all the stillness there,
Whisperings of His name?

I have often thought that, if He is pleased
When you gather with others to pray,
How much gladder he is to discover you there
Alone at the end of day.

It has been well said that "the best exercise for weight reduction is to grasp the edge of the table firmly with both hands and straighten out the elbows when the second helpings are passed."

Squadron E

By Sgt. Joseph C. Cooper

At this writing, many of the fellows are extremely nervous because of a simple, unconfirmed rumor. I think it safe to say that an epidemic of this so called Rumoritis is very much imminent. It is an unfortunate situation that we so called humans should be so easily upset over an unconfirmed rumor. Come, come, chums, it's not as bad as it sounds. And anyway, if it's true, it will be known in time. BUT DEF!

Our basketball team met the Medics last week, and, believe it or not, we trounced 'em 34-29. Not bad, fellows. What did they expect, anyway? As things stand now, the team is scheduled to meet Squadron D sometime this week, and it is safe to say that fireworks are due.

Congratulations, Cpl. Alfred L. Samuel. News via the Grapevine Press has it that you have just become an uncle. The fortunate (or unfortunate) part of it all is that the little nephew will go through life bearing the same name as his uncle, except, of course, the surname.

Mrs. Robert S. Smith was a visitor in the city recently. 'Twas good to see her again.

Well, that seems to be all for this week.

A study course in public rela-

LT. MCKINLEY WEDS DOROTHY A. ROSS

Miss Dorothy Anne Ross, daughter of James G. Ross of Montreal, Canada, became the bride of Lt. William Albert McKinley, stationed here, in a ceremony Saturday afternoon at All Souls Congregational Church in Bangor.

Red Cross Faces Greatest Task in Fourth War Year

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Facing the greatest task in its history in serving American fighting men on advancing war fronts overseas, their families at home, their buddies returning to the United States after discharge, and the American people in emergencies on the home front, the American Red Cross will launch its third War Fund campaign March 1.

That the American people will respond with overwhelming generosity to the appeal for \$200,000,000 to carry on this world-wide program is already indicated in the nation-wide determination to meet all its war needs and to bring the five-year struggle to an early and successful conclusion.

In every invasion during the past year, Chairman Basil O'Connor of the American Red Cross said, Red Cross workers have either gone with the troops, or have followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directors were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

Ten thousand men and women wear the Red Cross uniform overseas, serving in every theatre of war and with every command. They work in leave clubs, clubmobiles, rest homes, hospitals. Red Cross men attached to fighting units are with those outfits even in actual combat. Red Cross girls dispense snacks at air fields, along trucking supply routes, behind front areas and in liberated cities.

Many, both men and women, are on duty at scores of isolated outposts throughout the world, and give aid to wounded men in hospitals and on hospital ships, planes and trains. Away from the battle areas, thousands more serve at military and naval installations within the United States.

Red Cross service on the home front has expanded with the ever-increasing demand upon it, Mr. O'Connor said. In addition to collecting more than ten million pints of blood for plasma since the beginning of the war, the Red Cross has met requests of the Army and Navy for whole blood shipments to European and Pacific battle areas. Ten centers on the East and West coasts already participate in the collection of Type O whole blood, while others stand ready to join in that program as military needs warrant.

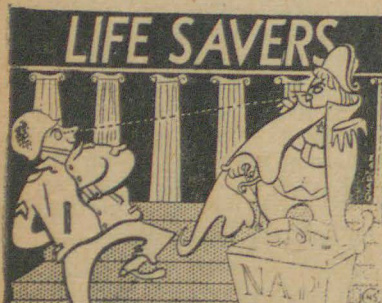
At four packaging centers, manned by volunteer workers, more than 20,000,000 food parcels have been turned out in a steady stream for shipment to prisoners of war and civilian internees in Germany and the Far East. Surgical dressings—775,000,000 of them—were prepared in the past year alone for front line and hospital use. Production workers in hundreds of communities have continued the never ceasing program of making warm garments for destitute civilians in war-torn countries overseas, and in those countries the Red Cross has assisted the Army in caring for refugees and homeless people.

Nor has its service to the armed forces on a global scale caused any relaxation on the part of the Red Cross to carry out its traditional service to the American people in time of disaster. More than 200 domestic disasters—floods, high winds and fires—have found Red Cross workers on the job to relieve stricken families and to aid in the rebuilding of communities.

"The need for Red Cross services in the coming year will be greater than ever before," Mr. O'Connor said. "In fulfilling the Red Cross appeal for \$200,000,000, the American people will indicate its wholehearted backing of men in the front lines."



Gloria Jean stars in Universal's "Reckless Age."



If you freeze your hands or fingers don't use the old family remedy of applying snow or ice. Instead, thaw them out by holding them against your chest or under your armpits inside your clothes.

British Casualties Reach Million

By Camp Newspaper Service

The armed forces of the British Empire suffered more than 1,000,000 casualties between 3 September 1939 and 1 December 1944.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave this itemization of Empire's military losses in a report to the House of Commons: (Newfoundland is included with the United Kingdom).

Country	Killed
United Kingdom	199,497
Canada	28,040
Australia	18,015
New Zealand	8,919
South Africa	5,783
India	17,415
Colonies	4,493

Total

282,162
Wounded men in the Empire's Armed Forces totaled 386,374. There were 80,580 missing and 294,438 PWs.

Although Mr. Churchill did not make any reference to the United Kingdom's civilian casualties, the last published figure was 140,675.

U. S. casualties from 7 December, 1941, up to 14 December 1944, were 628,441, of which 547,823 were Army killed, wounded, missing and prisoners. The Navy's casualties for the same period totaled 80,618.

'Army Life' Replaces Field Manual 21-100

The "Soldiers' Handbook," FM 21-100, has been replaced by "Army Life," FM 21-13, which embraces many of the new techniques developed by the Army for use in training literature.

Primarily designed for issue to the new inductee, "Army Life" is copiously illustrated and covers a wide variety of subjects ranging from Income Tax to an appendix of Common Military Terms and Abbreviations. It also includes a crystal clear synopsis of "The School and the Soldier" and the several phases of close order drill.

The new manual is far removed in style and concept from the stilted, prosy "Soldier's Handbook" and should go a long way toward providing the new recruit with a clear picture of what lies ahead of him.

Issue of "Army Life" to the newly inducted men started at the Fort Devens Reception Center 25 January 1945.

A man who recently put his wife's picture on his driving license explained to the judge that he only held the wheel and followed directions.

Who's Who of Enlisted Men

'Scoop' Mikelk Not Daunted When Army Stymies Politics

When the average politician "plays politics," he ain't playin', he means business. But Sgt. Stanley Mikelk, Information and Education NCO of the Base, actually played politics just as a child plays house.

"Scoop" Mikelk, whose one love* is politics, found himself thwarted after he enlisted in the Army. Uncle Sam saw fit to move him to Gander, Newfoundland, in 1942. No one there cared a darn about the politics of his home state—Massachusetts. And even if anyone had, the same Uncle would have frowned on electioneering in his Army Forces. Mikelk nearly made Section 8. But, as the hackneyed saying goes, "love will find a way": Mikelk played politics.

Starts Gander Campaign

At the time he was editor of Gander's daily paper, "Prop." "Scoop"—the name originated because of this job—decided to run a campaign for a mock mayor of Gander.

A first lieutenant, a corporal and a master sergeant ran. Mikelk was campaign manager for one of the candidates. His old zeal returned; he wrote scathing editorials; opposition candidates and supporters placed ads in the "Prop." The paper jumped from three to six pages; copies were grabbed up as soon as they left the "press," and for two weeks the base seethed with political activities.

When the ballots were counted, "Scoop's" professional experience showed up; it was his candidate who received the six-foot key to the "City of Gander."

Politician from Way Back

This was not the first election Mikelk had won. As far back as his high school days he had "pulled a fast one" to get himself elected president of the student body by 12 votes. In Harwick (Mass.) High School—his home town—he also captained the track team for four years. His prowess, rather than his political ability, probably got him this job. He ran the 100 yards in ten and two-fifths seconds; the 220 in twenty-two and four-fifths, and during his four years on the team scored 380 points for the school. During his junior and senior years he was captain of the soccer team.

Politics remained dormant during his first year at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., where he majored in history with the class of '36. But working his way



Sgt. Stanley Mikelk

through the college might have had some bearing on his "love." He was night janitor in the Worcester County court house.

Becomes Selectman

His first summer home found him in politics, and before he had finished college he was elected to the board of selectmen in the Town of Hardwick. At the time, 1935, he was the youngest person ever to hold that office in the state. He still holds the post, having been reelected for the fourth term last March.

Following college, Mikelk worked as a stock clerk with the New England Power Association for a year. For another year he was with the circulation department of the Worcester "Evening Post" as county agent. He and his brother, Witold, then went into the general construction business and also ran a construction equipment sales agency.

Enlists in Army

On 5 May 1941 he enlisted with the distinction of being the first selectman (or member of the governing board of a municipality) in the United States to join the services in this war.

His basic training was received at Fort Devens. From there he went to Westover Field, Mass., where he worked in the orderly room and edited the field's weekly newspaper. His biggest kick came from driving a crash boat on the nearby reservoir during his last three months at Westover. He considered himself quite a pilot. In his own words:

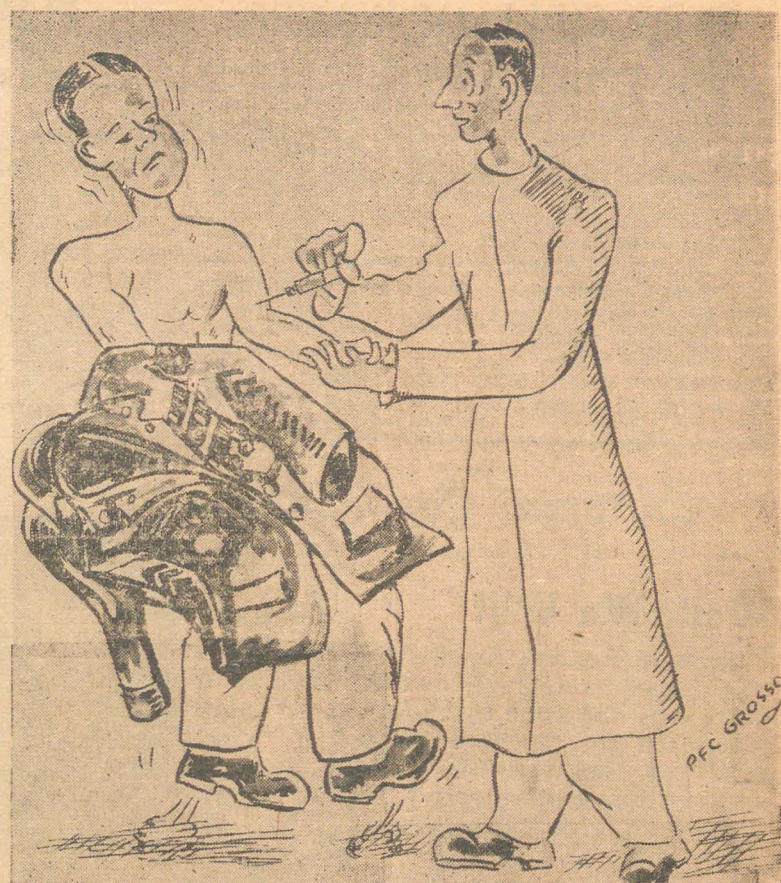
"No matter how foggy or dark it was I could always estimate the distance to land within a few feet. My usual guestimate was fifty feet—down."

On arriving at Gander 15 September 1942 he became Chaplain's assistant. The chaplain at that time was running the "Prop," which then became Scoop's "baby." He was eventually relieved of the chaplain's assistant duties, but not the "Prop." To this job was added work in the library, tech library and clerking in the public relations office.

Always interested in forums, Mikelk placed great emphasis on morale, which also tied him up with orientation.

Comes to Dow Field

When he arrived here last 25



—By Pfc. Pasquale Grosso.

"What were you telling me about that Purple Heart, Sergeant?"

March he became Orientation NCO of the Base. His job remains but the title has changed to Information-Education NCO. Last December he attended a course in that subject at Washington and Lee, in Lexington, Va.

Since September he has been Orientation NCO of Squadron "A" in addition to his regular duties along this line. He also has started many discussion groups here in conjunction with the University of Maine and other civilian groups. He has worked in close cooperation with the "Observer" and for a period was its editor.

Holds Many Offices

Before entering the Army he ran for the Massachusetts State Senate in the primaries of 1938 but was defeated. In the last primary he became a candidate for State representative but was defeated in the general election.

He holds several civic and political offices in his home district at present and has been instrumental in promoting many innovations along those lines in and around Hardwick.

As mentioned before, he advocates forums. He believes:

"Where you find a forum, you will find democracy flourishing."

After the war? Well, there will be the equipment agency, a weekly farm newspaper and, of course, politics.

A politician has been defined as one who stands for what he thinks the voters will fall for.

Veteran Soldier, 66, Fought In 3 Wars

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—(CNS)—Who said this is a young man's war? Pvt. Tom Mockford is back home again after action in Greece, Crete and Libya, his gay '90s mustache still intact and his figure still erect despite his 66 years. A veteran of the South African War and World War I, Pvt. Mockford was captured by the Germans in the second Libyan campaign. He escaped three times, but each time was recaptured. Three wounded sons who enlisted with him greeted him on his arrival.

YANKS PWs AT MANILA WILL GET BACK PAY

MANILA (CNS)—This is no attempt to minimize the sufferings and hardships endured by American and Filipino prisoners of war who were liberated by Gen. MacArthur's advance on Manila—but, like everything else, it had its brighter side.

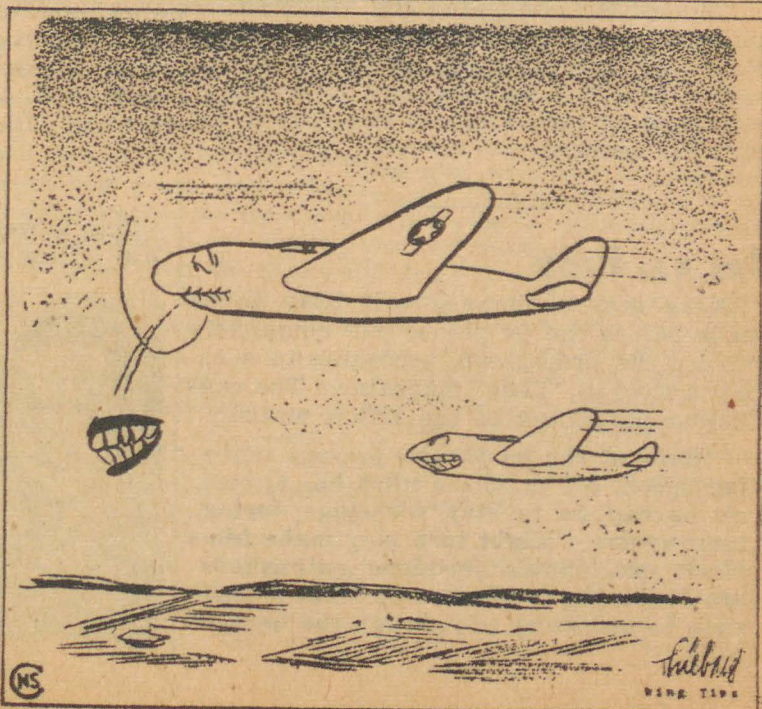
Army finance officers reported that hundreds of thousands of dollars in back pay, which accumulated during three years of captivity, will be distributed promptly among officers and enlisted men.

It is said that a man can buy more for a nickel and less for a hundred dollars in New York than anywhere else in the world. He can buy a 27-mile ride on the subway for five cents.



"Any seconds on cheese?"

FROM LEYB GRAPHIC



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Editorial Comment

Well, We Will

A letter received by the "Observer" this week asked us why we don't devote more of our space and time to trying to get more recreation for the base instead of "plugging" existing facilities. It's a thought, and—although it doesn't require much time—we'll give it the space by publishing the letter:

"Editor, Dow Field 'Observer'
Dow Field, Bangor, Maine

"Why don't you devote part of the space and time you use in plugging basketball games and USO Camp Shows, which only afford entertainment to a certain group spasmodically, to trying to establish a central recreational center where all enlisted men and women can find recreation and entertainment daily?

"Personnel stationed on the base have jobs to do, can go to town practically every night when not on duty, and have built up an acquaintanceship that keep them fairly busy.

"But how about the transients and newcomers?

"Movies, even if there was a daily change of shows, would only take up a small amount of their time. Only a small percentage care about going to the Library, and even those that do want variety. They have no day rooms; many aren't NCO Club members; the PX is usually crowded and, even so, they can't eat and drink continually, and—as mentioned above—other entertainment is spasmodic.

"Why not establish a central location, such as Building T-6, with lounges, a juke box, softdrink machines, writing materials, games, pingpong tables, a pool table, and some experienced person—preferably a civilian hostess—to run it?

"As I understand it, money for running such a place would have to come from the Post Central Fund, and the source of revenue for this fund is received from PX and Theater profits.

"The transients make possible a good percentage of these profits, so it seems only fair that they should receive the benefit of them. Naturally base personnel would also be entitled to the use of the facilities.

"Money for publishing the 'Observer,' I understand, also comes from this Central Fund. I have nothing against the 'Observer,' but if I had a choice of seeing it published or such a center established, I'd take the latter."

Jet vs. Prop

Some drastic changes will have to be made before the jet-planes will completely replace the prop-plane, according to a recent article in "Time" magazine. The concluding paragraph of the article stated:

"Even at the jet-plane's present cruising speed, 400 m.p.h., a pilot has almost all he can do to stay conscious during maneuvers; a slight turn may make him black out. Some jet-plane enthusiasts are beginning to observe . . . that it may soon be necessary to redesign the human body."

DOW FIELD CROSS SECTION

The pressure of events during the past week brought about a recurrence of deep thought on the subject of preferences in the Army. Unlike Diogenes, the interrogator had no trouble finding an "honest man" when the question was asked:

"Assuming that you were to be transferred out of the Air Forces, in what branch of the Army would you like to be?"

Sgt. Gerard Stelz of Unit Administration, decided that the Signal Corps would suit him if the inevitable occurred:



"I was an electrician in civilian life. In Iceland I came in contact with many men of that outfit working at various jobs around the base and it seems to me that they do important and interesting work. I'd prefer to be stationed on the west coast. This is not an endorsement, you understand."

Pvt. Dale Emert, who works on the line was quite satisfied with his present job and said:

"The sound of those air-plane engines is music to my ears and that old gas and oil smell suits me just fine. I'd hate to go where I wouldn't be near them. I'll take the Air Transport Command for the duration—plus. If I had to leave though, the big guns of the Coast Artillery would be my choice. I'd like to fire one of those babies."



Pfc. Leonard E. Kosuda, an MP at the main gate, didn't mind the idea of transferring to Ordnance at all:



"I've done machine work ever since I graduated from high school and don't care particularly for this standing around. Repairing all types of machinery would be the most interesting work a man could do, I believe. Quite a few of my friends are overseas in Ordnance outfits."

Sgt. Frank Bradshaw, working in 1st Echelon, seemed reluctant to discuss the subject, declaring:

"If you don't mind, I'd rather not hear that kind of talk. I enlisted in the Air Corps and have no desire to discover the inner workings of any other branch of the service. Such ideas distract me from my work and I'd rather not think or talk about it."



Cpl. Lowell E. Dahlberg, of the Statistical Office, selected the Coast Artillery.



"I had a year of Coast Artillery training in the ROTC in college, and though I realize that there would be differences between Army and ROTC Coast Artillery, I feel that I understand that branch of the service better than others. Since I have friends in Panama, I'd prefer to be stationed there."

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I guess he can't stand shots. This is the third time he's passed out!"

'Infantry Journal' Interprets Transfers

In an editorial entitled "How Much Infantry?" the current "Infantry Journal" points out that it is not only our army, but those of our Allies and the enemy as well, that has been transferring men from other organizations to the Infantry. The editorial, condensed below, also gave the reasons why these changes are necessary.

"When an army is being hastily expanded for war, the developments of campaign and battle must be roughly estimated, and the probable value of each combat and service element in each of the battle teams must be carefully weighed.

"The answers to the questions How much Infantry? How much Air Force? How much Artillery? and How much of all the other kinds of troops? depends upon the best answer that can be found to a still broader question—What might this army have to do?

"The structure of the army as originally planned is certain to need changing as changes come in the war and in weapons. This may mean that men trained for one kind of task have to be reassigned and trained for another job.

"In this war it has meant that forces of several other kinds have had to be cut down in order to make more Infantrymen. This has been true, not just in our own Army, but in most if not all of the others, friendly and enemy.

"Our own army has had a lower proportion of Infantry than any of the other big armies—and a higher proportion of Air Forces. Our hundred or so infantry divisions form a considerably smaller part of our army than such units do in the Russian, Japanese, and German forces, though, of course, the true picture at any time in the war could only be obtained by totaling the effective Infantry of all the Allied forces available for battle and weighing that

total against the similar forces of our enemies.

"Even before the German drive in December we had begun to draw upon our Air Forces, our Antiaircraft, and some of our Services for men who could be made into Infantrymen. That last battle made it plainer than ever that the war could only be won through having enough Infantry divisions. Early in the battle, the British authorities announced publicly that 250,000 more ground troops would be created from men in the air and service forces. It seemed probable that we would be making the same kind of shift and very possibly on an even bigger scale.

"It seemed, especially to American Infantryman, that, God willing, there must be full insurance against any chance that we might ever run low on fighting Infantry units as long as the war should last.

"As the great task of fighting through to complete victory is carried out, Infantry perhaps in greater proportion—will close with the German and the Jap, take the ground and hold the ground. In our future forces as now, it must unquestionably be counted as the main combat element trained to close, take and hold in defeating whatever enemies may ever threaten our peace again."

JAPOLOGY



The average Jap soldier (5 ft. 3 in tall, weight 117½ pounds) is about the size of the average American college girl. He is 5 inches shorter, 28 pounds lighter than the average GI. However, he can lift a 150 pound weight to his back without spreading his legs and can march 50 miles a day without tiring.

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JEWISH

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

Purity Is Strength

By Chaplain James T. Kilbride

America must maintain strength. The strength of our flag is no greater than that of its people. Keep yourself morally, physically, spiritually and mentally strong. These aims are best achieved by moral living and religious

habits—the greatest power is the power of right. There are temptations, and the power of evil is always present. Do not allow yourself to be swayed by every breeze of temptation. The "good" soldier breaks the bonds of immoral tendencies by prayer, healthful thinking and healthful doing.

On the Alert! The soldier walking his post is ever on guard against the intruder. He is ready to challenge friend or foe lest the security of those he is entrusted to guard be violated. It is equally important to be on the alert against the more subtle enemies—looseness, drunkenness, sexual license. Do not hesitate to challenge your desires. Don't kid yourself by lowering your guard against temptations. Remember the ones back home. Their security, too, depends on you.

Party Acclaims

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having 95 per cent participation and 12 per cent of the payroll. Ground Safety, represented by Alder Lancaster, received a certificate for 100 per cent participation; along with Signal Section, represented by Lauris McGowan; Transient Services, represented by Capt. Frank Zitnik; Radio Maintenance, represented by Lt. James W. McLain; Post Exchange; and Purchasing and Contracting.

Ninety per cent participation, with 10 per cent of payroll achievement certificates, were presented to the Medical Section, represented by Miss Mary O'Connell; Aircraft Maintenance, represented by David H. Cronin; and Air Supply, represented by Charles B. Johnson.

The party was arranged by a committee consisting of R. W. Leavitt, Jr., David H. Cronin, Clarence B. Ryer, John Mullaney, Clarence Donlin, Bror O. Hultgren, Jr., Mary O'Connell, Clarence Corder, Michael F. Quinn, George Cameron, Avery C. Hammond, Clyde Spangler, and Charles B. Johnson.

At the speakers' table were the members of the Dow Field War Bond Council, including Col. and Mrs. James C. Jensen, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Orie O. Schurter, Major and Mrs. Loring K. Warner, Major and Mrs. John S. Rushing, 1st Lt. A. G. Thompson, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Benjamin Crooker, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leavitt, and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mullaney.

Operating Officers in charge of the various civilian departments were the guests of their civilian employees.

General Mess

By Cpl. Archie Silver
STUDENTS, 'TENSUN!

We students of the Army School Have always studied far and wide. We rarely miss a lecture class For that would hurt our scholastic pride.

Some lectures tell how to AVOID A W O L, V D, Forgetting to salute and such And, better still, the enemy.

We're orientated thoroughly But rarely we hear something new.

Too bad the lectures don't tell how We students can AVOID them too.

Even the boys in Hawaii complain that they are getting more than their share of orientation—to judge by some of our recent correspondence from that source.

Bangor is the sort of place where if a man leaves his home before a snowfall, he may not be able to find it on his return. In a couple of hours you can be snowed in or out completely.

The infantry strikes like lightning. If you don't believe us, ask some of the boys at Dow Field.

With Cpl. Potter, Pfc. Moran, Pfc. Czepanik and the others from Bks. T-12 gone, that lower bay looked like a skeleton of its former self.

S-Sgt. Homer Arflack received a letter from our old friend, Pvt. Ford, who is now wintering in Bermuda with the rest of the GI millionaires.

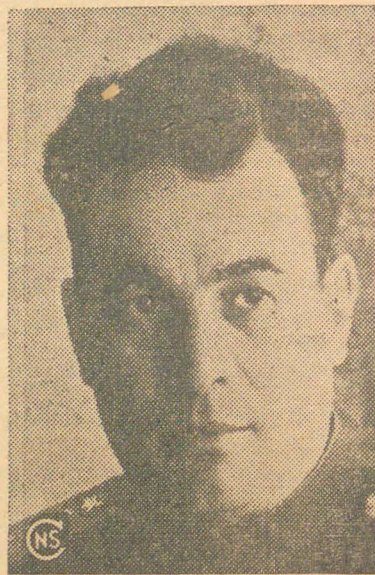
When the recent shift of Air Corps personnel to the Infantry occurred, S-Sgt. Mello De Filippo was contemplating making a home in Bangor temporarily but "all that will have to wait," says he, "until the smoke clears away and we can get our bearings again."

Having developed a method of preserving food, Cpl. John Puricelli says that he would like to go into the canning business (after the war).

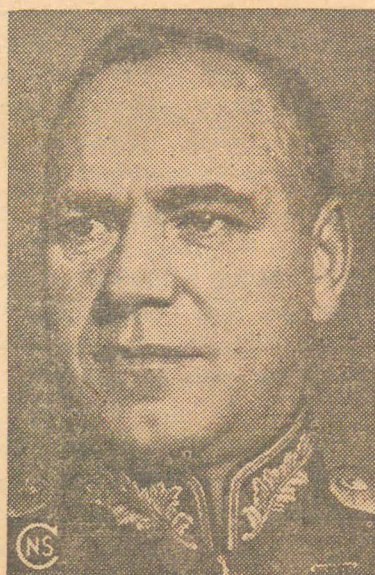
If any of you photography fiends (Cpl. Mikol and Pfc. Page, please note) want to know anything about that Marshall photography contest or anything about photography in general, just contact ex-Merchant Mariner Walther "Red" Harrow who works at Dakin's in town. He is always willing to help a service man.

Rfc. Elmer says: "That was a nice anniversary cake Cpl. Silver

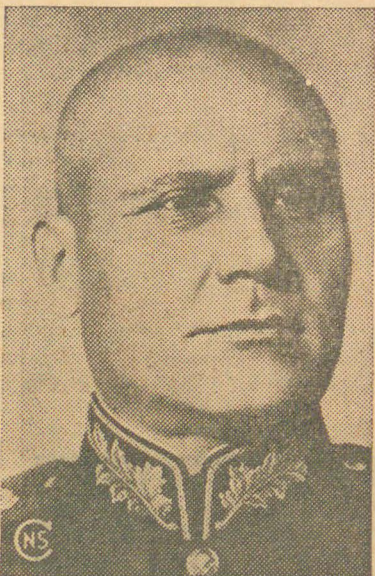
Generals of the Russian Army



Gen. Ivan Cherniakovsky,
3rd White Russian Army



Marshal Gregory Zhukov,
1st White Russian Army



Marshal Ivan Konev,
1st Ukrainian Army



Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky,
2nd White Russian Army

Germany's Last Fortress



IT IS 5½ YEARS since Adolf Hitler plunged the world into its most terrible war, sending his panzer divisions smashing across Poland on 3 September 1939. At the height of his conquests, Hitler reached the Atlantic on the west, the Mediterranean and North Africa on the south and drove to the gates of Moscow, 1300 miles from Berlin on the east. Today, the horrors of war which Hitler brought to the rest of Europe are coming home to the fatherland. The Red Army has crossed the German frontier in the east, the armies of the western democracies are poised along the Siegfried line in the west, and Italy has been liberated up to the Po valley in the south. Now Germany alone remains, Hitler's final fortress.

baked for the USO, but it's a crying shame nobody would throw a few crumbs my way."

In baking rolls at home my chief problem consists of converting formulas for 1500 to 15.

We are glad to see that Pfc. Joe Pollard and Winthrop Sharp are still with us. We had heard they were gone and were pleasantly surprised to find them still hanging on.

SEVEN U. S. ARMIES IN COMBAT OVERSEAS

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Here's how nine U. S. armies are distributed in a world at war, according to the War Department: 1st Army, France; 2d Army, Memphis, Tenn.; 3d Army, France; 4th Army, Texas; 5th Army, Italy; 6th Army, Philippines; 7th Army, France; 8th Army, Philippines; 9th Army, France.

Front and Center

By CPL. ARCHIE SILVER

Lately, in the news, such old familiar World War I names as Alsace and Lorraine appear. Of course, the fate of small border provinces fades into insignificance in a modern conflict encompassing the globe. But it is interesting nonetheless to make a few comparisons.

Although the Germans took all of France in their hasty conquest of Europe, they never officially incorporated France itself into the Third Reich but one of the first official moves of the Nazi government was to make Alsace and Lorraine a part of the New Order outright. That a little piece of land with so mixed a population that it is often hard to determine whether the people's sympathies are really French or German, should receive such special attention is symbolical of the existence of the deep-rooted political hatreds which have survived through centuries in Europe. Generation after generation of people in Alsace and Lorraine have shifted, if not their loyal ties, then their nationalities, and become Frenchmen or Germans as the case might be depending on which side won the current war.

To understand how and why such an inability to get together exists, we must realize that although the peoples of Europe are territorially close together, in other ways they are worlds apart. In more ways than one, they "do not speak the same language" and hence do not see eye to eye when they could and should. Fundamentally, the German and French peoples are complementary in many respects and should therefore find in each other the things they lack. For instance, the French gayness which verges so often on frivolity could serve the Germans overseriousness which gives them a distorted point of view; also, the German thoroughness which becomes overdogmatic at times could be tempered by the Frenchman's insistence upon arguing it out and giving each side a chance.

However, the feud is on and for centuries now so much blood has been spilt in exchange for Alsace and Lorraine that the graves of the men who died fighting for it would fill it many times over. To fight perpetually for a piece of land which really belongs to Mother Earth and pay for it with the best blood of each country's youth is a crime of the first order. Perhaps, in the new order of things to come the people of Alsace and Lorraine will no longer be like a political football to be kicked and passed back and forth, but rather citizens of the world.

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vanquishing him; ours to bringing to the attention of the proper authorities any suggestion that will improve, consolidate or eliminate present procedure, invent new or better ways to utilize our present tools of production.

The Dow Field AAF Suggestion Committee consists of the following personnel: Major Joseph Gardiser, Base Quartermaster; Capt. Charles D. Horvath, Station Troop Commander; Lt. Armel H. C. Opp, Civilian Personnel Officer; Clarence B. Ryer, General Shop Superintendent of Aircraft Shops and the oversigned.

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—A printing company has hired a draft-proof office boy. He is John B. New, 82-year-old veteran of the Spanish American war.



Poni Adams, screen newcomer, is a Walter Wanger discovery who will appear in Universal's "Here Come the Coeds" and "Salome—Where She Danced."

C-47s Fly Dog Teams To Western Front

PARIS.—C-47 transport planes delivered 25 dog-team experts, 160 Eskimo huskies and two dozen dog sleds and toboggans to a Belgian air base this week for use by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army group, in case heavy snow blankets the western front battlefields again.

They would move rations, ammunition and wounded personnel.

The experts, headed by Lt. Col. Norman D. Vaughan of Boston, came to the European theater direct from search and rescue work in Alaska, Northern Canada and Newfoundland.

HE'LL TAKE 'CRC'

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—While a group of Blanding GIs were being told about the Army's plan of lend-leasing some of its soldiers who are skilled foundry workers, electricians and other scarce categories to civilian industry by transferring them to the Enlisted Reserve Corps, one private decided "they can have me if they'll transfer me to the Calvert Reserve Corps!"

ARTISTS MEET TONIGHT

At the weekly meeting of the Dow Field Art Group in Bldg. T-6 at 1830, a model will pose for sketching directed by Cpl. Sheldon Rosenthal, and Pvt. Anthony will demonstrate lettering. Materials will be furnished and all interested personnel may attend.



THE GREAT LAND AREA of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has helped to protect her from aggressors, from Napoleon to Hitler, just as the seas have protected England. The Soviet Union occupies one-sixth of the earth's land surface, 8,819,791 square miles, nearly three times the area of continental United States (3,022,387 square miles). Her population is 192,695,710, compared with 131,669,275 for the U. S.

News of Bangor USO

WEDNESDAY, 14 February—BINGO NIGHT—Play for cash prizes with the USO girls to bring you luck. **LETTERS-ON-A-RECORD**—Your voice recorded on a record for the home folks, Miss Connie Beals in charge. **DREAM DANCING**—Sweet and low record music for the lovers of slow dancing.

THURSDAY, 15 February—CRAFTS PROGRAM—Leathercraft, wood-ware decoration—under the tutelage of Miss Georgia Worcester. **SYMPHONY HOUR**—A program of classical records for those who like better music; under direction of S-Sgt. Fred Freburne. **JAM SESSION**—Jive records and the USO girls as partners.

FRIDAY, 16 February—MOVIE—"Sweet Rosie O'Grady," starring Betty Grable, Robert Young, Adolphe Menjou. **DANCING TO RECORDS**—USO girls as partners.

SATURDAY, 17 February—WOMEN-IN-SERVICE PARTY—Honoring the Wacs, Waves, Women Marines and Spars. Dancing 8:30 till 12. Radio Variety Show 10 to 10:15; music by S-Sgt. Johnnie Bessmer and his Dow Field Octet.

SUNDAY, 18 February—AFTER CHURCH—Rolls, marmalade, home-made donuts and coffee. Buffet lunch 4 to 6 p. m. Cookies and cake donated by Nineteenth Century Club, served by the USO Sunday Snack Bar Committee. **COMMUNITY SING**—at 8:00, with Fred Carlton at the piano—new song slides.

MONDAY, 19 February—GAME NIGHT—Play chess, cribbage, checkers, pool, ping pong—form your own bridge group. **DANCE TO RECORDS**—with the USO girls as partners.

TUESDAY, 20 February—BINGO NIGHT—Choose a USO Hostess as a lucky partner—cash prizes and door prize. **DREAM DANCING**—Slow juke box music for those who prefer to waltz.

WEDNESDAY, 21 February—AT DOW FIELD—Regular weekly dance—music by Dow Field Men of the Air. **AT THE USO**—Art Night—water colors, sketching under the direction of Mrs. Sheila Findley.



AARON RUDY, 29, discharged veteran, lays away the groceries in the kitchen of the 6-room brick home he bought with a government guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights. He is the first New York City veteran of this war to receive government aid toward purchase of a home. Total loan was \$6400, of which the government guaranteed \$2000.

Gen. Stilwell Sees Tough China Fight

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, new AGF Commander, does not think Japan can be beaten until her armies in China are engaged and defeated. He estimated the Japs could put at least 4,000,000 men in the field in China.

He predicted a long, tough war in the Pacific, but no radical changes in Army Ground Forces training, which he said was fundamentally sound for all theaters.

GI CANNED HAMBURGER

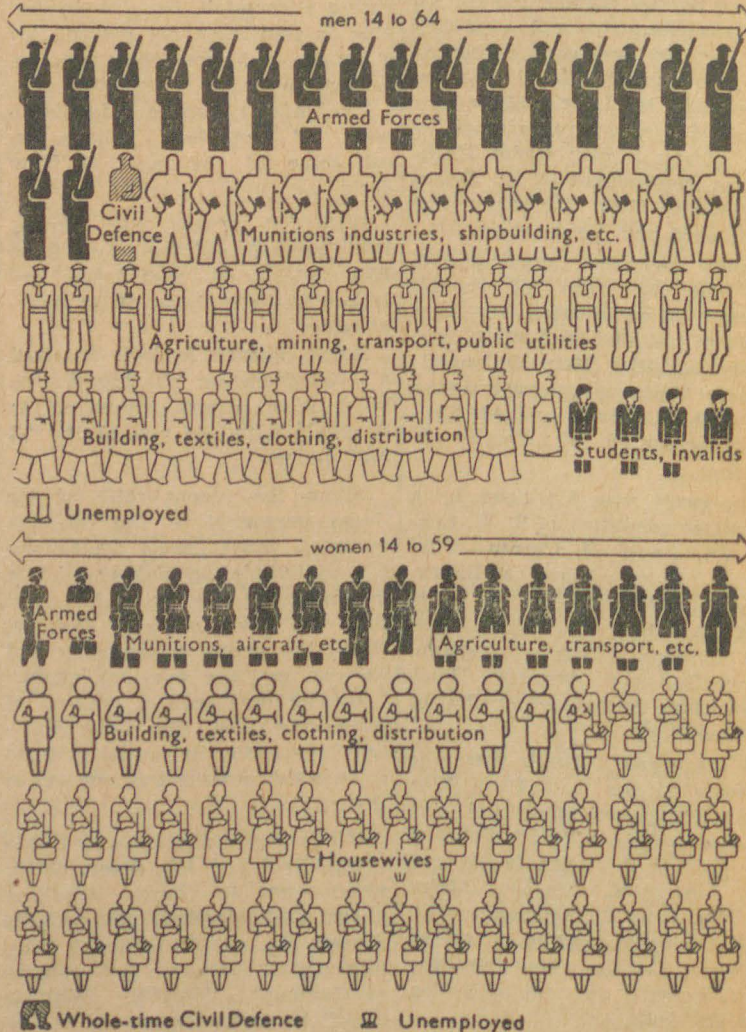
CHICAGO (CNS)—Canned hamburger has been added to the U. S. Army's field rations. The hamburgers are packed two to a can.

Dow Field 'Andrews Sisters'



"The Beacon," Grenier Field, N. H., Photo. WHEN SGT. GEORGE BARTON, Pfc. Don King and Sgt. Herbert Blinn took the stage in an imitation of the Andrews Sisters, audiences at the all-soldier show, "What's Cookin'," were close to "rolling in the aisles." The Dow Field show, with a cast of 29 GIs, toured New England in its WAC recruiting drive, and scored a hit wherever it played.

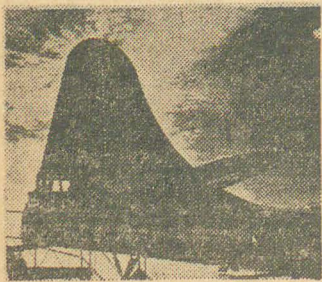
Britain's All-out War Effort



FIGURES JUST REVEALED show that more than one male in every four between 14 and 64 years of age in Britain is in the Armed Forces. The above chart shows clearly the total mobilization of the British nation. With each figure representing a quarter million people, it shows the contribution of all males 14 to 64 and all females 14 to 59 years of age.

PHOTOQUIZ

Prepared by the Editors of LOOK Magazine



1 The airplane tail section is called the:
(a) empennage (c) cowling
(b) fuselage (d) aileron



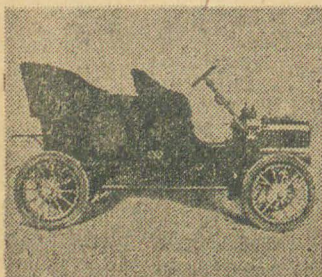
2 Her movie fame is largely based on:
(a) mother roles (c) siren parts
(b) wife roles (d) comedy scenes



3 These jivey hepcats are solid when:
(a) waltzing (c) rhumbaing
(b) square dancing (d) jitterbugging



4 This standard identifies the valiant:
(a) Guerrillas (c) Collaborators
(b) Chetniks (d) Free French



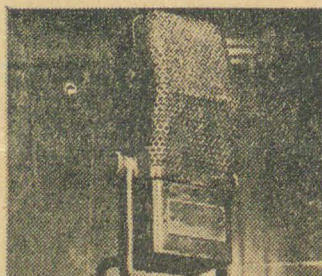
5 Remember this one? It's a:
(a) Steamer (c) Cadillac
(b) Sazer (d) Ford



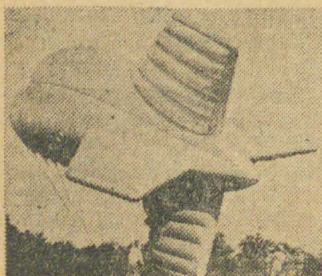
6 His favorite violin solo is:
(a) Humoresque (c) Chopsticks
(b) Mammy (d) Love in Bloom



7 This fast little number is a:
(a) motor scooter (c) tandem
(b) put put (d) gas bike



8 This apparatus was designed to:
(a) catch flies (c) heat a car
(b) purify air (d) transmit sound



9 This high-flying Jumbo is called a:
(a) blitz cover (c) rubber cow
(b) Dumbo (d) blimp



10 The beauty queen proudly wears her:
(a) tiara (c) chatelaine
(b) lavalere (d) epaulet

PHOTOQUIZ ANSWERS

1—(a) empennage, 2—(b) wife roles, 3—(d) jitterbugging, 4—(d) Free French, 5—(a) Steamer, 6—(d) Love in Bloom, 7—(a) motor scooter, 8—(d) transmit sound, 9—(c) rubber cow, 10—(a) tiara.

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Columbia Street USO Cooperates In Party At Squadron 'E'

A busy week has been planned at the USO, Columbia Street.

Tonight, there will be a valentine party in the mess hall of Squadron E, Dow Field. A special invitation is extended to junior hostesses.

Thursday, swing night; music by the juke box.

Friday, open night. There will be no quiz program.

Saturday, dance; music by juke box.

Sunday, forum on youth. Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman of Boston will speak. This should be of unusual interest, as he is a widely known authority on the subject. He was for several years pastor of the Unitarian Church in Bangor.

Monday night, from 8:30 to 12, there will be a "jam session," in which all squadrons from Dow Field are invited to participate.

Refreshments will be served each evening.

What D'You Know, Joe?

Q. Can a warrant officer serve on a court martial?

A. No. According to Para. 4b, section V, Cir. No. 164 (1943) a warrant officer may not (a) be detailed to serve on a court martial, military commission or court of inquiry (b) on any board of officers where the conduct, status, liability or rights of a commissioned officer are in issue (c) as a claims officer or investigating officer within the purview of Article of War 70 or (d) as adjutant general, inspector general or judge advocate of any command.

Q. Is it true that, once a man has been returned to the States under the rotation plan after two years of overseas service, he can't be sent outside the country again?

A. Sorry, but it's not true. However, WD Cir. No. 8 (1945) provides that when the military situation permits, soldiers returned under rotation shall be given duty in the States before returning overseas and that, when possible, soldiers with no overseas service, followed by those who have been back in the States for six months or more shall be shipped before all others.

Q. I intend to go back to college after the war under the GI Bill of Rights. Before I was called up for military service I helped to pay my living expenses by waiting on tables. If I get a job waiting on tables again will I forfeit the \$50 a month the government pays for subsistence?

A. No. You will receive the \$50 a month so long as waiting on tables is only a part-time job.

Q. Can a soldier overseas write to relatives in the States in any language?

A. There is no War Department regulation prohibiting soldiers overseas from writing to relatives in the States in any language. However, security is involved, and in matters of security the theater commander can impose such restrictions as he feels are warranted by circumstances. Maybe there is a shortage of Portuguese or Arabian interpreters in your theater.

Squadron 'G' Presents:

By Pvt. Constance Klink

The traditional satin wedding gown, and the combined strains of Wagner and Mendelssohn may have been missing, but all the other necessary ingredients of romance characterized the wedding last Saturday of Pvt. Margaret M. Dickinson of Dow Field and Pfc. Arthur S. Gilmore of Grenier Field.

The wedding took place at Manchester, N. H., after a series of events which went well toward proving that ancient adage that the "course of true love never runs smooth."

Met at Grenier

Margaret and Arthur met last summer at Grenier Field where they were both stationed. They started going together, and in due course of time became engaged. Plans for their marriage were discussed pro and con by the young couple and a definite date for the wedding at length decided upon. At which unpropitious moment, Fate, in the guise of Uncle Sam, stepped in, and Margaret was transferred to Dow Field. That was on 13 December of last year. Since that time, a rapid succession of misadventures seems to have pursued the luckless lovers. When one could secure a week end pass, the other could not, and so it continued until this past Saturday when the great event at last took place in a Manchester church.

No Wedding Gown

The bride wore her grey WAC off-duty frock, and the happiness in her face was more becoming than any satin or orchids she might have worn.

Mrs. Gilmore enlisted in the WAC on 30 June 1944, taking her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She was soon transferred to her Grenier Field post. There she worked as a clerk in the Instrument Shop, in addition to taking a two months' course in Link Trainer Instruction.

Link Trainer Operator

Here at Dow Field, Margaret is a Link Trainer operator and clerk, handling flight training reports, and acting as relief operator and instructor.

The daughter of Harry J. Dickinson and the late Mrs. Dickin-



Pvt. Margaret (Dickinson) Gilmore

son, of Houlton, Maine, Margaret taught French and mathematics in Maine high schools prior to her entrance into the service. Also a coach of dramatics and baseball, she enjoyed her work with high school students, particularly in extra-curricular activities.

She attended Houlton High School and Ricker Junior College in Houlton, and is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gilmore of Bradford, Vt., and after the war, the couple plan to make their home in the Green Mountain State.

When asked about her post-war plans, young Mrs. Gilmore was very serious:

"My husband and I hope to raise our children in a world made safe from war, a world where the strife and horrors of today have no part or place."

This Is Good

By Deane Good
Squadron 'E'



blizzard; I wouldn't send a dog out in it . . . By the way, have a private shovel the walks."

This Week at the Base Theater

WEDNESDAY, 14 February—EADIE WAS A LADY, with Ann Miller and Joe Besser. Also Screen Snapshots of "G. I. Janes in Hollywood"; Congo, and "Five Star Bowlers," a Sportlight.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 15 & 16 February—THUNDERHEAD, SON OF FLICKA, with Roddy McDowell and Preston Foster. Also, "The Unruly Hare," a Bugs Bunny Special, Movietone News and "Blue Winners," a Sportlight.

SATURDAY, 17 February—(Double Feature)—DOUBLE EXPOSURE, with Chester Morris and Nancy Kelly. UNDER WESTERN SKIES, with Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Beery, Jr., and Leo Carillo.

SUNDAY & MONDAY, 18 & 19 February—A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN, with Joan Blondell, Dorothy McGuire and Peggy Ann Garner. Also Movietone News.

TUESDAY, 20 February—HAVING WONDERFUL CRIME, with Pat O'Brien, Carole Landis and George Murphy. Also Bikes and Skis, This is America, and "Sliphorn King of Polaroo," a cartoon.

WEDNESDAY, 21 February—THEY SHALL HAVE FAITH, with Johnny Mack Brown and Gale Storn. Also Isle of Tuba, a musical, and "Mighty Mouse and the Pirates," a cartoon.

Inter-Squadron Basketball Season Nears Finish



HERE IS THE BASKETBALL TEAM riding third in the Inter-Squadron League. Members of the Officers' Squad are, left to right, standing: Capt. John Timmer, Lt. George Doran, Major Lowell Schucknecht, Lt. Col. Charles Morris, Capt. Clarence Dee; kneeling: Capt. Charles Jackson, Lt. Daniel Kohn, Lt. Richard Mullen, Capt. Noel Smith.

40% of Men 28 Rejected by Army

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The relationship between a man's age and his fitness for military service is pointed up by a recent survey conducted by Selective Service. Of men called up at age 28, 40.3% were rejected, the survey indicated. The rejection rate jumped to slightly over 50% at age 34 and climbed to 59.1% for men age 38. At age 44, the percentage of those turned down was 63.2. Among students, generally in the lower age bracket, the rejection rate was 25.7%.

KING OF EGYPT GIVES \$2069 TO YANK TROOPS

EGYPT (CNS)—For the third successive year, King Farouk of Egypt has presented American troops in his country with a gift of 500 pounds (approximately \$2,069) as a "seasonal gesture." The money was turned over to the Special Services Officer, Headquarters, U. S. Army Forces in the Middle East.

NEW DRESS FOR WACS

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A new distinctive dress for WAC technicians assigned to duty in hospitals has been designed by the Army Quartermaster Corps. It is a short-sleeved garment of rose beige cotton print resembling chambray. Each enlisted Wac technician will be issued nine of the easily laundered dresses.

Australia is about as large as the United States in area, but its population is no more than that of New York City.

What Will Replace Base Basketball?

The "Observer," ever on the alert for the latest in news headlines, saw that the basketball season was almost at an end, and wondered just what games would come in to take their place. The answer has been found. All is forgiven; come back home, daddy. Or am I on the wrong paragraph?

This new sport is kite flying, and teams are being organized every day in the gym. In order to enter as an official kite-flier, a member of a team must have at least 20 hours solo on a box-kite and 15 hours on the regular low-wing, two stick, wind holding variety. The three stick, long tailed fighting kite will not be used this year, due to the high percentage of casualties. As a last resort, anyone who has ever successfully told a high ranking commissioned officer to "Go fly a kite," may enter the contest.

DISCHARGED WAVE GETS GI LOAN OF \$2000

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (CNS)—Former Ens. Anna T. Hayes, who recently was honorably discharged from the Waves, is believed to be the first servicewoman in the nation to receive a government-guaranteed loan under the GI Bill of Rights. She was granted a loan totaling \$7450 by the White Plains Federal Savings and Loan Association (a private lending agency) with which she will purchase and operate a nursing home. The government guaranteed \$2000 of the loan.

Gremlins Beat 'C' By Single Point

Squadron "C" came to within a point of tying the Squadron "A" Gremlins, second high team of the Inter-Squadron Basketball League, in a fast game at the Base Gym last week. The final score was 39-38.

With the fine shooting of Dalecky, the Gremlins started off with they a lead they held the end of "C" did some nice work. As the first quarter, although Brown, the whistle sounded at the end of this first period the score stood 12 to 8.

The second quarter was a different story when Hymn Sepowitz, of Squadron "C," started cracking the hoop from all over the court. At the close of the half the Gremlins led by only one point with the score 25 to 24.

In the third quarter, Joe Crook of the Gremlins, and Sepowitz and Brown of "C," kept bouncing them in to make as fast a period as has been played this season.

In the final quarter the Squadron "C" boys came out in the lead and kept it until the last two minutes of play. Dalecky passed to Winpourske, who bounced to Crook, and, with but a minute to play, Joe scored two points to tie the game. With but seconds to go, Crook sank a foul shot to end the game 39 to 38 in favor of the Gremlins.

High scorer for the winning team was Crook with 24 points; Sepowitz, with 12 points, was high man on the "C" team.

3 Games Still Remain

Although printed schedules of the Inter Squadron Basketball League show the game forfeited by "D" to "E" tomorrow night to be the last, three postponed games will be played next week.

According to tentative plans, two of these games will be played on Tuesday, 20 February, when Squadron "E" plays "C," and Squadron "F" plays "B." The final game of the season will be on Thursday, 22 February, when the Officers and Squadron "A" clash.

'B' Cinch for Title Experts Claim

The Squadron "B" basketball team is a cinch to grab the Inter-Squadron League Title, according to the experts, who see in the final few games no chance for the "Gremlins," who nearly lost to "C." Meanwhile, the Squadron "D" cagers, with the manpower shortage hitting them a sturdy blow beneath the belt have disbanded their team and forfeited the remaining games of the season.

Here are the standings as of 13 February (does not include last night's games):

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Squadron B	9	0	1.000
Squadron A	9	2	.819
Officers	5	3	.625
Squadron C	4	5	.444
Squadron E	4	7	.365
Squadron F	1	7	.125

'E' Takes Medics By 34-29 Score

Squadron "E" took the lead early in the cage contest with the Medics last Thursday night and held it all the way through, to end up on the high side of a 34-29 score.

Green of "E," just couldn't be stopped, and with the pass work of Dick Seay and Grant, his team took the lead 8 to 0 before the Medics made a point. At the end of the half the score stood 18 to 10 in favor of "E."

In the third quarter, McFarland of the Medics started rebounding and pulled the score closer all the time. In the final quarter he still couldn't be stopped, but the lead was too much and Green of "E" was also hot. As the final whistle sounded, "E" was the victor by 34 to 29.

Green was high scorer for "E," and McFarland topped the Medic scoring list.

Dow Cagers

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replica of the initial setto with both teams playing a tight defensive game. Eike, Peters, and Witham kept the Flyers hot while Pohlman and Murphy balanced the sheet with the half ending in a 15-15 deadlock.

The Bombers got hot in the third quarter with Kessler keeping things alive for Dow. The Maine team played a good defensive game in keeping the Granite Staters to a scant six points while swishing the netting with eleven timely markers.

Last Quarter

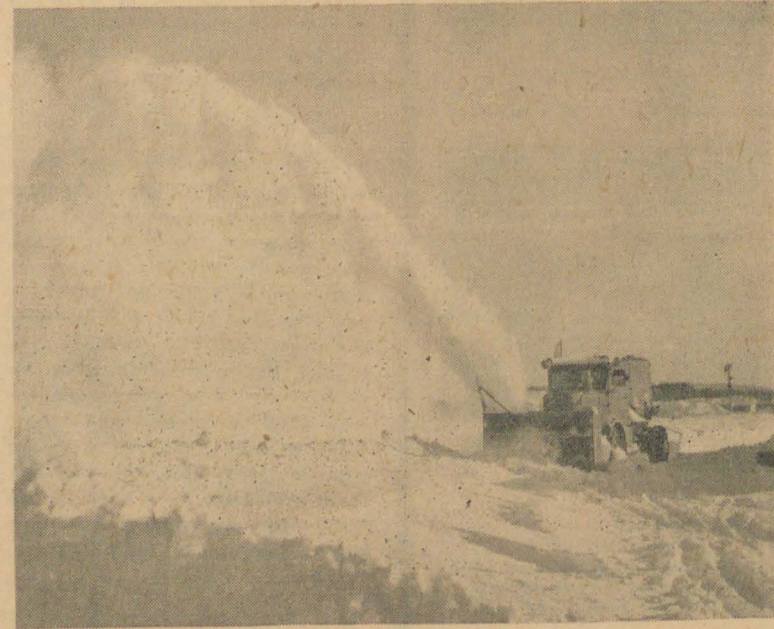
The Flyers found the range in the last period and at the halfway mark of the final stanza had the game in the icebox. The curtain dropped with Manchester on top 35-29.

This was the first meeting of these teams. These clubs are scheduled to match points at Dow's gymnasium February 19.

Grenier (35)	Dow (29)
rf Swanson 1	rf Crook (4)
	McFarland 1 (1)
If Eike 3	If Moire 2
Peters 3 (5)	Dalecky (1)
c Personette 1(1)	Pohlman 4(1)
rg Hooper 2	rg Kessler 1 (1)
lg Withers 4	Murphy 2
Kent	Sepowitz
Referees: Reed and Perrin.	

SPEEDY PROGRESS

CONCORD, N. H. (CNS)—Franklin Pierce, a New Hampshire boy who became the 14th president of the U. S., went ahead very fast in the Army. In the Mexican War, he entered the Army as a private and in less than a year was commissioned a brigadier general.



LAST WEEK'S STORM which "Snowed In" a good many cities and towns of New England, was no novelty to the "plowmen" of Dow Field. The picture above could have been taken at any time from November to March. For here, legend tells us, "When summer is over get out your snowplows. Fall and winter are with us, and spring is liable to be worse than either of them."

Male Call

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

Message Center For The Main Body

